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FIRST PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES

The first public library to be set up by the Urban Services Department in the New Territories will soon be ready to serve residents in the rural areas, particularly in Tsuen Wan.

The library, at Wing Hong House in the Fuk Loi Estate, will be open to the public as soon as fitting-out works have been completed.

It will be operated on an experimental basis to cope with the present need of library services in the rural areas, and may be reprovisioned into larger premises in the future if it proves necessary.

With an area of 5,600 square feet, the library will occupy the ground floor of Wing Hong House. The facilities offered will be similar to those of the five existing public libraries in the urban areas.

There will be an adult lending library, a junior lending library, a newspaper and periodical section and a students' study room with seating accommodations for about 100 people.

The library will have a basic stock of 24,000 books. Special emphasis will be placed on the collection of books on the textile industry and agriculture to meet the demands of the local residents.

Membership will be free and applications will be accepted upon production of a Hong Kong identity card.

Readers who already have library tickets issued by any of the existing Urban Council public libraries may also use them to borrow books from this new library.

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It is hoped that with the experience and insight that can be gained from the operation of the Tsuen Wan Public Library, the Government will be able to assess better the needs of the people for the development of public libraries in the New Territories.

A working party comprising representatives of the Director of Urban Services; the District Commissioner, New Territories; the Director of Education and the Director of Social Welfare, has been set up to examine the needs for library facilities in the New Territories and to submit recommendations to the Government.

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SUSPENSION OF WANCHAI FERRY PIER CARPARK

Metered parking at the Wanchai Ferry Pier car park will be suspended from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday (December 7) for the opening ceremony of the 30th Exhibition of Hong Kong Products at the Wanchai reclamation.

However, a spokesman for the Transport Department said that part of the car park would be re-opened afterwards.

The spokesman stressed that parking facilities for private cars would be limited and he advised motorists to use public transport.

There would be special bus services to the fair ground, he added.

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ADVICE FOR PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS OF REGISTERED VEHICLES

The Transport Department today advised prospective purchasers of registered vehicles to apply for a Certificate of Clearance before concluding the bargain.

A department spokesman said it often occurs that an intending purchaser of a vehicle does not know that fixed parking penalties have been imposed on the vehicle.

It is not until he submits the transfer documents to the Transport Department that he finds that the Commissioner for Transport has received a court order prohibiting the transfer until the penalties are paid, the spokesman said.

Certificates of Clearance, issued free of charge, can be applied for at the Rumsey Street Licensing Office, Hong Kong Island; or the Pui Ching Road Licensing Office in Kowloon.

This certificate states that no valid order under the Fixed Penalty (Traffic Contraventions) Ordinance appears in the Transport Department's records in respect of the vehicle concerned.

It remains valid for 72 hours from the time of issue, excluding general holidays.

The Transport Department also reminded the public that notice of transfer of ownership of a vehicle must be lodged by the transferor and the transferee within 72 hours of the transfer.

Failure to do so renders both parties liable on conviction to a fine of \$1,000 and imprisonment of six months.

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Failure to register transfer promptly means also that the transferor continues to be liable for any parking offence tickets which will continue to be sent to him as the registered owner, even though he has delivered the vehicle to the transferee and the parking offences are actually committed by some other person.

Both parties are advised to go together to either the Rumsey Street Licensing Office or the Pui Ching Road Licensing Office and attend to the proper transfer of registered ownership of the vehicle not later than 72 hours after the transaction.

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ANTI-DIPHTHERIA AND TETANUS CAMPAIGN

A total of 34,777 doses of the combined anti-diphtheria and tetanus vaccine was administered during the week ending on November 25.

Of these, 5,337 doses were administered on the Island, 16,122 doses in Kowloon, and 13,318 in the New Territories.

In the seven weeks since this routine campaign began on October 9, a total of 133,372 doses has been administered.

The campaign will continue for the rest of the year. Free vaccine is available at all government maternal and child health centres and clinics.

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TEMPORARY POST OFFICE AT EXHIBITION FAIR

The Post Office announced today that, as in previous years, a temporary post office will be provided at the 30th Exhibition of Hong Kong Products to be held on the Wanchhai reclamation from Thursday (December 7) until January 8, next year.

The business hours will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily except Sundays and Public holidays.

A stamp vending machine has been installed to provide 10-cent stamps outside office hours.

Another temporary post office will be set up at the Agricultural Show at Sek Kong from Friday (December 8) to Monday (December 11).

The opening hours of this office will be, on the first day, from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m., and for the remaining three days from 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 2.15 p.m. to 6 p.m.

All classes of Post Office business will be transacted at these offices except the acceptance of insured letters and boxes.

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ROYAL OBSERVATORY CALENDAR 1973

The Royal Observatory and the Government Printing Department have decided to print a slightly larger number of the Royal Observatory Calendar 1973 to meet the public demand.

Announcing this today, an Observatory spokesman said that since its first introduction, the calendar had proved to be very popular.

"During the past three years, it was sold out almost immediately after it was put up for sale."

He advised those interested to purchase the calendar as soon as they could.

Copies of the Royal Observatory Calendar 1973 are now on sale at \$5.50 each.

They are available at the Government Publications Centre at the Star Ferry Concourse; the Government Printing Department, Java Road; the Royal Observatory, Nathan Road, and leading book stores.

The 1973 calendar is similar in layout to that of the popular 1972 edition and contains such information as times of sunrise, sunset, moonrise and moonset; times of high and low tides; astronomical events, such as eclipses, phases of the moon; the normal weather of each month; the meaning of local storm warning signals; the meaning of the fire danger warning system; the Lunar calendar; and other useful meteorological and general educational information and diagrams.

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PARKING FACILITIES AT HONG KONG STADIUM

The Urban Services Department today advised the public again that limited parking facilities are available at the Hong Kong Stadium.

A spokesman said spectators going to soccer matches at the Stadium by private cars may only park in the space provided on payment of the prescribed fee of \$5 on each occasion.

He reminded motorists that parking tickets must be purchased beforehand, as they would not be on sale at the Stadium.

Parking tickets are sold at the Star Ferry Car Park and the Middle Road Car Park, three days in advance of a match. Car park attendants will be on duty to assist motorists.

The spokesman also advised motorists that cars would not be permitted to park elsewhere in the immediate vicinity of the Stadium, nor on the approach roads, to avoid traffic congestion in the area before and after matches.

Police officers will be on duty as usual to help the public.

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DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED

The Governor, after taking into consideration the advice of the Executive Council, has decided that the death sentence passed on July 27, 1972 on William Patrick Wilson should be commuted to a term of 20 years imprisonment.

Wilson was found guilty of the murder of Tam Hoi-chuen.

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