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SHORT AND EFFECTIVE TREATMENT FOR TB PATIENTS

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HONG KONG HAS LEAPT TO THE FRONT IN THE GLOBAL FIGHT AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS WITH THE ADOPTION OF A NEW TREATMENT REGIME THAT IS SHORT, EFFECTIVE AND FREE.

EXPLAINING THE SHORT-COURSE CHEMOTHERAPY FOR TB PATIENTS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE TREATMENT CONSISTED OF SEVERAL DRUGS TAKEN TOGETHER OVER A PERIOD OF FOUR TO SIX MONTHS.

+THIS REPRESENTS A VAST IMPROVEMENT OVER THE PREVIOUS TREATMENT WHICH NORMALLY LASTS 18 MONTHS,+ HE EMPHASISED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE NEW TREATMENT REGIME WAS INTRODUCED IN MARCH THIS YEAR AND THE RESULTS SO FAR HAVE BEEN MOST ENCOURAGING.

+MOST TB PATIENTS CAN NOW BE TREATED ON A WHOLLY OUTPATIENT BASIS AND INDEED THE MAJORITY CAN GO ON WITHOUT ANY INTERRUPTION TO THEIR WORK IN ANY WAY,+ HE SAID.

HE STRESSED THAT TREATMENT IS AVAILABLE COMPLETELY FREE AT THE EIGHT FULL-TIME GOVERNMENT CHEST CLINICS IN THE URBAN AREAS AND THE PART-TIME CLINICS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE DEPARTMENT IS LAUNCHING AN INTENSIVE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN IN AN EFFORT TO FURTHER REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF TUBERCULOSIS WHICH, UNTIL RECENT YEARS, HAD BEEN ONE OF THE TOP KILLER DISEASES IN HONG KONG.

THE OBJECT OF THE CAMPAIGN IS TO GET PEOPLE WITH SYMPTOMS OF PERSISTENT COUGH FOR MORE THAN A MONTH, PARTICULARLY THE MORE VULNERABLE AGE GROUP OF 40 AND ABOVE, TO ATTEND THE GOVERNMENT CHEST CLINICS FOR A CHECK UP SO THAT APPROPRIATE TREATMENT CAN BE GIVEN AT THE EARLY STAGE OF INFECTION.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THE INCIDENCE OF TUBERCULOSIS HAS DECLINED MARKEDLY OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS AS A RESULT OF COMBINED EFFORTS BY VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, THE HONG KONG ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS AND THORACIC DISEASES ASSOCIATION AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL BODIES.

THE NOTIFICATION RATE, FOR INSTANCE, HAS DROPPED FROM 257.5 PER 100,000 POPULATION IN 1968 TO 143.8 IN 1978 WHILE THE DEATH RATE FELL DRASTICALLY FROM 39 PER 100,000 POPULATION TO 9.1.

HOWEVER, THE SPOKESMAN WARNED THAT DESPITE THE TREMENDOUS ACHIEVEMENT THE PROBLEM OF TUBERCULOSIS AS A HEALTH THREAT TO THE COMMUNITY IS STILL A LARGE ONE.

+TUBERCULOSIS IS STILL A DISEASE OF MAJOR CONCERN IN THE WORLD, AND MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE BEFORE THE DISEASE CAN BE ERADICATED,+ HE SAID.

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ACCORDING TO THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION, THERE ARE STILL SOME SEVEN MILLION SUFFERERS WITH 500,000 DEATHS AND THREE MILLION NEW CASES EVERY YEAR THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

IN HONG KONG THERE WERE 420 DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS AND 6,623 FRESH CASES REPORTED IN 1978.

AT THE MOMENT, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THERE MAY BE SOME 16,000 CASES OF ACTIVE TB IN THE COMMUNITY REQUIRING ATTENTION, AND ALTHOUGH MANY ARE ALREADY UNDER TREATMENT THERE MUST STILL BE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF HIDDEN CASES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+WE MUST SOMEHOW FIND ALL SUFFERERS AND PERSUADE THEM TO TAKE REGULAR TREATMENT, AND THIS IS WHAT THE PRESENT CAMPAIGN IS ALL ABOUT,+ HE POINTED OUT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT MOST PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM TB DO HAVE SYMPTOMS AND THE CHIEF OF THESE IS A COUGH, LASTING MORE THAN A MONTH, OFTEN WITH SPUTUM AND OCCASIONALLY WITH BLOOD IN THE SPUTUM.

+ONLY TOO OFTEN, PEOPLE PUT THEIR COUGH DOWN TO A SMOKER'S COUGH AND DO NOTHING ABOUT IT, AND WHEN THEY FINALLY DO GET A CHEST X-RAY THE DISEASE IS FOUND TO BE FAR ADVANCED,+ HE ADDED.

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RESIDENTIAL-INDUSTRIAL SITES FOR AUCTION IN NT
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TWO SITES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, ONE ON LANTAU ISLAND AND THE OTHER IN SAI KUNG, WILL BE PUT ON THE MARKET EARLY NEXT MONTH.

THE SITE ON LANTAU, EARMARKED FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, IS SITUATED IN CHEUNG SHA.

THE SAI KUNG LOT IS AT TUI MIN HOI AND IS RESTRICTED FOR INDUSTRIAL AND GODOWN USE ONLY.

THE CHIEF ESTATE SURVEYOR OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR. NIGEL BURLEY, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT BOTH SITES WOULD BE DISPOSED OF BY PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE AT 11 A.M. ON JULY 11, 1979.

+CHEUNG SHA IS AN IDEAL AREA FOR HIGH QUALITY HOUSING IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT AS REFLECTED BY THE INCREASING INTERESTS OF DEVELOPERS,+ MR. BURLEY SAID.

+THE LOT, FRONTING SOUTH LANTAU ROAD, MEASURES 960 SQUARE METRES AND HAS AN EXCELLENT VIEW OF THE SEA.

+FURTHERMORE, IT IS ONLY A FEW MINUTES' WALK AWAY FROM THE CHEUNG SHA BEACH.+

HE NOTED THAT A SITE IN THE SAME AREA WAS SOLD FOR MORE THAN \$1,890 PER SQUARE METRE IN A PUBLIC AUCTION IN JANUARY THIS YEAR.

THE LOT IN SAI KUNG, MEASURING 1,719 SQUARE METRES, IS THE FIRST INDUSTRIAL SITE IN THE DISTRICT PUT UP FOR SALE.

+IT IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED AT TUI MIN HOI WITH GOOD CONNECTION TO THE CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD WHICH IS BEING WIDENED TO A DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY TO COPE WITH THE TRAFFIC,+ MR. BURLEY SAID.

+THE LOT CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$2.78 MILLION TO BE FULFILLED WITHIN 36 MONTHS AND A PLOT RATIO OF FOUR WHICH ALLOWS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FACTORY BUILDING UP TO FOUR STOREYS HIGH.

+THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON THE TYPE OF INDUSTRIAL USER EXCEPT THAT IT MUST BE NON-POLLUTING.+

HE ANTICIPATED THAT LOCAL RESIDENTS WOULD PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE POOL OF LABOUR AS A LARGE NUMBER OF SAI KUNG PEOPLE GO TO WORK IN THE URBAN AREA EACH DAY.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE OF THE TWO SITES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT, THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF THE HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY BUILDING, 101 PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, AND AT ANY OF ITS SEVEN DISTRICT OFFICES.

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CONCERN FOR STUDENT WORKERS' SAFETY

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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. DAVID H.F. LIN, TODAY (SUNDAY) URGED LOCAL FACTORY OPERATORS TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THE SAFETY OF STUDENTS DOING SUMMER JOBS ON THEIR PREMISES.

+STUDENTS, BEING UNTRAINED AND INEXPERIENCED IN THEIR SUMMER WORK, ARE VULNERABLE TO INDUSTRIAL HAZARDS. FACTORY PROPRIETORS SHOULD THEREFORE ENSURE THAT THOSE IN THEIR EMPLOY ARE CLOSELY AND PROPERLY SUPERVISED AND NOT ASSIGNED JOBS WHICH ARE POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS OR WHICH INVOLVE THE OPERATION OF DANGEROUS MACHINERY,+ HE SAID.

MR. LIN ALSO REMINDED STUDENTS TO TAKE EVERY PRECAUTION AGAINST INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS WHEN WORKING IN FACTORIES OR INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS.

+BEWARE OF POWER-DRIVEN MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AND CHEMICALS USED IN INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES,+ HE ADVISED.

+IF HANDLED OR OPERATED IMPROPERLY, THEY COULD INJURE, MAIM, OR EVEN KILL,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID PROPRIETORS, SUPERVISORS AND WORKMEN ALIKE CAN OBTAIN ADVICE ON SAFETY MEASURES AGAINST INDUSTRIAL HAZARDS FROM FACTORY INSPECTORS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

MR. LIN POINTED OUT THAT STUDENT INJURED WHILE DOING SUMMER JOB, LIKE OTHER INJURED WORKMEN, HAS THE RIGHT TO CLAIM COMPENSATION UNDER THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ORDINANCE. IN ADDITION, HE MAY ALSO CLAIM DAMAGES UNDER THE COMMON LAW, AND NO MINIMUM LENGTH OF SERVICE IS REQUIRED BY LAW.

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER ALSO URGED FACTORY MANAGERMENTS TO NOTIFY, ON THE PRESCRIBED FORM, THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION UNIT OF ANY ACCIDENT WITHIN SEVEN DAYS AFTER ITS OCCURRENCE.

+ANY EMPLOYER WHO, WITHOUT REASONABLE CAUSE, FAILS TO DO SO, IS GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE AND LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF \$1,000,+ HE ADDED.

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TUEN MUN NEW TOWN HOUSEHOLD SURVEY
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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL CONDUCT A HOUSEHOLD SURVEY FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE 62,000-STRONG POPULATION OF THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (SUNDAY), THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. PETER NG SAID : +THE SURVEY IS DESIGNED TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON THE HOUSEHOLDS IN LOCAL PRIVATE AND PUBLIC HOUSING WITH A VIEW TO ASSISTING THE GOVERNMENT IN THE FUTURE PLANNING OF THE NEW TOWN AND IN BUILDING A COMMUNITY WITH A BALANCED MIX OF POPULATION.+

THE FIVE-WEEK SURVEY -- SPONSORED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE NEW TERRITORIES -- IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND EVER CONDUCTED IN THE DISTRICT.

TEN UNDERGRADUATES OF THE SOCIOLOGY, ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT STUDIES FACULTIES OF THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY WILL VISIT 800 CHOSEN HOUSEHOLDS, REPRESENTING A CROSS SECTION OF THE TUEN MUN COMMUNITY.

TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES, THE UNDERGRADUATES WILL CARRY IDENTIFICATION CARDS ISSUED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

+TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE LOCATIONS, SIZES AND TYPES OF DWELLING, 400 OF THE HOUSEHOLDS HAVE BEEN SELECTED THROUGH RANDOM SAMPLING FROM FAMILIES LIVING IN PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT,+ MR. NG SAID.

+THE REST ARE FAMILIES RESIDING IN LOCAL PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES WHICH NOW ACCOMMODATE MORE THAN 50 PER CENT OF THE NEW TOWN'S POPULATION.

+TOGETHER, THEY PROVIDE A FAIRLY ACCURATE PICTURE OF THE HOUSEHOLD PATTERN IN TUEN MUN.+

DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD, SELECTED FAMILIES WILL BE INTERVIEWED AND ASKED TO COMPLETE A QUESTIONNAIRE COVERING SUCH TOPICS AS OCCUPATION, INCOME, EDUCATION, REASONS FOR MOVING TO TUEN MUN AND THEIR OPINION ON THE NEW TOWN AS A PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK IN.

MR. NG APPEALED TO THE TOWN'S RESIDENTS FOR ASSISTANCE AND CO-OPERATION BY PROVIDING THE INFORMATION REQUIRED.

HE ASSURED THAT INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE TREATED IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE AND WILL ONLY BE RELEASED IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL DATA.

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ANOTHER BRANCH OFFICE FOR WORKMEN'S
COMPENSATION UNIT
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ANOTHER BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S WORKMEN'S
COMPENSATION UNIT WILL OPEN IN TSUEN WAN TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE NEW OFFICE, ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF CHEUNG YIU BUILDING,
167-173 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES, WILL
SERVE THE WESTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES INCLUDING KWAI
CHUNG, SHAM TSENG, TUEN MUN, KAM TIN AND YUEN LONG.

ITS MAIN WORK IS TO PROCESS WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION CLAIMS
ARISING FROM EMPLOYMENT INJURIES AS WELL AS TO ADVISE EMPLOYERS
AND EMPLOYEES ON THEIR RESPECTIVE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS UNDER
THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ORDINANCE.

THE OFFICE'S TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR ENQUIRIES IS 12-439705.

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GOOD CITIZEN AWARD PRESENTATION
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THREE RESIDENTS OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT WILL BE COMMENDED
TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN A GOOD CITIZEN AWARD PRESENTATION
CEREMONY FOR THEIR RESOURCEFULNESS, CIVIC-MINDEDNESS AND
BRAVERY IN HELPING THE POLICE IN THE PREVENTION AND DETECTION
OF CRIMES BETWEEN JULY 1978 AND FEBRUARY THIS YEAR.

THE RECIPIENTS, INCLUDING A FEMALE, WILL RECEIVE THEIR
CASH AWARDS AND COMMENDATION CERTIFICATES FROM MISS ELLE SHUM,
CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (SOUTHERN).

THE GOOD CITIZEN AWARD SCHEME IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT,
ESTABLISHED IN LATE 1978, IS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING LOCAL
RESIDENTS TO TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE BY CO-OPERATING WITH
POLICE IN PREVENTING AND COMBATTING CRIME.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER
THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT 5 P.M. TOMORROW (MONDAY) AT
THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (SOUTHERN)
AT 22 ABERDEEN MAIN STREET, HONG KONG.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ON PRINCE EDWARD ROAD
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT FROM 1.30 A.M. TO 5.30 A.M. ON TUESDAY (JUNE 26) SEVERAL TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE CLOSURE OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD SECTION WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH WATERLOO ROAD TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGE THERE.

DETAILS OF THE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ARE :

- * THE SOUTHERN CARRIAGEWAY OF THE SECTION OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD BETWEEN WATERLOO ROAD AND KADOORIE AVENUE WILL BE ROUTED TWO-WAY-
- * VEHICLES ON WESTBOUND JOURNEY ALONG PRINCE EDWARD ROAD FROM KOWLOON CITY WILL BE PROHIBITED TO PROCEED ACROSS WATERLOO ROAD TO CONTINUE THE WESTBOUND JOURNEY ALONG PRINCE EDWARD ROAD. THEY WILL BE DIVERTED AT THE PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND WATERLOO ROAD JUNCTION TO TRAVEL VIA WATERLOO ROAD, ARGYLE STREET, WATERLOO ROAD, YIM PO FONG STREET, ARGYLE STREET, KADOORIE AVENUE TO REJOIN PRINCE EDWARD ROAD-
- * VEHICLES ON NORTHBOUND JOURNEY ALONG WATERLOO ROAD WILL BE PROHIBITED TO MAKE LEFT TURN ON TO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WESTBOUND. MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO MAKE A RIGHT TURN AT THE PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND WATERLOO ROAD JUNCTION TO TRAVEL VIA PRINCE EDWARD ROAD (EASTBOUND), LOMOND ROAD, ARGYLE STREET, WATERLOO ROAD, YIM PO FONG STREET, ARGYLE STREET, KADOORIE AVENUE TO REJOIN PRINCE EDWARD ROAD-
- * VEHICLES ON NORTHBOUND JOURNEY ALONG PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD WISHING TO GET ON TO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WESTBOUND ARE ADVISED TO MAKE LEFT TURN AT THE PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD AND ARGYLE STREET JUNCTION AND THEN TRAVEL VIA ARGYLE STREET, WATERLOO ROAD, YIM PO FONG STREET, ARGYLE STREET, KADOORIE AVENUE TO REJOIN PRINCE EDWARD ROAD- AND
- * VEHICLES ON SOUTHBOUND JOURNEY ALONG WATERLOO ROAD WILL BE PROHIBITED TO MAKE RIGHT TURN FROM THE SLIP ROAD AT THE PRINCE EDWARD ROAD FLYOVER TO GET ACCESS ON TO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WESTBOUND. INSTEAD, THE VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED TO PROCEED DOWN THE FLYOVER ALONG WATERLOO ROAD TO TRAVEL VIA ARGYLE STREET, WATERLOO ROAD, YIM PO FONG STREET, ARGYLE STREET, KADOORIE AVENUE TO REJOIN PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED AND POLICE OFFICERS AT HAND TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.