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PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES STEPPED UP TO  
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INTRODUCED INTO HK

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WITH THE CONTINUING INFLUX OF REFUGEES, THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS STEPPED UP ALL PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT NO QUARANTINABLE DISEASES ARE INTRODUCED INTO HONG KONG AND OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES DO NOT SPREAD.

+THE FACT THAT NO MAJOR OUTBREAKS OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM THE REFUGEE BOATS OR CAMPS SPEAK VOLUMES OF THE TREMENDOUS EFFORTS BY OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT AT ALL LEVELS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

HE SAID THAT HEALTH OFFICERS ARE MAINTAINING A ROUND-THE-CLOCK VIGILANCE IN THE WAKE OF FLEETS OF REFUGEE BOATS STREAMING INTO HONG KONG AT ALL TIMES AND ALSO KEEPING A CLOSE WATCH ON THE GENERAL HEALTH OF THE REFUGEES ALREADY IN HONG KONG.

THE PORT HEALTH OFFICE, FOR INSTANCE, OPERATES AT BREAK-NECK PACE 24 HOURS A DAY, CARRYING OUT NORMAL CHECK-UPS OF NEW ARRIVALS AND OTHER ESSENTIAL SERVICES SUCH AS DISINFECTION AND DISINSECTISATION OF THE VESSELS AND THE REFUGEES' BAGGAGES.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE PORT HEALTH OFFICE IS THE FIRST LINE OF DEFENCE IN THE PREVENTION OF QUARANTINABLE DISEASES - SMALLPOX, CHOLERA, YELLOW FEVER AND PLAGUE.

ALL REFUGEE BOATS ENTERING HONG KONG ARE TOWED TO THE QUARANTINE ANCHORAGE AT DISCOVERY BAY WHERE THEY WILL BE ISOLATED AND KEPT FOR OBSERVATION. PORT HEALTH OFFICERS WILL THEN BOARD THE VESSELS AND START THE HEALTH SCREENING PROCESS AND CARRY OUT ALL NECESSARY PREVENTIVE MEASURES.

BECAUSE HO CHI MING CITY IS A PLAGUE INFECTED AREA, SPECIAL ANTI-PLAGUE MEASURES HAVE BEEN IMPOSED TO ENSURE THAT RODENTS AND FLEAS ON BOARD VESSELS ARE KILLED, THUS BREAKING THE RAT-FLEA-HUMAN TRANSMISSION CYCLE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID WHILE SPORADIC CASES OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES HAVE BEEN DETECTED AMONG THE REFUGEES THE GENERAL STATE OF HEALTH IN THE CAMPS AND ON THE BOATS HAS BEEN SATISFACTORY.

THE COMMON COMMUNICABLE DISEASES THAT HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED AMONG THE REFUGEES FALL INTO THREE MAIN CATEGORIES -- GASTRO-INTESTINAL DISEASES, COMMON CHILDHOOD COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND OTHER DISEASES SUCH AS TUBERCULOSIS.

THE INTESTINAL GROUP OF DISEASES CONSISTS OF DYSENTERY, TYPHOID FEVER, DIARRHOEAS, AND FOOD POISONING. DIARRHOEAS HAVE BEEN THE MOST COMMON DISEASES SEEN AMONG THE REFUGEES SO FAR. BOTH THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENTS HAVE BEEN PROVIDING FACILITIES IN THE CAMPS TO ENSURE A SATISFACTORY STANDARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE AND SANITATION.

THE MORE COMMON CHILDHOOD DISEASES FOUND IN THE CAMPS INCLUDE MEASLES, CHICKENPOX AND MUMPS. CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM THESE DISEASES ARE GIVEN PROPER TREATMENT AND, IF NECESSARY ADMITTED TO HOSPITALS. IMMUNISATIONS AGAINST SUCH COMMON CHILDHOOD DISEASES AS MEASLES, DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH, TETANUS AND POLIOMYELITIS ARE BEING GIVEN BY HEALTH STAFF TO CHILDREN IN THE CAMPS.

HEALTH PERSONNEL HAVE ALSO COME ACROSS A NUMBER OF TUBERCULOSIS AND MALARIA CASES AMONG THE REFUGEES. ALL TB CASES THAT HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED ARE GIVEN PROPER TREATMENT AND SOME OF THEM ALSO ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL.

DURING THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, 125 CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS WERE REFERRED TO GOVERNMENT CHEST CLINICS FOR CHECK-UP AND TREATMENT WHILE 24 TB PATIENTS WERE ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL. BCG VACCINATION AMONG THE CHILDREN IS ALSO BEING CARRIED OUT IN THE CAMPS.

ON THE MEDICAL SIDE, A MEDICAL CENTRE MANNED BY MEMBERS OF THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE HAS BEEN SET UP IN EACH OF THE FIVE REFUGEE CAMPS. THESE CENTRES PROVIDE GENERAL OUT-PATIENT FACILITIES TO SICK REFUGEES STAYING IN THESE CAMPS.

IN THE LARGER CENTRES, BEDS ARE PROVIDED FOR PATIENTS WHO NEED OBSERVATION AND SPECIAL ATTENTION. IF THEIR CONDITIONS WARRANT IT, THEY ARE ADMITTED TO REGIONAL HOSPITALS.

SINCE JANUARY 1978, 390 CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES AMONG THE REFUGEES HAVE BEEN TREATED AT PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL.

THE DISEASES INCLUDE AMOEBIASIS, BACILLARY DYSENTERY, CHICKENPOX, MEASLES, INFECTIOUS HEPATITIS, FOOD POISONING, MALARIA AND TUBERCULOSIS. MOST OF THE CASES ARE OF MEASLES AND CHICKENPOX.

DURING THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THE YEAR THERE WERE SOME 1,600 ADMISSIONS OF VIETNAMESE PATIENTS TO HOSPITAL, INCLUDING A NUMBER OF MATERNITY CASES.

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#### DECLARATION OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

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COMPANIES AND INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN IMPORTS AND EXPORTS ARE REMINDED OF THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (REGISTRATION) REGULATIONS TO LODGE TRADE DECLARATIONS AND PAY AD VALOREM CHARGES WITHIN 14 DAYS OF IMPORTATION AND EXPORTATION.

+TRADE DECLARATIONS SUBMITTED OUTSIDE THE PRESCRIBED PERIOD WILL BE LIABLE TO PENALTY CHARGES WHICH RISE AFTER TWO MONTHS TO A MAXIMUM OF \$100 PER DECLARATION WHERE THE TOTAL VALUE OF ARTICLES SPECIFIED DOES NOT EXCEED \$20,000, AND \$200 WHERE THE TOTAL VALUE EXCEEDS \$20,000, + A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

+PROSECUTIONS WILL BE INITIATED AGAINST THOSE WHO, WITHOUT REASONABLE EXCUSE, FAIL TO LODGE THE NECESSARY TRADE DECLARATIONS, + HE ADDED.

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\$86 MILLION LOW-INTEREST LOANS  
GRANTED TO FISHERMEN  
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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HAS SINCE 1946, GRANTED MORE THAN \$86 MILLION IN LOW-INTEREST LOANS TO FISHERMEN TO HELP THEM IMPROVE THEIR FISHING OPERATIONS.

THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ENABLED FISHERMEN TO BUILD NEW VESSELS, OBTAIN MODERN EQUIPMENT AND DEVELOP MORE SOPHISTICATED PRODUCTIVE TECHNIQUES.

EXPLAINING THIS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CREDIT SECTION SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERS FOUR LOAN FUNDS TO HELP FISHERMEN — THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION LOAN FUND, THE FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND, THE WORLD REFUGEE YEAR LOAN FUND, AND THE CO-OPERATIVE FOR AMERICAN RELIEF EVERYWHERE LOAN FUND.

THE COMBINED CAPITAL OF THESE FUNDS AT PRESENT AMOUNTS TO \$14 MILLION. ON AVERAGE, SOME 200 APPLICATIONS ARE RECEIVED EACH YEAR, MOSTLY UNDER THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION LOAN FUND.

APART FROM THE LOANS, THE SPOKESMAN CONTINUED, THE DEPARTMENT ALSO PROVIDES FISHERMEN WITH TECHNICAL ADVICE ON BUILDING AND DESIGNING MODERN VESSELS, OPERATION OF NEW EQUIPMENT, INSTALLATION OF MACHINERY, BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND ADVANCED FISHING TECHNIQUES.

+THROUGH THESE VARIOUS FORMS OF ASSISTANCE, THE STANDARD OF HONG KONG'S FISHING INDUSTRY IS CONTINUOUSLY BEING UPGRADED,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THERE IS NO FIXED LIMIT TO THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF A LOAN OR IN THE LENGTH OF PERIOD OF PAYMENT.

THE AMOUNT OF LOANS ISSUED HAS BEEN INCREASING AS A RESULT OF INCREASED COST AND A GROWING TENDENCY TO BUILD LARGER VESSELS WITH BIGGER ENGINE POWER.

LAST YEAR, 149 LOANS, TOTALLING \$7 MILLION, WERE APPROVED. THE AVERAGE LOAN WAS ABOUT \$47,000, COMPARED WITH \$29,000 IN 1977.

THE BIGGEST SINGLE LOAN GRANTED WAS \$1.3 MILLION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PAIR OF MODERN TRAWLERS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

REPAYMENT FOR SMALL LOANS IS MADE WITHIN THREE YEARS BUT REPAYMENT OF BIGGER LOANS USUALLY STRETCHES FROM 10 TO 15 YEARS AND CAN BE EXTENDED IF NECESSARY.

INTEREST VARIES FROM THREE PER CENT TO SIX PER CENT PER ANNUM. REPAYMENT IS NORMALLY MADE BY DEDUCTIONS OF 15 PER CENT TO 20 PER CENT OF THE PROCEEDS OF SALE OF CATCHES BY THE BORROWER, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT OPERATES LIAISON OFFICES IN 12 FISHING DISTRICTS TO FACILITATE APPLICATIONS AND PROCESSING OF LOANS.

INDIVIDUAL FISHERMEN AND REGISTERED FISHING COMPANIES CAN APPLY DIRECTLY TO THE LIAISON OFFICER IN THEIR DISTRICT AND DISCUSS DETAILS OF THEIR PROJECTS. MEMBERS OF REGISTERED FISHERMEN'S CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES MAY APPLY THROUGH THEIR SOCIETIES.

NORMALLY, PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS TAKES A WEEK OR SO, BUT CAPITAL LOANS WILL TAKE MORE TIME TO PROCESS.

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BEACH HOUSE FOR DEEP WATER BAY  
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FACILITIES FOR BATHERS AT DEEP WATER BAY WILL BE FURTHER IMPROVED LATER THIS MONTH FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE BEACH HOUSE AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE BAY.

THE BEACH HOUSE IS BEING BUILT BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ON BEHALF OF THE URBAN COUNCIL.

IT CONSISTS OF SHOWER FACILITIES ON THE GROUND FLOOR AND CHANGING ROOMS ON THE FIRST FLOOR.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE A CAFE KIOSK ON THE ROOF.

A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID THE BEACH HOUSE WOULD BE HANDED OVER TO THE URBAN COUNCIL IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT MONTH.

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TEACHERS TO ATTEND SUMMER COURSE ON ELECTRONIC CALCULATORS  
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A SHORT COURSE ON THE USE OF ELECTRONIC CALCULATORS HAS BEEN ORGANISED DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS FOR MATHEMATICS TEACHERS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

CONTENTS OF THE COURSE WILL INCLUDE THE BASIC LOGIC OF ELECTRONIC CALCULATORS AND THE USE OF CALCULATORS IN CLASSROOMS.

THE COURSE IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICAL STUDIES OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AND THE MATHEMATICS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE.

IT WILL BE HELD DAILY AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC BETWEEN AUGUST 13 AND 17 FROM 9.30 A.M. TO NOON.

THERE WILL BE LECTURES, TUTORIALS AND PRACTICAL SESSIONS. THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION WILL BE ENGLISH.

ENROLMENT WILL BE LIMITED TO 20 AND NO FEES WILL BE CHARGED.

APPLICATION FORMS HAVE BEEN SENT TO ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (MATHEMATICS), ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG, ON JULY 23.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE INFORMED BEFORE AUGUST 7.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT THE MATHEMATICS SECTION ON TELEPHONE NUMBER 5-774001 EXT. 47.

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REGISTRATION OF STUDENTS BOUND FOR UK STUDY  
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STUDENTS WHO HAVE DIRECTLY APPLIED TO AND BEEN ACCEPTED BY AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER WITH THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FROM TUESDAY.

EXPLAINING THE PROCEDURES FOR THE ISSUE OF VISAS TO STUDY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENT, THESE STUDENTS CAN FILE IN THEIR STUDENT VISA APPLICATIONS WITH THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS THEY RECEIVE THEIR SCHOOL ACCEPTANCE.

+HOWEVER, STUDENTS WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR A PLACE IN AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM THROUGH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ARE STILL REQUIRED TO APPROACH THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION FOR REGISTRATION BEFORE APPLYING TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT FOR A STUDENT VISA,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR SWD'S SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNIT  
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THE UNIT ONE OFFICE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S SHEK KIP MEI SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNIT HAS NOW MOVED FROM TAI HANG TUNG COMMUNITY CENTRE IN TONG YAM STREET TO UPPER PAK TIN ESTATE, BLOCK 16, NOS. 8-11, KOWLOON.

THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE: 3-793443 (SUPERVISOR)-  
3-792877 (DEPUTY SUPERVISOR)- 3-793496, 3-793486, 3-793546  
(CASEWORKERS)- AND 3-792877 (REGISTRY).

CLIENTS WHO USED TO HAVE DEALINGS WITH THIS OFFICE ARE REQUESTED TO APPROACH THE NEW OFFICE.

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**URBAN CLEARWAY  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT AS FROM 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY, THE SECTION OF LEI MUK ROAD BETWEEN WO YI HOP ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD, AND THE SECTION OF WO YI HOP ROAD BETWEEN CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND LEI MUK ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED AS URBAN CLEARWAY FOR ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES FROM 7 A.M. TO 10 A.M. AND 4 P.M. TO 7 P.M. DAILY.

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES ARE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THESE CLEARWAY ZONES.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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**SLIP ROAD TO RE-OPEN  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY, THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM GARDEN ROAD TO COTTON TREE DRIVE NEAR THE HELENA MAY INSTITUTE WILL BE RE-OPENED TO TRAFFIC.

HOWEVER, GOODS VEHICLES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM USING THAT ROAD FROM 7 A.M. TO 10 A.M. AND 4 P.M. TO 7 P.M. FROM MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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THE UNIT OFFICE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S SHEK KIP HOI SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNIT HAS MOVED FROM JAI HANG LUNG COMMUNITY CENTRE IN TONG YAM STREET TO UPPER PAK TIN ESTATE BLOCK 10, NO. 8-11, KOLLOON.

**WATER CUT  
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN REPULSE BAY AREA WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON TUESDAY (JULY 3) TO 6 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY 1-18 HEADLAND ROAD- SOUTH BAY ROAD- BEACH ROAD- 58, 70-84 AND 101 REPULSE BAY ROAD- AND THE TEXACO PETROL STATION.

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URBAN CLEARWAY  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT AS FROM 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY, THE SECTION OF LEI MUK ROAD BETWEEN HO YI HOI ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD, AND THE SECTION OF HO YI HOI ROAD BETWEEN CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND LEI MUK ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED AS URBAN CLEARWAY FOR ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES FROM 7 A.M. TO 10 A.M. AND 4 P.M. TO 7 P.M. DAILY.

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES ARE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THESE CLEARWAY ZONES.

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY, THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM AN OLD RESIDENTIAL ESTATE TO THE HEAR THE MORNAY WAY INDUSTRIAL WAREHOUSE WILL BE RE-OPENED.

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM USING THAT ROAD FROM 7 A.M. TO 10 A.M. AND 4 P.M. TO 7 P.M. ON TUESDAYS TO THURSDAYS.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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