



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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TREATMENT FOR 'RED EYE'
AVAILABLE FROM ALL GOVERNMENT CLINICS
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PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM +RED EYE+ CAN GO TO ANY OF THE 59 GOVERNMENT CLINICS FOR TREATMENT DURING THE CURRENT OUTBREAK OF THE DISEASE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID FACILITIES ARE PROVIDED AT ALL CLINICS FOR TREATING +RED EYE+ PATIENTS. THEY DO NOT HAVE TO ATTEND AN EYE CLINIC UNLESS IT IS NEAREST TO THEIR HOMES OR THEY SEEK TREATMENT FOR OTHER EYE DISEASES.

HE URGED THE PUBLIC TO PAY GREAT ATTENTION TO PERSONAL HYGIENE, WHICH IS THE ONLY EFFECTIVE METHOD OF CHECKING THE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE.

THE DISEASE, USUALLY PREVALENT DURING THE SWIMMING SEASON, IS SPREAD THROUGH CONTACT, FOR EXAMPLE IN PUBLIC PLACES SUCH AS SWIMMING POOLS, IN SCHOOLS AND AMONG FAMILIES.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED PEOPLE NOT TO RUB THEIR EYES WITH HANDS OR TO SHARE OTHER'S TOWELS OR HANDKERCHIEFS.

MEANWHILE, HEALTH RETURNS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST SHOW THAT THE INCIDENCE OF VIRAL HEPATITIS HAS RETURNED TO ITS NORMAL LEVEL. DURING THE MONTH, THERE WERE 97 CASES COMPARED WITH 150 IN JULY AND 345 DURING THE PEAK PERIOD IN MAY.

THE INCIDENCE OF MOST OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES CONTINUED TO BE LOW, WITH ENTERIC FEVER DROPPING FROM 65 CASES TO 38 CASES. THREE CASES OF IMPORTED MALARIA WERE RECORDED WHILE THE RECORDS OF POLIOMYELITIS AND DIPHTHERIA REMAINED CLEAN.

FIFTY-SIX DEATHS FROM INFECTIOUS DISEASES WERE RECORDED FOR THE MONTH UNDER REVIEW, WITH TUBERCULOSIS ACCOUNTING FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE DEATHS.

HONG KONG REMAINED FREE FROM CHOLERA AND OTHER QUARANTINABLE DISEASES DURING THE MONTH.

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PREPARATORY MTR WORKS

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A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS WILL BE INTRODUCED LATER THIS YEAR IN WESTERN KOWLOON AND IN CENTRAL DISTRICT ON THE ISLAND IN PREPARATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY.

THE DIVERSIONS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S HIGHWAYS OFFICE TO ENABLE TRAFFIC TO KEEP MOVING WHILE THE RAILWAY IS BEING BUILT.

THE SCHEME WILL INVOLVE RESITING OF TRAFFIC AND DIRECTIONAL SIGNS, TRAFFIC LIGHT SIGNALS AND ROAD MARKINGS. A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ISLANDS, KERBS AND PAVEMENTS WILL ALSO BE ALTERED AND TEMPORARY BARRIERS WILL BE SET UP TO CHANNEL TRAFFIC AROUND THE MTR WORKS.

WORK ON THE TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR AND SHOULD TAKE ABOUT FIVE OR SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE. TENDERS FOR THE CONTRACT ARE INVITED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE.

MEANWHILE, PRELIMINARY ROADWORKS TO FACILITATE TRAFFIC FLOW WILL ALSO BE CARRIED OUT AT THE JUNCTION OF KWUN TONG ROAD AND LAI YIP STREET IN KOWLOON IN CONNECTION WITH THE MTR SYSTEM.

THE WORKS WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY ROADWORKS, THE BUILDING OF PART OF A PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY UNDER KWUN TONG ROAD, AS WELL AS DIVERSION OF CERTAIN STORM WATER DRAINAGE, SEWERS AND WATER MAINS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN NOVEMBER AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED AFTER NINE MONTHS.

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SURFACE MAIL SERVICE TO SOUTH VIETNAM

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A SURFACE MAIL SERVICE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY.

ONLY LIGHT-WEIGHT LETTERS NOT EXCEEDING HALF AN OUNCE WILL BE ACCEPTED, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FOR THE TIME BEING, HE ADDED, THERE IS NO REGISTRATION, INSURANCE OR PARCELS SERVICE.

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AUGUST WEATHER ROUND-UP

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THE WEATHER OF AUGUST WAS WETTER THAN USUAL WITH FREQUENT HEAVY SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS. AS A RESULT, THE MONTH'S TOTAL RAINFALL EXCEEDED THE AVERAGE FIGURE FOR AUGUST BY 24 PER CENT.

THE ACCUMULATED RAINFALL FOR THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF THE YEAR STOOD AT 2,400 MM - 39 PER CENT ABOVE THE NORMAL AMOUNT FOR THE SAME PERIOD.

A TOTAL OF SIX TROPICAL CYCLONES WAS REPORTED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA IN AUGUST. TYPHOONS 'NINA' AND 'ORA' DEVELOPED TO THE SOUTHEAST OF TAIWAN AND CROSSED THE EAST COAST OF CHINA NEAR AMOY AND WENCHOW RESPECTIVELY CAUSING SERIOUS FLOODS IN CENTRAL CHINA.

TYPHOON 'PHYLLIS' FORMED NEAR THE RYUKYU ISLANDS AND TYPHOON 'RITA' OVER CAROLINE ISLANDS, BOTH MOVED NORTH AND DEVASTATED JAPAN, LEAVING WIDESPREAD DAMAGE AND HEAVY DEATH TOLLS.

TROPICAL STORM 'SUSAN' FORMED EAST OF IWO JIMA BUT DISSIPATED WITHOUT ENTERING LAND. ONLY ONE TROPICAL CYCLONE, A TROPICAL DEPRESSION, NECESSITATED THE HOISTING OF WARNING SIGNALS IN HONG KONG.

IN HONG KONG, THE STANDBY SIGNAL NO. 1 WAS HOISTED ON AUGUST 10 WHEN THE DEPRESSION WAS CENTRED ABOUT 220 MILES SOUTH OF HONG KONG. IT WAS LOWERED ON THE FOLLOWING DAY. HOWEVER, IN THAT EVENING, THE TROPICAL DEPRESSION SLOWED DOWN NEAR THE SOUTHWESTERN TIP OF HAINAN ISLAND AND THEN REVERSED ITS COURSE MOVING TOWARDS THE PEARL RIVER ESTUARY.

ON AUGUST 13, THE STANDBY SIGNAL NO. 1 WAS AGAIN HOISTED WHICH WAS LATER REPLACED BY THE STRONG WIND SIGNAL NO. 3. ALL SIGNALS WERE LOWERED ON AUGUST 14 WHEN THE DEPRESSION DEGENERATED INTO AN AREA OF LOW PRESSURE NEAR CANTON.

ON THE AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 23 THE AIR TEMPERATURE ROSE TO 32.8 DEGREES CELSIUS WHICH WAS THE HIGHEST TEMPERATURE RECORDED FOR THE MONTH. THE MONTH'S LOWEST TEMPERATURE WAS RECORDED ON AUGUST 30 WHEN THE AIR TEMPERATURE DROPPED TO 23.0 DEGREES CELSIUS.

DURING THE MONTH, THERE WAS ONLY ONE AIRCRAFT DIVERTED FROM THE KAI TAK AIRPORT DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS AND NO FIRE DANGER WARNINGS WERE ISSUED.

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HK STUDENTS SUCCESSFUL IN COMMERCIAL STUDIES

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THREE HONG KONG STUDENTS HAVE ACHIEVED OUTSTANDING RESULTS IN THE OFFICE STUDIES CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS RUN BY THE UK ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS.

THE STUDENTS ARE CHAN LAI-NGOR, BELINDA CHIANG MENG-SAM AND LAM KOON-YING. THEY GAINED CREDITS IN ALL SEVEN SUBJECTS — COMMUNICATION, CLERICAL DUTIES, COMMERCE, BUSINESS CALCULATIONS, BOOK-KEEPING, TYPEWRITING AND OFFICE MACHINERY, AND APPRECIATION OF DATA PRESENTATION.

THE THREE WERE AMONG 46 STUDENTS OF THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WHO SAT FOR THE EXAMINATION. OF THESE, 39 WILL RECEIVE CERTIFICATES, WHICH ARE AWARDED TO THOSE WHO ARE SUCCESSFUL IN ALL SEVEN SUBJECTS.

THE INSTITUTE'S DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCIAL STUDIES HAS BEEN CONGRATULATED BY THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS ON THE HIGH LEVEL OF SUCCESS IN THE EXAMINATIONS.

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255,000 LOTTERY TICKETS SOLD SO FAR

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A TOTAL OF 255,000 TICKETS FOR THE NINTH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY WAS SOLD UP TO 12 NOON TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE WINNING NUMBERS FOR THIS LOTTERY WILL BE DRAWN BY FOUR RADIO HONG KONG ARTISTES — MISS KIMMY GOT, MISS YEUNG LAI-SIN, MR. WONG SIU-KEUNG AND MR. HUNG LEUNG-SEK ON SEPTEMBER 27 AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

THESE FOUR ARTISTES WILL HELP PROMOTE TICKET SALES BY PERSONALLY SELLING TICKETS AT THE STATUE SQUARE FROM 1 P.M. TO 2 P.M. NEXT TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 23).

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