



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST DISEASES IN SUMMER  
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY ADVISED THAT WITH THE APPROACH OF THE SUMMER SEASON THE PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AGAINST CHOLERA AND OTHER GASTRO-INTESTINAL DISEASES COMMONLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE WARM WEATHER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE MOST EFFECTIVE PREVENTION METHOD IS THE STRICT OBSERVANCE OF PERSONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE — CLEAN FOOD, CLEAN WATER, WASHING HANDS BEFORE MEALS AND AFTER VISITS TO TOILETS.

HE WARNED THAT ALTHOUGH THERE HAD BEEN NO LOCAL CASES OF CHOLERA SINCE 1969 THE PUBLIC MUST CONTINUE TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS AGAINST THE OUTBREAK OF CHOLERA WHICH IS ALREADY IN EVIDENCE IN SOME NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES.

+PERSONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANLINESS IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL IF HONG KONG IS TO REMAIN FREE FROM CHOLERA THIS YEAR,+ HE STRESSED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID BOTH THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAVE INTENSIFIED VARIOUS PREVENTIVE MEASURES, SUCH AS INSPECTING AIRCRAFT AND VESSELS COMING FROM INFECTED AREAS AND REGULAR CHECKS ON THE HYGIENIC STANDARD OF LOCAL FOOD STALLS AND RESTAURANTS.

IN ADDITION, THE TESTING OF NIGHT SOIL AND STOOL CULTURES OF SAMPLES OF ALL CASES OF DIARRHOEA HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT SO THAT ANY SUSPECTED CASES OF CHOLERA WHICH COME TO LIGHT ARE IMMEDIATELY ISOLATED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THERE IS SUFFICIENT STOCK OF ANTI-CHOLERA VACCINE FOR PEOPLE WHO WANT IT, AND ISOLATION FACILITIES ARE ADEQUATE TO DEAL WITH EMERGENCY SITUATION.

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

+EXPERIENCE AND RESEARCH HAVE SHOWN THAT THE MOST RELIABLE AND EFFECTIVE MEASURES ARE TO ENSURE CLEANLINESS IN THE PREPARATION AND CONSUMPTION OF FOOD AND WATER, AND GOOD PERSONAL HYGIENE,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED THE PUBLIC TO BE EXTRA CAUTIOUS IN THEIR CHOICE OF FOOD AND DRINK AS CHOLERA IS SPREAD THROUGH CONTAMINATED FOOD AND WATER.

+IMPROPERLY COOKED FOOD CAN CAUSE INFECTION, WHILE PROPERLY COOKED FOOD CANNOT. THEREFORE, ALL TYPES OF FOOD MUST BE THOROUGHLY COOKED AND IF IT IS NOT TAKEN IMMEDIATELY IT SHOULD NOT BE LEFT IN THE OPEN AND EXPOSED TO CONTAMINATION,+ HE SAID.

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THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THESE PROTECTIVE MEASURES ARE EFFECTIVE NOT ONLY AGAINST CHOLERA BUT OTHER INTESTINAL DISEASES SUCH AS TYPHOID AND DYSENTERY.

+PEOPLE GET CHOLERA BY TAKING IN THE VIBRIO CARRIED FROM THE WASTE OF INFECTIOUS PERSONS TO EXPOSED FOOD AND WATER, AND FLIES AID IN THE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE,+ HE ADDED.

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#### NT VILLAGE STREET LIGHTING SCHEME

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL ADDRESS A GATHERING AT A SWITCH-ON CEREMONY TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO MARK THE COMPLETION OF THE FIRST VILLAGE STREET LIGHTING SCHEME IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE \$76,000 SCHEME IN MUI WO, THE FIRST OF THE SEVEN LIGHTING PROJECTS FOR VARIOUS RURAL AREAS, WAS COMPLETED LAST MARCH TO SERVE THE TWIN VILLAGES OF TAI TEI TONG AND LUK TEI TONG ON LANTAU ISLAND.

THE CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT 6.30 P.M. AT TAI TEI TONG VILLAGE.

ALSO OFFICIATING WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF HEUNG YEE KUK, MR. CHAN YAT-SAN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN MR. CHEUNG YAN-LUNG AND MR. TSANG LIN.

A LION DANCE ORGANISED BY THE LOCAL RURAL COMMITTEE WILL PRECEDE THE SWITCH-ON CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE PERFORMED BY MR. CHAN.

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#### NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENT MARKING THE OPENING OF THE FIRST VILLAGE STREET LIGHTING SCHEME IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TOMORROW. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. A BOAT +CHOP YAT+ WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 4.30 P.M. TOMORROW FOR MUI WO AND RETURN AFTER THE CEREMONY FINISHES AT ABOUT 7.30 P.M.

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TAX EXEMPTION RATE ON SAVINGS INTEREST RAISED

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT THE MAXIMUM RATE OF INTEREST PAYABLE BY THE GOVERNMENT AND LICENSED BANKS WHICH IS EXEMPTED FROM INTEREST TAX HAS BEEN RAISED FROM 1-3/4 PER CENT TO 2-1/4 PER CENT WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY (MONDAY).

THE EXCHANGE BANKS' ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCED ON APRIL 27 THAT THE RATE OF INTEREST PAYABLE ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS WOULD BE RAISED ALSO WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY, AND THE INCREASE IN THE TAX EXEMPTION LIMIT FOLLOWS THAT CHANGE.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SHA TIN AND KWUN TONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT A NEW SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD BETWEEN LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD AND SHA TIN BYPASS ROAD WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 3).

WITH EFFECT FROM THE SAME TIME, AN URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION WILL BE IMPOSED ON THE SAME SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD BETWEEN 7 A.M. AND MIDNIGHT DAILY.

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS AND LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS ALONG THIS SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD DURING THE RESTRICTED PERIOD.

THE DEPARTMENT ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT TING ON STREET BETWEEN TING FU STREET AND KWUN TONG ROAD IN KWUN TONG WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, EXCEPT THOSE REQUIRING ACCESS TO THE STREET, BETWEEN 9 P.M. AND 6 A.M. DAILY FROM WEDNESDAY (MAY 3) TO SATURDAY (MAY 6) TO FACILITATE MTR CONSTRUCTION WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE PERIODS THE PRESENT ONE-WAY TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE NORTHBOUND DIRECTION IN TING ON STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP IN THESE AREAS TO ASSIST MOTORISTS.

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN HOLLYWOOD ROAD WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT THURSDAY (MAY 4) TO FACILITATE A WASTE DETECTION TEST.

PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE 127 TO 133 AND 84 TO 130 HOLLYWOOD ROAD INCLUDING THE POLICE PRIMARY SCHOOL, 1 TO 51 GOUGH STREET AND 1 TO 13 SHING WONG STREET.

ALSO, THE SALT WATER SUPPLY TO PART OF THE MID-LEVELS WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 9 A.M. ON FRIDAY (MAY 5) TO FACILITATE A WASTE DETECTION TEST.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY SEYMOUR ROAD, CASTLE ROAD, 119 TO 147C AND 92 TO 142A CAINE ROAD, 19 TO 21 AND 2 TO 10 SHING WONG STREET, WA IN FONG WEST, WA IN FONG EAST, PO WAH STREET, WOODLAND TERRACE AND CASTLE LANE.

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