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ANOTHER CHOLERA CASE DISCOVERED

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ANOTHER CASE OF CHOLERA, INVOLVING A 74-YEAR-OLD WOMAN, HAS BEEN DETECTED.

THE WOMAN, MADAM TSANG LIN, WHO LIVED ALONE IN A TENEMENT BUILDING IN CHEUNG SHA WAN, KOWLOON, WAS ADMITTED TO QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL ON SEPTEMBER 10.

SHE WAS SUFFERING FROM GASTROENTERITIS WITH SYMPTOMS OF DIARRHOEA AND VOMITTING AND SHE DIED THE NEXT DAY.

POST-MORTEM RECTAL SWAB REVEALED THE PRESENCE OF CHOLERA VIBRIO OF THE EL TOR STRAIN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THERE WAS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN THIS CASE AND THE TWO EARLIER CASES WHICH OCCURRED ON SEPTEMBER 7 AND 8.

HE SAID THERE WAS NO DANGER OF A LOCAL SPREAD OF THE DISEASE IF THE PUBLIC CONTINUED TO TAKE ALL PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO ENSURE PERSONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANLINESS.

+CHOLERA EL TOR IS ENDEMIC IN THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN REGION AND, THEREFORE, THE OCCURRENCE OF SPORADIC CASES IN HONG KONG IS NOT UNEXPECTED,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID CONTROLLED MEASURES HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT BY HEALTH PERSONNEL OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENTS IN ALL THE AFFECTED PREMISES.

THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL ISSUE A WEEKLY RETURN OF CHOLERA CASES TO KEEP THE PUBLIC INFORMED OF THE SITUATION.

AS REGARDS CHOLERA VACCINATION CERTIFICATES FOR TRAVELLING PURPOSES, THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT MOST COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD DO NOT REQUIRE THE PRODUCTION OF THE CERTIFICATES EVEN FOR TRAVELLERS FROM INFECTED AREAS.

HOWEVER, AS A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES MAY IMPOSE SUCH REQUIREMENT AT THEIR OWN DISCRETION, INTENDING TRAVELLERS ARE ADVISED TO CHECK WITH THE PORT HEALTH OFFICES OR THEIR RESPECTIVE AIRLINES.

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TYPHOON HOPE DUMPS RECORD HOURLY RAINFALL IN AUGUST
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THE HOURLY RAINFALL OF 82.1 MM RECORDED DURING THE PASSAGE OF TYPHOON HOPE ON AUGUST 2 WAS THE HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR AUGUST, ACCORDING TO THE MONTHLY WEATHER REPORT RELEASED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE HURRICANE SIGNAL NO. 10 WAS HOISTED WHEN TYPHOON HOPE STRUCK ON AUGUST 2 — THE FIRST TIME SINCE TYPHOON ELSIE IN OCTOBER, 1975.

AUGUST WAS WETTER AND LESS SUNNY THAN USUAL WITH THE TOTAL RAINFALL AMOUNTING TO 706.9 MM, WHICH IS 286.7 MM ABOVE AVERAGE AND ALSO THE SEVENTH HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR THE MONTH.

THE ACCUMULATED RAINFALL SO FAR THIS YEAR (UNTIL AUGUST 31) WAS 2 097 MM, WHICH IS 20 PER CENT ABOVE AVERAGE. THE TOTAL DURATION OF SUNSHINE OF 138.2 HOURS WAS THE FOURTH LOWEST ON RECORD FOR AUGUST.

ANOTHER RECORD SET FOR THE MONTH WAS THE MINIMUM INSTANTANEOUS MEAN SEA LEVEL PRESSURE OF 961.6 MILLIBARS. IT WAS RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY ON AUGUST 2.

DURING THE MONTH, SIX TROPICAL CYCLONES DEVELOPED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA, AND TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SIGNALS WERE HOISTED IN HONG KONG FOR TWO OF THEM.

ON AUGUST 1, THE WEATHER WAS FINE, SUNNY AND HOT. IT BECAME CLOUDY THE FOLLOWING MORNING AND SOME SLIGHT SHOWERS SET IN AS TYPHOON HOPE CAME CLOSER TO HONG KONG.

WINDS WERE STRONG NORTHERLY IN THE EARLY MORNING OF AUGUST 2, TURNED NORTHWESTERLY SHORTLY AFTERWARDS AND STRENGTHENED RAPIDLY TO NEAR-GALE FORCE ABOUT NOON, ACCOMPANIED WITH VERY HEAVY RAIN.

VIOLENT SQUALLY SHOWERS OCCURRED WHILE THE CENTRE OF HOPE WAS CROSSING THE NEW TERRITORIES. WINDS SOON DROPPED BELOW HURRICANE FORCE AND GALES FROM THE SOUTH TO SOUTHEAST LASTED FOR A FEW MORE HOURS.

THE MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF THE MONTH OF 23.5 DEGREES WAS RECORDED IN THE AFTERNOON.

SHOWERS BECAME LIGHTER AND LESS FREQUENT DURING THE NIGHT AND WINDS MODERATED ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 3 AS HOPE WAS MOVING AWAY FROM HONG KONG. OCCASIONAL HEAVY SHOWERS PERSISTED ON AUGUST 3-4.

AFTER A FINE AND SUNNY DAY, CONDITIONS BECAME CLOUDY AGAIN ON AUGUST 6 WITH SOME ISOLATED SHOWERS IN THE AFTERNOON.

OWING TO THE INFLUENCE OF TWO TROPICAL DEPRESSIONS CENTRED OVER THE SOUTH CHINA SEA, THERE WAS A SPELL OF WET WEATHER WHICH LASTED UNTIL AUGUST 12. HEAVY SHOWERS OCCURRED EVERY DAY DURING THIS PERIOD.

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CONDITIONS IMPROVED ON AUGUST 13 AND THE DAY WAS FINE APART FROM SOME ISOLATED MORNING SHOWERS.

SUNNY AND VERY HOT WEATHER CONTINUED FOR THE FOLLOWING THREE DAYS AND THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 33.5 DEGREES FOR THE MONTH WAS RECORDED IN THE AFTERNOON ON AUGUST 14.

FROM AUGUST 17 TO 21, SOUTHWEST MONSOON BECAME ACTIVE OVER THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA WITH THUNDERSTORMS AND HEAVY SHOWERS OCCURRING EVERY DAY DURING THIS PERIOD IN THE COASTAL REGIONS OF SOUTH CHINA, INCLUDING HONG KONG.

HOWEVER, THERE WERE LONG SUNNY PERIODS ON AUGUST 21 AND 22.

SHOWERY CONDITIONS RETURNED ON AUGUST 23 AND PERSISTED UNTIL AUGUST 26 WITH THUNDERSTORMS REPORTED ON THE AFTERNOONS OF AUGUST 23 AND 26.

THE WEATHER WAS FINE AND SUNNY ON AUGUST 27-28, BUT THE PASSAGE OF A WEAK COLD FRONT IN THE EVENING OF AUGUST 28 BROUGHT THE RETURN OF CLOUDY WEATHER. SCATTERED THUNDERSTORMS OCCURRED ON THE LAST THREE DAYS OF THE MONTH.

DURING THE MONTH SEVEN AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER. THUNDERSTORM AND/OR HEAVY RAIN WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON 17 DAYS OF THE MONTH. NO FIRE DANGER WARNINGS WERE ISSUED DURING THE MONTH.

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MORE MANPOWER TO CONTROL HAWKERS

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THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR. H.S. GREWAL, WILL PRESENT GRADUATION CERTIFICATES AND PRIZES ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 15) TO 92 MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL DUTIES TEAMS WHO HAVE RECENTLY COMPLETED THEIR BASIC TRAINING COURSE.

THE 92 MEMBERS FROM VARIOUS DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT ARE THE FIRST BATCH OF GRADUATES SINCE A CENTRALISED GENERAL DUTIES TEAMS TRAINING UNIT WAS SET UP IN THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN MAY THIS YEAR.

THE BASIC TRAINING COURSE, WHICH LASTS SIX WEEKS, AIMS TO PROVIDE GENERAL DUTIES TEAMS MEMBERS WITH GENERAL KNOWLEDGE ON ITS ROLE, LEGISLATION CONCERNING HAWKERS AND MARKETS, AND AMONG OTHER THINGS, CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE.

IN ADDITION, PHYSICAL TRAINING SUCH AS FOOT-DRILL AND SELF-DEFENCE TECHNIQUES, FIRST AID AND WAYS OF DISMANTLING ILLEGAL STALLS AND STRUCTURES ARE TAUGHT DURING THE COURSE.

A TWO-WEEK ON-THE-JOB TRAINING IS INCLUDED IN THE COURSE WHEN MEMBERS ARE ATTACHED TO THE HAWKERS AND MARKETS SECTIONS OF VARIOUS URBAN SERVICES OFFICES TO GIVE THEM PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IN HANDLING HAWKERS.

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AT THE END OF THE TRAINING COURSE, TRAINEES ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE AN EXAMINATION AND CERTIFICATES AND PRIZES ARE GIVEN TO THE SUCCESSFUL AND BEST STUDENTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID THAT AT PRESENT, ALL HAWKERS, LICENSED OR UNLICENSED, WERE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GENERAL DUTIES TEAMS.

+WITH GOOD TRAINING, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE GENERAL DUTIES TEAMS WILL PROVIDE EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER ALL HAWKERS,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT FURTHER TRAINING COURSES WILL BE ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR GENERAL DUTIES TEAMS MEMBERS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AS WELL AS IN THE URBAN AREAS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR MEMBERS OF GENERAL DUTIES TEAMS WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT 10.30 A.M. ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 15) IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR. H.S. GREWAL, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

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D.S.W. TO OPEN EXHIBITION

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, WILL TOMORROW (FRIDAY) OFFICIALLY OPEN AN EXHIBITION ORGANISED BY THE ZONTA CLUB OF KOWLOON IN RESPONSE TO THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD.

THE THREE-DAY PUBLIC EXHIBITION, ENTITLED +WONDERFUL CHILDREN+, FEATURES THE WORK OF SIX LOCAL YOUTH GROUPS AND IS AIMED AT DRIVING HOME THE IMPORTANCE OF PROPER PARENTAL GUIDANCE IN CHILDREN'S PHYSICAL AND INTELLECTUAL GROWTH.

THERE WILL BE SLIDE SHOWS, MODELS, PHOTOGRAPHS RESEARCH REPORTS AND GAMES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION TO BE OPENED BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, AT 4 P.M. TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE LOBBY IN OCEAN TERMINAL, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON.

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PARENTS' CONSENT NEEDED FOR PARTICIPATION IN FLAG DAY
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED SCHOOLS TO OBTAIN THE CONSENT OF PARENTS WHEN STUDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 14 ASSIST IN SELLING FLAGS OR FLOWERS FOR CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS ON APPROVED FLAG AND FLOWER DAYS.

IN A GENERAL CIRCULAR TO SCHOOLS, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: +SUPERVISORS AND HEADS OF SCHOOLS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO SEEK PRIOR APPROVAL OF PARENTS IN SUCH CASES.+

STUDENTS ARE PARTICIPATING IN THESE NON-EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS, HE SAID.

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SPECIAL TRAIN SERVICE TO PLEASURE GARDEN
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THE SPECIAL TRAIN TO THE PLEASURE GARDEN IN SHA TIN RACE COURSE WILL CONTINUE THIS SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 16).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THE TRAIN WILL LEAVE KOWLOON STATION IN HUNG HOM AT 10.25 A.M. AND ARRIVE AT MONG KOK STATION AT 10.30 A.M. TO PICK UP PASSENGERS. IT WILL DEPART FROM MONG KOK STATION AT 10.37 A.M. AND ARRIVE AT RACE COURSE STATION AT 10.51 A.M.

ON THE RETURN JOURNEY, THE TRAIN WILL LEAVE RACE COURSE STATION AT 12.20 P.M. IN ADDITION, TWO ORDINARY PASSENGER TRAINS WILL BE DIVERTED VIA RACE COURSE STATION AT 1.21 P.M. AND 3.17 P.M.

ALL TRAINS LEAVING RACE COURSE STATION WILL STOP TO PICK UP PASSENGERS AT SHA TIN AND MONG KOK STATIONS.

ONLY ORDINARY CLASS RETURN TICKETS VALID FOR THE DATE OF ISSUE WILL BE SOLD AT THE KOWLOON AND MONG KOK STATIONS. TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT RACE COURSE STATION FOR DOWN-TRAINS TO KOWLOON NOR AT NEW TERRITORIES STATIONS FOR THE SPECIAL TRAINS.

THE FARE FOR ADULTS WILL BE \$4 EACH AND FOR CHILDREN \$2.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT FOR CLASSIC CAR PARADE
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A SECTION OF EDINBURGH PLACE EAST BETWEEN QUEEN'S PIER AND THE CITY HALL MAIN ENTRANCE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 11 A.M. AND 3 P.M. ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 16) FOR A CLASSIC CAR PARADE.

THE PARADE IS PART OF THE PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTING THE SAFE MOTORING DAY ORGANISED BY THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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