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SCHOOL DENTAL CARE SERVICE ANNOUNCED
NEW DENTAL CENTRE IN WAN CHAI TO BE NAMED AFTER GOVERNOR
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A TRAINING SCHOOL FOR DENTAL NURSES AND A SCHOOL CHILDREN'S DENTAL CLINIC ARE TO BE ACCOMMODATED IN A NEW BUILDING IN WAN CHAI.

THE BUILDING WILL ALSO HOUSE THE PRESENT DENTAL CLINIC AND LABORATORIES IN THE WANCHAI CHEST CLINIC.

IN THE WHITE PAPER ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN HONG KONG, IT WAS STATED THAT SUCH A SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE WOULD BE STARTED WITHIN THE 10-YEAR PERIOD.

THE ENTIRE BUILDING WILL BE KNOWN AS THE MACLEHOSE DENTAL CENTRE, AND THE DENTAL NURSES TRAINING SCHOOL AND THE SCHOOL CHILDREN'S DENTAL CLINIC WILL BE NAMED AFTER SIR SHIU-KIN TANG, THE WELL-KNOWN PHILANTHROPIST, WHO HAS DONATED SUBSTANTIALLY TOWARDS THE BUILDING COSTS OF THESE TWO UNITS.

A SITE FOR THE PROJECT HAS BEEN RESERVED IN THE MORRISON HILL AREA OF WAN CHAI ADJACENT TO THE TANG CHI NGONG SPECIALIST CLINIC, NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THE CAPITAL COST IS ESTIMATED AT \$9.7 MILLION AT CURRENT PRICES.

+THE INCLUSION OF THE MACLEHOSE DENTAL CENTRE IN THE PRIORITY LIST TO BE COMPLETED IN THE NEXT 10 YEARS,+ A MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY, +IS A REFLECTION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO IMPLEMENT THE PROPOSALS IN THE WHITE PAPER AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.+

THE CENTRE IS EXPECTED TO BE READY IN 1977 OR 1978. THE NURSES TRAINING SCHOOL WILL THEN PRODUCE ITS FIRST TRAINED DENTAL NURSES IN 1979/80, AND THE SCHOOL CHILDREN'S DENTAL SERVICE IS LIKELY TO FUNCTION WITH PRIMARY I PUPILS IN THE SAME YEAR.

THE CASE FOR THE SETTING UP OF THE SCHOOL DENTAL CARE SERVICE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, COULD BE SUMMARISED IN THREE BASIC POINTS:-

- + THERE IS EVIDENCE OF POOR DENTAL HYGIENE AMONG CHILDREN,
- + THE PROVISION OF ADEQUATE DENTAL TREATMENT AT AN EARLY AGE WILL HELP PROMOTE THE GENERAL STANDARD OF DENTAL HEALTH IN THE COMMUNITY,
- + THIS OBJECTIVE IS ASSUMED AS LIKELY TO INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY LATER AMONG THE ADULT WORKING POPULATION.

THE SERVICE WILL PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS, INITIALLY CHILDREN ENTERING PRIMARY SCHOOL, WITH REGULAR EXAMINATIONS AND SIMPLE CONSERVATIVE TREATMENT. FILLINGS AND EXTRACTIONS WILL BE INCLUDED, BUT THE SERVICE WILL NOT BE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY TREATMENT, WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE FROM DENTISTS IN GOVERNMENT DENTAL CLINICS.

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THE TREATMENT WILL BE SUBSIDISED, BUT NOT PROVIDED FREE. A SMALL ANNUAL FEE PER PARTICIPANT WILL BE CHARGED, AS IN THE CASE OF THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE. IT IS EXPECTED THAT IN THE YEAR IN WHICH THE SERVICE BEGINS, IN 1979/80, SOME 82,000 CHILDREN WILL BE ENTERING PRIMARY 1, OF WHOM 41,000 MAY JOIN THE SCHEME.

THE USE OF DENTAL NURSES TO PROVIDE ROUTINE PREVENTIVE DENTAL SERVICE HAS BEEN ADOPTED, AND PROVED SUCCESSFUL FOR MANY YEARS, IN NEW ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA, THE UNITED KINGDOM, CEYLON, MALAYSIA, AND SINGAPORE.

THE DENTAL NURSES TRAINING SCHOOL IN THE CENTRE WILL TRAIN 30 DENTAL NURSES AND SIX DENTAL HYGIENISTS A YEAR, THE FORMER NEEDING TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE THE COURSE, AND THE LATTER ONE YEAR.

AFTER GRADUATION, THE DENTAL NURSES WILL OPERATE UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF GOVERNMENT DENTAL OFFICERS. THE CHILDREN'S DENTAL CLINIC WILL CONSIST OF 30 CHAIRS, BUT THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF NURSES THAT ONE DENTAL OFFICER CAN EFFECTIVELY SUPERVISE IS APPROXIMATELY 15.

THE ECONOMICAL SIZE FOR A CLINIC IS THEREFORE ONE WITH ACCOMMODATION FOR 30 DENTAL NURSES AND TWO DENTAL OFFICERS. BASED ON A WORKING RATIO OF ONE DENTAL NURSE PER 2,000 PARTICIPATING CHILDREN, SUCH A CLINIC WILL BE ABLE TO COPE WITH A MAXIMUM OF 60,000 PARTICIPATING CHILDREN.

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GRANTS FROM LOTTERIES FUND AMOUNT TO \$57 MILLION
SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT
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THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND HAS ALLOCATED NEARLY \$57 MILLION TO VARIOUS LOCAL CHARITABLE AND WELFARE ORGANISATIONS FOR SOCIAL WELFARE ACTIVITIES SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1965.

UP TO THE END OF JULY, A TOTAL OF MORE THAN 440 GRANTS AND LOANS WERE MADE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FUND DISCLOSED TODAY THAT THE LARGEST SINGLE GRANT SO FAR IS \$3 MILLION ALLOCATED TO THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE IN 1972 FOR BUILDING AND EQUIPPING A NEW HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IN WANCHAI.

THE FUND WAS SET UP NINE YEARS AGO WITH A SUM OF OVER \$7.4 MILLION, BEING THE PROCEEDS OF THE LOTTERIES HELD FROM 1962 TO 1964.

+ITS TOTAL INCOME UP TO THE END OF JULY 1974 WAS SOME \$41.1 MILLION OF WHICH WERE PROCEEDS FROM ALL THE POST LOTTERIES, \$5.49 MILLION FROM UNCLAIMED PRIZE MONIES, \$2.71 MILLION FROM THE AUCTIONS OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS AND \$10.4 MILLION IN ACCRUED INTEREST,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

THE MAIN OBJECT OF THE FUND IS TO MAKE CAPITAL GRANTS IN SUPPORT OF SOCIAL WELFARE PROJECTS IN HONG KONG AND ALLOCATIONS FROM IT ARE MADE TO VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES IN THE FORM OF CAPITAL GRANTS OR OF CAPITAL LOANS REPAYABLE WITH OR WITHOUT INTEREST.

IN ADDITION TO SOCIAL WELFARE PROJECTS, THE FUND IS ALSO MADE AVAILABLE TO SPECIALISED MEDICAL AND EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS WHICH HAVE A WELFARE ELEMENT IN THEM.

BEFORE THE FUND WAS ESTABLISHED, ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES WERE PAID INTO GENERAL REVENUE AND LATER ALLOCATED TO EXPENDITURE FOR THE PURPOSES OF SOCIAL WELFARE.

+ANY VOLUNTARY AGENCY IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY PROVIDED IT IS AFFILIATED TO THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICES OR IS ACCEPTED BY EITHER THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, OR THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES OR THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AS A SUITABLE RECIPIENT OF AN ALLOCATION,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

WELFARE PROJECTS WHICH HAVE BENEFITTED FROM THE FUND INCLUDE CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES, RESIDENTIAL ESTABLISHMENTS, NURSERIES, PLAY CENTRES, VOCATION TRAINING AND EDUCATION, REHABILITATION AND SERVICES FOR THE HANDICAPPED, EX-DRUG ADDICTS AND PRISONERS AS WELL AS SERVICES FOR THE AGED.

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THE SPOKESMAN RECALLED THAT THE PROJECT WHICH RECEIVED THE FIRST ALLOCATION FROM THE FUND WAS THE COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR THE PEOPLE OF YUEN LONG, THE COST OF WHICH WAS \$1 MILLION.

DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, THE TOTAL ALLOCATIONS FROM THE FUND -- 24 MAJOR AND 10 MINOR GRANTS -- AMOUNTED TO OVER \$6.1 MILLION.

THE LARGEST GRANT MADE SO FAR THIS YEAR WAS \$1.9 MILLION TO THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION TOWARDS BUILDING AND EQUIPPING AN EXTENSION TO THE KWUN TONG VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE.

UNDER EXISTING LEGISLATION AMENDED ONLY LAST YEAR, THE PROCEDURE FOR ALLOCATING GRANTS AND LOANS FROM THE FUND IS STREAMLINED TO ENABLE APPLICATIONS TO BE DEALT WITH MORE SPEEDILY THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

FORMERLY, ALL ALLOCATIONS MUST FIRST ACQUIRE THE APPROVAL BY RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, BUT TODAY THE FINAL AUTHORITY FOR APPROVING ALLOCATIONS RESTS WITH THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY WHO, HOWEVER, HAS IN TURN DELEGATED A CONSIDERABLE PROPORTION OF THIS POWER TO THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, ACTING ON THE ADVICE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

BETWEEN 1962 AND NOW, 63 GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES WERE HELD. THREE MORE LOTTERIES ARE DUE TO TAKE PLACE IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS MAKING A TOTAL OF TEN FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

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**WATER CUT
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN WONG TAI SIN AREA WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR 10 HOURS, STARTING AT 10 P.M. ON TUESDAY.

THE TEMPORARY STOPPAGE IS TO FACILITATE THE CONNECTION OF FRESH WATER MAINS AT CHOI HUNG INTERCHANGE.

AFFECTED WILL BE THE CHOI HUNG AND PING SHEK LOW COST HOUSING ESTATES, KAI TAK MANSION, ST. JOSEPH'S ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL, CHINA LIGHT AND POWER SUB-STATION, R.A.F. OFFICERS QUARTERS, CHOI WAN ROAD, CHOI SHEK LANE AND AMOY CANNING FACTORY.

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