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PATIENTS' ROLE IN DIABETES TREATMENT STRESSED

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PATIENTS' OWN COMMITMENT AND RESPONSIBILITY ARE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS FOR AN EFFECTIVE TREATMENT OF DIABETES, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR S.H. LEE, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE "WORLD DIABETES DAY SEMINAR ON MANAGEMENT OF DIABETES: DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS", DR LEE SAID NEEDLESS TO SAY THE ROLES PLAYED BY MEDICAL AND NURSING PERSONNEL AS WELL AS DIETITIANS IN TREATMENT OF DIABETES WERE IMPORTANT.

"HOWEVER, TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM EFFECTIVENESS, PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES SHOULD CO-OPERATE WITH THE MEDICAL AND NURSING STAFF AND TO EXERCISE SELF-CARE, PARTICULARLY THEIR DIET AND LIFESTYLE."

DR LEE SAID PATIENTS SHOULD FOLLOW THE IMPORTANT RULES ON DIET AND HAVE A BETTER KNOWLEDGE OF THE DISEASE.

HE SAID THE NUMBER OF DIABETICS IN HONG KONG WAS AT PRESENT ESTIMATED AT MORE THAN 200,000 AND MANY OF THEM WERE UNCONSCIOUS OF THE DISEASE.

OF THESE, SOME 10,000 ARE IN HOSPITAL. ALSO ABOUT SIX PER CENT OF THE PEOPLE ATTENDING GOVERNMENT GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINICS HAVE DIABETES.

"THIS IS ONLY SECOND TO HYPERTENSIVE PATIENTS," DR LEE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT DIABETES COULD LEAD TO SERIOUS COMPLICATIONS SUCH AS STROKE, HEART DISEASE, KIDNEY DAMAGE AND BLINDNESS.

THEREFORE, HE STRESSED THAT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DIABETES, PUBLIC EDUCATION WAS MOST IMPORTANT.

HE WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS SEMINARS, TALKS AND EXHIBITIONS ORGANISED PREVIOUSLY ON DIABETES WERE WELL RECEIVED BY THE PUBLIC.

"THIS REFLECTS PUBLIC AND DIABETICS' DESIRE TO HAVE MORE INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE ON THE PREVENTION, CONTROL AND TREATMENT OF THE DISEASE."

TODAY'S SEMINAR WAS ORGANISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUB DISTRICT 303 --- HONG KONG AND MACAU, DIABETES DIVISION OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF ENDOCRINOLOGY, METABOLISM AND REPRODUCTION, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT.

IT WAS AIMED AT EDUCATING THE PUBLIC AND THE DIABETICS ON THE NEED OF PROPER CARE AND TREATMENT TO AVOID LONG-TERM COMPLICATIONS.

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70 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN APRIL

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THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT APPROVED 70 NEW BUILDING PLANS IN APRIL THIS YEAR.

OF THESE, 25 WERE FOR HONG KONG, 20 FOR KOWLOON AND 25 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE APPROVED PLANS INCLUDED 36 FOR APARTMENT, APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS, 12 FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS AND SEVEN FOR FACTORY AND INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 49 PROJECTS, INVOLVING 120,346 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE DOMESTIC FLOOR AREAS AND 212,378.5 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREAS.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS ABOUT \$1,277 MILLION.

USABLE FLOOR AREAS FOR DOMESTIC AND NON-DOMESTIC USES WERE ABOUT 306,745 SQUARE METRES AND ABOUT 567,676 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

IN APRIL, THE OFFICE ISSUED 36 OCCUPATION PERMITS; 16 FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, THREE FOR KOWLOON, AND 17 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, 33 DEMOLITION CONSENTS AFFECTING 78 BUILDINGS WERE ISSUED.

THE CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION RECEIVED 604 COMPLAINTS ON ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS, CARRIED OUT 1,350 INSPECTIONS AND ISSUED 337 REMOVAL ORDERS.

THE DANGEROUS BUILDINGS SECTION INSPECTED 790 BUILDINGS AND OBTAINED 20 EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDERS.

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CSD LAUNCHES PUBLICITY ON "BEATING RETREAT"

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THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (CSD) TODAY (SATURDAY) LAUNCHED A PUBLICITY EXERCISE AT THE SHATIN CENTRE FOR THE CSD SCOUTS' "BEATING RETREAT" PERFORMANCES NEXT MONTH.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CSD AND THE HONG KONG ISLAND 221ST SCOUT GROUP, "BEATING RETREAT" WILL BE HELD AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM ON JULY 23 AND 24.

THE EVENT IS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY CHEST.

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THE MAIN PERFORMERS OF "BEATING RETREAT" ARE TRAINING CENTRE INMATES OF THE HONG KONG ISLAND 221ST SCOUT GROUP WHO WILL DEMONSTRATE THEIR MUSIC TALENT AND MAGNIFICENT MARCHING DISPLAY.

TODAY'S PUBLICITY ACTIVITY INCLUDED A DISPLAY OUTLINING THE SPECIAL FEATURES OF "BEATING RETREAT", HISTORY OF THE HONG KONG ISLAND 221ST SCOUT GROUP, AND VARIOUS SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE SCOUTS.

MEMBERS OF THE SCOUT GROUP WERE ALSO PRESENT TO ENTERTAIN VISITORS WITH THEIR BAND PERFORMANCES.

ADMISSION TICKETS FOR "BEATING RETREAT", AT \$15 EACH, ARE NOW ON SALE AT ALL URBIX OUTLETS.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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	\$ MILLION

OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,688
REVERSAL OF LAF	-1,000 *
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	688
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	NIL
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	688

* LAF TO BE REVERSED ON 29.6.92 +300 MN

LAF RATE 2.50 BID/4.50 OFFER

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