



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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FIRST CORNEA TRANSPLANT UNIT SET UP

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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S FIRST CORNEA TRANSPLANT UNIT WILL BE READY FOR OPERATION IN A FEW WEEKS' TIME, PROVIDING FACILITIES FOR RESTORING VISION TO PATIENTS BLINDING FROM CORNEAL DISEASES.

THE UNIT, EQUIPPED WITH MODERN AND SOPHISTICATED SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS, IS BEING SET UP AT THE PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL AT LAI CHI KOK. IT HAS FOUR BEDS FOR TRANSPLANT OPERATIONS.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON EAST HAS DONATED \$100,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT TOWARDS THE COST OF PURCHASING SPECIAL EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTS REQUIRED FOR CORNEA TRANSPLANT OPERATIONS AND THE ASSESSMENT OF EYE PATIENTS' CLINICAL CONDITIONS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE SUCCESS OF THE TRANSPLANTATION DEPENDS NOT ONLY ON SPECIAL TECHNIQUE AND INSTRUMENTS BUT ALSO ON THE RIGHT SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF SUITABLE DONORS.

HE SAID SUITABLE RECIPIENTS ARE BEING SELECTED BY A CORNEA CLINIC, WHICH HAS BEEN SET UP IN THE YAU MA TEI OPHTHALMIC CENTRE SINCE MARCH THIS YEAR.

AN ASSESSMENT SESSION IS HELD EVERY TUESDAY AFTERNOON, AND PATIENTS WHO ARE CONSIDERED SUITABLE FOR CORNEA TRANSPLANT OPERATION ARE PUT ON A WAITING LIST. IN ADDITION, ANY PATIENT ATTENDING AN OUTPATIENT EYE CLINIC MAY BE REFERRED TO THE CORNEA ASSESSMENT CLINIC TO DETERMINE HIS SUITABILITY FOR TRANSPLANT OPERATION.

THE SOURCE OF DONORS WILL BE FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO VOLUNTEER TO DONATE THEIR EYES AFTER DEATH.

THE CORNEA TRANSPLANT UNIT WILL ENABLE THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE A MORE COMPREHENSIVE OPHTHALMIC SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

TO COMMEMORATE THE ROTARY CLUB'S CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE MEDICAL PROJECT, THE NEW UNIT AT PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL WILL BE NAMED +ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON EAST KERATOPLASTY UNIT+.

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VICTORIA TECHNICAL SCHOOL TO GET NEW BUILDING
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL START WORK SHORTLY ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TECHNICAL SCHOOL AT WAN CHAI TO REPLACE THE OLD BUILDING WHICH IS OCCUPIED BY VICTORIA TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING INVITED BY THE P.W.D.'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE.

MR. S.C. KWAN, ACTING CHIEF P.W.D. ARCHITECT, SAID TODAY THAT WORK ON THE PROJECT WOULD BEGIN EARLY IN NOVEMBER AND WOULD TAKE ABOUT 16 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE NEW SCHOOL BUILDING, HE SAID, WOULD BE BUILT ON A SITE OCCUPYING AN AREA OF ABOUT 4,300 SQUARE METRES AT MORRISON HILL NEAR OI KWAN ROAD.

IT WOULD CONSIST OF A MAIN TEACHING BLOCK, WITH 24 CLASSROOMS ON THE UPPER FLOORS AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICES AND CHANGING ROOMS ON THE GROUND FLOOR.

IN ADDITION, THERE WOULD BE AN ASSEMBLY HALL WITH A COVERED PLAY AREA.

MR. KWAN SAID THAT THE PROJECT ALSO CALLED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BLOCK OF SPECIAL ROOMS PROVIDING FACILITIES FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS, A LIBRARY AND WORKSHOPS FOR WOODWORK AND METALWORK.

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CENTURIES-OLD TIN HAU TEMPLE REOPENED
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CENTURIES-OLD TIN HAU TEMPLE IN TSUEN WAN WAS REOPENED TODAY FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF REPAIR WORKS ON IT.

THE TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER, MR. JAMES HAYES, UNVEILED A COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE TO MARK THE REOPENING OF THE TEMPLE.

THE RENOVATIONS ON THE TEMPLE, FINANCED BY LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS, WERE CARRIED OUT EARLIER THIS YEAR FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1918 UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE TSUEN WAN RURAL COMMITTEE AFTER PARTS OF THE TEMPLE HAD FALLEN INTO DISREPAIR. PREVIOUSLY, THERE HAD BEEN FOUR RENOVATIONS.

ADDRESSING THE REOPENING CEREMONY, MR. HAYES SAID THE TEMPLE IS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO THE INDIGENOUS POPULATION OF TSUEN WAN.

+IT HAS A RELIGIOUS SIGNIFICANCE AS THE PLACE TO WHICH INDIVIDUALS CAN SEEK COMFORT AND ADVICE IN TIME OF NEED, AND IT HAS BEEN AT THE CENTRE OF COMMUNITY LIFE FOR MANY GENERATIONS,+ HE SAID.

+WHEN SO MUCH OF THE OLD HAS ALREADY DISAPPEARED IN TSUEN WAN, IT WILL BE A CONSOLATION TO OLD RESIDENTS AT THE GOVERNMENT'S PLANS FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF NORTH TSUEN WAN WHICH INCLUDE THE RETENTION OF THE TEMPLE, ALONG WITH SAM TUNG UK VILLAGE TO ITS FRONT.

+UNDER THE TOWN PLANNING PROPOSALS, AN OPEN SPACE WILL BE PROVIDED BETWEEN THE TWO PLACES AND VISITORS AND LOCAL RESIDENTS ALIKE WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY A GLIMPSE OF OLD TSUEN WAN.

+MOREOVER, THE TEMPLE WILL CONTINUE AS A PLACE OF WORSHIP AND A SYMBOL OF UNITY FOR THE INDIGENOUS INHABITANTS OF THIS PLACE,+ HE SAID.

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MORE SECONDARY SCHOOLS TEACHING DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY
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MORE THAN 100 TEACHERS IN 42 SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARE TEACHING THE NEW SUBJECT OF DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY TO ABOUT 42,000 PUPILS.

THIS SUBJECT, WHICH WAS INTRODUCED INTO 16 SCHOOLS BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TWO YEARS AGO, OPENS A NEW APPROACH TO TEACHING WOODWORK, METALWORK AND PRACTICAL ELECTRICITY.

TO SHOW THE STUDENTS' PROGRESS AS A RESULT OF THIS NEW APPROACH, THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS HOLDING AN EXHIBITION OF PUPILS' HANDICRAFTS IN THE SOUTH CONCOURSE OF THE KOWLOON RAILWAY STATION AT HUNG HOM FROM SEPTEMBER 19 TO 27.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPENED AT 11 A.M. ON MONDAY BY MR. ERIC HO, SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES.

ON DISPLAY WILL BE A VARIETY OF WORK EMPHASISING THE INTELLECTUAL AND CREATIVE ABILITIES OF YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ABOUT 13 TO 17 YEARS OF AGE FROM A CROSS SECTION OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

THE EXHIBITION CONSISTS OF EXPLORATORY STUDIES IN WOOD, METAL AND PLASTICS FROM FORMS 1 TO 3 PUPILS, PROJECT WORK IN FURNITURE DESIGN, ENGINEERING DESIGN, PRACTICAL ELECTRICITY TOGETHER WITH STUDIES IN COMMUNICATION TECHNIQUES AT FORMS 4 TO 5 LEVEL.

AMONG THE EXHIBITS ARE MODELS OF STEAM ENGINES, A HAND SHAPING MACHINE, ELECTRIC LOCKS, POWER JIGSAWS, TELEPHONE STANDS, MAGAZINE RACKS AND KNOCKDOWN FURNITURE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION AT 11 A.M. ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 19) AFTER WHICH IT WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN DAILY FROM SEPTEMBER 20 TO 27 BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 6 P.M.

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FIRING PRACTICE
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT CASTLE PEAK RANGE FROM MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 19) FOR FIVE DAYS.

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN THE FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF FIRING PRACTICE.

THE PRACTICE TIMES ARE:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
SEPTEMBER 19 (MONDAY)	8.30 A.M. - 4.30 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 20 (TUESDAY)	8 A.M. - 11 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 21 (WEDNESDAY)	4 A.M. - 4.30 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 22 (THURSDAY)	8 A.M. - 4.30 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 23 (FRIDAY)	8 A.M. - 4.30 P.M.

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