



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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THERE MUST BE ADEQUATE PROVISION OF FAMILY
PLANNING CLINICS, SAYS SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY COMPLETED ITS FIRST OVERALL REVIEW OF POLICIES RELATING TO THE GROWTH OF POPULATION IN HONG KONG AND HAS CONCLUDED THAT THERE MUST BE AN ADEQUATE PROVISION OF FAMILY PLANNING CLINICS.

THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, MR. E.P. HO, STATED THIS TODAY (SATURDAY) WHEN SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION RESOURCE WORKSHOP ORGANISED BY THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

MR. HO SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS VERY CONSCIOUS OF THE VALUABLE SERVICES THAT THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION WAS RENDERING IN PROMOTING FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION.

+AMONG ITS MANY PRAISEWORTHY AIMS AND OBJECTIVES, THE ASSOCIATION HAS SUCCESSFULLY ENDEAVOURED TO TAKE A LEAD IN EDUCATING THE PUBLIC -- ESPECIALLY THE YOUNG -- IN THE FIELD OF FAMILY LIFE, POPULATION AND CONTRACEPTION MATTERS AND ALSO TO COLLECT AND PRODUCE RESOURCE MATERIALS AND TO DISSEMINATE KNOWLEDGE OF FAMILY PLANNING, FAMILY LIFE AND POPULATION,+ MR. HO SAID.

HE ADDED THAT, WITHIN THE PAST FIVE YEARS, THE GOVERNMENT HAD ASSUMED FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROVISION OF FAMILY PLANNING FACILITIES IN ITS OWN CLINICS AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES FOLLOWING THE PIONEERING EFFORTS OF THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION. THE GOVERNMENT HAD MORE RECENTLY COMPLETED THE FIRST OVERALL REVIEW OF ITS POLICIES RELATING TO THE GROWTH OF POPULATION IN HONG KONG. +OUR CONCLUSION IS THAT THERE MUST BE ADEQUATE PROVISION OF FAMILY PLANNING CLINICS.+

MR. HO SAID THAT, IN ADDITION, MEASURES SHOULD ALSO BE TAKEN TO PROMOTE THE TEACHING OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

+IT MUST BE REALISED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT MORE AND MORE GIRLS ARE REACHING THE CHILD-BEARING AGE SO WE CANNOT AFFORD TO BE COMPLACENT,+ HE SAID.

THE RECENT GREEN PAPER ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF PERSONAL SOCIAL WORK AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE IN HONG KONG ALSO RECOGNISED THAT, IN A FAST EVOLVING SOCIETY LIKE OURS, FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION SERVICES IN A WIDER SENSE WERE NEEDED ON A CONTINUING BASIS.

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ON THE CLINICAL SIDE, MR. HO SAID THERE HAD BEEN A VERY SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE ATTENDING CLINICS. AT PRESENT A REASONABLY COMPREHENSIVE DISTRIBUTION OF SUCH CLINICS EXISTED WITHIN THE URBAN AREA, BUT THERE WAS STILL SCOPE FOR IMPROVING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE SERVICES AVAILABLE AND FOR ENCOURAGING THEIR USE BY MEANS OF VARIOUS PUBLICATIONS AND MASS MEDIA PROGRAMMES.

+I AM PLEASSED TO NOTE,+ HE CONTINUED, +THAT AN INCREASING NUMBER OF SCHOOLS ARE NOW CONDUCTING FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PROGRAMMES. LAST YEAR, I BELIEVE, THEY WERE ATTENDED BY 45,000 STUDENTS.+

THESE PROGRAMMES, HOWEVER, ARE NOT CONFINED TO CHILDREN IN SCHOOLS : CHINESE TELEVISION CHANNELS ARE CURRENTLY SCREENING 10 WEEKLY PROGRAMMES ENTITLED 'UNDER THE SAME ROOF' WHICH ARE PRODUCED BY RTHK IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT. FURTHERMORE, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND VARIOUS VOLUNTARY AGENCIES ARE ALSO ORGANISING SEMINARS, GROUP DISCUSSIONS, EXHIBITIONS, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AND COMPETITIONS TO HELP ADULTS UNDERSTAND THE ADVANTAGES THAT FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CAN CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS A HAPPY ENVIRONMENT.

+TO ENSURE THAT THIS VERY SENSITIVE SUBJECT IS PUT ACROSS SUCCESSFULLY, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE PROGRAMMES ARE EFFECTIVELY PRODUCED. THE OBJECT OF THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION RESOURCE WORKSHOP IS TO BRING TOGETHER ALL THOSE WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN THESE PROGRAMMES, BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE GOVERNMENT, AND TO DEMONSTRATE THE VARIOUS TEACHING METHODS AND FACILITIES THAT ARE AVAILABLE.+

MR. HO SAID HE HOPED THAT ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES WOULD TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT THE WORKSHOP OFFERED AND PAID TRIBUTE TO THE MANY MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION +WHO DEVOTE SO MUCH OF THEIR OWN TIME AND ENERGY TO SUCH A WORTHWHILE CAUSE : HELPING TO MAKE HONG KONG A HAPPIER PLACE TO LIVE IN.+

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OVER 2000 APPLY FOR REGISTRATION AS URBCO VOTERS
IN ONE MONTH
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THE TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM WOULD-BE VOTERS SINCE THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTION REGISTRATION CYCLE BEGAN A MONTH AGO HAS NOW TOPPED THE 2,000 MARK.

+THIS REPRESENTS NEARLY TWO-THIRDS OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF NEW VOTERS REGISTERED DURING THE LAST REGISTRATION CYCLE IN 1976,+ SAID MR. KUO KET-CHEN, REGISTRATION OFFICER FOR THE 1978 URBAN COUNCIL ELECTION REGISTRATION AND SEXENNIAL INQUIRY.

SO FAR, 10,239 VOTERS WHO ARE ON THE CURRENT REGISTER HAVE RETURNED THE COMPLETED SEXENNIAL INQUIRY FORMS TO THE REGISTRATION OFFICER. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTERS ON THE REGISTER IS 37,174.

+WE HOPE MORE PEOPLE WILL GIVE THEIR SUPPORT BEFORE THE REGISTRATION CLOSES ON JUNE 15,+ MR. KUO ADDED.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN OBTAIN REGISTRATION FORMS FROM ALL POST OFFICES, CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE HEAD AND BRANCH OFFICES OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AND THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE. THESE FORMS MAY BE COMPLETED IN EITHER ENGLISH OR CHINESE.

MR. KUO ALSO REMINDED REGISTERED VOTERS THAT THEY ARE ENTITLED TO A CHOICE OF POLLING STATIONS.

+THE FACILITY ENABLING ELECTORS TO STATE THEIR PREFERENCE OF POLLING STATIONS WAS IMPLEMENTED FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE VOTERS SO THAT THEY COULD CAST THEIR VOTES NEAR THEIR PLACES OF WORK OR RESIDENCE,+ HE EXPLAINED.

AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, NEXT YEAR'S URBAN COUNCIL ELECTION WILL BE SPREAD OVER 13 POLLING STATIONS, WITH FOUR ON HONG KONG ISLAND, SIX IN KOWLOON AND THREE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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EXPLORATION OF NORTH LANTAU FORESHORE

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS INVITED TENDERS FOR THE EXPLORATION OF SOIL CONDITIONS ALONG THE FORESHORE OF NORTH LANTAU.

MR. WONG WAN-MING, ACTING CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND AIRPORT DIVISION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, SAID THAT THE INVESTIGATION IS AIMED AT OBTAINING INFORMATION ON GEOLOGICAL COMPOSITION OF THE FORESHORE.

+THE RESULTS WILL BE USED FOR STUDYING THE ENGINEERING FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING NORTH LANTAU,+ HE SAID.

THE INVESTIGATION WAS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN MAY AND WOULD TAKE ABOUT NINE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

MR. WONG SAID THAT THIS WOULD BE THE SECOND SITE INVESTIGATION TO BE CARRIED OUT ON NORTH LANTAU.

WORK ON THE FIRST ONE, WHICH IS FOR INVESTIGATION ON LAND, WAS EXPECTED TO BEGIN NEXT MONTH AND WOULD TAKE ABOUT TEN MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

COVERING THE AREA BETWEEN THE KAP SHUI MUN CHANNEL AND TUNG CHUNG, IT FORMED THE FIRST STEP IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSALS TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING THE NORTH LANTAU COAST, MR. WONG SAID.

RESULTS OBTAINED WOULD BE USED TO COMPILE COMPREHENSIVE SOILS INFORMATION IN THE AREA NECESSARY FOR DETAILED ENGINEERING STUDIES.

THE SOIL EXPLORATIONS HAVE BEEN PLANNED AND THE WORK WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE DEVELOPMENT AND AIRPORT DIVISION OF THE P.W.D.

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GOVERNOR TO MEET BRITISH MINISTER

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL MEET THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, LORD GORONWY-ROBERTS, AT THE AIRPORT TOMORROW (SUNDAY) EVENING WHEN HE MAKES A BRIEF STOPOVER IN HONG KONG ON HIS WAY TO THE PHILIPPINES.

LORD GORONWY-ROBERTS IS DUE TO ARRIVE ON A BRITISH AIRWAYS FLIGHT AT 5.05 P.M. AND DEPART FOR MANILA AT 6.50 P.M.

HE IS TO STAY IN THE PHILIPPINES FOR THREE DAYS ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT BEFORE FLYING TO KUALA LUMPUR WHERE HE WILL SPEND TWO DAYS.

LORD GORONWY-ROBERTS WILL LEAVE KUALA LUMPUR ON MARCH 24 TO RETURN TO LONDON.

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HEAD OF SPECIAL POLICE ADVISERS FROM UK
RETURNS TO HONG KONG TODAY

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MR. J.W.D. CRANE, HEAD OF THE THREE-MAN TEAM OF SPECIAL POLICE ADVISERS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM, RETURNED TO HONG KONG TODAY (SATURDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT, DURING MR. CRANE'S ABSENCE, HIS TWO COLLEAGUES, CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT ALFRED WALLEN AND CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT ERIC HUMPHREY, HAD CARRIED OUT EXTENSIVE STUDIES INTO ALL ASPECTS OF THE WORKINGS AND STRUCTURE OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE AND WOULD BE DISCUSSING THEIR FINDINGS WITH MR. CRANE.

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VICTORIA PARK SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF OPEN DAY

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MISS ELIZABETH ROWE, PRINCIPAL EDUCATION OFFICER (SPECIAL EDUCATION), TODAY PAID TRIBUTE TO THE SCHOOL, THE STAFF AND THE PUPILS OF VICTORIA PARK SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF FOR THE QUALITY OF THE WORK THEY HAD ACHIEVED IN +ONE OF THE MOST DEMANDING TASKS IN EDUCATION.+

SPEAKING AT THE OPEN DAY HELD AT THE SCHOOL THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON, MISS ROWE SAID THE SCHOOL OVER THE LAST 18 YEARS HAD EXPANDED ITS FACILITIES AND ESTABLISHED TWO SPECIAL CLASSES FOR DEAF CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL HANDICAPS.

SHE NOTED THAT THE PROGRESS THESE CHILDREN WERE MAKING IN THE SPECIAL CLASSES WAS CONVINCING PROOF OF THE CAPABILITY OF THESE SEVERELY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN TO BENEFIT FROM EDUCATION.

MISS ROWE ADDED: +IT WILL ALSO SERVE AS AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO ALL PARENTS WHO SUSPECT THEIR CHILD MAY HAVE HEARING IMPAIRMENT, OR INDEED ANY OTHER PROBLEMS, TO SEEK ADVICE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. TECHNIQUES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR ASSESSING HEARING IMPAIRMENT IN BABIES AS YOUNG AS SIX MONTHS AND THE EARLIER A CHILD CAN BE ASSESSED THE EARLIER REMEDIAL TREATMENT CAN BE STARTED AND FULL USE MADE OF THE CHILD'S RESIDUAL HEARING.

+AS A RESULT OF THE HIGH STANDARD OF WORK BEING ACHIEVED IN THE SCHOOL, SEVERAL PUPILS EACH YEAR ARE NOW MAKING SUFFICIENT PROGRESS IN SPEECH AND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT TO BE ABLE TO BE TRANSFERRED TO SPECIAL CLASSES IN ORDINARY PRIMARY SCHOOLS. THIS IS MOST ENCOURAGING.+

MISS ROWE ALSO POINTED OUT THE FACT THAT SO MANY PUPILS WERE NOW SUCCESSFULLY INTEGRATED IN ORDINARY SCHOOLS COULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE SKILL AND DEDICATION OF THE STAFF OF THIS SCHOOL.

IN HER ADDRESS, THE PRINCIPAL OF THE SCHOOL, MRS. KATHERINE LEUNG, THANKED THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE GUIDANCE= THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT FOR THE ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING HEARING AIDS AND AUDIOLOGICAL EQUIPMENT= THE Y.W.C.A. FOR PROVIDING SOCIAL WORK SERVICE, AND THE VARIOUS SCHOOLS, PARTICULARLY ST. STEPHEN'S GIRLS' COLLEGE AND THE RED CROSS CADETS, FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE SCHOOL'S INTEGRATION PROGRAMMES.

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MUSHROOM CULTIVATION IN SCHOOL LABORATORIES

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MR. ARTHUR BROWN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), TODAY SAID THE PRODUCTION OF STRAW MUSHROOMS COULD INCREASE IN THE WORLD'S SUPPLY OF PROTEIN.

OPENING AN EXHIBITION-WORKSHOP ON +THE CULTIVATION OF MUSHROOMS IN SCHOOL LABORATORIES+ AT NORTHCOTE COLLEGE, MR. BROWN SAID THAT 40 PER CENT OF THE DRY WEIGHT OF STRAW MUSHROOMS IS PROTEIN.

+AS YOU KNOW THERE IS A LACK OF PROTEIN FOOD IN THE WORLD TODAY. PERHAPS THE PRODUCTION OF STRAW MUSHROOMS SHOULD EASE THE WORLD'S PROBLEM OF PROTEIN SUPPLY,+ HE SAID.

THE WORKSHOP WAS ATTENDED BY DR. P.G. MILES FROM THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BUFFALO, DR. BOB CALLOW FROM THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY, AND OTHER SECONDARY SCHOOL BIOLOGY TEACHERS AND LABORATORY TECHNICIANS. IT WAS ORGANISED BY THE SCIENCE SUBJECTS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE AND THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS EDUCATION.

DR. S.T. CHANG, READER IN BIOLOGY AND DEAN OF SCIENCE FACULTY, CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, GAVE AN ILLUSTRATED TALK ON THE ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE OF MUSHROOMS AND THEIR CULTIVATION IN SCHOOLS. MRS. LOUISE MOK, DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS CHAIRED THE SEMINAR.

CALLING BIOLOGY A +LIVING PRACTICAL SUBJECT+ WHICH REQUIRED BOTH BRAIN AND HAND WORKING TOGETHER, MR. BROWN DESCRIBED THE ROLE OF THE BIOLOGY TEACHER AS NOT ONLY MAKING THE SUBJECT INTERESTING BUT ALSO RELATING ITS STUDY TO OUR DAILY LIVES.

+WE APPRECIATE THAT TOPICS SUCH AS THE NITROGEN CYCLE, CARBON CYCLE, RECYCLING OF WASTES, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF FOOD SUPPLY HAVE BEEN RECEIVING THEORETICAL TREATMENT IN OUR SCHOOLS. IT IS GRATIFYING TO SEE THE POSSIBILITY OF FORMULATING A PRACTICAL APPROACH TO THESE TOPICS BY INTRODUCING THE CULTIVATION OF MUSHROOMS IN OUR SCHOOL LABORATORIES,+ HE SAID.

MRS. MOK, IN HER ADDRESS, REFERRED TO THE CHANGE IN SCHOOLS AWAY FROM THE +CHALK AND TALK+ METHOD TO THE NEW EMPHASIS ON EXPERIMENTAL APPROACH. +THE WORKSHOP WOULD PROVIDE US WITH THE NECESSARY SKILLS AND MATERIALS IN CULTIVATING STRAW MUSHROOMS WHICH ARE LOCAL LIVING MATERIALS,+ SHE SAID.

THE WORKSHOP HAD AROUSED A LOT OF INTEREST AMONG TEACHERS AND THE PUBLIC, MRS. MOK ADDED. MORE THAN 220 TEACHERS AND LABORATORY TECHNICIANS HAD APPLIED FOR THIS COURSE, BUT THE LIMITED LABORATORY ACCOMMODATION HAD FORCED THE ORGANISERS TO ACCEPT ONLY ABOUT 50 PARTICIPANTS FOR THE WORKSHOP.

MRS. MOK MENTIONED THAT IN RESPONSE TO PUBLIC ENQUIRIES, THE HONG KONG COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC CO-ORDINATION WOULD SOON ARRANGE A PUBLIC LECTURE ON THE +CULTIVATION OF STRAW MUSHROOMS+ BY DR. S.T. CHANG AND HIS COLLEAGUES AT THE CITY HALL AS PART OF THE 'POPULAR SCIENCE' SERIES.

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TOPLEY TO OPEN AIDS TO ENGLISH EXHIBITION FOR TEACHERS
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS ORGANISING TWO EXHIBITIONS ON +AIDS TO ENGLISH+ FOR TEACHERS OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO BE HELD SEPARATELY AT THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRES ON HONG KONG AND IN KOWLOON BETWEEN MARCH 21 AND APRIL 8.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, WILL OPEN THE EXHIBITION AT THE HONG KONG CENTRE AT 9A, BONHAM ROAD ON TUESDAY (MARCH 21). IT WILL BE ON UNTIL MARCH 29.

THE EXHIBITION AT KOWLOON WILL BE HELD AT 1, MA TAU KOK ROAD BETWEEN APRIL 3 AND 8.

BOTH EXHIBITIONS WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M. AND 2 P.M. TO 5 P.M. DAILY, EXCEPT ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

THE EXHIBITS ON DISPLAY WILL INCLUDE TAPED TEACHING MATERIALS, LANGUAGE PRACTICE KITS, POLYSTYRENE FOAM MODELS, SLIDE-PICTURE SERIES AND OTHER TYPES OF AIDS PRODUCED BY SCHOOL TEACHERS, INSPECTORS OF ENGLISH, AND OFFICERS OF THE CENTRES.

ACCOMPANYING EACH EXHIBIT WILL BE INFORMATION ON ITS PRODUCTION, COST AND USE. DEMONSTRATION IN THE PRODUCTION AND USE OF EXHIBITS WILL ALSO BE GIVEN BY OFFICERS OF THE CENTRES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE +AIDS TO ENGLISH EXHIBITION+ AT 10.30 A.M. ON MARCH 21 AT THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE, 9A BONHAM ROAD, HONG KONG.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EVENT.

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