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DETECTION OF CHOLERA ORGANISMS

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A 54-YEAR OLD MAN, WHO DIED OF CARDIAC ARREST AT PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL TWO DAYS AGO, HAS BEEN FOUND TO HAVE HARBOURED CHOLERA ORGANISMS DURING CLINICAL EXAMINATIONS IN THE HOSPITAL.

THE MAN, WHO LIVED ALONE IN A WOODEN HUT ON TSING I ISLAND, WAS ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL FOR A HEART CONDITION ON JULY 18 AND SUBSEQUENTLY DIED ON THE SAME DAY.

LABORATORY TESTS, HOWEVER, REVEALED THE PRESENCE OF CHOLERA VIBRO OF THE EL TOR STRAIN IN THE STOOLS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT ALL APPROPRIATE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE.

HE SAID ALTHOUGH THE CASE WAS CLASSIFIED AS CHOLERA IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHO REGULATIONS, THERE WAS NO CAUSE FOR ALARM AS THE DANGER OF A LOCAL SPREAD FROM THE CASE WAS MINIMAL.

+IN FACT, IT IS BECAUSE OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE EFFICIENT SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM AND FACILITIES THAT SUCH CASES CAN BE DETECTED EARLY SO THAT THE APPROPRIATE PREVENTIVE MEASURES COULD BE INSTITUTED.+ HE SAID.

NO OTHER CASES HAVE BEEN REPORTED. THE LAST LOCAL CASE IN HONG KONG WAS REPORTED IN 1969.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY OF PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF CHOLERA IS BY STRICT OBSERVANCE OF PERSONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE - CLEAN FOOD, CLEAN WATER AND OBSERVING SIMPLE RULES OF HYGIENE SUCH AS WASHING OF HANDS BEFORE MEALS AND AFTER VISITS TO TOILETS, WHICH ARE THE BASIS FOR ENSURING AN ENVIRONMENT FREE OF GASTRO-INTESTINAL DISEASES.

HE SAID, HOWEVER, THERE IS SUFFICIENT STOCK OF ANTI-CHOLERA VACCINE FOR PEOPLE WHO WANT IT AND ISOLATION FACILITIES ARE ADEQUATE TO DEAL WITH ANY EMERGENCY SITUATION.

HE POINTED OUT ALSO THAT THE ANTI-CHOLERA VACCINE BY ITSELF IS NOT EFFICACIOUS IN PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF CHOLERA AND COULD ONLY GIVE PARTIAL PROTECTION TO THE INDIVIDUAL FOR ONLY A RELATIVELY SHORT PERIOD.

+EXPERIENCE AND RESEARCH HAVE SHOWN THAT THE MOST RELIABLE AND EFFECTIVE MEASURES ARE TO ENSURE CLEANLINESS IN THE PREPARATION AND CONSUMPTION OF FOOD AND WATER, AND GOOD PERSONAL HYGIENE,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED THE PUBLIC TO BE EXTRA CAUTIOUS IN THEIR CHOICE OF FOOD AND DRINK AS CHOLERA IS SPREAD THROUGH CONTAMINATED FOOD AND WATER.

/+IMPROPERLY COOKED .....

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+IMPROPERLY COOKED FOOD CAN CAUSE INFECTION. THEREFORE, ALL TYPES OF FOOD MUST BE THOROUGHLY COOKED AND IF IT IS NOT TAKEN IMMEDIATELY, IT SHOULD NOT BE LEFT IN THE OPEN AND EXPOSED TO CONTAMINATION,+ HE SAID.

+PEOPLE GET CHOLERA BY TAKING IN THE VIBRO CARRIED FROM THE WASTE OF INFECTIOUS PERSONS TO EXPOSED FOOD AND WATER, AND FLIES AID IN THE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE,+ HE ADDED.

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NEW PAYMENT SYSTEM FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL SITES  
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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED CHANGES IN THE TERMS FOR PAYMENT OF PREMIUM FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL SITES SOLD FOR OVER \$10 MILLION AT CROWN LAND AUCTIONS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS FOR SUCH SITES WILL BE REQUIRED IN FUTURE TO PAY \$5 MILLION AT THE FALL OF THE HAMMER AND EITHER THE FULL PREMIUM, OR THE BALANCE, IF ANY, OF 20 PER CENT OF THE BID PRICE TOGETHER WITH THE FIRST INSTALMENT OF THE BALANCE OF PREMIUM, WITHIN FIVE DAYS OF THE DATE OF SALE.

HE SAID, UNDER PRESENT TERMS OF SALE, THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO PAY A DOWN PAYMENT OF \$1 MILLION ONLY AND THE BALANCE OF 10 PER CENT OF THE BID PRICE AND THE FIRST INSTALMENT WITHIN FIVE DAYS. UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENT, OTHER BASIC TERMS INCLUDING PAYMENT OF THE BALANCE OF PREMIUM BY 10 INSTALMENTS AT 10 PER CENT INTEREST WOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PRESENT SYSTEM HAD BEEN INTRODUCED AT A TIME WHEN GOVERNMENT WISHED TO STIMULATE SALES OF VALUABLE COMMERCIAL SITES. +THIS SITUATION HAS NOW PASSED AND THE SYSTEM IS NO LONGER NECESSARY,+ HE SAID. +INDEED, IT IS THOUGHT THAT IT COULD LEAD TO EXCESSIVE SPECULATION.+

HE SAID THAT FOR THE PRESENT THE CHANGES WOULD ONLY APPLY TO NON-INDUSTRIAL LAND SOLD BY AUCTION, BUT THAT THE OVERALL INSTALMENT SYSTEM WOULD BE REVIEWED IN THE LIGHT OF SALES OVER THE NEXT SIX MONTHS. SOME SALES ALREADY IN THE PIPELINE WOULD BE CONTINUED WITH THE PRESENT SYSTEM, BUT CERTAIN SITES IN WAN CHAI AND TSIM SHA TSUI, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR SALE ON AUGUST 4 AND AUGUST 22, WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER BECAUSE OF THE NEED TO AMEND THE CONDITIONS TO REFLECT THE NEW TERMS.

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HONG KONG CONTRIBUTES TO U.N. DRUG CONTROL FUND

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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAS CONTRIBUTED, FOR THE FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR, \$100,000 TO THE UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL (UNFDAC), IN SUPPORT OF THE WORLDWIDE WAR AGAINST DRUGS.

ON BEHALF OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, SIR JAMES MURRAY, THE UNITED KINGDOM'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN OFFICE IN GENEVA, TODAY PRESENTED A CHEQUE FOR \$100,000 TO PROFESSOR BROR REXED, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNFDAC, IN HIS OFFICE IN GENEVA. MR. PETER TSAO, COUNSELLOR FOR HONG KONG AFFAIRS IN GENEVA, WAS ALSO PRESENT AT THE BRIEF CEREMONY.

THE PRESENTATION BRINGS THE TOTAL SUM OF MONEY CONTRIBUTED BY HONG KONG TO THE FUND SINCE 1975 TO \$400,000, WHICH IS THE LARGEST OF ALL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES AND IS EVEN LARGER THAN THOSE FROM A NUMBER OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

MR. E. I. LEE, COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, SAID HONG KONG'S CONTINUED CONTRIBUTION TO THE FUND NOT ONLY INDICATES ITS FIRM COMMITMENT TO INTERNATIONAL ACTION AGAINST THE GLOBAL DRUG PROBLEM BUT IS ALSO A TANGIBLE RECOGNITION OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS MADE BY THE UNFDAC SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1971.

+IN THIS RESPECT,+ MR. LEE SAID,+WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE SUPPLY-REDUCTION PROGRAMMES BEING CONDUCTED IN THAILAND, BURMA AND LAOS, AND WE HAVE WATCHED WITH GREAT INTEREST AND ADMIRATION THE ENCOURAGING SIGNS OF SUCCESS DEMONSTRATED BY THE UN/THAI CROP SUBSTITUTION PILOT PROJECT WHICH AIMS AT REPLACING THE TRADITIONAL FARMING OF OPIUM POPPIES IN NORTHWEST THAILAND WITH OTHER CROPS.

+OUR INTEREST IN THESE PROJECTS, JOINTLY FINANCED BY UNFDAC AND THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED, STEMS FROM THEIR LOCATION IN THE SO-CALLED GOLDEN TRIANGLE WHICH IS THE SOURCE OF HONG KONG'S ILLICIT DRUG SUPPLIES.+ HE SAID.

MR. LEE ALSO NOTED WITH APPRECIATION THAT CO-OPERATION BETWEEN DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA IS NOW AT AN UNPRECEDENTEDLY HIGH LEVEL, HELPED AND PROMOTED BY A SERIES OF MEETINGS FINANCED BY THE UNFDAC, AND HELD ANNUALLY IN VARIOUS PLACES WITHIN THE REGION.

BESIDES MAKING A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE FUND, HONG KONG ALSO MAKES A CONTRIBUTION IN KIND, BY PROVIDING FREE TRAINING FACILITIES FOR ANTI-DRUG PERSONNEL FROM ASIAN COUNTRIES WHO ARE EITHER SPONSORED BY UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES, THE COLOMBO PLAN BUREAU OR BY THEIR OWN GOVERNMENTS. THERE IS A CONTINUAL STREAM OF SUCH TRAINEES THROUGHOUT EACH YEAR AND IN 1977, A TOTAL OF 115 OF THEM WERE ACCOMMODATED.

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SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME IN TAI PO BEGINS

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THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF TAI PO IS NOT CONFINED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PUBLIC WORKS BUT ALSO INVOLVES COMMUNITY ACTIVITY AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TAI PO SIX DISTRICTS SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, MR. AKERS-JONES POINTED OUT THAT IN THE PAST YEAR THE RAPID PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT OF TAI PO DISTRICT HAS CONTINUED AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S \$2,400 MILLION PLAN TO DEVELOP TAI PO AND FAN LING/SHEUNG SHUI AS MODERN, SELF-CONTAINED COMMUNITIES WITH AN EVENTUAL POPULATION OF NEARLY 400,000.

HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO DEVELOP THEIR INTERESTS AND POTENTIAL IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

+THE 1978 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME MAKES A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE FULFILMENT OF THIS PURPOSE,+ HE SAID.

MR. AKERS-JONES AND THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. CLIVE OXLEY, THEN PERFORMED A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY AT THE SHENG KUNG HUI BISHOP MOK SAU TSENG SCHOOL IN TAI PO MARKET TO OFFICIALLY OPEN THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME IN TAI PO.

THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A CHILDREN'S GAMES COMPETITION PARTICIPATED BY MORE THAN 1,500 LOCAL CHILDREN.

MORE THAN 40,000 STUDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE SIX DISTRICTS, NAMELY TAI PO, FAN LING, SHEUNG SHUI, TA KWU LING, SHA TAU KOK AND SAI KUNG (NORTH), WILL TAKE PART IN THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME WHICH RUNS UNTIL MID-SEPTEMBER.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES ALL FORMS OF SPORTS, ATHLETICS AND GYMNASTICS MEETINGS, SWIMMING AND CANOEING, GAMES AND FUN FAIRS, CAMPING AND OUTINGS, MUSIC AND DANCING CLASSES AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES.

A TOTAL OF 1,200 YOUNG VOLUNTEERS HAVE BEEN TRAINED TO ASSIST IN THE PLANNING AND ORGANISATION OF THE PROGRAMME IN TAI PO.

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JURY LIST  
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THE ACTING REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT, MR. NICHOLAS JOHN BARNETT, ANNOUNCED THAT A FURTHER LIST OF COMMON JURORS WILL BE POSTED ON THE NOTICE BOARD OF THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING AT BATTERY PATH ON JULY 31.

THE LIST WILL REMAIN POSTED FOR 14 DAYS DURING WHICH PERIOD ANY PERSON MAY APPLY BY NOTICE IN WRITING TO THE REGISTRAR REQUIRING THAT HIS NAME OR THE NAME OF SOME OTHER PERSON BE POSTED OR REMOVED UPON CAUSE DULY ASSIGNED IN SUCH NOTICE.

THE REGISTRAR SHALL IN HIS DISCRETION, POST OR REMOVE SUCH NAME ACCORDINGLY AND SHALL IF NECESSARY ALTER THE LIST.

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RTHK TO PRODUCE PROGRAMME ON HK SCENERY  
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RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG WILL PRODUCE A SPECIAL TELEVISION PROGRAMME ON HONG KONG SCENERY AND HISTORIC SITES.

THE PROGRAMME WILL BE PRESENTED IN A FORMAT WHERE POETRY AND DANCE WILL BE USED.

RTHK IS LOOKING FOR LEAD ACTOR, ACTRESS AND DANCERS AS WELL AS POETRY AND TZE-POEMS FOR THE PROGRAMME.

A COLOUR PHOTOGRAPH CONTEST TO PROMOTE THE PROGRAMME WILL ALSO BE HELD.

DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN A PRESS CONFERENCE ON SATURDAY (JULY 22) JOINTLY CHAIRED BY THE SENIOR LECTURER OF THE CHINESE DEPARTMENT OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY, MR. SO MAN JOCK- THE CHAIRMAN OF HONG KONG AND KOWLOON PHOTOGRAPHIC MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION, MR. K.C. YUEN- AND TWO NOTED PERSONALITIES IN THE DANCE CIRCLE, MR. LAU SIU-MING AND MISS JEAN WONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE BY RTHK ON ITS SPECIAL PROGRAMME ON HONG KONG SCENERY. IT WILL BE HELD IN STUDIO 1 OF BROADCASTING HOUSE, RTHK, BROADCAST DRIVE AT 11 A.M. ON SATURDAY (JULY 22).

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PLB PROHIBITED ZONE IN TSUEN WAN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT TAI LEK HO ACCESS ROAD IN TSUEN WAN WILL BECOME A PROHIBITED ZONE FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES FROM 10 A.M. ON SATURDAY (JULY 22).

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE MEASURE IS TAKEN TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW AT THE JUNCTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND TAI LEK HO ACCESS ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP IN THE AREA TO GUIDE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS DRIVERS.

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WATER CUT IN TSUEN WAN

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 P.M. ON SUNDAY (JULY 23).

THE TEMPORARY STOPPAGE IS TO ALLOW WORKERS OF THE DEPARTMENT TO CONNECT A WATER MAIN IN KWOK SHUI ROAD NEAR KWUN MUN HAU TSUEN, TSUEN WAN.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY BLOCKS 1-20, TAI WO HAU ESTATE, BLOCKS 1-18, KWAI CHUNG ESTATE, SHING MUN ROAD, TAI HA STREET, EAST OF TEXACO ROAD BETWEEN TAI WO HAU ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD, SOUTH-WEST OF WO YI HOP ROAD BETWEEN CHEONG WING ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

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