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PUBLIC URGED TO TAKE CARE WHEN USING ROOM HEATERS

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WITH THE ARRIVAL OF COOLER AND DRIER WEATHER, THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY URGED THE PUBLIC TO BE CAUTIOUS WHEN USING PORTABLE HEATERS IN THEIR HOMES AND PLACES OF WORK.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THIS WAS THE TIME OF THE YEAR WHEN KEROSENE AND ELECTRIC HEATERS CAME INTO WIDE USE AND WHEN FIRES WERE LIKELY TO OCCUR BECAUSE A FEW SIMPLE SAFETY RULES WERE OVERLOOKED.

+A COMMON CAUSE OF FIRES ARISING FROM THE USE OF ROOM HEATERS IS THROUGH PLACING THEM IN UNSUITABLE LOCATIONS,+ THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT. THESE INCLUDED AREAS CLOSE TO INFLAMMABLE LIQUIDS OR MATERIALS, OR WHERE CHILDREN PLAY.

+BEFORE TURNING ON ANY TYPE OF HEATERS,+ HE SAID, +IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT THOUGHT BE GIVEN AS TO WHICH IS THE SAFEST SPOT TO PUT IT. KEEP IT WELL AWAY FROM CURTAINS OR BEDDING MATERIALS AND ALSO MAKE SURE IT IS NOT TOO CLOSE TO UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE. SATISFY YOURSELF FULLY THAT IT CANNOT BE KNOCKED OVER BY PLAYING CHILDREN OR ELDERLY PEOPLE.+

HE SAID A NUMBER OF KEROSENE HEATER FIRES STARTED WHEN PEOPLE TRIED TO FILL OR MOVE THE HEATERS WHILE THEY WERE STILL BURNING. +THIS IS VERY DANGEROUS AND HAS RESULTED IN DEATHS AND INJURIES.+

AS REGARDS ELECTRIC HEATERS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THESE WERE SOMETIMES TURNED ON BLINDLY WITHOUT FIRST MAKING SURE THEY WERE WELL AWAY FROM COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS OR PRODUCTS.

ALSO, WIRES WERE OFTEN PLUGGED INTO ADAPTORS OPERATING OTHER ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES, THUS RESULTING IN THE WIRING BECOMING OVERHEATED.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO ADVISED THAT BEFORE TURNING ON A ROOM HEATER FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS WINTER IT SHOULD BE GIVEN A THOROUGH INSPECTION TO ENSURE THAT IT IS CLEAN AND THAT ALL PLUGS, LEADS OR WICKS ARE IN GOOD CONDITION.

HE WARNED THAT DURING THE CURRENT DRY WEATHER, +THERE IS A TWO TO FIVE FOLD INCREASE IN THE CHANCES OF FIRE.+

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COCKTAIL RECEPTION FOR ASIAN VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR. DENIS BRAY, WILL HOST A COCKTAIL RECEPTION FOR THE TEAMS TAKING PART IN THE ASIAN PRELIMINARY ROUND OF THE VOLLEYBALL WORLD CUP TOURNAMENT IN HONG KONG.

THE RECEPTION WILL BE HELD IN THE TOPAZ ROOM OF THE HOLIDAY INN IN TSIM SHA TSUI ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 19).

IT WILL BE ATTENDED BY SOME 300 PARTICIPANTS, DELEGATES AND GUESTS FROM ALL OVER ASIA.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH WILL START AT 4.30 P.M. ON THAT DAY.

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MORE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS VISIT SCHOOLS
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ANOTHER THREE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL GO TO KWUN TONG TOMORROW ON A FAMILIARISATION TOUR OF THREE SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE AREA.

MR. S.F. BAILEY, MR. T.C. CHENG AND MR. HENRY LIM WILL ARRIVE AT THE KWUN TONG GOVERNMENT SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL AT ABOUT 9:45 A.M. THE SCHOOL, WHICH HAS AN ENROLMENT OF 975 BOYS, WAS BUILT WITH A DONATION FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB. THE PRINCIPAL IS MR. K.F. CHU.

THE THREE BOARD MEMBERS ARE DUE AT THE ST. CATHARINE'S SCHOOL FOR GIRLS AT ABOUT 10:45 A.M. THIS IS AN AIDED ANGLO-CHINESE GRAMMAR SCHOOL WITH TECHNICAL FACILITIES. IT IS OPERATED BY THE SHENG KUNG HUI. THE PRINCIPAL IS THE REV. JOYCE BENNETT. THE SCHOOL HAS AN ENROLMENT OF 1,172 GIRLS.

AT ABOUT 11:45 A.M., THE BOARD MEMBERS WILL VISIT THE DELIA MEMORIAL SCHOOL - A PRIVATE INDEPENDENT ANGLO-CHINESE CO-EDUCATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL WITH BOUGHT PLACES. THE SCHOOL, OPERATING BI-SESSIONALLY, HAS AN ENROLMENT OF 3,500. THE PRINCIPAL IS MR. JOSEPH EDMONDS.

THE BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED ON THE TOUR BY MR. T.L. CHENG, SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER.

THE CURRENT SERIES OF SCHOOL VISITS IS ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SO THAT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD CAN SEE FOR THEMSELVES HOW PUPILS ARE TAUGHT AND WHAT FACILITIES ARE OFFERED AT THE SCHOOLS.

LAST TUESDAY THREE OTHER MEMBERS, REV. PETER WONG, MR. WONG WAN-TIN AND MR. CHARLES YEUNG SIU-CHO, VISITED THE HO TUNG TECHNICAL SCHOOL, CHEUNG CHUK SAN COLLEGE AND LITERARY COLLEGE.

DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF THIS MONTH SIX BOARD MEMBERS PAID VISITS TO AN EQUAL NUMBER OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN HONG KONG AND KOWLOON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE TOUR OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN KWUN TONG TOMORROW COVERED.

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EVENING COURSES AT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES

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APPLICANTS FOR EVENING COURSES OFFERED BY THE MORRISON HILL AND KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTES ARE REMINDED THAT THEY SHOULD RETURN THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS TO THE INSTITUTE CONCERNED ON OR BEFORE SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 20).

THE COURSES ARE DUE TO BEGIN IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR.

COURSES IN AUDIO-TYPING, BUSINESS MACHINES, PITMAN'S SHORTHAND THEORY AND VARIOUS LEVELS OF PITMAN'S SHORTHAND WILL BE RUN BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCIAL STUDIES OF THE TWO INSTITUTES.

IN ADDITION, COURSES IN INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED TYPEWRITING WILL BE OFFERED BY THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

ALL THE COURSES WILL LAST FROM MID-JANUARY TO MAY 1977 AND FEES RANGE FROM \$60 TO \$100.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT 6, OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI AND FROM THE KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE IN HING SHING ROAD FROM 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M. AND 7 P.M. TO 8 P.M. ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 A.M. TO 12 NOON ON SATURDAY.

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CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL SPORTS DAY

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CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL SPORTS AND FETE DAY TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

MORE THAN 1,000 PATIENTS, DOCTORS, NURSES AND HOSPITAL STAFF WILL COMPETE IN VARIOUS EVENTS WHICH BEGIN AT 10 A.M. AT THE SPORTS FIELD OF THE HOSPITAL.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY WILL BE A LION AND DRAGON DANCE TO BE PERFORMED BY THE PATIENTS.

THE BAND OF THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE WILL PROVIDE MUSIC DURING THE DAY AND THIS, FROM THE STAFF'S POINT OF VIEW, HAS SOCIAL AND THERAPEUTIC VALUE FOR THE PATIENTS.

DR. GERALD CHOA, DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS.

ALSO ON THURSDAY, A TEA PARTY WILL BE HELD AT PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL TO MARK THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF ITS GERIATRIC UNIT.

ELDERLY PATIENTS AT THE GERIATRIC WARD WILL BE ENTERTAINED.

DURING THE PARTY, SOUVENIRS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE FIRST MALE AND FEMALE PATIENTS ADMITTED TO THE WARD WHEN IT OPENED LAST YEAR AND TO THOSE WHOSE BIRTHDAYS FALL IN NOVEMBER.

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48 DISABLED GIVEN WORK IN OCTOBER
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FORTY-EIGHT DISABLED PEOPLE WERE PLACED TO WORK BY THE JOB PLACEMENT UNIT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT LAST MONTH.

THEY COMPRISED 23 CRIPPLED, FOUR BLIND, TEN DEAF, SIX MENTALLY RETARDED, FOUR FORMER MENTAL PATIENTS AND ONE FORMER T.B. PATIENT.

MOST OF THEM WERE EMPLOYED AS ASSEMBLERS AND MACHINE-SEWING WORKERS.

WITH REGARD TO THEIR SALARY, 27 WERE EMPLOYED ON DAILY RATE RANGING FROM \$15 TO \$30 WHILE TEN WERE PAID ON PIECE-RATE BASIS. THE SALARY OF THE OTHERS AVERAGED \$550 A MONTH.

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WATER CUT
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WATER SUPPLY TO THE LAM TIN ESTATE IN KWUN TONG WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 19).

THE STOPPAGE IS TO ENABLE THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST IN THE AREA.

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ELECTRONIC METER FOR BETTER QUALITY CONTROL

The Housing Department, which spends between \$4 million and \$5 million a year on paint, is shortly to bring into use an electronic meter for gauging the thickness of paint on metal surfaces in an aim to achieve better quality control.

The meter, weighing only 22 ounces, cost the Department \$3,500. It will be used by staff of the Maintenance Section.

It runs on two small batteries which have an operating capacity of up to 25 hours continuously.

When the tip of the meter's coil is applied to a painted surface, an exact reading is given of the thickness of the paint.

"Getting value for money is most important with so much re-painting to be done," said Mr. Raymond Bates, Acting Chief Maintenance Surveyor with the Department, who has been testing the meter and says it is extremely accurate. "It will greatly assist us in achieving better quality control."

He added that the Department was also planning to buy a meter which could give readings of the thicknesses as well as the numbers of coats of paint on all types of surfaces. Eventually, the Department would have its own paint-testing laboratory.

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房屋署將使用電子儀器 量度金屬上面油漆厚度

房屋署每年用於油漆方面的款項，達四百萬至五百萬元之多。不久該署將使用一個電子量度計，以量度金屬上面油漆的厚度，俾能對品質作更佳的控制。

該量度計僅重二十二盎司，價值三千五百元，將由保養組人員使用。

該電子儀器用兩個小電池發電，可連續使用二十個鐘頭，然後轉換電池。

將電子量度計的綫圈尖端按在已油漆的地方時，量度計即正確指出綫圈尖端與金屬表面之間的距離，亦即油漆的厚度。

房屋署署理總保養測量師貝德思說：由於有這樣多的重新油漆工作要做，付出的費用需要值得，此真最為重要。

他曾試用該儀器，認為極端準確，極有助於對品質作更佳的控制。

他說，房屋署並計劃購買一個可以指出各種物質上面油漆的厚度，同時亦可指出曾油上若干層漆的量度計。房屋署終於會設立試驗油漆的實驗室。