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DRUG PROBLEM BEING TACKLED WITH DETERMINATION  
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DRUG ADDICTION IS STILL A SERIOUS SOCIAL PROBLEM IN HONG KONG AND IS ONE WHICH IS BEING TACKLED WITH DETERMINATION AND RESOLUTION, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, PROFESSOR GERALD CHOA, TOLD A GROUP OF DRUG FIGHTERS FROM THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGION TODAY (MONDAY).

OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES HONG KONG HAD MADE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS IN ATTACKING THE TWIN PROBLEMS OF DRUG ABUSE AND TRAFFICKING, PROF CHOA SAID.

+NEVERTHELESS, WE ARE KEENLY AWARE OF THE DANGERS OF COMPLACENCY, OF THE CHAMELEON CHARACTER OF DRUG ABUSE AND OF THE NEED TO MAINTAIN CONSTANT VIGILANCE.+

PROF CHOA WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG PROGRAMME OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON THE DRUG PROBLEM IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC REGION.

THE SEMINAR IS ORGANISED BY THE UNITED NATIONS ASIA AND FAR EAST INSTITUTE FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND THE TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS (UNAFEI), AND 28 NARCOTICS EXPERTS FROM 17 COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES ARE TAKING PART.

THE TWO-DAY HONG KONG PROGRAMME, CO-ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS AND THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FORMS PART OF THE 20-DAY SEMINAR SPREAD OVER THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGION.

PROF CHOA SAID THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF DRUG ABUSE PROVIDED ACCURATE AND COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION ON THE DRUG SITUATION AND SERVED AS A RELIABLE BASIS FOR THE FORMULATION OF POLICIES AND FOR THE EVALUATION OF TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES.

+THE SIZE OF OUR KNOWN ACTIVE ADDICT POPULATION IS ABOUT 37 000, REPRESENTING 0.8 PER CENT OF OUR TOTAL POPULATION AGED 11 AND ABOVE,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS NOT DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE THE SORT OF MEDICAL, SOCIAL, LEGAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS PRESENTED BY THIS NUMBER AND OUR DRUG DEPENDANTS.+

HE ADDED THAT HONG KONG WAS ADOPTING A MULTI-DISCIPLINED APPROACH IN ATTACKING THE PROBLEM FROM BOTH THE SUPPLY AND DEMAND REDUCTION ASPECTS.

PROF CHOA ALSO HOPED THAT PARTICIPANTS IN THE SEMINAR WOULD PROMOTE REGIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND CO-OPERATION REGARDING PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES IN ERADICATING DRUG ABUSE.

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IN HIS INTRODUCTORY SPEECH, THE DIRECTOR OF UNAFEI, MR MASAHARU HINO, SAID IT WAS TIMELY AND SIGNIFICANT THAT THE SEMINAR WAS ORGANISED AS AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION FROM THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGION AND AS A DIRECT RESPONSE TO THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE SEVENTH UNITED NATIONS CONGRESS ON THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND THE TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS HELD IN MILAN LAST SUMMER, PARTICULARLY THOSE RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN DRUG ABUSE CONTROL.

MR HINO POINTED OUT THAT THE OBJECTIVE OF THE SEMINAR WAS TO IDENTIFY PRIORITIES AND SEEK SOLUTIONS TO DRUG PROBLEMS IN THE REGION THROUGH COMPREHENSIVE STUDIES AND ANALYSES OF CURRENT SYSTEMS AND PRACTICES IN EACH COUNTRY OR TERRITORY.

+THIS PROJECT IS UNIQUE IN THAT IT HAS ENABLED THE SEMINAR PROGRAMME TO BE ORGANISED NOT BY ONE HOST COUNTRY BUT CONSECUTIVELY IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE REGION, NAMELY IN JAPAN, HONG KONG, THAILAND AND MALAYSIA,+ HE SAID.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE SEMINAR WAS ORGANISED WITH THE AIM OF ENHANCING DISCUSSIONS AND GATHERING INFORMATION THROUGH THE INTERCHANGE OF PRACTICAL VIEWS AND EXPERIENCES WITH EXPERTS IN EACH OF THESE COUNTRIES OR TERRITORIES.

FACT-FINDING TOURS OF RELEVANT INSTITUTIONS WERE ALSO MADE AT EACH VENUE SO AS TO GAIN BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF DIFFERENT SYSTEMS.

FOLLOWING THE OPENING CEREMONY, HELD AT THE FORMER LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THE PARTICIPANTS AND 11 LOCAL OBSERVERS ATTENDED A SEMINAR AT THE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' CLUB IN STANLEY. THERE THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR GORDON MORTIMER, SPOKE ON +ANTI-NARCOTICS POLICIES IN HONG KONG+ AND THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK, GAVE A TALK ON THE +COMPULSORY TREATMENT PROGRAMME OF DRUG OFFENDERS IN HONG KONG+.

A TOUR OF THE HEI LING CHAU DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE RUN BY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BE MADE TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE PARTICIPANTS HAVE JUST COMPLETED A WEEK'S PROGRAMME IN JAPAN AND WILL CONTINUE WITH PROGRAMMES IN THAILAND AND MALAYSIA AFTER THE HONG KONG PART OF THE SEMINAR.

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SPOTLIGHT ON HONG KONG'S ROLE IN COMBATTING DRUGS

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A PRESS CONFERENCE ON HONG KONG'S ROLE IN THE INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON DRUG PROBLEMS IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC WILL BE HELD AT THE HEI LING CHAU DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR IS ORGANISED BY THE UNITED NATIONS ASIA AND FAR EAST INSTITUTE FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND THE TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS (UNAFEI). ANTI-NARCOTICS EXPERTS FROM 17 COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC WILL TAKE PART.

THE HONG KONG SECTION OF THE PROGRAMME - A TWO-DAY FIELD STUDY OF ANTI-NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES - IS CO-SPONSORED BY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS.

THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE CHAIRED BY THE DIRECTOR OF UNAFEI, MR MASAHARU HINO.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE, WHICH WILL BE PRECEDED BY A TOUR OF THE INSTITUTION ON HEI LING CHAU.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES GOING TO HEI LING CHAU SHOULD GATHER AT QUEEN'S PIER AT 9.45 AM. THEY WILL BE TAKEN BACK TO HONG KONG ISLAND BY A LAUNCH OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, ARRIVING AT QUEEN'S PIER AT 2.30 PM.

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ONE IMPORTED CASE OF CHOLERA

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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) CONFIRMED A FURTHER CASE OF CHOLERA. IT HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED AS AN IMPORTED CASE.

THIS BRINGS TO 22 THE NUMBER OF CASES CONFIRMED.

MEANWHILE, THE FIRST PATIENT, A JAPANESE MAN, WAS DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL YESTERDAY.

THE NEW, IMPORTED CASE IS A 15-YEAR-OLD STUDENT WHO RETURNED ON AUGUST 4 AFTER A SHORT TRIP TO CHINA. HE HAD VISITED CHIU CHOW.

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THE BOY DEVELOPED SYMPTOMS OF DIARRHOEA AND VOMITING ON AUGUST 5, AND WAS ADMITTED TO QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL. HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL ON AUGUST 6 WHEN IT WAS SUSPECTED HE WAS SUFFERING FROM CHOLERA.

HEALTH OFFICERS FROM THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT VISITED HIS HOME IN MONG KOK LAST WEEK TO EXAMINE HIS HOME CONTACTS AND TO DISINFECT THE PREMISES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT EMPHASISED THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO LOCAL CASE IN THE PAST TWO DAYS.

THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE INOCULATED AT THE EIGHT GOVERNMENT CLINICS AND THE PORT HEALTH OFFICES DROPPED DRASTICALLY TODAY, TO 1 684 BY 4 PM.

LAST WEEK A TOTAL OF 92 283 PEOPLE WERE INOCULATED - 81 141 AT THE CLINICS AND 11 142 AT THE PORT HEALTH OFFICES.

THE FOLLOWING IS A BREAKDOWN OF THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WERE INOCULATED TODAY:

SAI YING PUN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC	75
SHAU KEI WAN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC	90
KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE	310
YAU MA TEI JOCKEY CLUB POLYCLINIC	285
LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC, TSUEN WAN	225
YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE	155
SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC	40
TAI PO JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC	93
PORT HEALTH OFFICES	411

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USD DISINFECTION CENTRES HELP ARREST SPREAD OF DISEASE

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IN DISCHARGING ITS DUTY OF SAFEGUARDING PUBLIC HEALTH THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT OPERATES TWO DISINFECTION CENTRES ON EACH SIDE OF THE HARBOUR FOR CARRYING OUT STERILISATION OF CLOTHING OR ARTICLES.

DURING THE RECENT CHOLERA OUTBREAK, CLOTHES WORN BY CHOLERA VICTIMS WERE SENT TO THESE CENTRES FOR DISINFECTION.

+EACH CENTRE IS INSTALLED WITH AN ULTRA HIGH TEMPERATURE STEAM DISINFECTOR WHICH CAN HANDLE 100 BLANKETS OR AN EQUIVALENT AMOUNT OF CLOTHING AT ONE TIME,+ SAID A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY.

/+CLOTHING OR .....

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+CLOTHING OR ARTICLES FOR STERILIZATION HAVE TO REMAIN IN THE DISINFECTORS FOR AT LEAST SEVERAL HOURS TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE THOROUGHLY DISINFECTED.+

PROTECTIVE CLOTHES WORN BY USD STAFF CARRYING OUT DUTIES RELATED TO COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, WERE ALSO DISINFECTED AT THE TWO CENTRES, ADDED THE SPOKESMAN.

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HOSPITAL QUARTERS BEING EXTENDED  
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FOUR FLOORS ARE TO BE ADDED TO THE NURSES' AND SISTERS' QUARTERS AT QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL.

THE NEW FLOORS, TOTALLING 2 910 SQUARE METRES IN AREA, WILL PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION FOR 63 NURSES AND SISTERS.

THE SISTERS' QUARTERS WILL BE ALTERED AS PART OF THE PROJECT.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN OCTOBER AND BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1987.

TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE PROJECT IS PART OF THE THIRD AND FINAL STAGE OF THE HOSPITAL'S REDEVELOPMENT.

OTHER WORKS TO BE COMPLETED UNDER SEPARATE CONTRACTS INCLUDE FURTHER UPGRADING AND RENEWAL OF BUILDING SERVICES, AIR-CONDITIONING OF WARDS, EXPANSION OF THE MORTUARY, IMPROVEMENT TO THE CLINICAL PATHOLOGY BUILDING AND EXTENSION OF THE RADIOTHERAPY UNIT.

WORK ON THE \$864 MILLION REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME IS DUE TO BE COMPLETED IN EARLY 1992.

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CAMPAIGN TO FOCUS ON DRAINAGE PROBLEMS

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AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED IN MONG KOK NEXT MONTH ON SEWERAGE PROBLEMS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE CAMPAIGN IS AN ANNUAL PUBLICITY PROJECT ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD TO BOOST PEOPLE'S AWARENESS OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANLINESS AND HYGIENE.

A DISTRICT-WIDE SURVEY WILL BE CONDUCTED AS PART OF THE CAMPAIGN TO IDENTIFY DRAINAGE BLACK SPOTS, AND THEIR CAUSES.

QUESTIONNAIRES WILL ALSO BE SENT TO MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS CORPORATIONS OF LOCAL BUILDINGS, REQUESTING THEM TO PINPOINT DRAINAGE PROBLEMS.

+THE BLOCKAGE OF BUILDING DRAINS AND UNDERGROUND SEWERS HAS LONG BEEN A SUBJECT OF COMPLAINT AMONG LOCAL RESIDENTS,+ THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR WONG CHE-MING, SAID.

+PLASTIC BAGS, CANS AND PACKETS THROWN DOWN THE DRAINS AND NULLAHS OFTEN CAUSE A BLOCKAGE.

+THE ACCUMULATION OF SUCH WASTES IN STREETS IS ALSO PARTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR FLOODING IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE DISTRICT WHENEVER RAINSTORMS OCCUR,+ HE SAID.

MR WONG NOTED THAT ABOUT 25 000 COMPLAINTS INVOLVING DRAINAGE PROBLEMS IN KOWLOON WERE REPORTED TO THE URBAN DRAINAGE SECTION IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS AND OF THESE 8 000 WERE IN MONG KOK.

+IN VIEW OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE PROBLEM, THE DISTRICT BOARD FELT THAT SOMETHING NEEDED TO BE DONE TO EDUCATE THE RESIDENTS ABOUT THE PROPER WAY TO DISPOSE OF WASTE.

+A LARGE-SCALE PUBLICITY PROJECT WILL BE LAUNCHED, DIRECTED PARTICULARLY TOWARDS OPERATORS OF RESTAURANTS, MARKET STALLS, COOKED FOOD STALLS AND FACTORIES.

+THE CAMPAIGN INVOLVES THE CO-OPERATION OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, URBAN DRAINAGE SECTION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT AND THE MONG KOK BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM,+ HE ADDED.

THERE WILL BE SEMINARS, A QUIZ, VISITS AND COMPETITIONS TO BRING HOME THE MESSAGE TO RESIDENTS.

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APART FROM FOCUSING ON THE DRAINAGE PROBLEM, THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO ORGANISE OTHER REGULAR ACTIVITIES WHICH HAD PROVED EFFECTIVE IN PROMOTING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE PAST.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO HELP TO REMOVE ABANDONED SIGNBOARDS, HOLD CLEAN-UP COMPETITIONS AND CONDUCT BUILDING MANAGEMENT COURSES DURING THE FIVE-MONTH CAMPAIGN.

MORE THAN \$50 000 HAS BEEN EARMARKED FOR THE CAMPAIGN THIS YEAR.

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SEMINARS ON MAC'S, NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME  
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A SEMINAR ON REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT AND THE ROLE OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) EVENING AT THE CHEUNG WAH COMMUNITY HALL, FANLING.

THE SEMINAR, ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, IS THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF SEMINARS ORGANISED FOR 108 MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN THE DISTRICT TO PROMOTE CIVIC AWARENESS.

SPEAKING AT THE SEMINAR WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, MR RAYMOND PANG. A GENERAL DISCUSSION WILL FOLLOW.

ANOTHER SEMINAR, ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME, WILL BE HELD NEXT TUESDAY (AUGUST 19). A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE POLICE COMMUNITY RELATION UNIT, MR CHAN KWOK-WING, WILL SPEAK ABOUT THE SCHEME, WHICH IS AIMED AT COMBATTING BURGLARIES, AND THE PROCEDURE FOR JOINING IT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINARS TO BE HELD TOMORROW AND NEXT TUESDAY (AUGUST 19). THEY WILL BEGIN AT 8.30 PM AT THE CHEUNG WAH COMMUNITY HALL, CHEUNG WAH ESTATE, FANLING.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS SPECIAL BUS SERVICE  
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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE PROVISION OF A SPECIAL BUS SERVICE TO LUNG KWU TAN RESIDENTS AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS SUGGESTIONS ON IMPROVING SERVICES RUNNING BETWEEN THE BUTTERFLY BAY AREA AND SHAM SHUI PO, AND FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TWO MAXICAB ROUTES IN THE DISTRICT.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE SETTING UP A TEMPORARY 24-HOUR RESTRICTION ZONE IN PUI TO ROAD, AND ADDITIONAL BUS SERVICES FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING THE SAINT SIMON SCHOOL AND THE CASTLE PEAK BUDDHIST PRIMARY SCHOOL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING, TO BEGIN TOMORROW AT 10 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

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MEETING ON LION ROCK TUNNEL TRAFFIC  
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THE NEW TERRITORIES EAST INTER-DISTRICT WORKING GROUP WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS THE SUGGESTED PROHIBITION OF SLOW AND HEAVY VEHICLES FROM USING THE LION ROCK TUNNEL.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE SUGGESTED DEPLOYMENT OF AIR-CONDITIONED COACHES ON KMB BUS ROUTES USING LION ROCK TUNNEL AND THE PROGRESS REPORT ON MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE TUNNEL TRAFFIC FLOW.

THEY WILL RESUME DISCUSSION ON PRE-PAID TUNNEL TICKET SCHEMES AND AN AUTO-TOLL SYSTEM FOR LION ROCK TUNNEL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE NEW TERRITORIES EAST INTER-DISTRICT WORKING GROUP MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW AT 2.30 PM AT THE SIXTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, KCR HOUSE.

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CHAIRMAN TO ASSESS PILOT SCHEME IN CLEANING VILLAGE  
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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL-REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE, MR W.M. SULKE, WILL INSPECT MA HANG VILLAGE IN STANLEY ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 13).

MR SULKE WILL ASSESS THE STATE OF CLEANLINESS IN THE VILLAGE WHERE RESIDENTS HAVE THEMSELVES BEEN PERFORMING ALL CLEANSING DUTIES SINCE JULY 1 UNDER A CONTRACT WITH THE URBAN COUNCIL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER-PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE VISIT WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 8.30 AM AT THE VILLAGE ENTRANCE. FOR THOSE WHO REQUIRE TRANSPORT, A UC VAN WILL BE AVAILABLE AT 8 AM AT THE URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EDINBURGH PLACE.

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STUDENTS SHOULD APPLY EARLY FOR UK ENTRY CLEARANCE  
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STUDENTS INTENDING TO STUDY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM SHOULD APPLY FOR ENTRY CLEARANCE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TO AVOID THE SUMMER RUSH.

+COMMONWEALTH CITIZENS MAY, IF THEY WISH, OBTAIN ENTRY CERTIFICATES BEFORE SETTING OUT FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM, IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THEIR ENTRY.

+HOLDERS OF HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY, DOCUMENT OF IDENTITY OR DECLARATION OF IDENTITY FOR VISA PURPOSES MUST HOLD A CURRENT VISA IF THEY WISH TO ENTER THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR ANY PURPOSE,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT STUDENTS ARE ADMITTED FOR UP TO ONE YEAR IN THE FIRST INSTANCE TO FOLLOW A COURSE OF STUDIES AT A UNIVERSITY, A POLYTECHNIC OR FURTHER EDUCATION ESTABLISHMENTS, AN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL OR ANY BONA FIDE PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

THEY MUST BE ENTERING THE UNITED KINGDOM TO SPEND NOT LESS THAN 15 HOURS A WEEK IN ORGANISED DAYTIME STUDIES; AND MUST SHOW THAT THEY CAN MEET THE COST OF THE COURSE, AND THEIR OWN MAINTENANCE; AND THAT THEY HAVE THE INTENTION TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY AFTER COMPLETING THE COURSE.

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THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT A STUDENT APPLICATION, IF SUBMITTED AT THE IMMIGRATION HEADQUARTERS, WILL NORMALLY TAKE THREE WORKING DAYS TO PROCESS. BUT FOR SOME CASES WHICH REQUIRE APPROVAL FROM THE UK AUTHORITIES, THE PROCESSING TIME WILL BE LONGER.

+SUMMER TIME IS THE PEAK SEASON FOR STUDENTS APPLYING FOR VISAS TO STUDY ABROAD. LAST YEAR MORE THAN 4 000 APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED, MANY OF THEM COMING IN SUMMER.

+BY APPLYING EARLY IT WILL NOT ONLY SPREAD THE WORKLOAD OF THE DEPARTMENT BUT ALSO GIVE APPLICANTS EXTRA TIME TO BETTER PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR THE TRIP AHEAD,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO MAKE ENQUIRIES MAY TELEPHONE 3-7333111.

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CFPA INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS

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THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS IS INVITING LOCAL PERFORMING ORGANISATIONS TO APPLY FOR GENERAL SUPPORT GRANTS FOR 1987-88 UNDER THE COUNCIL'S GRANT APPLICATION SCHEME (GAS) 1987.

GENERAL SUPPORT GRANTS ARE AWARDED IN ORDER TO SUBSIDISE THE GRANTEE'S ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS. GRANTS AWARDED UNDER THE GAS 1987 SHOULD BE USED TO HELP COVER COSTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1987-88.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE BONA FIDE, REGISTERED BODIES WHICH ARE REGISTERED CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS OR HAVE CLEARLY STATED NON-PROFIT-MAKING AIMS.

ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED GRANTS FROM THE COUNCIL NOR DEMONSTRATED PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE IN THE PERFORMING ARTS FIELD ARE UNLIKELY TO BE AWARDED GENERAL SUPPORT GRANTS.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS SEPTEMBER 30, 1986. APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, TENTH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED BY CALLING THE COUNCIL SECRETARIAT ON 5-735878, 5-735569 OR 5-735045.

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WATER STORAGE  
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 64.4 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 377.353 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 348.615 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 59.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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FURTHER STAGES IN TRAFFIC DIVERSION SCHEME  
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STAGES TWO AND THREE OF THE TRAFFIC DIVERSION SCHEME RELATING TO THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE INTRODUCED FROM THURSDAY (AUGUST 14) AND THE END OF AUGUST RESPECTIVELY.

THE RECONSTRUCTION, WHICH WILL TAKE THREE YEARS TO COMPLETE, WILL PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC LANE TO THE FLYOVER.

TO MINIMISE DISRUPTION TO TRAFFIC, A THREE-PHASE DIVERSION SCHEME WAS DRAWN UP.

STAGE ONE OF THE SCHEME, WHICH WAS DESIGNED TO MAKE WAY FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF STAGES TWO AND THREE, TOOK EFFECT ON JUNE 26.

WHEN STAGE THREE BEGINS, ONE OF THE THREE LANES OF THE EXISTING FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED FOR DEMOLITION AND THE REMAINING TWO LANES WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

SOME CONGESTION IS EXPECTED DURING THE FIRST FEW DAYS THAT STAGES TWO AND THREE ARE IN EFFECT.

BUT ONCE THE PUBLIC AND RESIDENTS IN THE AREA HAVE BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, THE TRAFFIC FLOW SHOULD BE SMOOTHER.

UNDER THE STAGE TWO ARRANGEMENTS, ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND GREEN MINIBUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT FROM WATERLOO ROAD NORTHBOUND ON TO PUI CHING ROAD EASTBOUND. MOTORISTS HEADING FOR HO MAN TIN CAN USE THE FOLLOWING DIVERSION: WATERLOO ROAD, SOARES AVENUE, ARGYLE STREET, WATERLOO ROAD AND PUI CHING ROAD.

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AS CONGESTION IS EXPECTED, MOTORISTS PROCEEDING TO HONG KONG AND KOWLOON SOUTH ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO USE WYLIE ROAD, WHILE VEHICLES FROM NATHAN ROAD HEADING FOR HONG KONG SHOULD USE GASCOIGNE ROAD INSTEAD.

TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SO AS TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION, ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING LEFT FROM WATERLOO ROAD ON TO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST OR FROM PROCEEDING NORTH TO BOUNDARY STREET. ALL AFFECTED VEHICLES SHOULD USE THE DIVERSION ROUTE FOR STAGE ONE : ARGYLE STREET, KADOORIE AVENUE, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, EMBANKMENT ROAD AND BOUNDARY STREET. HOWEVER, U-TURNING TRAFFIC UNDERNEATH THE WATERLOO ROAD FLYOVER WILL NOT BE AFFECTED.

UNDER THE STAGE THREE ARRANGEMENTS, THE NORTHBOUND LANE ON THE FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED. THE DATE FOR THIS WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

MOTORISTS HEADING FOR KOWLOON TONG AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SHOULD USE THE GROUND LEVEL CARRIAGEWAY OF PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD AND PROCEED NORTH ALONG WATERLOO ROAD. TO ENHANCE SMOOTH TRAFFIC FLOW ALONG THE DIVERSION ROUTE, 7 - 10 AM AND 4 - 7 PM NO STOPPING RESTRICTIONS WILL BE IMPOSED ON WATERLOO ROAD SECTIONS BETWEEN ARGYLE STREET AND PUI CHING ROAD-SOARES AVENUE.

TO EASE TRAFFIC ALONG PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD PARTICULARLY AT ITS JUNCTION WITH ARGYLE STREET, MOTORISTS FROM HONG KONG HEADING FOR KOWLOON WEST AND TSUEN WAN ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO USE THIS ROUTE : CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL INTERCHANGE, GASCOIGNE ROAD, GASCOIGNE ROAD FLYOVER, FERRY STREET, TONG MEI ROAD, LAI CHI KOK ROAD OR GASCOIGNE ROAD, NATHAN ROAD AND LAI CHI KOK ROAD.

MOTORISTS HEADING FOR THE AIRPORT AND KOWLOON EAST SHOULD USE THE EAST KOWLOON WAY.

IN ADDITION, THE NORTHBOUND BUS STOP AT PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD UNDER PUI CHING ROAD FLYOVER FOR CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL ROUTES 103, 113 AND 170 WILL BE SUSPENDED.

MAPS AND SCHEDULES ON GENERAL TRAFFIC AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE DISPLAYED AT STREET NOTICE BOARDS OF THE AFFECTED DISTRICTS. COPIES OF THE MAPS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTERS OF RELEVANT DISTRICT OFFICES.

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