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HONG KONG DECLARES CHOLERA FREE  
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY DECLARED THAT HONG KONG IS NO LONGER A CHOLERA INFECTED AREA.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID NO FURTHER CASES OF CHOLERA HAVE BEEN FOUND SINCE THE CONFIRMATION OF THE LAST CASE ON AUGUST 3 AND THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF CONTROL MEASURES.

HE SAID: +IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION REGULATIONS AN INFECTED AREA IS CONSIDERED FREE FROM INFECTION WHEN THERE IS NO FURTHER CASE REPORTED DURING A PERIOD WHICH IS EQUAL TO AT LEAST TWICE THE INCUBATION PERIOD OF THE DISEASE SINCE THE LAST CASE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED. THE INCUBATION PERIOD OF CHOLERA IS FIVE DAYS.+

HOWEVER, THE SPOKESMAN URGED THE PUBLIC TO CONTINUE OBSERVING THE RULES OF PERSONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE, WHICH HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY W.H.O. EXPERTS AS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY OF PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF CHOLERA AS WELL AS OTHER GASTRO-INTESTINAL DISEASES.

THE LAST CASE OF CHOLERA INVOLVED AN 89-YEAR-OLD WOMAN FROM TO KWA WAN IN KOWLOON, WHO WAS ADMITTED TO PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL ON AUGUST 3.

SHE HAS SINCE RECOVERED AND WAS DISCHARGED FROM THE HOSPITAL YESTERDAY.

IT WAS THE SECOND CASE OF CHOLERA DETECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT THIS YEAR. THE FIRST CAME TO LIGHT ON JULY 20 INVOLVING A 54-YEAR-OLD MAN FROM TSING YI ISLAND WHO HAD DIED OF A HEART CONDITION.

UNTIL THE DISCOVERY OF THESE TWO CASES, HONG KONG HAD BEEN FREE FROM CHOLERA SINCE 1969.

THE SPOKESMAN WARNED THAT IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUING PRESENCE OF CHOLERA IN THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN REGION THE RISK OF THE DISEASE OF REAPPEARING IN HONG KONG REMAINS.

+THEREFORE, THE PUBLIC IS STRONGLY ADVISED TO CONTINUE TAKING ALL PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES, PARTICULARLY IN THE CHOICE OF FOOD AND DRINK AND IN THE PREPARATION OF FOOD,+ HE SAID.

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LAST LEGCO MEETING FOR  
1977-78 SESSION TOMORROW  
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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON. PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, WILL MOVE A NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS TO THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1978 IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) — THE LAST TO BE HELD FOR THE COUNCIL'S 1977-78 SESSION.

THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, THE HON. LEWIS DAVIES, WILL TABLE THE REPORT OF THE UMELCO POLICE GROUP FOR THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1977 TO APRIL 30, 1978.

DURING QUESTION TIME, UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL RAISE 16 QUESTIONS ON VARIOUS MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST.

THE HON. WONG LAM WILL ASK WHAT STEPS THE GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE TO ENFORCE MORE VIGOROUSLY TRAFFIC REGULATIONS SUCH AS SPEEDING AND OVER-TAKING ON TUEN MUN ROAD IN VIEW OF THE ALARMING FREQUENCY OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS OCCURRING ALONG THIS HIGHWAY.

THE HON. SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG, WILL ASK WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONSIDER EXTENDING THE PRESENT MAXIMUM VALIDITY PERIOD OF HONG KONG DRIVING LICENCES FROM THREE YEARS TO 10 YEARS, THUS BRINGING IT INTO LINE WITH THAT OF PASSPORTS.

THE HON. LYDIA DUNN WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO LODGE THE +STRONGEST POSSIBLE PROTEST+ WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND EXPRESS HONG KONG'S RESENTMENT OVER A STATEMENT MADE BY THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDUSTRY IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON JULY 24 THAT HONG KONG WORKERS ARE GREATLY EXPLOITED AND THAT HONG KONG HAS NEITHER HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK LEGISLATION NOR AN EMPLOYMENT PROTECTION ORDINANCE.

THE HON. HILTON CHEONG-LEEN WILL ASK IF THE PAY STRUCTURE AND OTHER CONDITIONS OF SERVICE OF THE POLICE FORCE ARE CONSIDERED ADEQUATE AND REASONABLE IN RELATION TO THE OVERALL PAY STRUCTURE OF THE CIVIL SERVICE AND IF THERE ARE ANY AREAS WHERE IMPROVEMENTS ARE DESIRABLE AND ARE BEING LOOKED INTO.

ON EDUCATION ON THE OUTLYING ISLANDS, THE HON. CHARLES YEUNG WILL ASK IF THE GOVERNMENT WILL PROVIDE THE GROWING STUDENT POPULATION ON LANTAU ISLAND WITH SUFFICIENT SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO SAVE THEM FROM TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOLS SITUATED ON HONG KONG ISLAND OR IN KOWLOON.

OTHER QUESTIONS TO BE RAISED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS CONCERN LITTER OFFENCES, RECRUITMENT OF CHILD CARE WORKERS AND SUPERVISORS, SPEECH THERAPY TRAINING AND SMALL FACTORY UNITS.

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DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE TO ATTEND  
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN JERUSALEM  
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, WILL ATTEND THE +19TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL WELFARE+ TO BE HELD IN JERUSALEM, ISRAEL, NEXT WEEK.

MR. LEE, WHO IS NOW ON LEAVE, WILL FLY ON TO ISRAEL WHERE HE WILL JOIN 25 OTHER HONG KONG DELEGATES ATTENDING THE BIENNIAL CONFERENCE.

THE EIGHT-DAY CONFERENCE STARTING FROM AUGUST 20 WILL CARRY THE THEME +HUMAN WELL-BEING - CHALLENGES FOR THE 80'S - SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ACTION+.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONFERENCE, HONG KONG WILL BE TAKING PART IN AN EXHIBITION TO ILLUSTRATE THE MANY ACHIEVEMENTS IN VARIOUS SOCIAL SERVICES, INCLUDING SOCIAL WELFARE, HOUSING, EDUCATION AND MEDICAL SERVICES HERE.

ORGANISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WELFARE (ICSW), THE CONFERENCE PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON POLICY DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

THIS YEAR, THE CONFERENCE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE AGENCY VISITS, A BOOK FAIR, FILM SHOWS AND DISCUSSION SESSIONS ON TOPICS SUCH AS PHYSIOLOGICAL AND MATERIAL NEEDS AS WELL AS RESEARCH AND EVALUATION IN THE FIELDS OF WELFARE SERVICES.

BEFORE THE ICSW CONFERENCE, A NUMBER OF THE HONG KONG DELEGATES, WHO COMPRISE PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS FROM THE GOVERNMENT, THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, THE UNIVERSITIES AND VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES, WILL ALSO BE ATTENDING THE +INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF SCHOOLS OF SOCIAL WORK+ FROM AUGUST 14 TO AUGUST 19, TO BE HELD ALSO IN JERUSALEM.

A PERMANENT WORLD ORGANISATION FOR INDIVIDUALS AND AGENCIES CONCERNED WITH SOCIAL WELFARE, THE ICSW ORGANISES INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES EVERY TWO YEARS IN DIFFERENT CITIES OF THE WORLD.

HONG KONG IN THE PAST HAS BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THESE CONFERENCES.

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LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER IN PERSON  
FOR 1979 URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS  
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PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT YET REGISTERED AS VOTERS IN NEXT YEAR'S URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS WILL BE ABLE TO DO SO IN PERSON DURING THE TWO WEEKS STARTING TOMORROW (AUGUST 16).

APPLICATIONS HAVE TO BE MADE IN PERSON AT THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE, 7TH FLOOR, KA CHEONG BUILDING, 4, SUNNING ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

AT THE SAME TIME THE PROVISIONAL REGISTER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AND OBJECTION MAY BE MADE TO THE INCLUSION OF ANY NAME ON THE REGISTER.

OFFICIALS WILL ALSO ACCEPT REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO CHANGE POLLING STATIONS.

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OVER 1,000 YOUNG PEOPLE JOIN APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME  
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MORE THAN 1,000 YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE LAST MONTH TAKEN UP CRAFT AND TECHNICIAN APPRENTICESHIPS WHICH WERE PUBLICISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S TRAINING COUNCIL DIVISION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THERE WERE STILL SEVERAL HUNDRED MORE VACANCIES FOR APPRENTICES IN HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR INDUSTRIES, AND ANY OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE INTERESTED IN THE JOBS SHOULD APPLY AT THE DIVISION'S OFFICE ON THE 12TH FLOOR OF ASIAN HOUSE, NO. 1 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

THE VACANCIES ARE IN AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS AND SERVICING, BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING, CLOTHING, ELECTRICAL WORK, ELECTRONICS, MACHINE SHOP AND METAL WORKING, PLASTICS, PRINTING, SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIRS, AND TEXTILES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S TRAINING COUNCIL DIVISION RUNS A YEAR-ROUND APPRENTICE PLACEMENT SERVICE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WISH TO PURSUE A CAREER IN INDUSTRY THROUGH AN APPRENTICESHIP.

THE ENTRY REQUIREMENT FOR CRAFT APPRENTICESHIP IS COMPLETION OF FORM 3 SCHOOLING, AND FOR TECHNICIAN APPRENTICESHIP IT IS COMPLETION OF FORM 5 WITH PASSES IN FOUR RELEVANT SUBJECTS IN THE CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION.

THE DURATION OF AN APPRENTICESHIP IS USUALLY FOUR YEARS AND IN THIS PERIOD THE APPRENTICE IS GIVEN PLANNED PRACTICAL ON-THE-JOB TRAINING AND, AT THE SAME TIME, AN OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND RELATED TECHNICAL EDUCATION ON A PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE BASIS AT A TECHNICAL INSTITUTION.

ON COMPLETION OF THE APPRENTICESHIP, THE APPRENTICE IS AWARDED A CERTIFICATE WHICH SERVES AS A YARDSTICK OF HIS COMPETENCE IN THE TRADE OR OCCUPATION HE IS ENGAGED IN.

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OPENING OF C.D.O. SUB-OFFICE AT LAM TIN  
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THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT WILL OPEN A CITY DISTRICT OFFICE'S SUB-OFFICE AT LAM TIN IN KWUN TONG AS PART OF ITS EFFORTS TO PROVIDE MORE COMMUNITY SERVICES TO RESIDENTS.

THE NEW LAM TIN SUB-OFFICE, WHICH OPENS TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), IS LOCATED AT THE GROUND FLOOR OF BLOCK 17, LAM TIN ESTATE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 3-404855. ITS OFFICE HOURS ARE FROM 9 A.M. TO 5.30 P.M. MONDAY TO FRIDAY AND FROM 9 A.M. TO NOON ON SATURDAY.

THE SUB-OFFICE, LIKE OTHER C.D.O. BRANCHES, WILL PROVIDE A FULL RANGE OF SERVICES TO ITS RESIDENTS, INCLUDING PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATION OF STATUTORY DECLARATIONS.

THE POPULATION TO BE SERVED BY THE SUB-OFFICE IS WELL OVER 105,000 PEOPLE AND THEY INCLUDE THOSE FROM LAM TIN ESTATE, LEI YUE MUN ROAD ESTATE AND THE FIVE SQUATTER AREAS IN THE DISTRICT.

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DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED  
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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON CHEUNG KWAN-SANG ON OCTOBER 1, 1976, BE COMMUTED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT. CHEUNG'S CO-DEFENDANT, WONG KAM-MING, IS AWAITING THE DECISION OF AN APPEAL TO THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

BOTH CHEUNG AND WONG WERE FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER ON DECEMBER 28, 1975, OF LAM SHING IN A MUSIC PARLOUR AT NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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WATER CUT IN TSUEN WAN  
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN TSUEN WAN, THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE STOPPED FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT THURSDAY (AUGUST 17) TO 6 A.M. ON FRIDAY TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY TAI WO HAU ROAD, WO TONG TSUI STREET, KWAI CHUNG ROAD, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, KIN HONG STREET AND YIU WING STREET INCLUDING BLOCK NOS. 1 TO 5 OF KWAI CHUNG FACTORY.

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