



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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THREE DAY-RESIDENTIAL CENTRES
FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED PLANNED
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THE GOVERNMENT IS ASSISTING VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO SET UP THREE DAY-CUM-RESIDENTIAL CENTRES TO PROVIDE BASIC CARE AND SIMPLE TRAINING MAINLY FOR THE SEVERELY MENTALLY RETARDED ON AN EXPERIMENTAL BASIS, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, SAID THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON.

SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE CITY LIONS CLUB, MR. LEE NOTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A CHANGE IN THE CONCEPT THAT THE SEVERELY RETARDED REQUIRE FULL-TIME MEDICAL CARE SUCH AS THOSE PROVIDED IN THE SIU LAM HOSPITAL.

+THE CURRENT VIEW IS THAT THE MAJORITY OF THOSE IN HOSPITALS DO NOT NEED LONG-TERM MEDICAL CARE. APART FROM A SMALL MINORITY WHO NEED MEDICAL TREATMENT AND NURSING CARE, WHAT THE RETARDED NEED IS CARE, EITHER IN A DAY OR RESIDENTIAL ENVIRONMENT, AND TRAINING, WHICH WILL HELP THEM DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL ABILITY.+

HE POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS THEREFORE CONSIDERED NOT ESSENTIAL TO CONSTRUCT HOSPITALS OF THE SIU LAM TYPE, BUT INSTEAD, A NUMBER OF DAY-CUM-RESIDENTIAL TRAINING CENTRES SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED AS NEAR TO CENTRES OF POPULATION AS POSSIBLE.

THE DIRECTOR SAID THAT TWO OF THESE CENTRES PLANNED WOULD CATER FOR 60 TO 90 MENTALLY RETARDED PERSONS AND ONE FOR A SMALLER NUMBER OF YOUNG ADULTS.

HE STRESSED THAT ADMISSION TO THESE CENTRES WOULD NOT BE RESTRICTED TO THE SEVERELY RETARDED AS SOME MODERATELY RETARDED WITH OTHER PROBLEMS WERE ALSO IN NEED OF SUCH SERVICES.

+THESE CENTRES WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH TEACHING AIDS FOR TRAINING OF THE RETARDED. IN THE CASE OF DAY CENTRES, TRANSPORT FACILITIES MAY BE NEEDED TO CONVEY THEM BETWEEN THE CENTRES AND THEIR HOMES.+

MR. LEE SAID THAT VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS UNDERTAKING TO SET UP THESE CENTRES WOULD BE FULLY SUPPORTED BY THE GOVERNMENT THROUGH GRANTS FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND.

+THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HAS ALSO AGREED TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY ACCOMMODATION IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES. WHEN SUITABLE ACCOMMODATION HAS BEEN FOUND, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THESE CENTRES CAN BE COMPLETED IN A SHORT TIME AS ONLY CONVERSION WORK NEED TO BE DONE, + HE ADDED.

AT PRESENT, MR. LEE SAID THAT SERVICES FOR THE SEVERELY MENTALLY RETARDED WERE CONSIDERED INADEQUATE.

+ALTHOUGH THE EXACT NUMBER IS NOT KNOWN, A JOINT TEAM WITH STAFF OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAD ASSESSED IN 1975 A TOTAL OF 1,386 SEVERELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN. IT IS LIKELY THAT THE ACTUAL NUMBER IS MUCH HIGHER, POSSIBLY REACHING 2,000 +

/THE DIRECTOR

THE DIRECTOR SAID THAT AT PRESENT THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROVIDED FULL-TIME MEDICAL CARE FOR 200 IN THE SIU LAM HOSPITAL, WHILE SUBVENTED ORGANISATIONS PROVIDED AN ADDITIONAL 93 BEDS.

HOWEVER, HE CONTINUED, THERE WERE ALREADY OVER 200 PERSONS WHO HAD BEEN EXAMINED AND CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION INTO THE SIU LAM HOSPITAL AND MORE THAN 500 PERSONS STILL WAITING TO BE ASSESSED.

+THE TURNOVER RATE OF SIU LAM IS LESS THAN 10 PERSONS A YEAR. IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, THERE IS THE EXTENSION OF THE CARITAS MEDICAL CENTRE WHICH, WHEN COMPLETED IN 1978, WILL PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL 300 BEDS,+ HE ADDED.

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GOVERNOR VISITS BUDDING ARTISTS

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, TODAY (THURSDAY) SAW AT FIRST HAND HOW WASTE MATERIALS, SUCH AS OLD NEWSPAPER, BOTTLE TOPS, AND PIECES OF TINFOIL WERE TURNED INTO BEAUTIFUL HANDICRAFT THROUGH THE IMAGINATIVE AND CO-OPERATIVE EFFORTS OF CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN EIGHT AND FOURTEEN.

THESE CHILDREN WERE PARTICIPATING IN THE +JOY IN CREATION+ EVENT WHICH FORMED PART OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION AT THE ST. PAUL'S CONVENT SCHOOL (PRIMARY SECTION).

ON HIS ARRIVAL AT THE SCHOOL, SIR MURRAY WAS GREETED BY MR. CHEUNG WING-IN, CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION= MRS. CHAN WONG SHUI, THE ACTING GENERAL SECRETARY AND THREE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SIR MURRAY WAS FIRST SHOWN AROUND THE COVERED PLAYGROUND WHERE ABOUT 150 CHILDREN, DIVIDED INTO TEAMS OF THREE EACH, WERE ENGAGED IN DEVELOPING +MASTERPIECES+ AROUND A SPECIFIED THEME USING WASTE MATERIALS.

HE THEN PROCEEDED TO THE ASSEMBLY HALL TO INSPECT ABOUT 100 PIECES OF HANDICRAFT MADE BY THE CHILDREN, AND DISCUSSED WITH THE TUTORS PAPER CUTTING, FOAM RUBBER ENGRAVING AND GLASS CUTTING.

ONE OF THE PARTICIPANTS, A LITTLE GIRL, LEUNG MING-WAI, PRESENTED A FOAM RUBBER SEAL TO THE GOVERNOR WITH HIS NAME ENGRAVED IN CHINESE.

BEFORE SAYING GOOD-BYE TO THE BUDDING ARTISTS, THE GOVERNOR PASTED A SEASHELL ON AN +EVERYBODY SHARES BOARD+ WHICH IS TO BE COMPLETED AS A SCENE OF THE DEEP BLUE SEA BY EVERY PARTICIPANT OF THE EVENT IN CONTRIBUTING AN IDEA BY USE OF WASTE MATERIALS.

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GOVERNMENT TO SPEND MORE ON
MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, SAID TODAY THAT GOVERNMENT SPENDING ON MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES WAS CERTAIN TO INCREASE IN THE FUTURE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF AN EXPANDING POPULATION.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NEW EAST KOWLOON POLYCLINIC AT NGAU CHI WAN THIS AFTERNOON, HE SAID THAT AS MEDICAL SCIENCE ADVANCES, THE COSTS OF DRUGS, EQUIPMENT AND MEDICAL FACILITIES GENERALLY HAVE INCREASED GREATLY.

IN THE PRESENT FINANCIAL YEAR, THE GOVERNMENT EXPECTS TO SPEND OVER \$520 MILLION ON MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES.

+AND THIS FIGURE IS CERTAIN TO INCREASE IN THE FUTURE AS OUR HOSPITAL BUILDING PROGRAMMES GO FORWARD AND AS OUR SECOND MEDICAL SCHOOL PRODUCES MORE DOCTORS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF AN EXPANDING POPULATION,+ SIR DENYS SAID.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT THE DEVELOPMENT THROUGHOUT HONG KONG OF A NETWORK OF CLINICS WAS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE MAINTENANCE OF A HIGH STANDARD OF HEALTH IN THE COMMUNITY.

+LARGE NUMBERS OF PATIENTS, WHO WOULD OTHERWISE IMPOSE FURTHER DEMANDS ON OUR CROWDED HOSPITALS, ARE SUCCESSFULLY TREATED IN THEM,+ HE SAID.

+BECAUSE THESE CLINICS ARE LOCATED IN CENTRES OF DENSE POPULATION,+ SAID SIR DENYS, +THEY BRING MEDICAL FACILITIES CLOSER TO THOSE WHO NEED THEM.+

+AN ANNUAL ATTENDANCE AT THESE CLINICS OF OVER FOUR MILLION SHOWS CLEARLY THAT THE PUBLIC GREATLY VALUES THE SERVICES WHICH THEY OFFER,+ HE SAID.

THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. K.L. THONG, ALSO SPOKE OF MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS DURING THE CEREMONY.

HE SAID THE EAST KOWLOON POLYCLINIC WAS THE FIRST OF THE MANY PROJECTS TO BE COMPLETED ACCORDING TO THE MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN WHICH HE HAD DISCLOSED RECENTLY AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

IN THE EAST KOWLOON AREA, HE SAID, A NETWORK OF SIX CLINICS ALREADY EXISTED TO CATER FOR THE GROWING DEMANDS OF SUCH SERVICES IN THIS LOCATION.

+THE PRESENT FACILITIES THUS REPRESENT A FURTHER INCREASE IN THE CLINIC SERVICES WHICH I AM SURE WILL BE WELCOMED BY RESIDENTS IN THIS VICINITY,+ HE SAID.

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STAGE ONE OF THE EAST KOWLOON POLYCLINIC, WHICH NOW COMES INTO OPERATION, CONSISTS OF TWO BUILDINGS — ONE FOR A CHEST CLINIC AND THE OTHER FOR GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINIC WHICH WILL ALSO HOUSE A MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRE.

THE COST OF STAGE ONE IS ABOUT \$4 MILLION, OF WHICH \$1.3 MILLION HAS BEEN DONATED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

CONSTRUCTION OF STAGE TWO WILL BEGIN SOON AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN 1979. WHEN FULLY OPERATIONAL, IT WILL PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION FOR SPECIALIST UNITS SUCH AS MEDICAL, SURGERY, ORTHOPAEDIC, AND PAEDIATRIC.

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FUN FOR TYPHOON SHELTER CHILDREN

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CHILDREN OF THE +FLOATING PEOPLE+ LIVING IN THE CAUSEWAY BAY TYPHOON SHELTER WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY THIS SUMMER IN A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD ON SIX CONSECUTIVE WEEKENDS STARTING FROM THIS SATURDAY (JULY 23).

THE PROGRAMME, SCHEDULED TO BE HELD BETWEEN 2.30 P.M. AND 4.30 P.M. ON SATURDAYS IN THE NORTH PAVILION COMPOUND OF THE VICTORIA PARK, WILL INCLUDE A FUN FAIR, GROUP GAMES, COMPETITIONS, AND A MINI SPORTS MEET.

THE RECREATION PROJECT IS ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S EASTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE AND THE NORTH POINT DISTRICT YOUTH SERVICE GROUPS COUNCIL.

IT IS SPONSORED BY THE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH SCHEME, WHICH SETS OUT TO ENCOURAGE YOUTHS TO PARTICIPATE IN PROJECTS THAT BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY AND AT THE SAME TIME HELP THEM DEVELOP THEIR CHARACTER AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT.

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FINAL DIVIDEND PAY-OUT FROM NEXT TUESDAY TO
CANTON TRUST AND COMMERCIAL BANK CREDITORS
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THE PROGRAMME FOR PAYING THE FOURTH AND FINAL DIVIDEND TO CREDITORS OF THE CANTON TRUST AND COMMERCIAL BANK WILL BEGIN ON TUESDAY (JULY 26).

DEPOSITORS WHO HELD ACCOUNTS AT THE CASTLE PEAK ROAD, LAI CHI KOK ROAD, TAI KOK TSUI AND MONGKOK BRANCHES OF THE DEFUNCT BANK WILL BE PAID THEIR DIVIDENDS IN THE FIRST PART OF THIS PROGRAMME.

THE DIVIDEND DUE TO THE DEPOSITORS MENTIONED ABOVE WILL BE PAID BY CHEQUES FROM THE WHITFIELD BARRACKS PAYMENT CENTRE AT BUILDING NO. N23, TSIM SHA TSUI, UP TO AUGUST 9.

IF A DEPOSITOR, HOWEVER, IS UNABLE TO ATTEND IN PERSON, HE CAN AUTHORISE PAYMENT TO HIS REPRESENTATIVE BY COMPLETING A FORM OF AUTHORITY FOR PAYMENT OF DIVIDEND. COPIES OF THE FORM ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER'S OFFICE, UNITED CHINESE BANK BUILDING, FIFTH FLOOR, 31-37 DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL, AND THE VARIOUS CITY DISTRICT OFFICES.

THE TIME AND DATE AND METHOD OF COLLECTION FOR INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNT HOLDERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS ON SUNDAY (JULY 24).

THOSE WHO HAD ACCOUNTS IN OTHER BRANCHES OF THE BANK ARE REQUESTED TO WAIT FOR FURTHER ADVERTISEMENTS TO BE PUBLISHED ON AUGUST 4 AND AUGUST 16.

THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER AND LIQUIDATOR OF THE BANK, MR. P. JACOBS, HAD EARLIER ANNOUNCED THE FINAL DIVIDEND OF 20.7 CENTS IN THE DOLLAR BRINGING THE TOTAL PAYMENT SINCE THE BANK WAS LIQUIDATED 12 YEARS AGO TO 70.7 CENTS IN THE DOLLAR.

NINE CENTRES, ONE EACH ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND KOWLOON AND SEVEN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE OPENED FOR PAYING THE BANK'S CREDITORS AND THESE CENTRES WILL ALL BE CLOSED BY AUGUST 31, WHEN FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR PAYING THOSE CREDITORS WHO HAVE NOT CLAIMED THEIR DIVIDEND BY THAT DATE.

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