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AMBULANCES TO CARRY INCUBATORS

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WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF PIPED OXYGEN ON ABOUT A QUARTER OF THE AMBULANCE COMMAND'S FLEET OF 86 VEHICLES, THE COMMAND WILL SOON BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A FURTHER FACILITY - THE TRANSPORTATION OF PREMATURE BABIES IN INCUBATORS.

THE INCUBATORS, WHICH ARE PORTABLE, BELONG TO THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND ARE HELD AT STRATEGIC POINTS IN KOWLOON, ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

WHEN THE AMBULANCE COMMAND RECEIVES A CALL NECESSITATING THE USE OF AN INCUBATOR, IT WILL BE COLLECTED FROM ONE OF THESE POINTS, CONNECTED TO THE AMBULANCE'S PIPED OXYGEN AND ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS AND DRIVEN TO WHERE THE BABY HAS BEEN BORN. THE BABY WILL THEN BE TAKEN TO HOSPITAL ACCOMPANIED BY A DOCTOR OR MIDWIFE.

THIS NEW SERVICE WILL BE INTRODUCED ONCE AMBULANCEMEN HAVE BEEN TRAINED TO OPERATE THE INCUBATORS.

EVENTUALLY, IT IS INTENDED THAT ALL AMBULANCES WILL BE FITTED WITH PIPED OXYGEN.

NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF A PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING THE TYPE OF INCUBATOR TO BE CARRIED BY AMBULANCES ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE GIS PRESS ROOM, 6TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

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SWEDES AID FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS

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THE VISITING SWEDISH SOCCER TEAM OSTERS IF WILL MAKE A SMALL CONTRIBUTION TO THE BATTLE AGAINST DRUGS IN HONGKONG DURING ITS GAME WITH THE HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LEAGUE XI TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

PRESIDENT OF THE TOP SWEDISH TEAM, MR. STIG SVENSSON, AND MR. F.K. HU, CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION WILL MAKE THE DRAW FOR THE PLAY-OFF OF THE ACAN (ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS) MINI-SOCCER COMPETITION.

THE MINI-SOCCER COMPETITION HAS BEEN RUNNING FOR SEVERAL MONTH AND THE FINAL IS DUE TO BE PLAYED IN DECEMBER. AIMS OF THE COMPETITION ARE TO PROMOTE HEALTHY ACTIVITIES AND DISCOURAGE THE USE OF NARCOTICS AMONG HONG KONG'S YOUTH.

THE DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE FIELD DURING THE HALF-TIME BREAK IN THE OSTERS-LEAGUE CLASH AT THE GOVERNMENT STADIUM. ALSO AT THE STADIUM WILL BE MR. K.L. STUMPF, CHAIRMAN OF ACAN'S EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE.

THE COMPETITION IS SPONSORED BY ACAN AND HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG MINIATURE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION AND THE KOWLOON MINIATURE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

OSTERS IF HAVE JUST COMPLETED A SUCCESSFUL SEASON IN SWEDEN, FINISHING THIRD IN THE LEAGUE COMPETITION AND WERE RUNNERS-UP IN THE SWEDISH CUP.

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A BETTER BEACH FOR SWIMMERS

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FACILITIES FOR SWIMMERS AT SOUTH BAY BEACH ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE GREATLY IMPROVED, IN TIME FOR THE NEXT SWIMMING SEASON.

THE IMPROVEMENT WILL TAKE THE FORM OF A BEACH BUILDING WHICH INCLUDES A COMMUNAL SHOWER, CHANGING ROOMS FOR MEN AND WOMEN, AND A REFRESHMENT KIOSK ON THE ROOF LEVEL WITH OPEN SITTING AREA.

THE BUILDING, SITUATED IN THE SOUTH WESTERN PART OF THE BAY AND CONNECTED TO SOUTH BAY ROAD WITH A FOOTPATH, WILL ALSO HAVE AN OFFICE-CUM-FIRST AID ROOM AND A CATAMARAN STORE.

WHEN COMPLETED, IT WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING TWO SHEDS WHICH, WHILE USED FOR CHANGING PURPOSES ONLY, ARE FOUND TO BE INADEQUATE AS THE BEACH BECOMES MORE POPULAR.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN EARLY NEXT YEAR, TAKING ABOUT FOUR MONTHS TO FINISH.

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CHILDREN'S OPEN AIR PAINTING COMPETITION
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ONE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S SELF-PROGRAMMING GROUPS, THE +YOUTH UNION+, HAS ORGANISED A CHILDREN OPEN AIR PAINTING COMPETITION FOR TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

SPONSORED BY THE TAI HANG TUNG COMMUNITY CENTRE AND THE WEST KOWLOON YOUTH GUIDANCE COUNCIL, IT WILL BE HELD IN FA HUI PARK OPPOSITE THE SPORTS STADIUM IN BOUNDARY STREET FROM 9.30 A.M. TO NOON.

THE AIM OF THE FUNCTION IS TO STIMULATE THE CHILDREN'S CREATIVITY AND INTEREST IN ART.

THE COMPETITION WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO GRADES - JUNIOR FOR CHILDREN AGED FROM 6-8, AND SENIOR FOR THOSE FROM 9-12. ABOUT 200 YOUNG ARTISTS WILL BE PARTICIPATING.

ADJUDICATION BY ART TEACHERS OF LOCAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL TAKE PLACE WITHIN A WEEK AFTER THE COMPETITION. PRIZES DONATED BY THE WEST KOWLOON YOUTH GUIDANCE COUNCIL WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST THREE IN EACH GRADE, AND CONSOLATION PRIZES TO THOSE OF DESERVING MERIT.

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FRESH WATER MAINS IN N.T.
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FRESH WATER DISTRIBUTION MAINS TOTALLING SOME 5,000 METRES ARE TO BE LAID ALONG TAI PO ROAD AND SHA TAU KOK ROAD IN THE SHEUNG SHUI/TAI PO AREAS.

THE WATER MAINS WILL BE USED TO CONVEY FRESH WATER TO MEET THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR WATER SUPPLY OF RESIDENTS IN THE NEIGHBOURING AREAS.

THE WORKS WILL MAINLY INVOLVE THE LAYING OF A WATER PIPE ALONG SHA TAU KOK ROAD FROM ON LOK TUEN TO ITS JUNCTION WITH PING CHE ROAD. ANOTHER PIPE, ABOUT 380 MILLIMETRES IN DIAMETER, WILL ALSO BE LAID ALONG TAI PO ROAD FROM FANLING ROUNDABOUT TO FANLING CROSS ROAD.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN JANUARY 1975, TAKING ABOUT 13 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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46 BUILDING PLANS APPROVED
IN OCTOBER
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A TOTAL OF 46 BUILDING PLANS WERE APPROVED LAST MONTH. MOST OF THEM WERE FOR APARTMENT AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS, INCLUDING EIGHT WHICH ARE TO HAVE MORE THAN 20 FLOORS.

OTHERS INCLUDED ONE FOR A 23-STOREY FACTORY BUILDING IN QUARRY BAY AND THREE FOR GODOWN/FACTORY BUILDINGS IN CHEUNG SHA WAN, YAU TONG AND TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

TWELVE OF THE 46 PLANS WERE FOR BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND (EAST), 11 ON HONG KONG ISLAND (WEST), EIGHT IN KOWLOON, 12 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND NEW KOWLOON (EAST) AND THREE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND NEW KOWLOON (WEST).

IN THE SAME MONTH, A TOTAL OF 62 NEW BUILDINGS WERE CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION. THE DECLARED COST OF THESE BUILDINGS AMOUNTED TO OVER \$170 MILLION.

THEY INCLUDE THREE SCHOOLS, A SWIMMING POOL IN U KWAI SHA OWNED BY THE CHINESE YMCA, ONE GODOWN/FACTORY AND TWO OTHER FACTORIES -- ONE OF 24 STOREYS IN KWAI CHUNG.

APPROVAL WAS ALSO GIVEN FOR 41 NEW BUILDING PROJECTS TO BEGIN WORK. THESE COMPRISE MULTI-STOREY FACTORY, APARTMENT AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS, A SCHOOL IN SHATIN AND A SPORTS CENTRE IN CAROLINE HILL ROAD.

THIRTY BUILDINGS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF HONG KONG WERE GIVEN DEMOLITION CONSENT AND A FURTHER TWO DANGEROUS BUILDINGS IN WING LOK STREET WERE ALSO TO BE DEMOLISHED.

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WATER SITUATION REPORT
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THE TOTAL WATER STORAGE IN ALL RESERVIORS AS AT 9 A.M. TODAY (SATURDAY) STOOD AT 54,503 MILLION GALLONS, REPRESENTING 81.0 PER CENT OF THE FULL CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS. AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR THERE WERE 58,832 MILLION GALLONS IN STORE.

THIS MORNING 'S STORGE AT PLOVER COVE WAS 38,636 MILLION GALLONS, COMPARED WITH 45,846 MILLION GALLONS ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR. PLOVER COVE'S PRESENT STORAGE REPRESENTS 76.5 PER CENT OF ITS FULL CAPACITY OF 50,500 MILLION GALLONS.

A TRACE OF RAINFALL WAS RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS ENDING AT 9 A.M. TODAY. TOTAL RAINFALL RECORDED SO FAR THIS YEAR IS 2,112.3 MM (83.16 IN).

THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 STANDS AT 2,121.5 MM (83.52 IN), REPRESENTING A SHORTFALL OF 0.43 PER CENT.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD ADVICE-ACTION COUNCIL PRAISED

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THE NEIGHBOURHOOD ADVICE-ACTION COUNCIL, WORKING AMONG THE PEOPLE PROVIDING ADVICE AND OTHER FORMS OF ASSISTANCE TO HELP THEM ADAPT AND COPE WITH LIFE, WAS PRAISED BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE TODAY.

MR. THOMAS LEE, SPEAKING AT THE COUNCIL'S NEW CENTRE IN UPPER PAK TIN ESTATE, SHAM SHUI PO, SAID ITS SERVICES WERE VERY MUCH NEEDED IN AN URBANIZED SOCIETY SUCH AS OURS.

HE SAID THE PACE OF LIFE HERE WAS BECOMING SO FAST AND ITS PATTERN INCREASINGLY COMPLICATED THAT PEOPLE OFTEN REQUIRED CONSTANT ADAPTATION AND ADJUSTMENT TO FIT INTO THEIR SURROUNDINGS.

+THIS PROCESS MAY PERHAPS BE COMPARATIVELY EASY FOR A FEW, BUT FOR THE MAJORITY, IT CAN BE STRENUOUS OR EVEN DIFFICULT RESULTING IN VARIOUS PROBLEMS.+

HE SAID TO HELP THE PEOPLE WITH THESE PROBLEMS THE COUNCIL PROVIDED SERVICES RANGING FROM INFORMATION AND ADVICE, RESEARCH AND SURVEY, TO ITS MORE RECENT DEVELOPMENT ON GRASSROOT COMMUNITY WORK BY INVOLVING THE RESIDENTS IN PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING FOR THEMSELVES.

+THE COUNCIL'S EFFORTS IN RECRUITING ON-THE-SPOT VOLUNTEERS AND TRAINING THEM TO SOLVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS SHOULD HAVE FAR REACHING EFFECT ASIDE FROM FOSTERING MUTUAL AND SELF-HELP IN THE COMMUNITY BECAUSE NO-ONE KNOWS A DISTRICT BETTER THAN THOSE WHO ARE ACTUALLY LIVING THERE.+

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD ADVICE-ACTION COUNCIL'S CENTRE FOR SHAM SHUI PO WAS FORMERLY LOCATED IN SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE, BUT FOLLOWING DECANTATION OF SOME OF THE RESIDENTS TO PAK TIN ESTATE, IT WAS DECIDED TO MOVE THERE AS WELL.

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READING ROOM FOR VILLAGE CHILDREN

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A GROUP OF 25 YOUTHS WILL BE SPENDING TOMORROW (SUNDAY) IN VOLUNTEER SERVICE TO HELP CLEAN AND SET UP A READING ROOM FOR STUDENTS IN THE COMMUNITY HALL OF YUEN KONG VILLAGE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES. THE GROUP COMPRISES MEMBERS OF THE KAM TIN PAK KAN ENGLISH SCHOOL SOCIAL SERVICE GROUP AND VOLUNTEERS FROM YUEN KONG VILLAGE.

THIS PROJECT IS ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S LIBRARY AND RURAL MOBILE SERVICE UNIT WHICH, APART FROM BRINGING BOOKS TO VILLAGE CHILDREN UNABLE TO MAKE USE OF LIBRARIES, ALSO PLANS AND CARRIES OUT SERVICE PROJECTS FOR VILLAGES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE IDEA OF SETTING UP A READING ROOM IN YUEN KONG VILLAGE AROSE FROM A RECREATION DAY ORGANISED BY THE UNIT LAST MONTH AND HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE VILLAGE ELDER, MR. LAM TIM.

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