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QUICKER REPLIES TO WATER ENQUIRIES

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS IMPROVING ITS CONSUMER ENQUIRY TELEPHONE SERVICE BY PROVIDING MORE +HOTLINES+ TO COPE WITH INCREASING DEMAND FOR HELP BY CONSUMERS.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR TOM TOMLINSON, SAID THAT STARTING TOMORROW THE NUMBER OF +HOTLINES+ WOULD BE INCREASED FROM THREE TO FIVE.

THE FIVE TELEPHONE LINES OF THE ENQUIRY NUMBER 5-7900222 ARE EQUIPPED WITH A +HUNTING FACILITY+ WHICH CONNECTS CALLS QUICKLY AND CUTS WAITING TIME.

MR TOMLINSON SAID THAT THE ENQUIRY TELEPHONE SERVICE FORMED PART OF A TWO-YEAR DEVELOPMENT SCHEME BEING IMPLEMENTED BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TO FURTHER IMPROVE SERVICES TO ITS 950 000 REGISTERED CONSUMERS.

UNDER THE PLAN, ALL WATER ACCOUNTS ARE TO BE COMPUTERISED BY JUNE NEXT YEAR AND MORE CONSUMER ENQUIRY COUNTERS WILL BE SET UP.

MR TOMLINSON POINTED OUT THAT THE CONSUMER ENQUIRY CENTRE AT LEIGHTON CENTRE HANDLED A TOTAL OF 133 596 CASES DURING THE 12-MONTH PERIOD ENDING MAY THIS YEAR.

OF THESE, 59 256 CASES OR 44.3 PER CENT WERE DEALT WITH BY THE ENQUIRY TELEPHONE SERVICE.

+THE ENQUIRIES CONCERNED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, HIGH CONSUMPTION, CHANGE OF CONSUMERSHIP AND MAILING ADDRESS, REQUEST FOR DUPLICATE WATER ACCOUNT, DISCONNECTION OF WATER SUPPLY AND WATER DEPOSIT,+ HE ADDED.

MR TOMLINSON URGED CONSUMERS TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE TELEPHONE AND COUNTER SERVICES SHOULD THEY HAVE ANY PROBLEM WITH THEIR WATER ACCOUNTS AND WATER SUPPLIES.

THESE SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE FROM 8.15 AM TO 12.30 PM AND FROM 1.30 PM TO 4.45 PM ON WEEKDAYS, AND FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON ON SATURDAYS.

IN ADDITION, ROUND-THE-CLOCK FAULT REPORTING AND EMERGENCY SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE AT FIVE TECHNICAL COMPLAINTS CENTRES STRATEGICALLY LOCATED ON HONG KONG ISLAND, IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THESE CENTRES ARE 5-726311 (HONG KONG ISLAND)= 3-960210 AND 3-960219 (KOWLOON) (BETWEEN 8.30 AM AND 10 PM DAILY) OR 3-948261 (OUTSIDE THESE HOURS)= 12-900322 (FANLING)= 12-662368 (TAI PO) AND 12-762626 (YUEN LONG).

TODAY, ON THE EVE OF INTRODUCTION OF ADDITIONAL LINES, MR TOMLINSON PAID A VISIT TO THE CONSUMER ENQUIRY CENTRE AT LEIGHTON CENTRE TO SEE FOR HIMSELF THE NEWLY INSTALLED EQUIPMENT. HE ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO CONSUMERS ABOUT THEIR PROBLEMS.

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COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS LEAVES FOR REHABILITATION CONGRESS
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THE COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR THOMAS GARNER, WILL LEAVE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO ATTEND THE 14TH WORLD CONGRESS OF REHABILITATION INTERNATIONAL TO BE HELD IN WINNIPEG, CANADA FROM JUNE 22 TO 27.

MR GARNER HAS BEEN INVITED TO ORGANISE A SPECIAL INTEREST SESSION DURING THE CONGRESS ON +DRUG ADDICTION REHABILITATION+ AND WILL PRESENT A PAPER ON AN EVALUATION OF THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT'S DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT PROGRAMME.

HE WILL ALSO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS IN WINNIPEG ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES.

ON THE WAY TO WINNIPEG, HE WILL STOP AT VANCOUVER AT THE INVITATION OF ITS DIRECTOR OF DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAMME TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ALCOHOL AND DRUG COMMISSION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

BEFORE RETURNING TO HONG KONG, MR GARNER WILL VISIT THE UNITED NATIONS ASIA AND FAR EAST INSTITUTE ON THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS IN JAPAN. AT THE INVITATION OF THE DIRECTOR, HE WILL TALK TO THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE INSTITUTE'S 55TH INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COURSE AND PRESENT A PAPER ON +PRISONER CLASSIFICATION AND CATEGORISATION+.

HE WILL ALSO GIVE A SPECIAL LECTURE TO STUDENTS OF RYUKOKU UNIVERSITY IN KYOTO ON THE SAME SUBJECT.

MR GARNER WILL BE ACCOMPANIED ON THE TRIP BY TWO SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT, SUPERINTENDENT WU CHUN-KAN AND SUPERINTENDENT PI WING-LEE.

DURING HIS ABSENCE, MR TOM ECOB WILL ACT AS THE COMMISSIONER.

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ADVICE ON HEALTH MEASURES IN SUMMER
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY ADVISED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO TAKE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AGAINST CHOLERA AND OTHER GASTRO-INTESTINAL DISEASES COMMONLY ASSOCIATED WITH WARM WEATHER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE MOST EFFECTIVE OF THESE WAS TO OBSERVE PERSONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE -- CLEAN FOOD, CLEAN WATER, WASHING HANDS BEFORE MEALS AND AFTER VISITS TO TOILET.

AT THE SAME TIME, BOTH THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT ARE STEPPING UP ALL POSSIBLE MEASURES AGAINST THE OUTBREAK OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES WHICH ARE PREVALENT IN SUMMER.

THE SPOKESMAN WARNED THAT ALTHOUGH THERE HAD BEEN NO CHOLERA CASES IN HONG KONG SINCE AUGUST 1978, THE PUBLIC MUST CONTINUE TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS AGAINST OCCURRENCE OF THE DISEASE IN VIEW OF ITS CONTINUING PRESENCE IN THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN REGION.

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THEY MUST BE EXTRA CAREFUL IN THEIR CHOICE OF FOOD AND DRINK AS CHOLERA AND OTHER DIARRHOEA DISEASES ARE SPREAD THROUGH CONTAMINATED FOOD AND WATER, HE SAID.

ALL TYPES OF FOOD SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY COOKED AND IF NOT TAKEN IMMEDIATELY SHOULD NOT BE LEFT IN THE OPEN AND EXPOSED TO CONTAMINATION, HE STRESSED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT INOCULATION OF ANTI-CHOLERA VACCINE BY ITSELF WOULD ONLY GIVE PARTIAL PROTECTION TO THE INDIVIDUAL.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID THAT THE INCIDENCE OF INFLUENZA WAS STILL WITHIN NORMAL RANGE OF FLUCTUATION AND THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT VARIATION IN THE DISEASE PATTERN.

HE URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO TAKE CARE DURING THE HOT SEASON IN ORDER TO MINIMISE THE CHANCES OF CONTRACTING THE DISEASE.

+PEOPLE SHOULD AVOID CROWDED PLACES AS FAR AS PRACTICABLE AND IF TAKEN ILL SHOULD CONSULT A DOCTOR AND HAVE PLENTY OF BED REST,+ HE SAID.

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BETTER BUS SERVICES IN ABERDEEN

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A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED THAT A NEW BUS ROUTE AND IMPROVEMENTS TO TWO EXISTING ROUTES HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED TODAY BY THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY TO PROVIDE BETTER SERVICES IN THE ABERDEEN AREA.

THE NEW ROUTE, NO. 90M, IS THE FIRST TO CONNECT AP LEI CHAU WITH CENTRAL DISTRICT.

IT RUNS FROM AP LEI CHAU ESTATE TO ADMIRALTY MTR STATION (WEST) VIA WONG CHUK HANG, HAPPY VALLEY, MORRISON HILL ROAD AND HENNESSY ROAD AT A 15 MINUTE FREQUENCY AT PEAK HOURS. THE FARE IS \$1.

ON SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS THE ROUTE ALSO SERVES OCEAN PARK BETWEEN 9 AM AND 7 PM.

FURTHERMORE, FROM TODAY, THE EXISTING CMB ROUTE 70M IS EXTENDED FROM ABERDEEN TO SHEK PAI WAN ESTATE, WHILE THE CARRYING CAPACITY OF ROUTE 37 TO AND FROM CHI FU FA YUEN IS INCREASED AT PEAK PERIODS FROM 960 TO 1 200 PASSENGERS PER HOUR. THE FREQUENCY OF THIS SERVICE IS INCREASED FROM EVERY SEVEN TO EIGHT MINUTES TO EVERY SIX MINUTES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THESE IMPROVEMENTS SHOULD CONSIDERABLY HELP TRAVEL TO AND FROM THE ABERDEEN AREA, AND FOLLOWED CLOSELY ON ANOTHER BUS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME INTRODUCED IN THE WAH FU AREA ON MAY 1.

ALTOGETHER 28 ADDITIONAL BUSES HAVE BEEN PUT INTO SERVICE UNDER THESE SCHEMES.

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RECORD NUMBER OF AMBULANCE CALLS

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THE AMBULANCE COMMAND OF THE FIRE SERVICES EXPERIENCED ITS BUSIEST DAY ON RECORD ANSWERING AN AVERAGE OF ONE CALL EVERY 1.77 MINUTES IN THE 24-HOUR PERIOD ENDED AT MIDNIGHT LAST (WEDNESDAY) NIGHT.

THE COMMAND ANSWERED A TOTAL OF 811 CALLS. OF THESE, 625 WERE FOR EMERGENCY AND 186 FOR NON-EMERGENCY SERVICES.

THE PREVIOUS RECORD SET IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR WAS 752 CALLS, AN AVERAGE OF ONE IN EVERY 1.9 MINUTES.

COMMENTING ON THIS RECORD NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR HELP IN A SINGLE DAY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE SERVICES SAID THE DEMAND FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE WAS ON THE INCREASE EVERY YEAR.

HE SAID IN 1979 THE AMBULANCE COMMAND ANSWERED A TOTAL OF 199 152 CALLS. THIS WAS AGAIN 25 336 CALLS MORE THAN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

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CANTONESE OPERA SHOW AT YUEN LONG

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YUEN LONG DISTRICT ARTS COMMITTEE WILL STAGE A CANTONESE OPERA ON SATURDAY (JUNE 21) TO CELEBRATE COMPLETION OF ITS THIRD CANTONESE OPERA CLASS.

TAKING PART IN THE OPERA WILL BE 40 MEMBERS OF THE CLASS, LED BY TUTORS. APART FROM PERFORMING, THEY WILL ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR STAGE WORK.

THE MEMBERS, WHO INCLUDE SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, TEACHERS, CLERKS AND FACTORY WORKERS, HAVE BEEN LEARNING THE ART OF CANTONESE OPERA FOR UP TO THREE YEARS. SUBJECTS TAUGHT IN THE CLASS INCLUDE SINGING, ACTING, MARTIAL ARTS AND WORK ON AND BEHIND THE STAGE. AMONG THE INSTRUCTORS IS WELL-KNOWN CANTONESE OPERA STAR, MISS LEE KUI-ON.

THE CLASS IS SUPPORTED FINANCIALLY BY YUEN LONG DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, WHICH HAS ALLOCATED \$25 000 FOR 1980/81 TO MEET THE COSTS OF EMPLOYING TUTORS AND STAGING PERFORMANCES.

A MEMBER OF THE ARTS COMMITTEE, MR WALLY NG, SAID THE CLASSES HAD BEEN WELL-RECEIVED IN YUEN LONG. ABOUT 70 YOUNG PEOPLE JOINED WHEN THEY WERE FIRST STARTED IN 1977 AND THIS NUMBER HAD GROWN TO OVER 80 LAST YEAR.

+BESIDES PROVIDING TRAINING, REGULAR SHOWS ARE STAGED,+ MR NG SAID.

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+WHENEVER THE CLASS GIVES A PERFORMANCE, TICKETS ARE ALL VERY QUICKLY TAKEN UP.+

THE CANTONESE OPERA CLASS STARTS EVERY YEAR IN SEPTEMBER AND ENDS THE FOLLOWING JUNE. TRAINING SESSIONS ARE HELD ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS IN A LOCAL SCHOOL. MR NG SAID THOSE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CLASS STARTING NEXT SEPTEMBER SHOULD APPLY TO YUEN LONG DISTRICT ARTS COMMITTEE IN AUGUST WHEN RECRUITMENT WOULD BEGIN.

ADMISSION TO SATURDAY'S PERFORMANCE, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HALL OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK SECONDARY SCHOOL, YUEN LONG, IS FREE.

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KCR INVITES TENDERS FOR CABLE DUCT

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE SUPPLY AND LAYING OF PRECAST CONCRETE TROUGH UNITS AND ANCILLARY WORKS TO FORM A CABLE ROUTE ALONG THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

THE TROUGH WILL BE USED TO HOLD NEW SIGNALLING, POWER AND TELECOMMUNICATION CABLES FOR THE RESIGNALLING AND TELECOMMUNICATION PART OF THE OVERALL KCR MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION SCHEME.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED BY THE KCR CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE IN ASSOCIATION WITH TRANSMARK, THE OVERSEAS CONSULTANCY BODY OF BRITISH RAILWAYS.

CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE OFFICE.

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STUDENTS SHOW SUPPLEMENTARY READING PROJECTS

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PRIZES AND SOUVENIRS WILL BE PRESENTED TO SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO TOOK PART IN A CHINESE SUPPLEMENTARY READING SCHEME IN A CEREMONY TO BE HELD THIS SATURDAY (JUNE 21).

MRS LOUISE MOK, DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY IN CLEMENTI MIDDLE SCHOOL IN NORTH POINT.

AN EXHIBITION OF THE BEST WORKS IN THE SCHEME AND PERFORMANCES BY STUDENTS TO ILLUSTRATE THE WORKS WILL BE HELD AFTER THE CEREMONY.

ON DISPLAY WILL BE BOOK REPORTS, NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS, BOOK COVER DESIGNS, SCRIPT RE-WRITES, AND DESIGN PROJECTS.

THE AIM OF THE EXHIBITION IS TO PROMOTE CHINESE SUPPLEMENTARY READING SCHEMES IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AND TO PROVIDE TEACHERS WITH MORE REFERENCE MATERIAL TO HELP THEM CONDUCT SIMILAR SCHEMES AMONG STUDENTS.

FIVE SCHOOLS TOOK PART IN THE SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE CHINESE SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE. THEY ARE BELILIOUS PUBLIC SCHOOL, HEEP YUNN SCHOOL, CLEMENTI MIDDLE SCHOOL, SHENG KUNG HUI TANG SHIU KIN SECONDARY SCHOOL AND HONG KONG CHINESE WOMEN'S CLUB COLLEGE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

REHABILITATION DAY FOR THE DISABLED IN KWUN TONG

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WILL TOMORROW (FRIDAY) HOLD A JOINT +REHABILITATION DAY+ FOR DISABLED TRAINEES, STUDENTS AND WORKERS FROM 11 REHABILITATION INSTITUTIONS IN KWUN TONG.

THE +REHABILITATION DAY+, FEATURING SPORTS EVENTS SUCH AS BASKETBALL, WHEELCHAIR RACE AND MINI-GOLF, IS AIMED AT PROMOTING RECREATION FOR THE DISABLED, AND THE WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

THE EVENT WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY A COMMUNITY LEADER, MR YEUNG CHUN-KAM- THE KWUN TONG CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, MR DAVID TSUI, AND THE EAST KOWLOON REGIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MR KHOO TAI-PIN.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AND THE +REHABILITATION DAY+ WHICH WILL START AT 9.30 AM AT THE KWUN TONG RECREATION GROUND IN TSUI PING ROAD NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH KWUN TONG ROAD.

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PLB RESTRICTIONS

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PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTIONS ON TWO ROADS IN SHA TIN WILL BE LIFTED WHILE RESTRICTIONS WILL BE IMPOSED ON TWO STREETS IN TIN WAN, ABERDEEN FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JUNE 23).

THE RESTRICTIONS IN SHA TIN ARE AT LEK YUEN AND WO CHE ESTATES AND ARE APPLIED TO SECTIONS OF ROAD P2 AND ROAD P6.

THE PROHIBITED ZONES TO BE INTRODUCED IN TIN WAN ARE ON HING WO STREET AND KA WO STREET.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP AT THESE PLACES TO GUIDE PLB DRIVERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PRESENTATION OF WORK SAFETY CERTIFICATES

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THE CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE FIRST INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH TRAINING COURSE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE POLYTECHNIC'S CONFERENCE ROOM (L 409) ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF ITS LIBRARY BUILDING AT 4.30 PM. THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR J.N. HENDERSON WILL PRESENT CERTIFICATES TO MIDDLE-MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE ONE-YEAR PART-TIME TRAINING COURSE.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND.

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