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HONG KONG WINS BATTLE AGAINST DISEASES
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HONG KONG HAS EFFECTIVELY CURBED QUARANTINABLE DISEASES, THANKS TO THE VIGILANCE AND DEDICATION OF THE PORT HEALTH SERVICE.

WITH GROWING NUMBERS OF SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT CALLING AT HONG KONG, AND THE PREVALENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN SOME NEARBY COUNTRIES, THE GOVERNMENT HAS PUT STRINGENT PREVENTIVE MEASURES HIGH ON ITS PRIORITY LIST.

AS THE FIRST LINE OF DEFENCE, THE PORT HEALTH SERVICE ENFORCES CONTROL IN HONG KONG'S WATERS AND AT KAI TAK AIRPORT TO PREVENT THE IMPORTATION OF QUARANTINABLE DISEASES.

+WITH THE ERADICATION OF SMALLPOX IN 1977, OUR PRIMARY CONCERN NOW IS TO ENSURE THAT PLAGUE, CHOLERA AND YELLOW FEVER CONTINUE TO STAY OUT,+ DR V.R. BHIMANI, CHIEF PORT HEALTH OFFICER, SAID.

STRICT HEALTH SURVEILLANCE IS KEPT ROUND THE CLOCK ON ALL INCOMING SHIPS AND AEROPLANES, AS WELL AS ON INCOMING PASSENGERS.

+SHIPS ARE NORMALLY CLEARED ON ARRIVAL AT EITHER THE WESTERN OR THE EASTERN QUARANTINE ANCHORAGE, WHILE LARGE PASSENGER VESSELS ARE PROCESSED ON THE WAY TO THEIR ALLOCATED BERTHS,+ HE SAID.

SHIPMASTERS MUST, FOR INSTANCE, SATISFY PORT HEALTH STAFF THAT SANITARY CONDITIONS ON BOARD ARE GUARANTEED.

IN 1983, A TOTAL OF 3 381 SHIPS WERE CLEARED BY PORT HEALTH OFFICERS. THIS REPRESENTED ONLY ONE THIRD OF THE SHIPS UNDER SCRUTINY.

+TO ENABLE EFFICIENT CLEARANCE IN TIME, VESSELS MAY, ON APPLICATION, OBTAIN ADVANCE HEALTH PRATIQUES BY RADIO SO THAT THEY CAN PROCEED TO THEIR BERTHS AND START LOADING AND UNLOADING AS SOON AS THEY ENTER THE HARBOUR,+ DR BHIMANI SAID.

A TOTAL OF 7 645 SUCH APPLICATIONS WERE GRANTED LAST YEAR.

AS RATS ARE THE MAIN CARRIERS OF PLAGUE, A DISEASE THAT HAS HAUNTED THE WORLD FOR SO LONG, EVERY EFFORT IS MADE TO ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE BEEN ERADICATED FROM INCOMING SHIPS.

+SHIPMASTERS ARE REQUIRED TO KEEP A 'DERATTING' EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE WHICH IS VALID FOR SIX MONTHS AND MUST BE RENEWED AT A PORT OF CALL,+ HE SAID.

LAST YEAR THE PORT HEALTH SERVICE ISSUED 435 DERATTING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES TO VISITING VESSELS.

/THE EFFICIENCY

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THE EFFICIENCY OF THE SERVICE WAS HIGHLIGHTED IN 1979 WHEN REFUGEES-PACKED BOATS FROM VIETNAM CAME SWARMING INTO HONG KONG.

AMONG THE FIRST PEOPLE TO VISIT THE BOATS WERE PORT HEALTH OFFICERS WHO WERE THERE TO EXAMINE REFUGEES FOR POSSIBLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

THE REFUGEES WERE THEN KEPT IN QUARANTINE ON THEIR BOATS FOR AT LEAST SIX DAYS AT THE WESTERN QUARANTINE ANCHORAGE, TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY DID NOT POSE A HEALTH HAZARD TO LOCAL PEOPLE.

PORT HEALTH STAFF AT THE AIRPORT SCREEN FLIGHT KITCHEN SERVICES REGULARLY TO REMOVE CONTAMINATION RISK FOR FOOD AND WATER SUPPLIED TO AIRLINES.

+OUR SERVICE HAS ALSO PROVED USEFUL TO LOCAL PEOPLE TRAVELLING ABROAD. IN 1983, 7 696 INOCULATIONS AGAINST VARIOUS QUARANTINABLE DISEASES WERE GIVEN AT OUR TWO VACCINATION CENTRES AT CENTRE POINT AND NEW WORLD CENTRE,+ DR BHIMANI SAID.

THE BATTLE AGAINST QUARANTINABLE DISEASES INVOLVES CONCERTED EFFORTS. THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (WHO) IN GENEVA ISSUES A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER, THE WORLD EPIDEMIOLOGICAL RECORD, WHICH GIVES THE LATEST POSITION OF THESE DISEASES, INCLUDING AREAS NEWLY INFECTED OR REMOVED FROM THE INFECTION LIST.

HONG KONG EXCHANGES SIMILAR INFORMATION WITH WHO'S WESTERN PACIFIC REGIONAL OFFICE IN MANILA AND WITH NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES, TO MONITOR THE HEALTH CONDITIONS IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD.

+WITH OUR CONSTANT VIGILANCE, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT HONG KONG'S HEALTH STANDARD WILL REMAIN THE ENVY OF MANY COUNTRIES,+ HE SAID.

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SHA TIN PLANS BIG FIREWORKS SHOW * * * *

A SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS DISPLAY WILL BE HELD IN SHA TIN ON DECEMBER 9, TO HERALD THE CHRISTMAS SEASON AND COMMEMORATE THE OPENING OF A MAJOR COMMERCIAL COMPLEX.

DETAILS OF THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY WERE ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) AT A PRESS CONFERENCE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHA TIN FIREWORKS AND FESTIVE LIGHTING CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR WONG PO-MING.

+THE DISPLAY WILL BE THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY THAT EVENING.

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+IT WILL ALSO COMMEMORATE THE OPENING OF THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN PLAZA COMMERCIAL COMPLEX, WHICH IS THE LARGEST SHOPPING AND ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE UNDER ONE ROOF IN HONG KONG,+ MR WONG SAID.

THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY WOULD START AT 8.30 PM, AND WOULD BE VISIBLE FROM TAI PO AND PARTS OF HONG KONG ISLAND, HE SAID.

THE FIREWORKS WILL BE LAUNCHED FROM A VACANT SITE NEXT TO CITY ONE ESTATE, ACROSS THE RIVER FROM THE SHA TIN RACECOURSE.

WORKING FROM GROUND LEVEL WOULD ENABLE TECHNICIANS TO PRODUCE MORE CREATIVE FIREWORKS, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE SOME NEW DISPLAYS, SUCH AS STARMINES AND SILVER FALLS, MR WONG SAID.

THE DISTRICT BOARD HAD BEEN WORKING VERY HARD ON THE PROJECT OVER THE PAST YEAR TO PROVIDE THIS SPECTACULAR ENTERTAINMENT FOR RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY IS BEING SPONSORED BY THE YAOHAN DEPARTMENT STORE (HONG KONG) LIMITED, WHICH WILL BE OPENING ITS FIRST STORE IN HONG KONG ON THE SAME DAY, IN THE NEW TOWN PLAZA.

THE MARUTAMAYA PYROTECHNICS COMPANY OF JAPAN WILL PRODUCE THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY.

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NT HOS FLATS POPULAR
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ABOUT 85 PER CENT OF THE 6 616 HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME FLATS CURRENTLY ON SALE UNDER PHASE VIA OF THE SCHEME HAVE ALREADY BEEN SNAPPED UP BY ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS OVER THE LAST TWO MONTHS.

+THEY INCLUDE 2 192 FLATS AT MAY SHING COURT IN SHA TIN, AND ALTOGETHER 3 364 FLATS AT TAI PO PLAZA IN TAI PO, CHOI PO COURT IN SHEUNG SHUI AND SIU HONG COURT IN TUEN MUN,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY SAID TODAY.

HE SAID IT WAS NOT ONLY THE LARGEST SINGLE SALES EXERCISE SINCE PHASE I OF THE SCHEME, BUT ALSO ONE WHICH WAS CONFINED ONLY TO PROJECTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+IN THE LIGHT OF THEIR LOCATIONS, RESPONSE TO THE CURRENT SALES IS INDEED ENCOURAGING.

+IT SEEMS CERTAIN THAT HOS FLATS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE NOW EQUALLY WELCOMED BY HOME-PURCHASERS.

+THEIR POPULARITY CAN BE ACCOUNTED FOR BY THEIR RELATIVELY LOWER PURCHASE PRICES, BETTER ENVIRONMENT AND THE AVAILABILITY OF ADEQUATE FACILITIES.

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+FOR INSTANCE, TAI PO PLAZA WILL HAVE A LARGE MODERN COMMERCIAL-ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE WITH CINEMAS AND A BOWLING CENTRE IN ADDITION TO A ONE-HECTARE LANDSCAPED PODIUM GARDEN.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS UNDER THE CURRENT EXERCISE WHO HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY SELECTED THEIR FLATS COULD STILL MAKE THEIR SELECTIONS AT THE HOME OWNERSHIP CENTRE IN HO MAN TIN DURING OFFICE HOURS.

WITH GROSS AREAS BETWEEN 41.9 AND 46.4 SQUARE METRES, THE REMAINING PHASE VIA FLATS ARE SOLD AT PRICES FROM \$102 900 TO \$210 700 EACH.

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DISTRICT BOARDS EXCHANGE VIEWS
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MEMBERS OF THE YUEN LONG AND ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARDS TODAY (WEDNESDAY) EXCHANGED VIEWS ON HOW TO DEAL WITH DISTRICT MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JAMES WILSON, 13 YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS VISITED THEIR COUNTERPARTS OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT AND WERE BRIEFED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM YAP, ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS OF THE ISLANDS AND OTHER MATTERS CONCERNING THE DISTRICT.

THE TWO PARTIES THEN PROCEEDED TO CHEUNG CHAU WHERE THEY VISITED THE CHEUNG CHAU COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BRANCH OFFICE.

LATER THEY TOURED THE CHEUNG KWAI ESTATE, A LOW-DENSITY PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE WITH 472 FLATS, HOUSING 2 500 PEOPLE.

MEMBERS OF THE TWO BOARDS ALSO VISITED THE CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE WHERE THEY CONTINUED DISCUSSIONS ON VARIOUS PROBLEMS, SUCH AS HOUSING AND TRANSPORT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MP'S TO MEET PRESS
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TWO CONSERVATIVE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, MR ANDREW ROWE AND MR IAN LANG, WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT 10.45 AM IN THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, 5TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

THEY WILL LEAVE HONG KONG TOMORROW EVENING AFTER A NINE-DAY VISIT.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES SET FOR FOUR AREAS
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SEVERAL TRAFFIC MEASURES WILL BE PUT INTO EFFECT IN KOWLOON CITY, YUEN LONG, CENTRAL AND SHAU KEI WAN FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 21).

IN KOWLOON CITY, TSUN FAT STREET AND HOK LING STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION.

IN YUEN LONG, TRAFFIC ON MA WANG ROAD, ON LOK ROAD, WANG TAT ROAD AND LONG YIP STREET WILL BE RESTRICTED TO A SPEED LIMIT OF 70 KPH.

THESE FOUR ROADS AS WELL AS TAI KIU ROAD AND THE SECTION OF TAI CHEUNG STREET BETWEEN TUNG TAI STREET AND ON LOK ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED 24-HOUR RESTRICTED ZONES.

WITHIN THESE ZONES, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT THOSE WITH RESTRICTED ZONE PERMITS ISSUED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS, OR LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS.

IN CENTRAL, TWO SHORT SECTIONS ON THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF QUEEN VICTORIA STREET, NEAR DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, WILL BE MADE 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAYS.

NO MOTOR VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THESE ROAD SECTIONS.

MEANWHILE, IN SHAU KEI WAN, ALSO FROM THE SAME DAY, THE SECTION OF CHURCH STREET BETWEEN FACTORY STREET AND CHURCH LANE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT 10 WEEKS, TO FACILITATE WORK ON THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR.

DURING THE CLOSURE, CHURCH STREET BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AND CHURCH LANE WILL BE RE-ROUTED TWO WAYS.

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FENCING COURSES FOR SCHOOLS
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A SERIES OF FENCING COURSES WILL BE ORGANISED FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS BETWEEN OCTOBER THIS YEAR AND MARCH NEXT YEAR.

THE ELEMENTARY COURSES WILL BE HELD AT ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE AND QUEEN'S COLLEGE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, TUNG WAH GROUPS OF HOSPITALS CHANG MING THIEN COLLEGE IN KOWLOON AND LOK SIN TONG KU CHIU MAN SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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THE INTERMEDIATE COURSE WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE IN SHA TIN.

EACH COURSE WILL BE CONDUCTED IN TWO PHASES, AND EACH SCHOOL MAY NOMINATE FOUR STUDENTS TO ATTEND EACH PHASE. FENCING EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED.

SCHOOLS INTERESTED SHOULD COMPLETE AND RETURN THE APPLICATION FORM TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR, PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 7/F, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PHASE I IS SEPTEMBER 26, AND FOR PHASE II IS NOVEMBER 9.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 3-884111 EXT. 280.

THE COURSES ARE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG AMATEUR FENCING ASSOCIATION AND THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE.

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WESTERN SITE FOR RENT

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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT-TERM TENANCY OF A SITE AT WESTERN RECLAMATION, SAI YING PUN.

THE SITE, MEASURING 1 630 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR CONCRETE BATCHING, AGGREGATE AND CEMENT HANDLING PURPOSES.

THE TENANCY IS FOR ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

TENDERS MUST BE PLACED IN THE PUBLIC WORKS TENDER BOX IN THE ENTRANCE HALL, GROUND FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG BEFORE NOON ON OCTOBER 5.

A TENANCY NOTICE AND CONDITIONS AS WELL AS A SITE PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED AT :

- * THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- * THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG NORTH, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG; AND
- * THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

TENDER FORMS MAY ALSO BE OBTAINED FROM THESE PLACES.

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LABOUR FORCE STUDIED
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A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS ARE CONTAINED IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY FOR THE APRIL TO JUNE QUARTER, WHICH IS NOW ON SALE.

INCLUDED IN THE ANALYSIS OF THE LABOUR FORCE ARE AGE AND SEX STRUCTURE, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, ACTIVITY STATUS, OCCUPATION, INDUSTRY, HOURS WORKED PER WEEK, EMPLOYMENT EARNINGS AS WELL AS DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT OF THE UNEMPLOYED.

THE REPORT MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, AT \$7 A COPY.

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LIFTS CONTRACT AWARDED
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NINETEEN LIFTS WILL BE INSTALLED IN A GOVERNMENT OFFICE COMPLEX TO BE BUILT IN HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$13.44 MILLION CONTRACT TO OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY (HK) LTD TO CARRY OUT THE WORK, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO TAKE 25 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE COMPLEX WILL BE A 30-STOREY TOWER BLOCK, HOUSING 28 DISTRICT AND MAGISTRATES' COURTS ON THE LOWER FLOORS, AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES ON THE UPPER FLOORS.

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CAS FOOTDRILL
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THE CIVIL AID SERVICES CADET CORPS WILL BE HOLDING A FOOTDRILL COMPETITION ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 23), STARTING AT 8 AM, AT THE CIVIL AID SERVICES KOWLOON TRAINING CENTRE, 204 ARGYLE STREET, KOWLOON.

TWENTY TEAMS FROM CADET UNITS ALL OVER HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE COMPETING.

PRESENTATION OF THE +NORMAN LEUNG SHIELD+ TO THE CHAMPION TEAM WILL BE MADE BY MR NORMAN LEUNG, THE CAS KOWLOON REGIONAL COMMANDER AT 1 PM.

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