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MORE FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

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FURTHER FINANCIAL RELIEF IS TO BE PROVIDED TO TWO FAMILIES FROM HO SHEUNG HEUNG VILLAGE IN SHEUNG SHUI WHO WERE STRUCK BY TRAGEDY LAST FRIDAY.

EACH FAMILY WILL BE GRANTED AN ADDITIONAL \$4 000 FOR THEIR IMMEDIATE NEEDS, FROM THE TANG SHIU KIN AND HO TIM CHARITABLE FUND ADMINISTERED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

THE MONEY IS IN ADDITION TO THE \$1 000 GIVEN TO EACH OF THE TWO FAMILIES FROM THE SAME FUND AT THE WEEKEND.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE ADDITIONAL MONEY TO BE COLLECTED TOMORROW.

THE CHAN FAMILY LOST THEIR PARENTS AND THEIR ELDEST BROTHER IN A WELL ACCIDENT NEAR THEIR VILLAGE HOME ON FRIDAY.

THE OTHER FAMILY, THE LEUNGS, LOST THEIR FATHER IN THE SAME ACCIDENT.

MEANWHILE, STAFF OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S SHA TIN, TAI PO AND NORTH DISTRICT OFFICES WILL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE TWO FAMILIES.

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CLINIC NEARLY COMPLETED

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CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW NGAU TAU KOK URBAN CLINIC IS NEARLY COMPLETED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT CONTRACTORS ARE PUTTING FINISHING TOUCHES TO THE BUILDING AND THE CLINIC IS EXPECTED TO BE FINISHED AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

THE \$11 MILLION CLINIC, IN NGAU TAU KOK ROAD NEAR TING ON STREET, IS THE THIRD CLINIC TO BE COMPLETED IN JUST OVER TWO MONTHS. THE OTHERS ARE THE TUEN MUN POLYCLINIC AND THE LEI MUK SHUE HEALTH CENTRE.

THE NEW NGAU TAU KOK URBAN CLINIC HAS A GENERAL OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENT, FOUR DAY-WARDS WITH 60 BEDS, A 24-BED MATERNITY HOME, A FAMILY HEALTH SERVICE CENTRE AND OTHER FACILITIES, INCLUDING A STAFF CANTEEN.

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SECOND CASE OF IMPORTED CHOLERA

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AN 83-YEAR-OLD AUSTRALIAN TOURIST HAS BECOME HONG KONG'S SECOND IMPORTED CASE OF CHOLERA IN TWO MONTHS.

MR S.J. SPARKES WAS ADMITTED TO QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL ON AUGUST 7, SUFFERING FROM SEVERE DIARRHOEA AND LABORATORY TESTS HAVE CONFIRMED THAT HE IS SUFFERING FROM CHOLERA OF THE EL TOR STRAIN.

HE IS IN AN ISOLATION WARD WHERE HIS CONDITION IS DESCRIBED AS FAIR.

MR SPARKES WENT TO MANILA ON JULY 26 AND STAYED THERE FOR ABOUT A WEEK BUT DEVELOPED SYMPTOMS OF DIARRHOEA ON JULY 31.

HE DEPARTED FOR HONG KONG ON AUGUST 1. DURING HIS STAY IN HONG KONG HE WAS BEING TREATED BY A PRIVATE PRACTITIONER UNTIL AUGUST 7, WHEN HE WAS SENT BY HIS DOCTOR TO QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT HONG KONG WILL NOT BE DECLARED A CHOLERA INFECTED AREA AS THIS IS CLEARLY AN IMPORTED CASE.

HOWEVER, HE URGED THE PUBLIC TO TAKE ALL PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AGAINST THE DISEASE, WHICH IS ENDEMIC IN SOUTH EAST ASIA.

HE ADVISED THAT PEOPLE SHOULD OBSERVE PERSONAL, FOOD AND ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE, RECOMMENDED BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION AS THE MOST EFFECTIVE METHOD OF PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF CHOLERA.

+CHOLERA, LIKE OTHER GASTRO-INTESTINAL DISEASES, MAY BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH CONTAMINATED FOOD AND WATER. THE MOST DANGEROUS ITEMS OF FOOD ARE THOSE STORED AT ROOM TEMPERATURE AND EATEN WITHOUT FURTHER COOKING AND OTHER FOODS LIKE CUT FOOD AND COOKED FOOD SOLD BY THE MOBILE HAWKERS,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT SIMPLE RULES, SUCH AS WASHING OF HANDS BEFORE EATING AND AFTER VISITING THE TOILET SHOULD BE CLOSELY OBSERVED.

ANTI-CHOLERA VACCINE BY ITSELF ONLY GIVES PARTIAL AND PERSONAL PROTECTION AND IS NOT CONSIDERED TO BE EFFICACIOUS IN PREVENTING THE DISEASE, HE SAID.

THE LAST IMPORTED CASE OF CHOLERA WAS REPORTED IN JUNE THIS YEAR.

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MANPOWER SITUATION TO BE STUDIED

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THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL IS TO CONDUCT A SURVEY LATER THIS MONTH TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON THE MANPOWER SITUATION OF THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNCIL SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE SURVEY -- THE SIXTH IN A SERIES -- IS DUE TO BE HELD FROM AUGUST 24 TO SEPTEMBER 15, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY LETTERS IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE WILL BE SENT TO ALL SELECTED CLOTHING FACTORIES. OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL CALL AT EACH FACTORY DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD TO COLLECT THE QUESTIONNAIRES AND TO ASSIST IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES IF NECESSARY.

EMPLOYERS ARE REQUESTED TO SUPPLY INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF WORKERS EMPLOYED AND UNDER TRAINING, THE NUMBER OF EXISTING VACANCIES AND THE NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL WORKERS THEY WILL NEED IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.

THE SPOKESMAN CALLED ON EMPLOYERS TO CO-OPERATE IN SUPPLYING ACCURATE INFORMATION, WHICH WOULD ASSIST THE TRAINING BOARD IN FORMULATING TRAINING PLANS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY.

THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WOULD BE PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL FACTORY, HE ADDED.

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ONE-DAY EXTENSION

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THE TEMPORARY TIME TABLE INTRODUCED LAST SATURDAY TO FACILITATE ENGINEERING WORKS IN CONNECTION WITH THE MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY HAS BEEN EXTENDED FOR AN EXTRA DAY.

A SPOKESMAN SAID THAT DUE TO UNFORESEE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE SLIGHTLY-AMENDED TIME TABLE WILL NOW LAST A TOTAL OF FIVE DAYS UNTIL THE CLOSE OF TRAFFIC ON WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12, INSTEAD OF TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE TEMPORARY TIME TABLE IS DISPLAYED AT ALL STATIONS.

THE DAILY EXPRESS THROUGH TRAINS ARE NOT AFFECTED.

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SPECIAL PARKING SPACES FOR DISABLED DRIVERS
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS MADE A PARKING SPACE AVAILABLE IN THE CITY HALL CAR PARK, CENTRAL, AND ONE IN THE MIDDLE ROAD CAR PARK, TSIM SHA TSUI, FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF DISABLED DRIVERS ON AN EXPERIMENTAL BASIS.

+IF THE EXPERIMENT PROVES A SUCCESS, WE WILL LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING MORE SPACES IN OTHER CAR PARKS,+ A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

THE SPACE RESERVED AT THE CITY HALL CAR PARK IS NO. 24, LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR NEXT TO THE SHROFF'S OFFICE. THE SPACE IN THE MIDDLE ROAD CAR PARK IS NUMBER C1, ON THE FOURTH FLOOR.

+FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF DISABLED PEOPLE CONFINED TO WHEELCHAIRS, RAMPS HAVE ALSO BEEN PROVIDED INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE TWO CAR PARKS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+INTERNATIONAL SYMBOLS FOR THE DISABLED ARE DISPLAYED ON THE WALL OF THE ENTRANCE KIOSK AT EACH CAR PARK TO INDICATE THE SPECIAL FACILITY AND THE PARKING SPACES ALSO HAVE BEEN MARKED OUT WITH YELLOW PAINT.+

NORMAL FEES WILL BE CHARGED, BUT THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT VEHICLES CARRYING A SPECIAL +DISABLED DRIVER+ DISC ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT ALREADY ENJOYED FREE PARKING AT ON-STREET METERED PARKING SPACES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

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WATER PIPE CHECKS
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN WONG TAI SIN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 13) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY JUNCTION ROAD, FU MEI STREET, FU YUE STREET, WANG TAU HOM NORTH ROAD, WANG TAU HOM CENTRAL ROAD AND FU WAN STREET, INCLUDING BLOCK NOS. 15-22, 25-26, WANG TAU HOM ESTATE, AND JUNCTION ROAD TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA AND YAN OI SAN TSUEN.

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JAPANESE YOUTHS VISIT SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT
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FOURTEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF A 460-MEMBER JAPANESE YOUTH GROUP, +THE YOUNG HOPE SHIP OF NAGANO '81+, PAID A COURTESY VISIT TODAY (MONDAY) TO THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

THEY WERE GREETED BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE, AND SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

AMONG THE VISITORS WERE THE DIRECTOR OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF NAGANO PREFECTURE, MR I. ICHIMURA, AND THE LEADER OF THE YOUTH GROUP, MR K. WAKABAYASHI.

THE GROUP ARRIVED IN HONG KONG THIS MORNING ON BOARD THE SHIP, +CORAL PRINCESS+, AS PART OF THEIR STUDY TOUR ORGANISED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF NAGANO PREFECTURE.

IN WELCOMING THE VISITORS, MR ALLEYNE NOTED THAT SINCE 1974, THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF NAGANO PREFECTURE HAD BEEN PAYING ANNUAL VISITS TO HONG KONG.

+AS A RESULT OF THESE FRIENDLY MEETINGS AND THE CONTACTS MADE, A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF NAGANO PREFECTURE AND HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THAT +AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND INFORMATION BETWEEN SOCIAL WORKERS IN HONG KONG AND OUR VISITORS WILL BE VALUABLE TO ALL OF US.+

SOUVENIRS WERE EXCHANGED BETWEEN THE GROUP AND MR. ALLEYNE. THE VISITORS ALSO PRESENTED SOUVENIRS TO TEN REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL WELFARE ORGANISATIONS.

THE VISITORS WILL HOST A PARTY THIS EVENING ON BOARD THE +CORAL PRINCESS+ FOR 140 HONG KONG STUDENTS STUDYING THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE AND OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE HERE. MR ALLEYNE HAS ALSO BEEN INVITED.

THE +CORAL PRINCESS+ LEAVES HONG KONG FOR SHANGHAI TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

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TAI PO TO HAVE FIRST TURFED SOCCER PITCH
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TAI PO'S FIRST TURFED SOCCER PITCH WILL BE READY NEXT MONTH. THE PITCH IS NEAR TAI YUEN ESTATE AND WAS FORMED BY TAI PO AND FANLING DEVELOPMENT OFFICE. THE COST OF TURFING IS \$140 000 WHICH IS BEING PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

WHEN READY, THE 60 METRES BY 96 METRES PITCH WILL BE MANAGED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

A TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WOULD BE USED FOR 11-A-SIDE SOCCER MATCHES AND PROVIDE A NEW OUTLET FOR LOCAL YOUNGSTERS.

+IN VIEW OF OUR GROWING POPULATION, THE DISTRICT OFFICE IS ANXIOUS TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT,+ HE SAID.

MAJOR PROJECTS UNDER PLANNING INCLUDE SPORTS, AND SWIMMING COMPLEXES AND TENNIS AND SQUASH COURTS.

+THE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON AUGUST 25 WILL REVIEW RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN TAI PO,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE TURFED PITCH IS TEMPORARY AND THE SITE WILL BE REQUIRED EVENTUALLY FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT, HE ADDED.

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