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HOSPITAL FOR MENTALLY-RETARDED PATIENTS

Sir Kenneth To Open Siu Lam Hospital In Late June

The Hon. Sir Kenneth Ping-fan Fung, Executive Councillor, will open the new Siu Lam Hospital for mentally-defective patients near Tai Lam Chung in the Castle Peak district of the New Territories at a ceremony on June 28.

The hospital is a manifestation of the Government's growing concern for the treatment and care of mentally-retarded children. Its extended capacity will enable more such children to be placed under hospital care, according to the recommendations of the Hilliard Report.

The report stated that mentally-retarded children should be classified and treated under three categories:- Those capable of receiving instructions to be looked after by the Education Department in special schools; those incapable of benefiting from special schools but still able to accept some form of training to be looked after by the Social Welfare Department; and the most severely retarded to be the responsibility of the Medical and Health Department.

The admission of patients will begin early in July. It will be on a phased basis to enable both the staff and the patients to settle down in this new environment. The hospital is expected to be fully occupied before the end of the year.

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Siu Lam occupies an area of about 1.5 acres on the hills adjacent to Tai Lam Valley and over-looking the sea. The building complex comprises four blocks -- the hospital itself, and quarters for the nursing and other staff.

The hospital will provide accommodation for 200 mentally-retarded patients, and will be arranged in two units of four dormitory wings, each wing enclosing a rectangular patio.

These enclosing courtyards will provide "play areas" for children and will enable easy supervision by the nursing staff.

The two wings of the L-shaped dormitories are linked by "service knuckles" which contain the kitchens, toilets, store rooms, and other utility facilities required to serve the 50 beds of each of the two dormitory wings.

In addition, there will be a sick bed section, provision for occupational therapy, a classroom, and a waiting hall and offices.

Accommodation for the nursing staff will be in a separate two-storey block. Another three-storey block for nursing auxiliaries is also provided. Quarters for the junior staff are arranged separately.

The hospital was made possible by a generous donation from the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club of \$6,213,000. The Government is responsible for furniture and equipment and will also meet running costs.

Architects for the project were Spence Robinson of Broadwood Road, Happy Valley, Hong Kong.

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PLACEMENT OF THE DISABLED

26 Engaged By Various Organisations During April

Twenty six disabled were found jobs in April through the service of the Social Welfare Department's Liaison and Placement Unit.

Of the 26, six were young blind men between 18 and 22 who were taken on by an industrial organisation as assemblers at the rate of \$10.50 a day.

One young blind man aged 24 was engaged by the Medical and Health Department as telephone operator for the new Siu Lam Hospital on a pay of \$600 a month.

The Cosmos International Garment Manufacturing Company Limited engaged nine disabled during the month for a variety of tasks including packing, sewing, and office cleaning, on salaries varying from \$9 a day, to piece rate, and \$200 a month.

A crippled young man of 26 was engaged by J. & L. Miao Limited as a night watchman on \$400 a month, and a former TB patient was taken on by Carter Semi-Conductor Limited as a messenger clerk at \$310 a month.

The Alliance Printing and Sewing Company Limited took on a middle-aged crippled man as a watchman at \$370 a month.

There were other successful placements in the Texwood Garment Factory, the International Dress Corporation, and Chiap Hua Clocks and Watches' Limited.

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Mr. Paul Leung, officer in charge of the Unit, says the nine disabled engaged in April by the Cosmos International Garment Manufacturing Company Limited reflects the factory's continuing interest in this field. Since the factory's first contact with the Unit in September 1969, it has employed 43 disabled, 30 of whom are still with the factory and are happy with their work.

"The management hopes that we will continue to supply them with trained workers, and to make placement easier, it has even provided training material to the World Rehabilitation Fund Day Centre so that our trainees wishing to join this factory will find it easier to move from practice to actual work," Mr. Leung says.

"This is co-operation brought to a very high level of enlightenment, and I hope it is the forerunner of similar gestures by other industrial organisations in Hong Kong."

He is particularly pleased that the management maintains close contact with the unit regarding problems arising out of its engagement of the individual disabled, and he would also like to see this practice duplicated.

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OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONY

Lady MacLehose To Present Certificates

Lady MacLehose will present certificates and badges this week to 40 girls who have completed a training course of 26 days at the Outward Bound School of Hong Kong.

The course, first of its kind for girls designed to build up confidence in the trainees and develop the potential of leadership among them, includes such activities as canoeing, rope-climbing, excursions, sailing and camping.

The presentation ceremony will take place on Wednesday, May 24, at the Outward Bound School premises at Tai Mong Tsai, Sai Kung.

After presenting the certificates and badges, Lady MacLehose will address the gathering. Later, she will meet the girls informally, inspect the school and meet members of the staff.

The girls, aged between 15 and 30, were sponsored for the course by Jardine, Matheson & Co., Siber Hegner, China Light & Power Co., Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association, Telephone Co., Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank, Dodwell & Co., police, Census & Statistics Department, Immigration Department, Social Welfare Department, Secretariat for Home Affairs, Colonial Secretariat, and scholarships.

Note to editors: You are cordially invited to send a reporter and/or photographer to attend the presentation ceremony, which will start at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 24.

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RETIREMENT OF MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT

Public Service Of 22 Years

Dr. Yue Man-young, Principal Medical and Health Officer, will retire on August 4 after serving the public of Hong Kong for more than 22 years.

He is at present Medical Superintendent of Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

To mark the occasion, a tea party will be held in his honour in the Hospital's staff canteen on Friday, May 26, beginning at 3.30 p.m.

During the party, Dr. the Hon. G.H. Choa, Director of Medical and Health Services, will present Dr. Yue with a memento on behalf of friends and colleagues in the Department.

Note to editors: You are invited to have the presentation ceremony covered.

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OPERATION OF PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES

Castle Peak Road, Tsuen Wan Section, N.T.

The Transport Department today advised drivers of public light buses that with effect from 10 a.m. on May 25, 1972, picking up and setting down of passengers will be prohibited along two sections of the Kowloon bound carriageway of Castle Peak Road at Tsuen Wan:-

- * From west of Chai Wan Kok Street junction to east of Route Twisk junction.
- * From west of Tai Ho Road junction to east of Shing Mun Road junction.

Picking up and setting down of passengers may be carried out on the sections of service road running alongside Castle Peak Road.

Appropriate signs will be placed for the guidance of public light bus drivers.

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ADVENTURE WEEKEND CAMPS FOR TSUEN WAN YOUTHS

Organised By District Office, Tsuen Wan

The District Office, Tsuen Wan, in conjunction with the 48 Gurkha Infantry Brigade, and a number of interested Government departments organised the third of their 'adventure weekend' camps at Sek Kong over the weekend.

A total of 18 youths from Tsuen Wan, aged between 14 and 18, took part in a series of activities designed to develop their initiative and self reliance and give them an exciting weekend away from their normal entertainment.

Selected from a wide variety of backgrounds, the youths represent a cross-section of Tsuen Wan people. A spokesman for the District Office said that the idea behind the scheme was to give ordinary youths a look behind the scenes not only at the Army and Government but also, perhaps, at themselves.

During the two days the youths had the opportunity to strip and assemble a 105 mm Pack Howitzer, ride on an armoured car and play various sports with the soldiers of 4 Battery 47 Light Regiment Royal Artillery.

Despite the heavy rain on the first day, which caused the cancellation of some of the outdoor activities, their enthusiasm was not dampened and all enjoyed a welcome break from their regular routine.

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