



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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SURGEONS PERFORM KIDNEY TRANSPLANT OPERATIONS
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TWO KIDNEY TRANSPLANT OPERATIONS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN PERFORMED BY SURGEONS AT PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL.

THE TRANSPLANTS WERE PERFORMED ON TWO WOMEN, BOTH AGED ABOUT 40, ON THE SAME DAY USING THE KIDNEYS OF A FATAL TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIM.

THE TWO PATIENTS ARE NOW RECUPERATING AT THE HOSPITAL IN A SATISFACTORY CONDITION.

THE PATIENTS, WHO WISHED TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS, HAVE BEEN RECEIVING DIALYSIS TREATMENT AT THE HOSPITAL FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS.

THANKS TO THE KIDNEY DONOR, THEY WERE ABLE TO BEGIN A NEW LEASE OF LIFE. BOTH SAID THEY WERE FEELING WELL AND HAD VERY GOOD APPETITE.

THEY EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO THE DOCTORS, NURSES AND OTHER STAFF IN THE HOSPITAL AND ESPECIALLY TO THE KIDNEY DONOR FOR THE SUCCESSFUL TRANSPLANTS.

+I HOPE THE PUBLIC WOULD RESPOND FAVOURABLY TO THE APPEAL MADE BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR KIDNEY DONATION SO THAT MORE PATIENTS WOULD BENEFIT,+ ONE OF THEM SAID.

RENAL TRANSPLANTATION IS NOWADAYS AN ACCEPTABLE METHOD OF TREATMENT FOR CHRONIC RENAL FAILURE. IN THE WORLD, THERE ARE QUITE A NUMBER OF PATIENTS WHO ARE LEADING A MORE OR LESS NORMAL LIFE AFTER RENAL TRANSPLANTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT AT PRESENT SOME 30 PATIENTS NOW BEING TREATED AT THE HOSPITAL'S HAEMODIALYSIS UNIT ARE CONSIDERED TO BE SUITABLE FOR RENAL TRANSPLANTATION AND SOME OF THEM HAD BEEN WAITING FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS FOR A DONOR.

+IT IS ONLY UNTIL RECENTLY THAT WE HAD A DONOR WHOSE RELATIVES AGREED TO DONATE THE KIDNEYS,+ HE SAID.

+WE HOPE MORE PEOPLE IN HONG KONG WILL AGREE TO DONATE THEIR KIDNEYS SO THAT MANY MORE LIVES COULD BE SAVED,+ HE ADDED.

UNTIL THE OPENING OF THE RENAL UNIT AT PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL ABOUT A YEAR AGO, KIDNEY TRANSPLANTS WERE PERFORMED BY THE SURGICAL UNIT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AT QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL. DURING THE PAST YEARS, SOME 20 SUCH OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY PERFORMED.

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RESIDENTIAL FIGHT CRIME SEMINAR FOR NT STUDENTS

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MORE THAN 500 SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN TSUEN WAN ARE ATTENDING A TWO-DAY RESIDENTIAL SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN FIGHT CRIME COMMUNITY.

THE SEMINAR, HELD IN THE TUEN MUN HO FOOK TONG SCHOOL, AIMS TO AROUSE THE AWARENESS AMONG STUDENTS OF POTENTIAL CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES.

ADDRESSING THE OPENING OF THE SEMINAR TODAY (SATURDAY) THE HON. WONG LAM, MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, APPEALED TO STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN.

+IT IS TIME FOR THE NEW GENERATION OF STUDENTS TO ADOPT A NEW ROLE AND ATTITUDE IN ASSISTING THE AUTHORITIES IN FIGHTING CRIME,+ HE SAID.

MR. WONG ALSO PRAISED THE MUTUAL AID AND AREA COMMITTEES FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS IN HELPING THE POLICE IN LOWERING THE CRIME RATE.

ACCORDING TO MISS MOK SAU-HING, THE ORGANISER AND HEADMISTRESS OF A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN KWAI CHUNG, THIS WAS THE FIRST RESIDENTIAL SEMINAR EVER HELD IN THE DISTRICT.

IN VIEW OF THE LARGE ATTENDANCE, SHE SAID, A SIMILAR EVENT WILL BE ORGANISED NEXT YEAR.

THE TWO-DAY PROGRAMME INCLUDES GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND A GENERAL DEBATE TO BE ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE POLICE, THE ICAC AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT. GAMES AND BARBECUES WILL ALSO BE ARRANGED FOR THE STUDENTS.

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AMS PLAYS MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

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LAST YEAR WAS A VERY ACTIVE YEAR FOR THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE, HONG KONG'S LARGEST VOLUNTEER FORCE.

THE 5,300-MEMBER FORCE CONTRIBUTED A RECORD 28,400 MAN-HOURS DURING THE YEAR, AN INCREASE OF 6,400 MAN-HOURS OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S FIGURES.

AMS STAFF OFFICER, MR. K.C. TONG ATTRIBUTED THE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE TO THE EVER-GROWING GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY, EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

+DURING THE YEAR,+ HE SAID, +MEMBERS WERE CALLED OUT ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS AT SHORT NOTICE TO AUGMENT MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES AND TO REINFORCE REGULAR AMBULANCE DUTIES.

+OF THESE, ABOUT 400 ASSIGNMENTS WERE IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICERS, CITY DISTRICT OFFICERS AND VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

+THEY NORMALLY GIVE FIRST AID AND HELP EVACUATE CASUALTIES IN FIRES, TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, LANDSLIDES, FLOODINGS AND HOUSE COLLAPSES.+

THE ROUTINE WORK OF THESE VOLUNTEERS INCLUDES NURSING THE SICK IN HOSPITALS, MANNING AMBULANCE DEPOTS AND SICK BAYS, ACTING AS LIFEGUARDS AT PUBLIC BEACHES AND SWIMMING POOLS AND ADMINISTERING METHADONE AT DETOXIFICATION CENTRES.

PERMANENT STAFF IN THE HEADQUARTERS, MR. TONG ADDED, ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR TRAINING AN AVERAGE OF 2,500 GOVERNMENT OFFICERS IN FIRST AID A YEAR.

THE STAFF OFFICER SAID AMS PLANS TO EXPAND TO 5,800 MEMBERS BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

ITS MEMBERS COME FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE -- MORE THAN 1,400 ARE DOCTORS, NURSES, DISPENSERS, RADIOGRAPHERS AND PARA-MEDICAL PERSONNEL SERVING EITHER IN GOVERNMENT OR PRIVATE MEDICAL INSTITUTES WHILE THE REST ARE NON-PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL.

THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE, FORMED IN 1950, WILL CELEBRATE ITS 29TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR.

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WONG TAI SIN AND SHAM SHUI PO LANTERN FESTIVAL

WONG TAI SIN AND SHAM SHUI PO CITY DISTRICT OFFICES AND DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS WILL STAGE TWO VARIETY SHOWS TO CELEBRATE THE LANTERN FESTIVAL TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

APART FROM A DISPLAY OF LANTERNS, THE SHOWS WILL FEATURE A LION DANCE, SINGING AND DANCING, CHINESE AND WESTERN MUSIC AND MARTIAL ARTS DEMONSTRATIONS.

ADMISSION IS FREE.

DR. P. HASE, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (SHAM SHUI PO) AND MR. LAM KAM-KWONG, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (WONG TAI SIN) WILL OFFICIATE AT THE SHOWS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE LANTERN FESTIVAL VARIETY SHOWS. THE SHOW IN WONG TAI SIN WILL START AT 7.30 P.M. AT THE OPEN SPACE BETWEEN BLOCKS 9 AND 10 OF UPPER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE AND THE ONE IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE HELD AT 8 P.M. IN THE PLAYGROUND AT PO ON ROAD, SHAM SHUI PO.

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CHILDREN'S GAMES DAY

THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (KOWLOON CITY), THE HOMANTIN SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE AND THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS, HOMANTIN ESTATE CENTRE, WILL JOINTLY STAGE A GAMES DAY TOMORROW (SUNDAY) FOR 1,000 CHILDREN IN KOWLOON CITY.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES LION AND FOLK DANCES, SINGING AND DANCING BY FAMOUS ARTISTS, MARTIAL ARTS DEMONSTRATIONS AND GAME-STALLS. THE HIGHLIGHT WILL BE A LUCKY DRAW.

MR. ANGUS MIU, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (KOWLOON CITY) WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CHILDREN'S GAMES DAY AT 2 P.M. TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE HOMANTIN ESTATE PLAYGROUND, KOWLOON.

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ARGYLE ST TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE SECTION OF ARGYLE STREET BETWEEN YIM PO FONG STREET AND PEACE AVENUE WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FROM 1 A.M. TO 5 A.M. ON TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY BRIDGE.

ALL WESTBOUND TRAFFIC WILL TRAVEL ON THE GROUND LEVEL OF THE ARGYLE STREET FLYOVER VIA WATERLOO ROAD, TURN RIGHT INTO YIM PO FONG STREET AND TURN LEFT INTO ARGYLE STREET.

EASTBOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED TO TURN RIGHT INTO YIM PO FONG STREET AND LEFT TURN ONTO WATERLOO ROAD TO REJOIN ARGYLE STREET.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUT

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN YAU MA TEI, KING'S PARK AND HUNG HOM WILL BE STOPPED FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M. ON TUESDAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

PREMISES AFFECTED ARE BOUNDED BY JORDAN ROAD, GASCOIGNE ROAD, CHATHAM ROAD, WINSLOW STREET, HONG CHONG ROAD, CHEONG WAN ROAD, YUK CHOI ROAD, PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD AND WYLIE ROAD INCLUDING THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY TERMINUS AND ON WAN ROAD.

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FIRING PRACTICE
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FIRING PRACTICES WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CASTLE PEAK RANGE FOR FIVE DAYS NEXT WEEK.

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF FIRING PRACTICE.

THE PRACTISING TIMES ARE :

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
MONDAY (FEBRUARY 12)	8 A.M. - 10 P.M.
TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 13)	8 A.M. - 10 P.M.
WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 14)	8 A.M. - 4.30 P.M.
THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 15)	8 A.M. - 10 P.M.
FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 16)	8 A.M. - 4 P.M.

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