



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 1976

PATIENTS ADMITTED TO Q.E.H. TOP MILLION MARK
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QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL, ONE OF THE LARGEST AND BEST EQUIPPED GENERAL HOSPITALS IN THE COMMONWEALTH, HAS REACHED ANOTHER MILESTONE IN THE HISTORY OF HONG KONG'S MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES.

IN A SHORT SPAN OF 12 YEARS SINCE ITS INCEPTION ON DECEMBER 3, 1963, THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL HAS ALREADY TOPPED THE MILLION MARK, A REMARKABLE RECORD EVEN BY WORLD STANDARD.

THE MILLIONTH PATIENT WAS ADMITTED TO THE GENERAL WARD ON JANUARY 12, HERALDING THE START OF THE HOSPITAL'S 13TH YEAR OF SERVICE.

BUILT AT A COST OF SOME \$65 MILLION, INCLUDING EQUIPMENT, THE 1,600-BED HOSPITAL (WHERE THERE ARE USUALLY AN EXTRA 300 TO 400 CAMP BEDS FOR EMERGENCY CASES) HAS BECOME A FAMILIAR LANDMARK TO HONG KONG RESIDENTS. THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE HOSPITAL WAS LAID BY PRINCE PHILIP IN MARCH, 1959.

DURING ITS FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION 41,532 PATIENTS WERE ADMITTED AND 112,500 CASES WERE TREATED IN THE CASUALTY DEPARTMENT. THESE WERE DRAMATICALLY INCREASED TO 140,281 AND 242,478 RESPECTIVELY IN 1975.

COMMENTING ON THE FIGURES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID, + THESE FIGURES ILLUSTRATE WHAT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL HAS COME TO MEAN TO US IN HONG KONG. IT IS A SOBERING THOUGHT THAT THE EQUIVALENT OF A QUARTER OF OUR TOTAL POPULATION HAVE BENEFITTED FROM THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THIS ONE HOSPITAL.+

+WHILST NO DOUBT SOME HAVE HAD CAUSE FOR COMPLAINT, THE GREAT MAJORITY HAVE GONE AWAY GRATEFUL TO THE HOSPITAL AND ITS STAFF FOR RESTORING THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES TO GOOD HEALTH,+ HE ADDED.

MORE THAN 70 PER CENT OF ALL ADMISSIONS CAME THROUGH THE CASUALTY SECTION, WHICH OPERATES 24 HOURS A DAY. DURING 1975, ATTENDANCE WAS ON AN AVERAGE OF 700 A DAY, OR ONE PATIENT EVERY TWO MINUTES.

/THE SPOKESMAN

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THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE HOSPITAL WAS AT PRESENT QUITE OVERCROWDED BUT IT WAS HOPED THAT THIS WOULD BECOME LESS APPARENT AS THE PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL GRADUALLY MOVED INTO FULL OPERATION.

+WE DO NOT CLAIM THAT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL IS IN ANY WAY PERFECT, BUT WE DO CLAIM THAT THESE FIGURES ARE IMPRESSIVE AND THE RATE OF ADMISSION IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST IN THE WORLD,+ HE SAID.

+THIS IS SOMETHING OF WHICH HONG KONG MAY BE JUSTIFIABLY PROUD,+ HE ADDED.

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SHA TIN SITE TO BE DEVELOPED

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GOVERNMENT IS TO INVITE TENDERS FOR A SITE AT SHA TIN TO BE DEVELOPED FOR PRIVATE, RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.

A NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMAN SAID THE SITE WAS ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF SHA TIN COVE AND THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RECLAMATION AND CONSTRUCTION AS WELL AS PROVIDING ROADWORKS AND DRAINAGE.

THE TOTAL AREA TO BE RECLAIMED IS ABOUT 20 ACRES, OF WHICH SOME 11 ACRES WILL BE RETAINED BY THE DEVELOPER. THE BALANCE WILL BE USED BY GOVERNMENT FOR ROADS AND OPEN SPACES.

THE DEVELOPER WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE OPEN SPACES AND OTHER FACILITIES WITHIN THE AREA.

THE SITE, SITUATED CLOSE TO YUEN CHAU KOK, WILL HAVE A VIEW OF THE FUTURE RACE COURSE.

DOCUMENTS ARE NOW BEING PREPARED AND IT IS HOPED THAT THE TENDER WILL TAKE PLACE EARLY IN MARCH.

THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER WILL BE REQUIRED TO DEPOSIT \$10 MILLION AND PAY THE REMAINDER OF THE PREMIUM TENDERED EITHER BY ONE LUMP SUM OR BY NINE EQUAL ANNUAL INSTALMENTS, INCLUDING INTEREST AT 10 PER CENT.

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CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION 1977

THE SECRETARY OF THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION BOARD TODAY REMINDED SCHOOLS WISHING TO ENTER FORM V OR MIDDLE V CANDIDATES AND +ENGLISH ONLY+ CANDIDATES, BOTH FOR THE FIRST TIME, TO SIT FOR THE CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION 1977, TO SEND THEIR APPLICATIONS TO HIM NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1.

+SCHOOLS WISHING TO ENTER CANDIDATES FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SHORTHAND, TYPEWRITING, CHEMISTRY, BIOLOGY, POTTERY, PHYSICS, DOMESTIC SUBJECT (COOKERY AND NEEDLEWORK), DRESSMAKING, WOODWORK, METALWORK, PRACTICAL ELECTRICITY AND TECHNICAL DRAWING SHOULD ALSO MAKE APPLICATION BY THE SAME DATE,+ THE SECRETARY SAID.

THE ADDRESS OF THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION BOARD IS CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 11TH FLOOR, 393, CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE 1977 CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE SECRETARY.

ENGLISH AND CHINESE HANDBOOKS OF REGULATIONS AND SYLLABUSES FOR THE EXAMINATION ARE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, STAR FERRY CONCOURSE, HONG KONG.

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