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\$31.3 MILLION PAID TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS

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TOTAL DEATH AND INJURY GRANTS MADE UNDER THE +NO FAULT+ TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE (TAVA) SCHEME HAVE SURPASSED THE \$30 MILLION MARK.

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS PAID OUT \$31.3 MILLION AS QUICK CASH RELIEF TO 7 876 CASES SINCE THE SCHEME STARTED IN MAY 1979.

MR SIU KING-CHIU, HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT'S TAVA SECTION, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) ANOTHER \$482 000 HAD BEEN AUTHORISED FOR PAYMENT TO 172 CASES AND WAS NOW AWAITING COLLECTION AT THE DEPARTMENT.

MR SIU SAID GRANTS ALREADY MADE WERE PAID TO 713 CASES INVOLVING DEATH, AND TO 7 163 CASES INVOLVING INJURIES WHICH HAD CAUSED AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS' LOSS OF EARNING CAPACITY.

PAYMENTS FOR DEATH GRANTS AMOUNTED TO NEARLY \$5.5 MILLION, HE SAID, WHILE INJURY PAYMENTS TOTALLED \$25.8 MILLION, OF WHICH \$6.5 MILLION WERE FOR FURTHER PAYMENTS TO THOSE WHO SUBSEQUENTLY REQUIRED EXTENDED SICK LEAVE.

MR SIU SAID THE HIGHEST PAYMENT SO FAR WAS \$26 100 IN ONE FATAL CASE, WHILE OTHER PAYMENTS RANGED FROM \$800 TO \$25 040.

+AT PRESENT, 335 APPLICATIONS ARE BEING PROCESSED AND THE APPLICANTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS SHORTLY,+ HE SAID.

THE TAVA SCHEME IS NON-MEANS TESTED AND PROVIDES QUICK CASH RELIEF FOR TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS OR THEIR DEPENDANTS REGARDLESS OF WHO WAS AT FAULT IN CAUSING THE ACCIDENT.

UNDER THE SCHEME, TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS MUST HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO THE POLICE.

PEOPLE INVOLVED CAN APPLY WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF THE ACCIDENT AT THE DEPARTMENT'S TAVA SECTION ON THE 14TH FLOOR OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE AT 280 GLOUCESTER ROAD, HONG KONG (TEL. NOS. 5-779421 AND 5-7903650).

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DAY OFF FOR ROYAL WEDDING

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THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG MAY ENJOY A HOLIDAY ON JULY 29, ON THE OCCASION OF THE WEDDING OF PRINCE CHARLES AND LADY DIANA SPENCER.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL SOON CONSIDER A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THAT DAY A GENERAL HOLIDAY, AND STUDY A BILL MAKING IT AN ADDITIONAL PAID STATUTORY HOLIDAY UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE. THE BILL WILL ALLOW EMPLOYERS THE FLEXIBILITY OF GRANTING THE HOLIDAY ON ANOTHER DAY.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE EVENT, HONG KONG WILL MAKE A PRESENT OF A CARPET TO BE WOVEN BY A LOCAL FACTORY. A SET OF COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS WILL ALSO BE ISSUED.

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PRIOR WORKING ARRANGEMENTS ESSENTIAL DURING TYPHOON

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EMPLOYERS WERE TODAY (SUNDAY) ADVISED TO REACH PRIOR AGREEMENT WITH THEIR EMPLOYEES ON WORKING ARRANGEMENTS ON THE APPROACH OF OR DURING A TROPICAL STORM.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID THE AGREEMENT SHOULD INCLUDE RULES FOR WORK, RELEASE FROM WORK, AND THE METHOD OF CALCULATING WAGES TO BE PAID UNDER VARIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.

+ALTHOUGH THE LAW DOES NOT LAY DOWN ANY PARTICULAR PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW, IT IS BASICALLY A MATTER OF DECISION BETWEEN EACH EMPLOYER AND HIS EMPLOYEES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE NATURE OF EMPLOYMENT AND THE INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE'S PLACE OF RESIDENCE, AVAILABILITY OF TRANSPORT AND OTHER FACTORS,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID CONFUSION, OR EVEN DISPUTES, COULD ARISE IF THERE WAS A LACK OF PRIOR UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES AS TO WHAT TO DO DURING A TYPHOON.

HE ADVISED THAT THE IMPORTANT THING TO CONSIDER ON SUCH OCCASIONS WAS THE EMPLOYEES' SAFETY, BOTH AT THE PLACE OF WORK AND DURING THE JOURNEY TO AND FROM HOME.

+FOR EXAMPLE, EMPLOYERS SHOULD SEND THEIR EMPLOYEES HOME WHEN TYPHOON SIGNAL NUMBER EIGHT OR HIGHER IS HOISTED, OR WHEN PUBLIC TRANSPORT IS ABOUT TO STOP.

+OF COURSE, EMPLOYEES WHO ARE REQUIRED TO PERFORM ESSENTIAL AND EMERGENCY DUTIES DURING A TYPHOON WOULD BE EXCEPTIONS,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID EMPLOYERS COULD ALWAYS APPROACH THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR ADVICE WHEN DRAFTING OR PREPARING AGREEMENTS CONCERNING TYPHOON ARRANGEMENTS.

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HEALTH MEASURES FOR SUMMER

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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) ADVISED THAT WITH THE APPROACH OF THE SUMMER SEASON THE PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AGAINST CHOLERA AND OTHER GASTRO-INTESTINAL DISEASES SUCH AS TYPHOID AND DYSENTERY.

VIRAL HEPATITIS AND SICKNESS DUE TO FOOD POISONING ARE ALSO COMMONLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE WARM WEATHER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THOUGH THERE HAD BEEN NO REPORT OF CHOLERA CASES IN HONG KONG SINCE AUGUST 1978, THE PUBLIC SHOULD CONTINUE TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY PRECAUTION AGAINST THE DISEASE WHICH IS ENDEMIC IN THE SOUTHEAST ASIA REGION.

/HE POINTED

HE POINTED OUT THAT ALTHOUGH MOST OF THE NOTIFIABLE COMMUNICABLE DISEASES HAVE REMAINED MORE OR LESS AT THE SAME LEVEL AS PREVIOUS YEARS, THE DEPARTMENT HAS CONTINUED TO TAKE ALL POSSIBLE PREVENTIVE MEASURES THROUGH HEALTH EDUCATION AND IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMMES.

HOWEVER, HE SAID, EXPERIENCE AND RESEARCH HAVE SHOWN THAT THE MOST RELIABLE AND EFFECTIVE MEASURES ARE TO ENSURE CLEANLINESS IN THE PREPARATION AND CONSUMPTION OF FOOD AND WATER, AND GOOD PERSONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE.

HE EMPHASISED THE IMPORTANCE OF TAKING ONLY THOROUGHLY COOKED FOOD AND BOILED WATER.

+PROPERLY PREPARED FOOD, IF NOT TAKEN IMMEDIATELY, SHOULD NOT BE LEFT IN THE OPEN AND EXPOSED TO CONTAMINATION,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THESE PROTECTIVE MEASURES ARE EFFECTIVE NOT ONLY AGAINST THE GASTRO-INTESTINAL DISEASES BUT ALSO AGAINST OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.

VACCINATIONS AGAINST CHOLERA AND TYPHOID FEVER, IF REQUIRED, ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE AT ALL GOVERNMENT GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINICS AND INOCULATION POSTS.

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FIFTY TEAMS FOR TAI PO DRAGON BOAT RACES * * *

FIFTY TEAMS REPRESENTING VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS HAVE ENTERED THE TAI PO DRAGON BOAT RACES ON JUNE 6.

THE ORGANISATIONS INCLUDE PRIVATE FIRMS, FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, SPORTS CLUBS, SCHOOLS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL ATTEND THE RACES AND PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNING TEAMS.

THE RACES WILL BE HELD AT SHUE WAN HOI, ALONG THE MAIN DAM OF PLOVER COVE RESERVOIR, STARTING AT 9.30 AM.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, WILL BE THE GUEST OF HONOUR AT THE SAI KUNG RACES, WHICH 30 TEAMS HAVE ENTERED.

OF THESE, SIX TEAMS COMPRISING WOMEN ONLY WILL ROW BOATS RESEMBLING THE MYTHICAL BIRD, THE PHOENIX.

A SPECIAL TEAM OF LOCAL SAI KUNG FISHERMEN HAS ALSO BEEN FORMED TO REPRESENT HONG KONG IN INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT RACES TO BE HELD IN SINGAPORE NEXT MONTH.

AT TUEN MUN, WHERE RACES WILL START AT 9 AM, THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR-GENERAL JOHN CHAPPLE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION.

/AIR CHIEF

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AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR KEITH WILLIAMSON, WHO WILL BE VISITING HONG KONG DURING THE FESTIVAL, WILL ALSO ATTEND THE RACES.

IN ORDER TO EXPAND THE FLEET, SEVERAL NEW DRAGON AND PHOENIX BOATS HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED WITH PRIVATE DONATIONS FOR THE RACES THIS YEAR.

DRAGON BOAT RACES WILL ALSO BE HELD IN OTHER PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, INCLUDING TAI O, MUI WO, PUI O, TSING YI, CHEUNG CHAU AND LAMMA ISLANDS.

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SWIMMERS URGED TO OBSERVE BASIC SAFETY RULES

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EARLY ONE MORNING AT A REMOTE BEACH ON THE OUTLYING ISLAND, JACK AND HIS GIRL FRIEND SUSANNA WERE PLAYING TO THEIR HEART'S CONTENT IN THE BEAUTIFUL CLEAR WATER, ENJOYING THE WARM SUNSHINE AND SOFT SEA BREEZE, BUT MOST OF ALL, THE PRIVACY OF HAVING THE WHOLE BEACH TO THEMSELVES- THERE WAS PRACTICALLY NO ONE ELSE AROUND BECAUSE IT WAS A WEEK-DAY AND THE BEACH WAS NOT EASILY ACCESSIBLE.

THE WATER WAS COOL BUT ROUGH. THIS DID NOT WORRY JACK WHO ALWAYS BOASTED OF BEING A GOOD SWIMMER. HE CHALLENGED SUSANNA TO SWIM WITH HIM OUT TO THE RAFT, BUT SHE REFUSED. SO HE PLUNGED INTO THE SEA ALONE, PROMISING TO RETURN IN HALF AN HOUR.

JACK NEVER RETURNED. HE GOT INTO TROUBLE ABOUT 100 METRES AWAY FROM THE SHORE. HE YELLED FOR HELP BUT THERE WAS NO LIFE GUARD NEARBY AND NO ONE HEARD HIM. HE BATTLED WITH THE WAVES UNTIL HE LOST ALL HIS STRENGTH. THEN DARKNESS CAME OVER HIM.

HOURS LATER, JACK'S BODY WAS FOUND.

THIS IS ONE OF THE MANY WAYS SWIMMERS GET KILLED. LAST YEAR, A TOTAL OF 16 SWIMMERS WERE DROWNED FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER, AND 881 WERE RESCUED FROM DANGER.

A WORD OF ADVICE TO SWIMMERS CAME FROM MR CHAM SIU-LEUN, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS TODAY (MAY 17) : +IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT BECAUSE SWIMMING IS SUCH A POPULAR AND COMMON SPORT IN HONG KONG, PEOPLE HAVE BECOME SO USED TO IT THAT THEY TEND TO OVERLOOK THE RISKS AND DANGERS INVOLVED.

+BUT IN FACT, LIKE ANY OTHER FORM OF OUTDOOR PURSUITS, THERE IS A SET OF BASIC SAFETY RULES THAT SWIMMERS SHOULD OBSERVE.+

/MR CHAM

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MR CHAM POINTED OUT THAT IN THE FIRST PLACE, A SWIMMER MUST KNOW HIS PHYSICAL CAPABILITY AND LIMITATION. BEFORE HE SWIMS TOO FAR OUT TO SEA, HE SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT HE WILL HAVE ENOUGH STRENGTH TO SWIM BACK TO SHORE. IT IS NOT WISE TO OVER-STRETCH ONE'S ABILITY FOR THE SAKE OF SHOWING OFF.

HE SAID, +IF YOU ARE NOT A GOOD SWIMMER, DON'T GO FURTHER THAN WAIST-DEEP. PREFERABLY, LEARN TO SWIM WELL IN A SWIMMING POOL BEFORE TACKLING WAVES AND TIDES IN THE SEA.+

+WHEN YOU GO SWIMMING, CHOOSE A BEACH WHERE THERE ARE LIFE GUARDS. IF YOU PREFER TO GO TO REMOTE AND LESS CROWDED SPOTS, BE SURE TO GO ALONG WITH YOUR FRIENDS OR FAMILY SO THAT SOMEONE WILL BE AROUND SHOULD YOU GET INTO TROUBLE AND REQUIRE ASSISTANCE,+ HE ADDED.

MANY BEACHES IN HONG KONG HAVE SAFE SWIMMING AREAS CLEARLY MARKED WITH BOOM LINES. IT IS ADVISABLE TO KEEP WITHIN THE DESIGNATED AREAS.

MR CHAM ALSO REMINDED SWIMMERS TO BEWARE OF WAVES, FOR THEY CAN FLIP YOU AND POSSIBLY INJURE YOU.

+LOOK OUT FOR AND AVOID STRONG CURRENTS. SLICK PATCHES OF WATER A DIFFERENT COLOUR TO THE SURROUNDING OCEAN WATER CAN MEAN FAST-MOVING WATER WHICH COULD DRAG YOU AWAY FROM SHORE OR BASH YOU AGAINST ROCKS,+ HE SAID.

+IF YOU EVER FIND YOURSELF IN TROUBLE, REMEMBER YOU MUST KEEP CALM, THEN RAISE YOUR RIGHT ARM AND SHOUT FOR ASSISTANCE, TRYING AT THE SAME TIME, TO TREAD WATER OR FLOAT ON YOUR BACK,+ HE ADDED.

SINCE SUMMER IS ALSO THE TYPHOON SEASON IN HONG KONG, IT IS ADVISABLE TO LISTEN TO THE WEATHER FORECAST AND FIND OUT WHETHER THE RED FLAG HAS BEEN HOISTED AT ANY BEACH BEFORE LEAVING HOME. RED FLAG MEANS IT IS DANGEROUS FOR SWIMMERS TO ENTER THE WATER.

MR CHAM SAID, +IGNORING THIS WARNING MEANS PUTTING YOUR LIVES IN PERIL.+

ANOTHER RULE TO REMEMBER IS NEVER SWIM IMMEDIATELY AFTER A MEAL OR WHEN YOU ARE HUNGRY. ALLOW AT LEAST AN HOUR'S REST AFTER MEAL BEFORE YOU TAKE A DIP. IF YOU ARE TIRED OR HAVE HAD SOME ALCOHOLIC DRINKS, IT IS NOT ADVISABLE FOR YOU TO SWIM.

EQUALLY IMPORTANT IS NOT TO STAY IN THE WATER TOO LONG ESPECIALLY IF IT IS VERY COLD= AND ONE SHOULD NOT WEAR MASKS OR SNORKELS UNLESS ONE IS TRAINED TO USE THEM. IT IS DIFFICULT TO SHOUT FOR HELP WITH SUCH EQUIPMENT ON,+ MR CHAM EXPLAINED.

/HE POINTED

HE POINTED OUT THAT IT IS DANGEROUS FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT SWIM TO RELY ON SWIMMING AIDS, BECAUSE LILOS, BUOYS AND FLOATS CAN LOSE THEIR BUOYANCY OR FLOW AWAY FROM ONE'S GRASP.

IF YOU WANT TO DIVE OR JUMP INTO THE WATER, MAKE SURE YOU DO SO AT THE POINT WHERE THE WATER IS DEEP ENOUGH AND THERE ARE NO SWIMMERS AROUND.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT MATTER THAT SWIMMERS HAVE TO WATCH OUT IS THAT IF THEY SPOT SHARKS IN THE VICINITY, THEY SHOULD KEEP CALM AND SWIM ASHORE QUIETLY OR GET ABOARD ANY NEARBY BOAT. +DON'T PANIC AND DON'T SWIM SPLASHINGLY AWAY FROM THE SHARK AS THIS MAY EASILY ATTRACT THE SHARK'S ATTENTION AND AROUSE IT TO ATTACK YOU RIGHT AWAY,+ THE CHAIRMAN WARNED.

HERE ARE SOME HINTS ON HOW TO AVOID SHARK BITE :

- * DON'T GO SWIMMING ALONE.
- * WHEN SWIMMING, DON'T WEAR RINGS, BRACELETS, AND METAL ORNAMENTS.
- * DON'T SWIM OR DIVE WITH A BLEEDING WOUND.

+REMEMBER TO SWIM IN SAFETY OR YOU MAY NOT LIVE TO REGRET IT,+ MR CHAM SAID.

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TRAINING COURSE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS

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QUALIFIED TEACHERS WHO ARE AT PRESENT TEACHING SLOW LEARNING OR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN SPECIAL SCHOOLS OR CLASSES ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR A TWO-YEAR PART-TIME TRAINING COURSE STARTING THIS SEPTEMBER AT SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.

TRAINEES WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE COURSE ONE DAY A WEEK DURING THE TWO YEARS AND THREE PERIODS OF TWO-WEEK FULL-TIME TRAINING.

THE FIRST TWO-WEEK PERIOD WILL BE AN ORIENTATION PROGRAMME, THE SECOND TWO-WEEK PERIOD WILL BE AT THE CLOSE OF THE FIRST ACADEMIC YEAR, AND THE THIRD PERIOD AT THE END OF THE SECOND ACADEMIC YEAR.

+THOSE ACCEPTED TO THE COURSE MUST BE TEACHING SLOW LEARNING OR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN SPECIAL CLASSES OR SCHOOLS FOR THE DURATION OF THE COURSE,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

TEACHERS SELECTED TO TEACH SLOW LEARNING OR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN WITH EFFECT FROM THIS SEPTEMBER CAN ALSO APPLY, HE SAID.

/APPLICANTS SHOULD

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APPLICANTS SHOULD PREFERABLY HAVE HAD TWO YEARS TEACHING EXPERIENCE.

CONTENTS OF THE COURSE WILL INCLUDE STUDIES IN PSYCHOLOGICAL AND MEDICAL ASPECTS OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN= SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES AND PROVISIONS FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN= LEARNING AND BEHAVIOUR PROBLEMS, ORGANISATION AND OPERATION OF SPECIAL CLASSES AND SCHOOLS= SPECIAL AND ADAPTED CURRICULA AND SPECIAL TEACHING TECHNIQUES.

TUTORIALS AND SEMINARS WILL BE CONDUCTED AND TRAINEES WILL BE SUPERVISED AND ADVISED IN THEIR OWN CLASSROOMS BY STAFF FROM THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.

ON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE COURSE A TRAINEE WILL BE AWARDED A CERTIFICATE FOR TEACHERS OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN (MENTALLY HANDICAPPED AND SLOW LEARNING CHILDREN), THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

QUALIFIED FULL-TIME TEACHERS WILL BE AWARDED A SPECIAL EDUCATION ALLOWANCE WHILE ATTENDING THE COURSE AND UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE COURSE.

SELECTION FOR ENTRY TO THE COURSE IS CONDUCTED BY THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION JOINT SELECTION BOARD.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG, AND THE SUB-OFFICE AT THE POST OFFICE BUILDING, NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON. THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, 6 CALDECOTT ROAD, KOWLOON.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED VIA THE APPLICANTS' SUPERVISORS OR PRINCIPALS TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION JOINT SELECTION BOARD, C/O SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, 6 CALDECOTT ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE CLOSING DATE OF APPLICATION IS MAY 29.

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KWAI CHUNG AND TSUEN WAN TO HOLD TREE PLANTING DAY
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THE SCENERY OF THE LOVER'S ISLAND OF KWAI CHUNG AND CHEUNG PAI SHAN ROAD OF TSUEN WAN WILL BE ENHANCED BY 170 EVERGREEN TREES TO BE PLANTED THERE.

TWO DISTRICT-WIDE TREE PLANTING EXERCISES, IN LINE WITH OTHER DISTRICTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, ARE BEING JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

/THE EXERCISES

THE EXERCISES AIM TO AROUSE PUBLIC CONCERN AND INTEREST IN THE LOVE AND CARE OF TREES IN THE NEW TOWNS, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NTSD.

ABOUT 70 EVERGREEN BAUHINIA BLAKEANA AND ACACIA TREES WILL BE PLANTED IN THE AMENITY PLOT OF THE LOVER'S ISLAND OF KWAI CHUNG ON FRIDAY (MAY 22).

ON SATURDAY (MAY 23), A TOTAL OF 100 MELALEUCA LEUCADENDRON, THE HARDY EVERGREEN LARGE TREES, WILL BE PLANTED IN THE CENTRAL DIVIDER OF CHEUNG PAI SHAN ROAD NEAR SHEK WAI KOK ESTATE, TSUEN WAN.

MORE THAN 250 MEMBERS OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD AND STUDENTS FROM FIVE KWAI CHUNG AND TSUEN WAN SCHOOLS WILL TAKE PART IN THE TREE PLANTING.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, MR HO TZE-PING, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONIES.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES (SOUTH REGION), MR JAMES WILSON, WILL ALSO BE PRESENT.

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FACELIFT FOR MORE KWAI CHUNG REFUSE BLACKSPOTS
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MORE THAN 10 REFUSE BLACKSPOTS IN OPEN SPACES AND HILLSIDES IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE GIVEN A FACELIFT.

THE CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS AIMED AT IMPROVING ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICE OF KWAI CHUNG. A SPOKESMAN OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

DURING THE ON-GOING FIVE-MONTH EXERCISE, CLEANSING STAFF OF THE NTSD WILL CLEAR THE REFUSE AT VARIOUS BLACKSPOTS AT SHEK YAM ROAD, TAI YUEN STREET, WO YI HOP ROAD, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TAI PAK TIN STREET, KWAI HEI STREET, KWAI YUE STREET AND HOI PA SECTION.

ABOUT 100 TONNES OR 100 TIPPER LORRY LOADS OF REFUSE, AND ANOTHER 62 TIPPER LORRY LOADS OF BULKY DISCARDED ITEMS WERE COLLECTED, IN THE RECENT CLEAN UP AT THE HILLSIDE OF THE TAI LOONG STREET SQUATTER AREA.

HE SAID THE OPEN SPACE CLEARED WOULD SOON BE TURNED INTO A SITTING OUT AREA FOR LOCAL PEOPLE.

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BUSY HOLIDAY FOR THE RHKAAF

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THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE CARRIED OUT AN AVERAGE OF ONE CASUALTY EVACUATION FLIGHT PER DAY DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAY PERIOD FROM APRIL 18 TO 27.

+THE FORCE RESPONDED TO 12 EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION CALLS DURING THIS 10-DAY PERIOD IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING ROUTINE FLYING SERVICES,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RHKAAF SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

+ON APRIL 24 ALONE, RHKAAF HELICOPTERS AIRLIFTED THREE PATIENTS TO HOSPITAL FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT,+ HE SAID.

+WE ALSO FLEW FOUR PREGNANT WOMEN TO HOSPITAL AND CARRIED PATIENTS SUFFERING FROM SNAKE BITE, INJURY DUE TO A CLIMBING ACCIDENT AND A HEART FAILURE,+ HE ADDED.

A DAWN SEARCH FOR SIX PICNICKERS IN SAI KUNG WAS CONDUCTED ON SUNDAY, APRIL 26, AND ALL WERE SUBSEQUENTLY FOUND.

THE 12 MISSIONS BROUGHT TO 69 THE NUMBER OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION FLIGHTS CARRIED OUT BY RHKAAF SO FAR THIS YEAR.

MEMBERS OF RHKAAF ARE ON DUTY FOR SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. THEY STAND BY TO CARRY OUT EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION SERVICES AT NIGHT AND DURING HOLIDAYS.

ON RECEIVING AN EMERGENCY CALL DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS, AIR CREW PRESENT AT KAI TAK CAN BE AIRBORNE IN AS LITTLE TIME AS FIVE MINUTES AND ARRIVE AT ANY LANDING SITE IN THE TERRITORY WITHIN 20 MINUTES OR SO.

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