



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 1975.

<u>CONTENTS</u>	<u>PAGE NO.</u>
PERSONAL HYGIENE IS THE KEY TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF INFECTIOUS HEPATITIS, SAYS MHD	1
FUNG MO FLYOVER OPENS TO TRAFFIC TOMORROW	3
HONG KONG'S CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT GENERALLY ACCEPTED BY COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES	4
TEMPORARY WATER CUT IN WONG CHUK HANG	4
TENDERS INVITED FOR EXCHANGE OF TWO SITES IN MUI WO	5
POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR TUEN NG FESTIVAL	5
SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT ORGANISES MOSAIC ART COMPETITION FOR NT YOUNGSTERS	6

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 1975

- 1 -

HEPATITIS: PERSONAL AND FOOD HYGIENE.
KEY TO PREVENTING SPREAD OF THE DISEASE
* * * * *

THE SPREAD OF INFECTIOUS HEPATITIS IS CAUSED BY PERSON TO PERSON CONTACT OR CONTAMINATED FOOD AND DRINK.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES (HEALTH), DR. S.H. LEE, IN A TALK TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON EAST THIS AFTERNOON.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE DISEASE IS CAUSED BY A VIRUS DESIGNATED AS VIRUS A PRESENT IN FAECAL MATTERS.

+A POTENTIALLY INFECTIOUS PERSON MAY CARRY THE VIRUS HIMSELF AND SPREAD THE DISEASE TO OTHERS IF HE NEGLECTED PERSONAL AND FOOD HYGIENE,+ HE SAID.

ANY ITEM OF FOOD OR DRINK IS THEREFORE SUBJECT TO CONTAMINATION BY FAECAL MATTERS, AND THIS APPLIES TO ALL KINDS OF FOOD INCLUDING SHELLFISH WHICH IS LIABLE TO POLLUTION BY SEWAGE, HE ADDED.

HE SAID OUTBREAKS OF INFECTIOUS HEPATITIS HAVE OCCURRED IN EUROPE AND PARTS OF NORTH AMERICA FOLLOWING THE CONSUMPTION OF CERTAIN FORMS OF SHELLFISH TAKEN FROM CONTAMINATED SEAWATER.

HOWEVER, A WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION PUBLICATION HAS STATED THAT +ALTHOUGH THERE IS A STRONG EPIDEMIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THE CONSUMPTION OF POLLUTED SHELLFISH AND INFECTIOUS HEPATITIS, THE CAUSATIVE ORGANISM HAS NOT BEEN ISOLATED FROM SUCH INCIDENTS+.

ON BALANCE, SAID DR. LEE, THE DISEASE IS SPREAD LARGELY THROUGH PERSON TO PERSON CONTACT BY WAY OF WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE FAECAL-ORAL ROUTE, WHICH IS THE CHIEF MODE OF TRANSMISSION ACCOUNTING FOR MORE THAN 80 PER CENT OF HEPATITIS CASES IN HONG KONG.

IN THE CASE OF POLLUTED SHELLFISH, HE SAID, THE RISK OF CONTRACTING THE DISEASE WOULD BE GREATLY REDUCED IF THE SHELLFISH WAS HYGIENICALLY HANDLED IN THE PROCESS OF FOOD PREPARATION AND EATEN ONLY AFTER IT WAS THOROUGHLY COOKED.

DR. LEE SAID IN TEMPERATE ZONES THE INCIDENCE OF INFECTIOUS HEPATITIS IS TWO TO THREE TIMES HIGHER DURING AUTUMN AND WINTER THAN DURING SPRING AND SUMMER.

IN HONG KONG OUR PAST EXPERIENCE WAS THAT THE DISEASE TENDED TO INCREASE IN INCIDENCE IN LATE SPRING AND EARLY SUMMER WHEN OTHER GASTRO-INTESTINAL DISEASES WERE ALSO ON THE INCREASE, HE SAID.

/DR. LEE SAID

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 1975

- / 2 -

DR. LEE SAID THERE IS AT PRESENT NO ACTIVE IMMUNISATION AGAINST THE DISEASE, AND ALL PREVENTIVE MEASURES HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TOWARDS EDUCATING THE PUBLIC IN THREE RESPECTS -- FOOD HYGIENE, PERSONAL HYGIENE AND ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE.

HE SAID THE SUCCESS IN THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS HEPATITIS DEPENDS ON FULL PUBLIC COOPERATION.

HE SAID DURING THE LAST CHOLERA OUTBREAK SIX YEARS AGO, THROUGH PUBLIC COOPERATION THE DISEASE WAS BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL.

+THE SAME SUCCESS CAN BE ACHIEVED IN REGARD TO INFECTIOUS HEPATITIS IF EVERYONE OBSERVES THE SIMPLE RULES OF PERSONAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND FOOD HYGIENE,+ HE SAID.

THESE MEASURES NOT ONLY HELP IN THE PREVENTION OF INFECTIOUS HEPATITIS BUT ALSO OTHER INTESTINAL DISEASES WHICH TEND TO INCREASE IN WARMER MONTHS, HE ADDED.

DR. LEE WENT ON TO EXPLAIN THE OTHER FORM OF HEPATITIS -- SERUM HEPATITIS, WHICH IS TRANSMITTED BY TRANSFUSION OF BLOOD OR BLOOD PRODUCTS FROM AN INFECTED PERSON.

THE INFECTION MAY BE SPREAD THROUGH CONTAMINATED NEEDLES ANY SYRINGES, ACUPUNCTURE AND TATOONG.

HE SAID THE DISCOVERY OF AUSTRALIA ANTIGEN IN BLOOD AND ITS ASSOCIATION WITH SERUM HEPATITIS HAS PROVIDED AN IMPORTANT TOOL IN THE IDENTIFICATION OF PERSON WHO IS EITHER A CARRIER OR HAS HAD THE DISEASE.

ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL WAYS IN PREVENTING SERUM HEPATITIS ARISING FROM BLOOD TRANSFUSION IS THE SCREENING OF THE BLOOD FOR AUSTRALIA ANTIGEN. AT PRESENT THE TESTING OF BLOOD COLLECTED BY THE BRITISH RED CROSS IN HONG KONG IS CARRIED OUT ON SELECTED SAMPLES INCLUDING BLOOD FROM DONORS WHO GIVE A HISTORY OF JAUNDICE.

DR. LEE SAID ACTION IS NOW IN HAND TO SET UP A LABORATORY AT QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL WHERE ALL BLOOD SAMPLES COLLECTED BY THE BRITISH RED CROSS WILL BE TESTED AS A ROUTINE FOR AUSTRALIA ANTIGEN.

IT IS ENVISAGED THAT THIS SERVICE WILL BECOME OPERATIONAL IN ABOUT TWO MONTHS.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT MEASURE IN THE PREVENTION OF THIS DISEASE, HE SAID, IS TO PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE USE OF SYRINGES AND NEEDLES OF ALL FORMS, WHICH MUST BE STERILISED.

+THE EMPLOYMENT OF DISPOSABLE EQUIPMENT WOULD ELIMINATE THE DANGER OF TRANSMISSION OF THE DISEASE,+ HE ADDED.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/3

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 1975

- 3 -

PROGRESS ON ROUTE 4 HIGHWAY
FUNG MO FLYOVER WILL CARRY 15,000 VEHICLES A DAY
* * * * *

THE FUNG MO INTERCHANGE, WHICH OPENS TO TRAFFIC AT 10 A.M. TOMORROW, IS THE THIRD FLYOVER JUNCTION TO BE COMPLETED AND FULLY OPENED ALONG THE FIVE-MILE LENGTH OF THE KOWLOON FOOTHILLS CORRIDOR ROUTE BETWEEN LAI CHI KOK AND CHOI HUNG.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT TODAY THAT THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THIS ROUTE, KNOWN OFFICIALLY AS ROUTE 4, IS TO SPEED THE FLOW OF THROUGH TRAFFIC BETWEEN THE TSUEN WAN AND KWUN TONG AREAS.

THE FUNG MO INTERCHANGE WILL FURTHER THIS PROCESS, HE SAID. ITS FLYOVER, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO CARRY 15,000 VEHICLES A DAY, WILL ENABLE MOTORISTS TRAVELLING EAST ALONG LUNG CHEUNG ROAD TO MOVE SOUTH ON TO FUNG MO STREET WITHOUT STOPPING BY TAKING THE NEW SLIP LANE TO THE LEFT. CONVERSELY, MOTORISTS TRAVELLING NORTH ALONG FUNG MO STREET AND WISHING TO GO EASTWARD ALONG LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WILL DO SO VIA THE FLYOVER.

THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE GROUND-LEVEL ROAD WORK ON THE FUNG MO INTERCHANGE STARTED IN APRIL 1972 WHILE WORK ON THE ELEVATED FLYOVER ITSELF GOT UNDER WAY IN LATE 1973. THE TOTAL COST IS ABOUT \$11 MILLION.

THE SHA TIN PASS ROAD PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS, WHICH IS ALSO PART OF THE PROJECT, IS EXPECTED TO OPEN IN ABOUT SIX WEEKS' TIME. THE PROJECT HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND SUPERVISED BY MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA.

ALTOGETHER THERE WILL BE 11 INTERCHANGES ALONG ROUTE 4. APART FROM FUNG MO, TWO OTHERS ARE ALREADY IN FULL OPERATION - LION ROCK AND PIPER'S HILL INTERCHANGES. FURTHER, THE PO KONG AND CHOI HUNG INTERCHANGES, ALTHOUGH INCOMPLETE, HAVE BEEN PARTIALLY OPENED TO TRAFFIC.

NOTE TO EDITORS: AN ARTIST'S IMPRESSION OF THE COMPLETED FUNG MO FLYOVER WILL BE BOXED FOR COLLECTION LATER TODAY.

----- 0 -----

/4

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 1975

- 4 -

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT ON RIGHT LINES.
* * * * *

HONG KONG'S CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE IS ON THE LINES GENERALLY ACCEPTED BY DELEGATES TO THE RECENT COMMONWEALTH REGIONAL SEMINAR ON EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND SUPERVISION WHICH WAS HELD IN KUALA LUMPUR FROM MAY 27 TO JUNE 6.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY BY MR. ARTHUR BROWN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), WHO TOGETHER WITH MR. LAM TAT-LAU, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (PRIMARY), REPRESENTED HONG KONG AT THE SEMINAR.

MR. BROWN, WHO RETURNED LAST SATURDAY, SAID THE SEMINAR WAS VERY WORTHWHILE. MR. LAM IS ON HOLIDAY AND WILL BE RETURNING LATER.

ALTOGETHER 40 SENIOR EDUCATIONISTS FROM 14 COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES AND DEPENDENCIES IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC REGION ATTENDED THE SEMINAR.

ONE OF THE MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SEMINAR WAS THAT HIGH PRIORITY BE GIVEN TO THE TRAINING OF INSPECTORS AND SUPERVISORY STAFF IN EDUCATION.

THE SEMINAR URGED THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT IN LONDON TO LOOK INTO THE EFFECTS OF EXAMINATIONS ON CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER ASPECTS OF EDUCATION.

MR. BROWN SAID THAT HE AND MR. LAM WOULD BE LOOKING, AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, INTO IMPLEMENTING THE SEMINAR'S RECOMMENDATIONS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS.

- - - - 0 - - - -

WATER CUT
* * *

A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN WONG CHUK HANG WILL BE WITHOUT WATER FOR A FEW HOURS ON FRIDAY (JUNE 13) MORNING TO FACILITATE A TEST FOR LEAKAGE IN THE AREA.

THE TEMPORARY STOPPAGE WILL LAST FROM 1 A.M. TO 6 A.M.

AFFECTED WILL BE PREMISES BOUNDED BY NAM LONG SHAN ROAD, WELFARE ROAD, SHUM WAN ROAD, WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE AND THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/5

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 1975.

- 5 -

TWO SITES IN MUI WO FOR EXCHANGE
* * * * *

THE GOVERNMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FROM HOLDERS OF LETTER A OR B TO EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS FOR TWO SITES IN THE MUI WO RECLAMATION LAYOUT ON LANTAU ISLAND.

EACH SITE HAS AN AREA OF JUST OVER 4,000 SQUARE FEET AND IS RESTRICTED TO NON-INDUSTRIAL USE. CONSTRUCTION OF COMMERCIAL AND OR RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS OF UP TO SIX STOREYS HIGH WILL BE PERMITTED, A NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THERE ARE ONLY A FEW SITES OF THIS KIND AVAILABLE IN THIS LOCATION, WHICH, BECAUSE OF ITS PROXIMITY TO THE FERRY PIER, IS THE GATEWAY TO LANTAU,+ HE ADDED.

ANY APPLICANT WHO WISHES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A SITE WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A LIST OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS WHICH HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO SURRENDER FOR THE GRANT OF A SITE IN LIEU OF CASH COMPENSATION.

TENDERS CLOSE ON JULY 25, 1975.

----- 0 -----

HOLIDAY POSTAL ARRANGEMENT
* * * * *

THERE WILL BE LIMITED POSTAL SERVICES ON TUEN NG FESTIVAL DAY, WHICH IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

ON SATURDAY (JUNE 14), THERE WILL BE ONE MAIL DELIVERY AND CERTAIN POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED. HOWEVER, 32 POST OFFICES IN VARIOUS PARTS OF HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 A.M. TO 12 NOON FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PUBLIC.

----- 0 -----

/6

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 1975.

- 6 -

MOSAIC ART COMPETITION FOR N.T. YOUNGSTERS

A MOSAIC ART COMPETITION HAS BEEN ORGANISED IN WHICH CHILDREN WILL DEPICT THEIR VIEWS AND FEELINGS OF THINGS AROUND THEM ALONG THE THEME OF +THE WORLD IN THE EYES OF CHILDREN.+

ENCOURAGED BY THE SUCCESS OF THE CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION HELD LAST DECEMBER WHEN SOME 800 ENTRIES WERE RECEIVED, THE LIBRARY AND RURAL MOBILE SERVICE UNIT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS NOW ORGANISED ANOTHER COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN IN NEW TERRITORIES VILLAGES.

THE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO YOUNGSTERS LIVING IN THE SHA TIN, TAI PO, FAN LING, YUEN LONG, CASTLE PEAK AND SAI KUNG DISTRICTS IN WHICH THE MOBILE UNIT OPERATES AND IS PART OF ITS SERVICE PROGRAMMES PROVIDED IN ADDITION TO LIBRARY FACILITIES FOR N.T. VILLAGE CHILDREN.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS JUNE 20 AND THE TOP EIGHT ENTRIES FROM EACH DISTRICT WILL BE AWARDED PRIZES. ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE COMPETITION CAN BE MADE BY TELEPHONING 3-809825 OR 3-954476.

-----0-----