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GOVERNMENT APPOINTS CONSULTANT ON NARCOTICS TREATMENT
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPOINTED A MEDICAL SPECIALIST ON NARCOTICS TREATMENT AS CONSULTANT TO THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES.

THE CONSULTANT, DR ROBERT NEWMAN, IS A LEADING WORLD AUTHORITY IN THE FIELD OF METHADONE TREATMENT AND IS CURRENTLY THE GENERAL DIRECTOR OF THE BETH-ISRAEL MEDICAL CENTRE IN NEW YORK. HE HAS BEEN CONNECTED WITH HONG KONG'S ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORTS AND THE METHADONE TREATMENT PROGRAMMES SINCE 1975.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION SAID THE REASON FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A CONSULTANT WAS TO SUPPLEMENT THE EXPERT ADVICE AVAILABLE LOCALLY.

IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG ABUSE, HE SAID, TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION HAVE PLAYED AN INCREASINGLY SIGNIFICANT ROLE OVER THE YEARS.

HE NOTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A STEADY INCREASE SINCE 1975 IN THE NUMBER OF ADDICTS SEEKING TREATMENT.

ACCORDING TO STATISTICS, THE DAILY AVERAGE OF ADDICTS IN THE VARIOUS TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES AS AT THE END OF JUNE THIS YEAR WAS 14 000 COMPARED WITH 6 000 SEVEN YEARS AGO, INCREASED BY ABOUT ONE AND A HALF TIMES.

ALTHOUGH MUCH HAS BEEN ACHIEVED OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, MUCH STILL REMAINS TO BE DONE.

HE STRESSED THE NECESSITY AND IMPORTANCE OF HONG KONG BEING KEPT CONSTANTLY INFORMED OF NEW IDEAS AND DEVELOPMENTS WHICH ARE TAKING PLACE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD, ESPECIALLY IN THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE CONSIDERABLE RESEARCH CAPABILITIES IN ALL RELEVANT FIELDS.

AN IMPORTANT PART OF DR NEWMAN'S RESPONSIBILITIES WILL BE THE COLLATION OF, AND ADVICE ON THE POSSIBLE APPLICATION OF SUCH RESEARCH TO HONG KONG'S CIRCUMSTANCES.

THE CONSULTANT WILL BE A BRIDGE TO HELP HONG KONG BENEFIT FROM THE LATEST INTERNATIONAL THINKING AND DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ADDICTS, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

DR NEWMAN VISITED HONG KONG ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS BETWEEN 1975 AND 1978 AND HAS CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE METHADONE TREATMENT SCHEME, AND ALSO TO THE PROPOSALS LEADING TO THE CREATION OF THE NEW CENTRAL REGISTRY OF DRUG ADDICTS (CRDA), WHICH IS NOW ONE OF THE BEST AND MOST ADVANCED SYSTEMS OF ITS KIND IN THE WORLD.

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AS A CONSULTANT, DR NEWMAN WILL VISIT HONG KONG EVERY YEAR, DURING WHICH HE WILL BE BRIEFED ON CURRENT PROGRESS, HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS AND WITH OFFICIALS AND UNOFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR VARIOUS ANTI-NARCOTICS PROGRAMMES, AND VISIT TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTRES.

DR NEWMAN WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSING THE MOST RECENT REPORTS ISSUED BY THE CRDA, AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS IN TERMS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE POLICY.

DR NEWMAN, WHO IS VISITING HONG KONG, WILL MEET LEADING PERSONALITIES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING AND ABUSE, BOTH OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL, DURING HIS STAY.

HE WILL ADDRESS DOCTORS ATTENDING THE SECOND WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION INTERNATIONAL-REGIONAL TRAINING COURSE ON THE TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG DEPENDENT PERSONS WHICH WILL BEGIN TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AND END ON NOVEMBER 17. HE WILL ALSO ADDRESS MEDICAL STUDENTS AT HONG KONG UNIVERSITY.

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\$35 000 PAID UNDER NEW RATES TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS PAID OUT, UNDER THE INCREASED RATES INTRODUCED THIS MONTH, DEATH AND INJURY GRANTS TOTALLING OVER \$35 000 TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS OR THEIR DEPENDANTS.

A FURTHER \$21 740 HAVE BEEN AUTHORISED FOR PAYMENT AND NOW AWAIT COLLECTION AT THE DEPARTMENT.

THIS BRINGS TO NEARLY \$20 MILLION THE TOTAL PAYMENTS MADE SO FAR SINCE THE 'NO-FAULT' TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SCHEME (TAVAS) STARTED IN MAY LAST YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY PAYMENT RATES HAD BEEN INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT FOR TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AFTER THE FIRST DAY OF THIS MONTH.

HE SAID 11 PAYMENTS WERE MADE UNDER THE NEW RATES, INCLUDING FOUR DEATH GRANTS TOTALLING \$24 800 AND SEVEN INJURY GRANTS AMOUNTING TO \$10 248.

THE FIRST PAYMENT MADE UNDER THE NEW RATES WAS \$20 000 FOR THE WIFE AND DAUGHTER OF A 32-YEAR OLD LORRY DRIVER KILLED IN AN ACCIDENT ON OCTOBER 4 ON TAI PO ROAD, HE SAID.

THE AMOUNT COMPRISED \$1 600 AS BURIAL GRANT, \$14 950 AS DEATH GRANT AND \$3 450 AS PAYMENT FOR LOSS OF EARNING, HE ADDED.

UNDER THE NEW PAYMENT RATES, THE MAXIMUM DEATH GRANT IS \$23 000 FOR THE LOSS OF A SOLE WAGE-EARNER, OR \$16 200 FOR THE LOSS OF HUSBAND OR WIFE WHO IS NOT A WAGE-EARNER BUT WITH CHILDREN.

INJURY GRANTS RANGE FROM \$160 TO \$4 960 DEPENDING ON THE GRAVITY OF INJURY, WHICH MUST HAVE CAUSED AT LEAST SEVEN DAY'S LOSS OF EARNING CAPACITY.

THE NON-MEANS TESTED SCHEME AIMS AT PROVIDING QUICK CASH RELIEF FOR VICTIMS OR THEIR DEPENDANTS REGARDLESS OF WHO WAS AT FAULT IN CAUSING THE ACCIDENT.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS MAY APPLY WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF THE ACCIDENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT'S TAVAS SECTION ON THE 14TH FLOOR OF WORLD TRADE CENTRE, 280 GLOUCESTER ROAD, HONG KONG (TEL. NOS. 5-779421 AND 5-7903650).

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INSIGNIA PRESENTATION CEREMONY

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NINETY-SIX MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, COMMENDED BY THE QUEEN FOR SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY, RECEIVED THEIR INSIGNIA FROM THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE THIS EVENING.

THE RECIPIENTS WERE :

CBE (COMMANDER ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE)

THE HONOURABLE JOHN MARTIN ROWLANDS

CBE (COMMANDER ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE) (MILITARY)

MAJOR-GENERAL THE HONOURABLE JOHN LYON CHAPPLE

OBE (OFFICER ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE)

DR KENNETH CHAUN KWOK-WING

MR GEOFFREY DOUGLAS EDEN

PROFESSOR MICHAEL JAMES COLBOURNE

MR GEORGE HO

MR FRANK LIN HUI-PO

MR WILLIAM FREDERICK STONES

OBE (OFFICER ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE) (MILITARY)

WING COMMANDER ROSS GRANGE PENLINGTON

ISO (IMPERIAL SERVICE ORDER)

MR ALAN JOHN CARTER

MBE (MEMBER ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE)

MR CHAN CHUN-YING

MRS IRENE CHENG TONG

MR JOSEPH CHENG KWO-PING

MR CHIA CHI-PEI

DR CHING YUEN-KAI

MR LEE NAI-KOO

MR ROBERT RONALD LESLIE POGUE

MR WONG SIK-KONG

MBE (MEMBER ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE) (MILITARY)

WARRANT OFFICER 2 GRAHAM JOHN ARSCOTT

WARRANT OFFICER 1 DAVID DUFFUS

BEM (BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL)

MR CHAN HING

MR CHENG PANG-FEI

MR ALLAN CHIU CHING

MR CHOW LAM-PANG

MR CHU MAN-YUI

MR FOK HIN-KWONG

MR FUNG WAH-KON

MR HO KIT-TONG

MR KAM YAU

MR JAMES KAN KAM-FOOK

MR LAU HUNG

MR LAU KAM-KWONG

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MR LO CHI-WAH

MRS NG MUK-KAH

MR PANG KWAI-CHEONG

MR PANG SHUK-KEUNG

MR WONG HANG-CHEONG

MR YAU TAT-KUM

MR YOUNG CHAK

MR YU CHE-SHUN

BEM (BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL) (MILITARY)

FLIGHT SERGEANT DAVID STANLEY EDWARD GUTSELL

CORPORAL RAGHUBIR RAI

QPM (QUEEN'S POLICE MEDAL)

MR GEOFFREY DAVID CARTER

ISM (IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDAL)

MR IP HO

MR TSE SZE

MR WONG WING-WO

CPM (COLONIAL POLICE MEDAL)

MR BRIAN HENRY BOYTON

MR GARTH STOPHER BURROWS

MR CHAN SIU-TONG

MR GEOFFREY HOWARD COX

MR JOHN ROLAND EDWARD CROSS

MR CLIVE JOSEPH EVANS

MR VICTOR MAURICE GREEN

MR ALASTAIR WILLIAM JAMIESON GUNN

MR PETER ERNEST HALLIDAY

MR GORDON JACK

MR LIONEL LAM KIN
MR LEUNG SHU-PIU
MR NG HON-WING
MR TO SHEK-CHUEN
MR JOHN TURNER
MR HECTOR MCDONALD WHITTON
MR ROBERT MOFFAT WILKINSON
MR WONG SHU-PIU
MR WONG WAI-HO
MR YAU SIU-FAN

CFSM (COLONIAL FIRE SERVICE MEDAL)

MR JOHN ASHTON BREDBURY
MR CHOI CHANG-KONG
MR THOMAS DAVID CHARLES GARDINER
MR KONG HING
MR SO WING
MR WOO KWAN-KUEN

BADGE OF HONOUR

MADAM CHAN SIU
MR CHENG FEI-HONG
MR HO TZE-PING
MR DAVID HO YUNG-SANG
MR IU HON-LEUNG
MR LEUNG CHUNG-LICK
MR LEUNG SHUI-FAT
MRS RITA LIU TONG WAI-OI
MR MAK TAK-FUN
MR SHUM TING-CHAK
MR YIP KAM-FAT
MR YU YUEN-HEI

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QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

MR LEUNG KAM-CHU

MR WOO KIN-LEUNG

ORDER OF ST JOHN

OFFICER (BROTHER)

DR CHOW CHAM-LAU

DR LAU MAN-HIN

DR HENRY LI FOOK-KUEN

SERVING BROTHER

MR CHENG KIN-SHING

MR FUNG KWAN-CHEE

MR HO CHAK-LAM

MR LAM MING-CHAM

DR LAU WING-SANG

SERVING SISTER

MISS HAR SAU-LAI

MISS LAM PO-CHING

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MEDALS FOR HONG KONG PHOTOGRAPHERS
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HONG KONG PHOTOGRAPHERS WHO WON MEDALS IN THE SECOND COMMONWEALTH PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION HELD EARLIER IN CYPRUS RECEIVED THEIR AWARDS FROM THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM THIS EVENING.

MR WIGGHAM RETURNED LAST MONTH WITH THE MEDALS. HE REPRESENTED HONG KONG AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WHICH WAS OFFICIATED BY THE PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS.

THERE WERE FIVE GROUPS OF ENTRIES IN THE EXHIBITION. HONG KONG WON TWO GOLD AND ONE BRONZE MEDALS. THE FIRST GOLD MEDAL WAS WON BY MR SUNNY LEE WITH HIS PHOTOGRAPH +HAPPY JOSS+. THE SECOND WAS AWARDED TO HONG KONG FOR THE BEST GROUP ENTRY IN THE BLACK AND WHITE SECTION OF 'THE COMMONWEALTH AND ITS PEOPLE'. CREATIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR ARTHUR HACKER, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY, MR CHANG HUNG CHEON JOINTLY RECEIVED THIS MEDAL. THE BRONZE WAS WON BY MR TANG PO YUEN WITH HIS +GOING STRONG+.

TODAY'S PRESENTATION CEREMONY WAS HELD DURING THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF HONG KONG.

THE SECOND COMMONWEALTH PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION WAS HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH THE FIRST COMMONWEALTH FILM AND TELEVISION FESTIVAL IN WHICH HONG KONG WAS REPRESENTED BY THE HONG KONG JING YING. IN THE TELEVISION COMPETITION OF THAT FESTIVAL, RTHK WON A SILVER MEDAL WITH +THE YOUNG CONCUBINE+.

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ISLAND ROAD TO BE WIDENED FOR TUNNEL TRAFFIC
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IMPROVEMENT WORK ON A SECTION OF ISLAND ROAD BETWEEN WONG CHUK HANG AND DEEP WATER BAY WILL BEGIN NEXT WEEK.

ON COMPLETION IN 15 MONTHS, THIS SECTION OF THE ROAD WILL ACCOMMODATE THE EXPECTED INCREASE IN VEHICULAR TRAFFIC AFTER THE OPENING OF THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL.

A \$14 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE WORK WAS SIGNED TODAY BY MR PANG HAU-CHUNG, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE HIGHWAYS (HONG KONG) DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF HARBOUR ENGINEERING COMPANY LIMITED.

THE CONTRACT IS FOR THE WIDENING OF 850 METRES OF THE ROAD FROM FIVE METRES TO 6.75 METRES ON AN IMPROVED ALIGNMENT.

THIS WILL REQUIRE CONSTRUCTING RETAINING WALLS AND REINFORCED CONCRETE ROAD DECKING ON THE SEAWARD SIDE.

THE WORK HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS (HONG KONG) DIVISION OF THE PWD'S HIGHWAYS OFFICE.

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+TSUEN WAN HEALTH WEEK+ BEGINS TODAY
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A PROJECT TO PROVIDE FREE MEDICAL CHECK-UPS TO OVER 2 000 TSUEN WAN RESIDENTS STARTED TODAY.

+TSUEN WAN HEALTH WEEK+ HAS BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT OFFICE AND YAN CHAI HOSPITAL.

A TEAM OF NURSING STAFF FROM THE HOSPITAL WILL VISIT SCHOOLS AND FACTORIES IN TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG TO CONDUCT BLOOD PRESSURE AND URINE TESTS FOR STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND WORKERS. MEDICAL HISTORY WILL ALSO BE RECORDED.

THE PURPOSE IS TO HELP PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THEIR HEALTH CONDITION AND TAKE PROMPT ACTION IF ANY DISEASE IS DETECTED, A TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

ALL THOSE TESTED WILL BE GIVEN RECORD CARDS CONTAINING RESULTS OF THE TESTS.

IN CASES WHERE FOLLOW-UP ACTION IS REQUIRED, THEY WILL BE REFERRED TO YAN CHAI HOSPITAL FOR FURTHER TREATMENT.

THE TEAM PLANS TO VISIT SEVEN SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND FOUR FACTORIES DURING THE WEEK, CHECKING UP TO 2 000 PEOPLE.

ANOTHER TEAM WILL BE STATIONED AT THE OUTPATIENTS' DEPARTMENT OF YAN CHAI HOSPITAL ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 1). ANY TSUEN WAN RESIDENT WANTING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FREE CHECK-UP SERVICE SHOULD GO TO THE HOSPITAL BETWEEN 9 AM AND 12.30 PM.

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SQUASH COURTS AT FANLING RECREATION GROUND
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TWO SQUASH COURTS WILL BE BUILT AT FANLING RECREATION GROUND TO MEET GROWING DEMAND FOR PLAYING FACILITIES.

THEY WILL BE THE FIRST ONES TO BE BUILT TO IMPROVED STANDARD, WITH AIR-CONDITIONING AND MAPLE FLOORING.

ANOTHER FEATURE IS THAT ONE OF THE COURTS WILL BE GLASS-BACKED FOR GROUP COACHING.

A SPECTATOR STAND WILL BE PUT UP TO MAKE THE COURTS AVAILABLE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

WORK WILL START IN DECEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT NINE MONTHS.

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LEFT-TURN PROHIBITION ON KANSU STREET

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WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ALONG KANSU STREET IN YAU MA TEI WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT INTO SHANGHAI STREET SOUTHBOUND FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 30).

THE ARRANGEMENT WILL IMPROVE TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT AT THE ROAD JUNCTION.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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INTERRUPTION OF WATER SUPPLY

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WATER SUPPLY TO AREAS OF SAN PO KONG AND KOWLOON CITY WILL BE INTERRUPTED FROM WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 29) NIGHT TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

SUPPLY TO SAN PO KONG WILL BE TURNED OFF AT 9 PM. THE PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE IN TSAT PO STREET, KING FUK STREET, SAM CHUK STREET AND THE REAR LANES OF LUK HOP STREET AND PAT TAT STREET.

IN KOWLOON CITY, THE WATER CUT WILL BEGIN AT MIDNIGHT. THE AREA IS BOUNDED BY KAI TAK ROAD, NGA TSIN WAI ROAD, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND CARPENTER ROAD.

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