



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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1975 SCHOOLS' DANCE FESTIVAL BEGINS

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THE FIRST OF THE SPECIAL PERFORMANCES OF THE 1975 SCHOOLS' DANCE FESTIVAL WAS HELD TONIGHT IN THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL.

THE SPECIAL DANCE PERFORMANCES ARE THE CULMINATION OF WEEKS OF COMPETITION IN THE FESTIVAL AND AFFORDS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE WINNERS TO BE PRESENTED WITH THEIR PRIZES.

THE GUESTS AT TONIGHT'S PERFORMANCE WERE THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR. DENIS BRAY AND MRS. BRAY.

THE FOLLOWING IS A TRANSLATION OF MR. BRAY'S SPEECH WHICH WAS DELIVERED IN CANTONESE: -

+FROM A MODEST START IN 1965, THE SCHOOLS DANCE FESTIVAL HAS GROWN INTO AN IMPORTANT AND VERY POPULAR EVENT FOR OUR SCHOOLS: THIS YEAR, OVER 2,400 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS TOOK PART IN THE FESTIVAL, INCLUDING MANY PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.

THE STANDARDS OF THE DANCE FESTIVAL ARE IMPROVING ALL THE TIME. IN 1970, STUDENTS TAKING PART IN THE DANCE FESTIVAL REPRESENTED HONG KONG AND PERFORMED IN THE WORLD EXPOSITION. THEY ALSO PERFORMED AT THE FESTIVAL OF HONG KONG. I AM SURE WE SHALL SEE THEM PERFORM AGAIN IN THE ARTS FESTIVAL IN THE COMING YEAR.

THE SCHOOLS DANCE FESTIVAL OWES ITS SUCCESS MAINLY TO THE TIRELESS EFFORTS OF THE TEACHERS CONCERNED, WHO HAVE PROVIDED THE NECESSARY OPPORTUNITIES AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE CHILDREN TO TAKE PART IN THE ACTIVITIES IN THEIR SPARE TIME.

WITH THE HELP OF THE RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICERS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, WE HOPE THAT MORE DANCE FESTIVALS WILL BE HELD IN DISTRICTS= MORE IMPORTANT STILL, WE HOPE THAT THE INTEREST IN DANCING WHICH SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE NOW CULTIVATING WILL GROW EVEN AFTER THEY HAVE LEFT SCHOOL, SO THAT THEY CAN ALL DANCE THEIR WAY TO A HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL LIFE.+

THE SPECIAL DANCE PERFORMANCES ARE BEING HELD IN THE CONCERT HALL EACH NIGHT UNTIL SATURDAY, APRIL 12 AT 7 PM. A MATINEE IS ALSO TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY AT 2.30 PM.

THEY ARE BEING JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG AND NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

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ADVICE ON PERSONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE
AS WARM SEASON APPROACHES

THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. GERALD CHOA, TODAY URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE ON THE ALERT IN PREVENTING THE OCCURRENCE OF GASTRO-INTESTINAL DISEASES WHICH TEND TO BECOME MORE PREVALENT IN THE WARM SEASON.

WITH THE ARRIVAL OF WARM WEATHER EARLIER THAN USUAL, THE PUBLIC SHOULD PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO PERSONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANLINESS, WHICH IS MOST ESSENTIAL IN PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE.

DR. CHOA EXPLAINED THAT PERSONAL CLEANLINESS MEANT THE OBSERVANCE OF THE SIMPLE RULES OF PERSONAL HYGIENE, SUCH AS WASHING OF HANDS BEFORE MEALS AND AFTER VISITS TO TOILETS, WHILE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANLINESS MEANT CLEAN FOOD, CLEAN WATER AND PROPER DISPOSAL OF REFUSE AND EXCRETA.

THE DISEASES COMMONLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE WARM WEATHER INCLUDE TYPHOID FEVER, DYSENTERY, FOOD POISONING AND VIRAL HEPATITIS.

IN PARTICULAR, THE DIRECTOR DREW ATTENTION TO THE RECENT INCREASE IN THE INCIDENCE OF VIRAL HEPATITIS, WHICH WAS EXPECTED TO FURTHER INCREASE IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS WHEN THE WEATHER GETS WARMER.

AS THE COMMON TYPE OF VIRAL HEPATITIS IS TRANSMITTED THROUGH CONTAMINATED FOOD AND DRINK, DR. CHOA URGED THE PUBLIC TO BE EXTRA CAUTIOUS IN THEIR CHOICE OF SUCH.

HE WARNED THAT IMPROPERLY COOKED FOOD COULD CAUSE INFECTION AND FURTHER ADVISED THAT PROPERLY COOKED FOOD, IF NOT EATEN IMMEDIATELY, SHOULD NOT BE LEFT UNCOVERED AND EXPOSED TO CONTAMINATION.

+WITH MORE AND MORE PEOPLE PATRONISING STALLS SELLING COOKED FOOD AS AN ECONOMY MEASURE, THE OBSERVANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE IS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE,+ HE SAID.

THE CONSUMPTION OF SUCH ITEMS OF FOOD AS SHELLFISH, CUT FRUITS AND +LEUNG FUN+ CARRIED CERTAIN RISKS, AND THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO BE VERY CAREFUL WHEN EATING THEM.

DR. CHOA STRESSED THAT WATER COMING DIRECTLY FROM THE MAINS IS PURE AND SAFE FOR DRINKING, AND DID NOT REQUIRE TO BE BOILED.

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HOWEVER, DANGER OF IMPURITY MIGHT ARISE WHEN THE WATER WAS STORED FOR A PERIOD OF TIME IN TANKS, DRUMS OR BUCKETS, HE SAID.

AS THESE CONTAINERS WERE SOMETIMES LEFT FOR LONG PERIODS WITHOUT CLEANING, OR OTHERWISE NOT REGULARLY OR HYGIENICALLY ATTENDED TO, THE WATER IN THEM IS SUBJECT TO CONTAMINATION BY GERMS, HE SAID.

IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, DR. CHOA SAID, STORED WATER SHOULD BE BOILED BEFORE DRINKING.

+THIS IS NOT A REFLECTION ON THE QUALITY OF THE WATER, BUT RELATES TO STORAGE CONDITIONS,+ HE ADDED.

DR. CHOA SAID THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WERE REGULARLY ATTENDING TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION AND HYGIENE MATTERS AND INCREASED ATTENTION, AS USUAL, WOULD BE PAID TO THESE ASPECTS IN THE WARM SEASON.

IN ADDITION, HE SAID, THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE ITS SURVEILLANCE ON THE OCCURRENCE OF INTESTINAL DISEASES, AND IN CASE OF NEED, THE PREVENTIVE MEASURES, NOW ALREADY IN HAND, WOULD BE REINFORCED.

THE DIRECTOR SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THERE HAD BEEN NO LOCAL CASES OF CHOLERA SINCE 1969 THE PUBLIC MUST NOT BE TEMPTED TO RELAX THE PREVENTIVE MEASURES.

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

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PROBATION OFFICER RETIRING

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MR. CHEN HUNG, A SENIOR PROBATION OFFICER WITH THE PROBATION AND CORRECTIONS DIVISION OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, IS RETIRING THIS MONTH AFTER 20 YEARS' SERVICE.

TO MARK THE OCCASION, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, WILL PRESENT HIM WITH A GOLD WATCH ON BEHALF OF HIS FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES IN THE DEPARTMENT AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (APRIL 10) AT 11 AM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESENTATION WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG.

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NEW CHAIRMAN FOR CONSUMER COUNCIL
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MR. K.S. LO HAS BEEN APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSUMER COUNCIL. HE SUCCEEDS SIR YUET-KEUNG KAN WHO HAS RETIRED.

MR. LO, WHO IS DIRECTOR OF HONG KONG SOYA BEAN PRODUCTS CO. LTD., HAS SERVED WITH THE COUNCIL SINCE IT WAS SET UP A YEAR AGO.

FIVE OTHER SERVING MEMBERS -- MR. SHUM CHOI-SANG, MR. HO SAI-CHU, MR. WU KWOK-CHEUNG, MRS. KONG FUNG YUEN-YEE, AND MRS. LEE LO YUK-SIM, HAVE ALSO BEEN REAPPOINTED.

IN ADDITION SIX NEW MEMBERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED. THEY ARE:- MRS. DIANA TAN YING CHEE-MAI, MR. CHAM YAU-SUM, MR. YIP YUM-FONG, MR. GALLANT HO YIU-TAI, MR. NG KI, AND MR. EDMUND CHOW.

COMMENTING ON THE NEW MEMBERSHIP, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN THANKED THE OUTGOING MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE COUNCIL, AND SAID IT WAS REGRETTED THAT OTHER HEAVY COMMITMENTS PREVENTED THEM FROM CONTINUING TO SERVE THE COUNCIL.

HE ALSO THANKED THE NEW MEMBERS FOR ACCEPTING THE CHALLENGE AND NOTED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO ENSURE A REGULAR INFUSION OF NEW BLOOD AND NEW IDEAS INTO THE COUNCIL. +THE PUBLIC,+ HE ADDED, + CAN BE HIGHLY SATISFIED WITH THE CALIBRE OF THE NEW COUNCIL.+

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AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT ANOTHER 15 SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS WOULD BE PUT UP FOR AUCTION THIS WEEK TO PROMOTE A CHARITABLE CAUSE.

THE AUCTION, THE 23RD ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT, WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY (APRIL 12) AT 10 AM AT THE CITY HALL LECTURE ROOM NORTH, 8TH FLOOR, HIGH BLOCK.

THE REGISTRATION NUMBERS ARE:

3823	AU 1234	AY 38	BH 1
9339	AU 2288	AY 100	BH 33
HK 40	AU 818	AY 3333	BH 555
HK 8888	AU 10	BD 2299	

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

POTENTIAL BIDDERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL GO INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOR QUEEN'S VISIT
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SCHOOL CHILDREN IN HONG KONG WILL BE GIVEN A SPECIAL HOLIDAY ON MONDAY, MAY 5, THE FIRST FULL DAY OF THE QUEEN AND DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S VISIT TO HONG KONG.

THE GOVERNMENT FEELS THAT AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE, PARTICULARLY CHILDREN, SHOULD BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE ROYAL COUPLE.

THE PROGRAMME FOR THE QUEEN ON THE DAY OF THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY INCLUDES A STATE DRIVE THROUGH SOME OF THE MOST CROWDED PARTS OF KOWLOON AND VISITS TO THE MORSE PARK SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX, THE OI MAN HOUSING ESTATE, AN EXHIBITION OF HONG KONG PRODUCTS AT THE NEW HUNG HOM RAILWAY TERMINAL AND, IN THE EVENING, A FIREWORKS DISPLAY AND THE HORSE RACES.

ALTHOUGH NO STATUTORY HOLIDAY IS BEING OBSERVED EMPLOYERS ARE ENCOURAGED, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, TO ALLOW THEIR STAFF TIME OFF TO SEE THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH SHOULD THEY BE PASSING BY.

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WEEKLY WATER SITUATION REPORT
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HONG KONG'S TOTAL WATER STORAGE AS AT 9 A.M. TODAY STOOD AT 45,733 MILLION GALLONS, REPRESENTING 68.0 PER CENT OF THE FULL CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS. AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR, THE STORAGE WAS 39,375 MILLION GALLONS.

PLOVER COVE'S STORAGE THIS MORNING STOOD AT 35,367 MILLION GALLONS -- 70 PER CENT OF ITS FULL CAPACITY OF 50,500 MILLION GALLONS -- COMPARED WITH 31,851 ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR.

A TOTAL OF 0.9 MM (0.04 IN) OF RAINFALL WAS RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DURING THE PAST TWENTY FOUR HOURS ENDING AT 9 A.M. TODAY.

TOTAL RAINFALL RECORDED SO FAR THIS YEAR IS 154.6 MM (6.09 IN), THE TOTAL MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL SO FAR THIS YEAR IS 169.3 MM (6.67 IN).

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