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**KEEP OFF AREAS IN DANGER OF FLOODS****Warning To Picnickers**

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Picnickers to the New Territories are strongly advised to keep off areas which are subject to possible invasion of sudden torrents and floods during heavy rain.

A spokesman for the District Office, Sai Kung, today noted that several serious fatal accidents occurred recently in these areas.

"With the on-set of the rainy season, it is expected that many areas in the New Territories would be subject to similar invasion of sudden torrents and floods," he said.

These areas are normally associated with stream courses running down valleys and low-lying areas.

These water courses could become sudden torrents after a heavy downpour and wash away people and property in their course.

The spokesman said: "These situations are especially dangerous for tourists and visitors who often do not possess a thorough knowledge of the geographical situation of the areas they are visiting."

He said areas in Sai Kung which were likely to be subject to this kind of danger included the valleys and water courses in the villages of Tseng Lan Shue, Tseung Kwan O, Tai Long and Sai Wan.

"These areas," he said, "are by no means exhaustive, and it is often difficult to predict where exactly these sudden torrents might occur."

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FOOD HYGIENE SURE METHOD OF PREVENTING TYPHOID

Prevention Of Enteric Diseases Campaign

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Typhoid fever is an infectious disease transmitted through food and drinks. Among the four hundred odd cases of typhoid fever last year, more than half of the patients were youngsters between the age of 10 and 24 years.

An Urban Services Department spokesman said today this in connection with the present "Prevention of Enteric Diseases Campaign".

Typhoid germs are found in the excreta of typhoid patients or carriers. Food may become infected through the hands of a patient or carrier during food preparation, and by the filthy feet of faecal-feeding flies. Poor sanitation may also cause the germs to infect water supply.

Typhoid fever starts with a fever accompanied by headache, pain in the limbs, chills, and shivering. Some patients may complain of nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea or constipation. A rose colour rash usually appears on the trunk in the second week of the illness.

With modern treatment, the disease can be controlled in several days followed by a gradual recovery. Bleeding or even perforation of the intestines are the dangerous complication of this disease.

Food hygiene is a sure method of preventing typhoid. The following precautionary measures are listed for the attention of the public:-

- a) Boil all drinking water. Store drinking water in a clean container with cover.
- b) Protect food and utensils from fly contamination. Avoid buying exposed cooked food, titbits, cut-fruit in the street.

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- c) Put all food waste and refuse into a proper dust bin to avoid fly attraction.
- d) Wash hands properly before food and after visiting toilets.
- e) Seek early medical treatment and sterilize the soiled linen of patients suffering from typhoid fever.

Typhoid can be prevented by anti-typhoid inoculations obtainable in all government clinics, hospitals and vaccination centres free of charge.

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WATER SUPPLY - WONG TAI SIN

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Water supply to a number of premises in Wong Tai Sin will be interrupted for five hours from 1 a.m. on Thursday, May 18, 1972.

The temporary water stoppage is to enable the Waterworks Office to carry out a leakage test.

The area which will be affected is bounded by Lung Cheung Road, Sheung Tak Street and Tung Tau Tsuen Road.

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BUILDINGS DECLARED DANGEROUS

Nos. 42 And 44 First Street, Hong Kong

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The Building Authority today declared No. 44 First Street to be in a dangerous condition and No. 42 First Street liable to become dangerous and ordered demolition.

In a statement issued this morning the Principal Government Building Surveyor said that these prewar buildings were inspected following a report from another Department.

No. 44 First Street is three storeys and access to the upper floors is by means of a staircase from the ground floor of No. 42, now a single storey building.

No. 42 appears to have been originally a three storey building but the upper floors were demolished during or prior to the war - there is no record of such demolition.

There are severe fractures in the exposed party wall at first and second floor levels and the brickwork of the rear wall of the kitchen block is bulged over the laneway. In addition much of the structural timber is decayed and in a defective condition and there is a risk of collapse.

Due to a fracture in the brick arch of the front wall, No. 42 is liable to become dangerous during or after the demolition of No. 44.

Notices of intention to apply for Closure Orders in Victoria District Court at 9.30 a.m. on June 29, 1972 were posted today.

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MOTHERS' DAY'S CELEBRATION IN TSZ WAN SHAN  
Joint Effort Of SWD And Local Organisations

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Winners of a Mothers' Day Card Design and Essay Competition organised by the Tsz Wan Shan Community Work Office of the Social Welfare Department received their prizes at a ceremony in the assembly hall of the Heep Woh College, Tsz Wan Shan, today.

Guests attending included Mr. Kwok Ka-chi, Principal Social Welfare Officer, Group and Community Work Division; Mr. Wong Yeung-kwan, Wong Tai Sin Assistant City District Officer; Mr. Chan Fook-hing, Sub-Divisional Inspector of the Tsz Wan Shan Police Post; and Brigadier Lau To-sun, Divisional Officer of the Salvation Army.

Mr. Choi Jun, President of the Tsz Wan Shan District Mothers' Day Celebration Committee, began the proceedings with opening remarks, followed by Mr. Lau Hon-tong, Chairman of the Committee, who proposed a vote of thanks.

The Mothers' Day Card Design and Essay Competition was intended as a recreational activity to mark Mothers' Day among local residents, and to promote a co-operative spirit among district organisations interested in welfare work.

More than 300 entries were received, the best response enjoyed so far in connection with any event organised in the district. Students from 29 primary schools and four secondary schools in the Tsz Wan Shan estate took part, and all the entries were of a high standard.

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Organisations joining the Social Welfare Department's Tsz Wan Shan Estate Community Work Office in the programme included the Tsz Wan Shan Kaifong Welfare Association, Our Lady Of Maryknoll Hospital, the Tsz Wan Shan Youth Centre, the Evangel Youth Centre, the Zion Youth Centre, the Tsz Wan Shan Library, and the Tsz Wan Shan Salvation Army Corps Centre.

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QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED

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The Port Health Authority announced today that quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Srong (port) and Manokwari (port), Indonesia, on account of cholera.

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HEALTH EXHIBITION BY SCHOOL CHILDREN

Prize-Giving Ceremony At City Hall Tomorrow

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Fifteen prize-winning schools will put up a six-day health exhibition at the City Hall Exhibition Hall tomorrow (Wednesday).

The exhibition will be on five themes: (1) How to keep our beaches and picnic spots clean, (2) How to prevent accidents in swimming, (3) How to prevent accidents in schools, (4) How to prevent mosquito breeding at home, and (5) How to prevent and destroy rats at home.

The exhibition is being held in connection with a Health Education Project Competition organised jointly by the Urban Council and Urban Services Department and the Education Department for secondary schools in Hong Kong.

Dr. Denny M.H. Huang, Chairman of the Environmental Hygiene Select Committee of the Urban Council will officiate at the prize-giving ceremony at the Exhibition Hall tomorrow.

Prize-winners for this year's competition are as follows:

First Prize (\$1,500): St. Francis Canossian College

Group Winner Prize (\$500 each): St. Paul's School (Lam Tin)  
Y.M.C.A., Hioe Tjo Yoeung College

Second Prize (\$300 each): Chuen Yuen College  
Heep Woh College  
New Method College (Science Section)  
Tsuen Wan Government Secondary School  
Shau Kei Wan Government Secondary School

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Consolation Prize (\$200 each): Ming Yin College  
New Method College (Arts Section)  
Pak Kau English School  
Sacred Heart Canossian College  
St. Paul's Co-educational College  
(Chinese Section)  
St. Paul's Co-educational College  
(English Section)  
Ying Wah Girls' School

The exhibition will be open to the public from 3.30 p.m. tomorrow  
till Monday, May 22. Admission is free.

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Note to editors: You are invited to send a reporter  
and/or photographer to cover the prize-giving  
ceremony, which starts at 2.30 p.m. tomorrow.

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NO CHANGE IN SPEED LIMIT

On Cotton Tree Drive And Garden Road

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The speed limit on Cotton Tree Drive and Garden Road remains at 30 miles per hour, a Transport Department spokesman said today.

The decision was made in a recent review following suggestions that the present speed limit on these roads might be raised.

The spokesman said: "A detailed study by the Public Works Department (Highways Office), the Police Traffic Branch and the Transport Department indicated that it is inadvisable to raise the speed limit."

Garden Road and Cotton Tree Drive are district distributor roads which have been designed to serve adjacent development and to collect and distribute traffic from and to the numerous roads serving the Peak and Mid-Levels residential areas.

To serve these purposes, the spokesman said, Cotton Tree Drive which is only half a mile in length and routed one-way uphill, has no less than 13 points of access.

Fifty percent of the vehicles using this road quite properly have to weave from one lane to another as they enter or leave the road.

"To allow vehicles to travel faster through this heavy volume of weaving traffic would substantially increase the risk of accidents," the spokesman added.

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The half mile of Garden Road, most of which is routed one-way downhill, has two sets of traffic lights at the Upper and Lower Albert Road junctions to provide a break in the Garden Road traffic for joining traffic from roads on both sides and for pedestrian movements.

Although the main and the joining traffic is therefore segregated, there are still a number of weaving movements made by traffic on this downhill stretch.

The spokesman said: "It would be inadvisable to encourage motorists to travel faster on these short stretches of roads bearing in mind the stopping distance required, especially in wet weather."

The possibility, he said, of revising speed limits on other roads was being considered.

But no changes in speed limit were likely to be introduced in the near future since construction works are still in progress on most of the roads for which an increase in the speed limit was being considered, the spokesman added.

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