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PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL TO BEGIN OPERATION NEX WEEK

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THE MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL WILL ADMIT ITS FIRST PATIENT NEXT MONDAY (OCTOBER 20) WITH THE OPENING OF THE 162-BED INFECTIOUS DISEASE WARDS.

THE HOSPITAL WILL BE OPENED IN TWO STAGES, THE FIRST OF WHICH IS TO BE PHASED OVER A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS UP TO MARCH NEXT YEAR WHEN ABOUT 1,000 BEDS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY THE PUBLIC.

THE INFECTIOUS DISEASES BLOCK WILL BE THE FIRST IN THE PROGRAMME OF PHASED OPENING, FOLLOWED BY THE OPENING OF THE GERIATRIC WARDS IN EARLY NOVEMBER. INITIALLY, 74 BEDS WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE GERIATRIC WARDS FOR THE ELDERLY, THIS WILL BE INCREASED TO 222 BY THE END OF THE FIRST STAGE.

BY DECEMBER, ONE CLINICAL UNIT EACH OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIALTIES: MEDICINE, SURGERY, PAEDIATRICS, OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY, AND ORTHOPAEDICS WILL BE IN OPERATION.

THE FINAL PHASE IN THE FIRST STAGE WILL BE THE OPENING OF THE CASUALTY DEPARTMENT SOMETIME EARLY NEXT YEAR.

IN THE SECOND AND FINAL STAGE, ANOTHER CLINICAL UNIT EACH OF THE SPECIALTIES OF MEDICINE, SURGERY, PAEDIATRICS AND ORTHOPAEDICS WILL BE OPENED. WHEN THE HOSPITAL IS FULLY OPERATIONAL, THERE WILL BE A TOTAL OF 1,340 BEDS.

THE INFECTIOUS DISEASES UNIT IS SO DESIGNED THAT PATIENTS OF DIFFERENT DISEASES CAN BE ISOLATED FROM ONE ANOTHER. THERE ARE ONE TO THREE BEDS IN EACH ROOM ACCORDING TO THE SEVERITY OF INFECTION, WITH INDIVIDUAL TOILET FACILITIES ATTACHED. THE UNIT HAS ITS OWN FACILITIES FOR X-RAY, SURGICAL OPERATIONS, LINEN EXCHANGE ETC.

OTHER SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE HOSPITAL INCLUDE:-

- * A GERIATRIC UNIT, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG. THE OBJECT OF SUCH A UNIT IS TO DEAL WITH THE CLINICAL, PREVENTIVE, REHABILITATIONAL AND SOCIAL ASPECTS OF ILLNESS AMONG THE ELDERLY.
- * A 16-BED RENAL DIALYSIS UNIT WITH EQUIPMENT WORTH ABOUT \$1 MILLION, INCLUDING 96 ARTIFICIAL KIDNEYS.
- * A PLASTIC SURGERY UNIT WITH 30 BEDS. THERE WILL BE THREE SPECIALLY TRAINED SURGEONS TO PERFORM PLASTIC AND RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY ON PATIENTS WHO SUFFER FROM CONGENITAL DEFORMITIES AND INJURIES CAUSED BY INDUSTRIAL AND TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

- * A THEATRE SERVICE CENTRE WITH A CONVEYOR BELT SYSTEM OF CLEANING SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PRE-SETTING TRAYS FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF OPERATIONS.
- * AN AUTO-ANALYSER WITH 14 CHANNELS AT THE PATHOLOGY DEPARTMENT. THIS NEWEST EQUIPMENT, WORTH \$1.4 MILLION, IS CAPABLE OF DOING 14 DIFFERENT KINDS OF BLOOD TEST AT THE SAME TIME TAKING ONLY ONE MINUTE, I.E. 840 TESTS CAN BE DONE WITHIN ONE HOUR.

THE ROLE OF THE PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL IS TWO-FOLD: TO SERVE THE PEOPLE IN THE WESTERN PART OF BOTH KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES AS A REGIONAL HOSPITAL AND TO PROVIDE BADLY NEEDED ADDITIONAL BEDS FOR MENTAL PATIENTS. AFTER THE TRANSFER OF PATIENTS TO THE PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL, THE OLD LAI CHI KOK HOSPITAL WILL BE USED TO ACCOMMODATE SOME OF THE MENTAL PATIENTS FROM CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL WHICH HAS LONG BEEN FILLED TO CAPACITY.

THE PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL HAS TWO WINGS: THE GENERAL WING AND THE PSYCHIATRIC WING WHICH, WHEN COMPLETED IN A FEW YEARS, WILL BE HONG KONG'S SECOND MENTAL HOSPITAL WITH 1,350 BEDS.

THE CAPITAL COSTS OF THE GENERAL WING AMOUNT TO \$51.5 MILLION, THE COMBINED STAFF QUARTERS SLIGHTLY MORE THAN \$31 MILLION AND THE PSYCHIATRIC WING ABOUT \$64.6 MILLION. THUS, THE WHOLE PROJECT, OCCUPYING SOME 27 ACRES OF LAND, WILL COST A LITTLE LESS THAN \$150 MILLION. FURTHERMORE, \$20 MILLION WORTH OF EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN OR WILL BE INSTALLED IN THE GENERAL WING.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PRESS VISIT TO THE HOSPITAL HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1975. THOSE INTERESTED IN THE VISIT ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT 10 A.M. SHARP IN CANTON ROAD OPPOSITE HONG KONG HOTEL WHERE THEY WILL BE TAKEN BY COACH AM5017 TO THE HOSPITAL AT LAI CHI KOK. MR. MAK KING-YIU, SENIOR INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, WILL BE THERE TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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MORE DANGEROUS GOODS LORRIES INSPECTED

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ANOTHER 68 VEHICLES USED FOR CARRYING FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS AND COMPRESSED GASES WERE INSPECTED LAST MONTH BY OFFICERS OF THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU IN CONNECTION WITH THE DANGEROUS GOODS VEHICLE LICENSING SCHEME INTRODUCED ON APRIL 1 THIS YEAR.

THIS BRINGS TO 224 THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES INSPECTED SO FAR. OLDER LORRIES ARE BEING CALLED FORWARD FIRST FOR INSPECTION.

DURING SEPTEMBER, THE BUREAU CARRIED OUT A TOTAL OF 14,015 INSPECTIONS, COMPARED WITH 12,606 THE PREVIOUS MONTH. THERE WERE 6,217 INSPECTIONS RELATED TO COMPLAINTS ABOUT MEANS OF ESCAPE, ABOUT 700 MORE THAN THE PREVIOUS MONTH, AND THE FIGURE OF FACTORY INSPECTIONS -- 3,348 WAS 500 UP ON AUGUST.

GENERAL COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED TOTALLED 1,259 AND THERE WERE 867 ROUTINE INSPECTIONS OF MEANS OF ESCAPE TO ENSURE THEY WERE FREE OF OBSTRUCTIONS. THERE WERE 854 INSPECTIONS OF PREMISES USED FOR STORING OR MANUFACTURING DANGEROUS GOODS, 346 INSPECTIONS OF FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT INSTALLED IN RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS AND 391 SCHOOL INSPECTIONS.

BUREAU EXPERTS ALSO INVESTIGATED SEVEN FIRES.

OTHER INSPECTIONS INCLUDED RESTAURANTS AND NIGHTCLUBS (261), VENTILATION SYSTEMS (256), PLACES OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY (83), TIMBER YARDS AND STORAGE (40), NEON SIGNS (3) AND MISCELLANEOUS (15).

A TOTAL OF 575 NEW BUILDING PLANS WERE SUBMITTED TO THE BUREAU FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE MEANS OF ESCAPE AND THE INSTALLATION OF FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT. DANGEROUS GOODS AND TIMBER STORE LICENCES ISSUED AND RENEWED TOTALLED 338.

THE NUMBER OF FIRE HAZARD ABATEMENT NOTICES ISSUED WAS 376, AND THERE WERE 66 PROSECUTIONS RESULTING FROM FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE NOTICES, LEADING TO FINES AMOUNTING TO \$21,700.

DURING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1975, THE BUREAU HAS CARRIED OUT A TOTAL OF 119,713 INSPECTIONS, OR AN AVERAGE OF 13,300 EACH MONTH. REVENUE COLLECTED FROM 682 PROSECUTIONS AMOUNTED TO \$271,785.

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FORECAST OF RURAL LAND SALES

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TWENTY LOTS OF CROWN LAND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WITH A COMBINED AREA OF SOME 443,000 SQUARE FEET WILL BE PUT UP FOR SALE DURING THE NEXT SIX MONTHS.

PARTICULARS OF THESE SITES ARE CONTAINED IN A HALF-YEARLY FORECAST OF PROVISIONAL RURAL LAND SALES ISSUED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

TWELVE OF THE LOTS ARE FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT -- FOUR AT TA KU LING, THREE AT SILVERSTRAND, TWO EACH AT PENG CHAU AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD, AND ONE IN CHEUNG CHAU.

FOUR OTHER SITES EARMARKED FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES ARE AT YUEN LONG, SAI KUNG TOWN AND TUEN MUN.

THERE WILL BE A SITE FOR A FLATTED FACTORY AND TWO SITES FOR INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN DEVELOPMENT AT FO TAN IN SHATIN.

A 21,530 SQ. FT. SITE ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL BE BE FOR BUILDING A TWO-STOREY SUPERMARKET.

IN ADDITION TO THIS LAND SALE FORECAST LIST, THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION ALSO PUBLISHED A PROVISIONAL LETTER A/B TENDER PROGRAMME FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS.

IN THE PROGRAMME, TEN LOTS OF CROWN LAND, WITH A TOTAL AREA OF 84,660 SQ. FT., ARE SET ASIDE FOR TENDERS BY HOLDERS OF LETTER A/B.

ALL THESE SITES ARE FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES AND ARE SITUATED IN YUEN LONG AND TUEN MUN.

THE VENUE OF EACH LAND AUCTION OR TENDER WILL BE CONFIRMED AND ADVERTISED, NORMALLY TWO TO THREE WEEKS BEFORE THE ACTUAL DATE, AND INFORMATION ON PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SALES WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM ANY DISTRICT OFFICE.

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STREET SWEEPING TO STOP ONE DAY PER WEEK

STREET SWEEPING SERVICES WILL BE WITHDRAWN THROUGHOUT HONG KONG ONE DAY PER WEEK FOR A MONTH STARTING TODAY.

THE AIM OF THE TEMPORARY WITHDRAWAL IS TO BRING HOME TO THE PUBLIC THAT IT IS THEY WHO LITTER THE STREETS AND THAT THEY CAN KEEP THE STREETS CLEAN BY MORE CONSCIENTIOUS USE OF THE THOUSANDS OF LITTER BINS PROVIDED.

FROM NOVEMBER 1972 TO DECEMBER 1974 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LITTER BINS IN HONG KONG ROSE FROM 11,884 TO 29,096.

IN DECEMBER 1974, 10,692 WERE IN KOWLOON, 7,124 ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND 11,280 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

AT PRESENT THE AVERAGE DAILY AMOUNT OF REFUSE COLLECTED THROUGHOUT HONG KONG IS 3,259 TONS AND OF THIS UP TO 20 PER CENT WAS PICKED UP FROM THE STREETS.

THE PUBLIC WILL BE ABLE TO SEE INSTANTLY THE DIFFERENCE THAT THE ABSENCE OF STREET SWEEPING MAKES.

NO ADVANCE WARNING WILL BE GIVEN ABOUT PRECISE DATES WHEN STREET SWEEPING SERVICES ARE TO BE WITHDRAWN.

REPORTS FROM VISITORS AND FROM RESIDENTS RETURNING FROM TRIPS ABROAD REVEAL THAT THE STANDARD OF CLEANLINESS IN HONG KONG NOW COMPARES FAVOURABLY WITH THOSE IN MANY MAJOR CITIES OF THE WORLD.

IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THAT STANDARD, MAIN THOROUGHFARES, PARTICULARLY IN CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI ARE SWEEPED SIX TO EIGHT TIMES A DAY.

IT IS HOPED THAT THE WITHDRAWAL OF STREET SWEEPING SERVICES WILL PROMPT THE PUBLIC TO RECOGNISE THEIR CIVIC DUTY TO KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN.

REFUSE COLLECTION WILL CONTINUE WITHOUT INTERRUPTION IN ALL DISTRICTS.

IF THE MONTH LONG TRIAL SCHEME IS SUCCESSFUL, THE NUMBER OF STREET SWEEPINGS MAY IN FUTURE BE REDUCED AND COSTS CUT.

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THIRD ROUND IN +OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH SCHEME+
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THE GROUP AND COMMUNITY WORK DIVISION OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS NOW CALLING FOR APPLICATIONS IN THE THIRD ROUND OF ITS +OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH SCHEME+.

AS IN THE LAST TWO SERIES, APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL ITS COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICES. CLOSING DATE IS NOVEMBER 3.

PROPOSED PROJECTS SHOULD BE DESIGNED FOR COMPLETION BY MARCH 10, 1976. ANY GROUP, WHICH HAS MORE THAN 10 MEMBERS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 15 AND 25 AND IS RECOGNISED OR SPONSORED BY SCHOOLS, YOUTH AGENCIES OR INSTITUTIONS, MAY APPLY.

PROPOSED PROJECTS WILL BE ASSESSED BY THE DEPARTMENT ACCORDING TO THE EXTENT OF YOUTH INVOLVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT= COMMUNITY BENEFITS, INCLUDING PRIORITY OF NEEDS= INNOVATION= FEASIBILITY AND OPTIMUM USE OF RESOURCES. AWARDS WILL BE MADE TO THE BEST PROJECTS IN EACH DISTRICT.

THE PROJECTS WILL BE FINANCED BY A GRANT OF \$100,000 FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

COMMENTING ON THE SCHEME, MR. LAM KWOK-WAN, PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (OPERATIONS) OF THE DIVISION, SAID IT WAS INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE YOUTH TO PARTICIPATE IN PROJECTS THAT WOULD BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY AND AT THE SAME TIME HELP THEM DEVELOP THEIR PERSONALITIES AND SOCIAL ATTITUDES.

IN THE FIRST TWO ROUNDS, MR. LAM SAID, THE DEPARTMENT HAD SUPPORTED SOME 76 PROJECTS WHICH INVOLVED NEARLY 2,000 YOUTHS IN PLANNING ALONE. THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO DERIVED BENEFITS FROM THESE PROJECTS AMOUNTED TO OVER 108,000.

SOME OF THE MORE OUTSTANDING PROJECTS INCLUDED RECREATION PROGRAMMES FOR CHILDREN IN NGA CHOI HANG= SERVICE PROJECTS FOR CHILDREN ON LAMMA ISLAND= AN EXPERIMENTAL NEWSPAPER +VOICE OF VOLUNTEERS+= SERVICES FOR FAMILIES OF BLIND PEOPLE LIVING IN KWUN TONG AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES FOR PEOPLE IN LO WAI VILLAGE.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS
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THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF KOWLOON PARK DRIVE, BETWEEN PEKING ROAD AND SALISBURY ROAD, WILL OPEN TO TRAFFIC WITH EFFECT FROM 10.00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 15).

AT THE SAME TIME MIDDLE ROAD BETWEEN HANKOW ROAD AND ASHLEY ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED TWO-WAY.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE ERECTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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