



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 1975

<u>CONTENTS</u>	<u>PAGE NO.</u>
MOTORISTS ADVISED TO REPLACE BOOKLET DRIVING LICENCES BY LAMINATED CARD TYPE .....	1
OVER 68,000 PATIENTS RECEIVED PHYSIOTHERAPY IN 1974	2
REFRESHER TRAINING COURSES FOR FIREMEN TO BE HELD OVER NEXT FOUR MONTHS .....	4
NEW ZIG-ZAG MARKINGS AT ZEBRA CROSSINGS COME INTO EFFECT TOMORROW .....	4
LAI KING ESTATE WILL BE READY FOR OCCUPATION IN JUNE	5
WATER CUT IN YUEN LONG .....	5

---0---

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 1975.

- 1 -

MOTORISTS URGED TO REPLACE DRIVING LICENCES  
\* \* \* \* \*

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY ADVISED MOTORISTS, WHO HAD BEEN NOTIFIED, TO MAKE PROMPT USE OF THE CURRENT SPECIAL CONVERSION PROGRAMME TO HAVE THEIR BOOKLET DRIVING LICENCES REPLACED BY THE MORE HANDY LAMINATED CARD TYPE.

UNDER THE SPECIAL PROGRAMME WHICH STARTED LAST DECEMBER TO SPEED UP THE CONVERSION PROCESS, NOTIFICATIONS WITH RETURN SLIPS ARE SENT TO LICENCE-HOLDERS IN Batches AT INTERVALS, OFFERING THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONVERT THEIR DRIVING LICENCES BEFORE THEY ARE DUE FOR RENEWAL.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN URGED MOTORISTS WHO HAD RECEIVED SUCH NOTIFICATIONS TO TAKE UP THE OPPORTUNITY BY SENDING BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE RETURN SLIP TOGETHER WITH THEIR BOOKLET LICENCE, TWO 1-1/4" X 1" PHOTOGRAPHS AND THEIR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD.

HE SAID SOME MOTORISTS, TO WHOM THE NOTIFICATIONS HAD BEEN SENT, HAD NOT YET SENT BACK THE RETURN SLIP TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER.

HE REMINDED THEM THAT THE SPECIAL CONVERSION PROGRAMME WAS SCHEDULED TO END IN AUGUST, AFTER WHICH LAMINATED LICENCES WOULD BE ISSUED ONLY ON RENEWAL, INITIAL ISSUE OF LICENCES, OR ON CHANGE OF PARTICULARS.

LICENCE-HOLDERS WHO HAVE AT PRESENT NOT RECEIVED A NOTIFICATION WILL RECEIVE ONE AS THE PROGRAMME PROGRESSES, EXCEPT THOSE WHOSE LICENCES ARE DUE FOR RENEWAL WITHIN THE NEXT FOUR MONTHS. THESE LICENCE-HOLDERS WILL BE ISSUED WITH LAMINATED LICENCES ON RENEWAL, AS THE NEW TYPE OF LICENCES WILL BE ISSUED IN THIS CASE AS A MATTER OF COURSE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE RETURN SLIPS COULD EITHER BE SENT OR POSTED BACK FREE OF CHARGE. AFTER PROCESSING, THE DEPARTMENT WILL RETURN BY RECORDED POSTAL DELIVERY, THE NEW LAMINATED LICENCE, THE INVALIDATED OLD BOOKLET LICENCE AND THE IDENTITY CARD.

HE STRESSED THAT ONLY IN THOSE CASES WHERE A HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD HAD NOT BEEN ISSUED WOULD A PASSPORT OR SOME OTHER ACCEPTABLE IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS BE CONSIDERED AS A SUBSTITUTE.

PHOTOGRAPHS MEASURING 1-1/4" X 1", IF NOT READILY AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE, CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE PHOTO-VENDING MACHINES INSTALLED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S LICENSING OFFICES AT THE MURRAY ROAD MULTI-STORY CARPARK BUILDING IN CENTRAL ON HONG-KONG ISLAND, AND AT PUI CHING ROAD, HO MAN TIN, IN KOWLOON.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/2 .....

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 1975

- 2 -

GROWING DEMAND FOR PHYSIOTHERAPY  
AIM IS TO MAKE HANDICAPPED PATIENTS AS INDEPENDENT AS POSSIBLE  
\* \* \* \* \*

PHYSIOTHERAPISTS AT THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TREATED 68,256 PATIENTS IN 1974, COMPARED WITH 19,286 IN 1961 -- A 254 PER CENT INCREASE.

ATTENDANCES LAST YEAR TOTALLED 678,057, OR MORE THAN THREE TIMES THAT OF A DECADE AGO.

PHYSIOTHERAPY UNITS ARE ATTACHED TO THE QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL, THE QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL, THE KOWLOON HOSPITAL, THE KOWLOON REHABILITATION CENTRE, THE LAI CHI KOK HOSPITAL, THE WAN CHAI POLYCLINIC, THE TANG SHIU KIN HOSPITAL, AND THE DAVID TRENCH REHABILITATION CENTRE.

PHYSIOTHERAPY SERVICES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE IN SOME ASSISTED HOSPITALS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

PHYSIOTHERAPY IS A METHOD BY WHICH A CURE IS ATTEMPTED THROUGH NATURAL PHYSICAL EXERCISE. THE PHYSIOTHERAPIST WAS ONCE CALLED BY MORE GENERAL TERM OF MASSEUR, OR MASSEUSE, BUT THIS HAS BEEN CHANGED TO THE MORE PRECISE TERM BECAUSE THE THERAPY IS NOW SCIENTIFIC, AND THERE IS MORE CONTROLLED EXERCISE TO IT FOR THE PATIENT THAN MERELY BEING MASSAGED.

PRESENT TREATMENT HAS DEVELOPED ALONG THE LINES OF THE GREATEST IMPROVEMENT IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME. INCREASING DEMAND HAS RAISED THE DEPARTMENT'S PHYSIOTHERAPY STAFF TO 79, HEADED BY MISS M.G. SMITH, SUPERINTENDENT PHYSIOTHERAPIST.

SIX OVERSEAS OFFICERS WERE RECRUITED LAST YEAR, AND 24 STUDENT PHYSIOTHERAPISTS ARE NOW IN A THREE-YEAR TRAINING COURSE AT THE HONG KONG PHYSIOTHERAPY TRAINING SCHOOL, WHICH OPENED IN 1960.

PATIENTS COMMONLY REQUIRING PHYSIOTHERAPY INCLUDE VICTIMS OF TRAUMA, FRACTURES, STROKES, ARTHRITIS, SPINAL SPONDYLOSIS AND CHEST DISEASES. CHILDREN WHO HAVE HAD BRAIN DAMAGE ARE ALSO AMONG THOSE RECEIVING TREATMENT.

MISS SMITH SAYS THERE IS A GROWING DEMAND FOR PHYSIOTHERAPY BECAUSE AN EARLY RETURN TO NORMAL PHYSICAL CONDITION CONTRIBUTES TO A SPEEDIER TURNOVER IN HOSPITAL BEDS. MAXIMUM RECOVERY MEANS THAT A PATIENT CAN RESUME HIS OCCUPATION WITHOUT A LENGTHY AND NON-PRODUCTIVE CONVALESCENCE, A FACTOR OF CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE IN INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS WHEN THE VICTIM IS THE BREADWINNER.

/+NOT ALL PATIENTS .....

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 1975

- 3 -

✦NOT ALL PATIENTS MAKE A COMPLETE RECOVERY, AND THIS MAINLY APPLIES TO BRAIN DAMAGE AND SPINAL CORD LESIONS,✦ MISS SMITH EXPLAINS. ✦THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM BRAIN DAMAGE ARE OFTEN PERMANENTLY AFFLICTED WITH PARALYSIS OF MUSCULAR MOVEMENTS. PATIENTS WITH SPINAL LESION MAY BE PARALYSED AND CONFINED TO WHEELCHAIRS, BUT THEIR INTELLIGENCE REMAINS NORMAL.✦

MISS SMITH EMPHASISES THAT ✦SYMPATHY IS NOT SOUGHT BY SUCH HANDICAPPED PERSONS, BECAUSE ALL THEY WANT IS TO RETURN TO THE COMMUNITY AND BE ALLOWED TO PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE.

✦THEY MAY BE PHYSICALLY DISABLED, BUT THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT THEY WANT TO SPEND THE REST OF THEIR DAYS WITH OTHER PHYSICALLY-DISABLED, THOUGH THIS MAY HAVE TO OCCUR WHEN SPECIALISED TREATMENT IS NEEDED. THEY REALLY WANT TO BE ABLE TO DO ANY JOB WHICH THEY CAN MANAGE, AND HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHOOSE THEIR FRIENDS AS ANY ONE ELSE.✦

MISS SMITH APPEALS FOR MORE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF THIS FACTOR BY ACCEPTING THE PHYSICALLY-DISABLED IN SOME FIELDS OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, SO BRINGING TO ✦A FRUITFUL CONCLUSION THE EFFORTS OF DOCTORS, NURSES, AND PARA-MEDICAL STAFF.✦

---

NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF A PHOTOGRAPH ILLUSTRATING THIS ARTICLE ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, 6TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, HONG KONG.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/4 .....

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 1975.

- 4 -

FIREMEN TO RECEIVE REFRESHER TRAINING

\* \* \* \* \*

STAFF MEMBERS OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BE ATTEND REFRESHER TRAINING COURSES OVER THE NEXT FOUR MONTHS.

EACH COURSE WILL LAST ONE WEEK AND BE ATTENDED BY UP TO 120 MEN HOLDING THE RANK OF STATION OFFICER AND BELOW. THEY WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TRAINING SCHOOL IN THE NEW TERRITORIES BEGINNING ON MARCH 10 AND ENDING ON JULY 18.

A FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE TRAINING WAS DESIGNED TO ENSURE STANDARDISATION OF PROCEDURES, DRILLS, EQUIPMENT USAGE AND TO ASSESS THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF PERSONNEL.

HE EXPLAINED THAT MANY MEMBERS OF THE SERVICE HAD BEEN TRAINED PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE TRAINING SCHOOL IN 1968 AND, EVEN SINCE THE SCHOOL HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED, THE SYLLABUS HAD BEEN UPDATED FROM TIME TO TIME TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN FIRE FIGHTING TECHNIQUES.

+MEN WHO HAVE NOT HAD THE BENEFIT OF THIS UPDATING OF TRAINING PROGRAMMES WILL NOW BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE COURSES WILL BE RESIDENTIAL. MEN FROM THE TACTICAL RESERVES WILL PERFORM WATCH DUTIES ON FIRE STATIONS WHILE PERSONNEL ARE AWAY UNDERGOING THE TRAINING.

- - - - 0 - - - -

REMINDER ON ZIG-ZAGS

\* \* \* \* \*

THE NEW ZIG-ZAG MARKINGS AT ZEBRA CROSSINGS, WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO GIVE EXTRA PROTECTION TO PEDESTRIANS AND TO CUT THE ACCIDENT TOLL AT THESE CROSSINGS, COME INTO EFFECT TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THIS MEANS THAT AT ANY ZEBRA CROSSING WHICH HAS BEEN MARKED WITH THE ZIG-ZAG LINES IT WILL BE AN OFFENCE FOR ANY MOTORIST TO OVERTAKE, WAIT OR PARK WITHIN THE STRETCH OF ROAD DEFINED BY THE ZIG-ZAG MARKS.

IT WILL ALSO BE AN OFFENCE FOR ANY PEDESTRIAN TO CROSS THE ROAD IN THE SAME AREA. PEDESTRIANS MUST CROSS ON THE ZEBRA CROSSING ITSELF.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/5 .....

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 1975.

- 5 -

### LAI KING ESTATE READY FOR OCCUPATION SOON

\* \* \* \* \*

CONSTRUCTION WORK OF ANOTHER HOUSING AUTHORITY ESTATE IS FORGING AHEAD ON A 15-ACRE SITE IN KWAI CHUNG. THE FIRST TWO BLOCKS OF THE LAI KING ESTATE, WHICH WILL PROVIDE HOMES FOR ABOUT 6,600 PEOPLE, WILL BE READY FOR OCCUPATION IN EARLY JUNE.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ARCHITECTS WHO ARE BUILDING THE ESTATE ON BEHALF OF THE AUTHORITY, ARE MEANWHILE PUTTING THE FINISHING TOUCHES TO THE TWO 15-STORY BLOCKS.

TWO OTHER BLOCKS OF 15 AND 22 STOREYS HIGH ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT A YEAR.

THE WHOLE ESTATE, COMPRISING SEVEN MULTI-STORY BLOCKS, WILL BE READY BY JUNE NEXT YEAR HOUSING A TOTAL OF 27,000 PEOPLE. CONSTRUCTION COST IS ESTIMATED AT ABOUT \$99 MILLION.

THE ESTATE WILL BE SELF-CONTAINED WITH THE PROVISION OF ALL FORMS OF SOCIAL AND WELFARE FACILITIES. THERE WILL BE A SHOPPING CENTRE, POST OFFICE, WELFARE PREMISES, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND KINDERGARTENS AS WELL AS RECREATIONAL GROUNDS.

A ROAD WILL ALSO BE BUILT LINKING THE ESTATE WITH THE SUPER-HIGHWAY TO PROVIDE A TRAFFIC LINK WITH THE URBAN AREA.

---

#### NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF A PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING THE FIRST TWO BLOCKS OF THE LAI KING ESTATE NEARING COMPLETION ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, DEACONSFILED HOUSE, 6/F. CENTRAL.

- - - - 0 - - - -

#### WATER CUT IN YUEN LONG

\* \* \* \* \*

WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN YUEN LONG IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR FIVE HOURS ON TUESDAY (MARCH 4), BEGINNING AT 1 A.M., TO ENABLE THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE PREMISES AFFECTED ARE AT CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN AU TAU CROSS ROAD AND SAN TIN, KAM SHEUNG ROAD BETWEEN KAM TIN ROAD AND TAI PO ROAD, AND KAM TIN ROAD BETWEEN AU TAU CROSS ROAD AND TSUEN KAM ROAD.

SEK KONG CAMP, KAM TIN SHI, KAM HING WAI, SHUI TAU TSUEN, SHUI MEI TSUEN, PAK WAI TSUEN AND KAM TIN MARKET WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED BY THE TEMPORARY WATER CUT.

- - - - 0 - - - -