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GOVERNOR PAYS TRIBUTE TO SIR Y.K. PAO
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THE GOVERNOR TODAY (MONDAY) PAID TRIBUTE TO SIR Y.K. PAO, WHO DIED EARLIER IN THE DAY.

"SIR Y.K. PAO WAS ONE OF HONG KONG'S LEADING BUSINESSMEN, AND PERHAPS THE FIRST TO ACHIEVE A TRULY INTERNATIONAL STATURE.

"HIS CONTRIBUTION TO BUILDING UP HONG KONG'S PROSPERITY WAS MATCHED BY GREAT GENEROSITY IN THE FIELD OF BOTH EDUCATION AND THE ARTS. HONG KONG OWES HIM MUCH.

"I FEEL SURE THAT MANY WILL JOIN WITH ME IN OFFERING SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY."

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STATEMENT ON VM TALKS
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THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS ISSUED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE REFUGEE CO-ORDINATOR, MR CLINTON LEEKS, WHO IS IN HANOI FOR DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THE ACCELERATED RETURN OF VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS FROM HONG KONG:

"A GOOD MEETING WAS HELD ON THE FIRST DAY OF TALKS WITH THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT INVOLVING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, UNHCR AND IOM.

"DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD REGARDING THE PROBLEM OF THE HIGH NUMBER OF ARRIVALS OF VIETNAMESE IN HONG KONG. THERE WAS A FRIENDLY AND CO-OPERATIVE EXCHANGE ON THE QUESTION OF THE ORDERLY RETURN OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS TO VIETNAM. FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WILL BE HELD TOMORROW ON A NUMBER OF DETAILED ISSUES IN THIS AREA.

"HOWEVER, THE UNHCR HAS ALREADY AGREED THAT WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT, NEW ARRIVALS IN COUNTRIES OF FIRST ASYLUM WILL RECEIVE A GREATLY REDUCED LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE FOR RETURNING TO VIETNAM."

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SIX-WEEK TRAINING COURSE FOR HEALTH WORKERS
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT (SWD) IS INVITING HEALTH WORKERS SERVING IN PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED NURSING OR MEDICAL TRAINING IN HONG KONG TO APPLY FOR ENROLMENT ON A SIX-WEEK TRAINING COURSE.

SCHEDULED TO START IN LATE NOVEMBER, THE COURSE AIMS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF SERVICE OF PERSONNEL IN PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY.

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THIS IS THE FOURTH SUCH COURSE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG NURSES ASSOCIATION, THE HONG KONG COLLEGE OF NURSING AND THE SWD, AN SWD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

"OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS, MORE THAN 105 HEALTH WORKERS HAD ATTENDED SIMILAR COURSES," HE SAID.

THE COURSE COVERS BASIC SKILLS IN LOOKING AFTER THE ELDERLY, PSYCHOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL CHANGES OF OLD PEOPLE, INTERPERSONAL RELATIONS, AND THE BASIC PRINCIPLES IN RUNNING A HOME FOR THE ELDERLY.

APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF THEIR QUALIFICATION. THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE ELDERLY HOMES IN WHICH THEY ARE SERVING WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE AWARDED A CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE ON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE AND ON PASSING AN EXAMINATION.

LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO PRIVATE HOME OPERATORS INVITING THEM TO RECOMMEND SUITABLE CANDIDATES FOR THE COURSE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INTERESTED TO TAKE UP A JOB IN THESE HOMES MAY ALSO FORWARD THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE SWD'S REGISTRATION OFFICE OF PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY AT ROOM 1105, 11TH FLOOR, WORLD TRADE CENTRE, 280 GLOUCESTER ROAD, HONG KONG.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 577 4185.

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SEVEN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS TO GET COMPUTERS

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SEVEN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS WILL EACH BE PROVIDED WITH EIGHT SETS OF PERSONAL COMPUTERS AND 42 ELECTRONIC TYPEWRITERS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THE PROCUREMENT, WHICH WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY A GENEROUS DONATION OF \$2.2 MILLION FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, WILL FACILITATE THE TEACHING OF WORD-PROCESSING AND FURTHER ENHANCE THE "HANDS ON" EXPERIENCE OF STUDENTS TAKING COMMERCIAL COURSES AT THESE SEVEN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.

THE SCHOOLS BENEFITING FROM THE CLUB'S CONTRIBUTION ARE ALL TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

THEY ARE HO TUNG TECHNICAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, TANG SHIU KIN VICTORIA TECHNICAL SCHOOL, JOCKEY CLUB GOVERNMENT SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL, KOWLOON TECHNICAL SCHOOL, LUNG CHEUNG GOVERNMENT SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL, HA KWAI CHUNG GOVERNMENT SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL AND SHAU KEI WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

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SHOPS FINED FOR INACCURATE INSTRUMENTS OR SHORT WEIGHTS
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TEN FOOD RETAILERS, AN ELECTRONIC SHOP AND A RESTAURANT WERE FINED A TOTAL OF \$32,000 IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS FOR USING INACCURATE WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS OR GIVING SHORT WEIGHTS OF GOODS TO CUSTOMERS.

THEY WERE PROSECUTED BY THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT UNDER THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ORDINANCE WHICH HAS COME INTO EFFECT FOR NEARLY THREE YEARS.

IN THE CASES INVOLVING INACCURATE INSTRUMENTS, TESTS BY THE GOVERNMENT LABORATORY SHOWED THAT THE READINGS WERE FROM 3.55 TO 21.88 PER CENT IN EXCESS OF THE ACTUAL WEIGHTS.

AS FOR THE CASES ON SHORT WEIGHTS, THE PERCENTAGE OF SHORTAGE WAS FROM 14.85 TO ABOUT 20 PER CENT.

THE PRINCIPAL TRADE CONTROLS OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT'S TRADING STANDARDS INVESTIGATION BUREAU, MR ANDREW WONG, SAID A TOTAL OF 150 COMPLAINTS ABOUT WEIGHTS AND MEASURES MALPRACTICES HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC SO FAR THIS YEAR.

"IN ADDITION TO ACTING ON COMPLAINTS, CUSTOMS OFFICERS HAVE ALSO CONDUCTED 323 SPOT CHECKS ON RETAILERS SO FAR THIS YEAR TO ENSURE THAT ACCURATE WEIGHING OR MEASURING INSTRUMENTS ARE BEING USED," HE SAID.

MR WONG SAID A TOTAL FINE OF \$210,350 HAD BEEN IMPOSED ON OFFENDERS SINCE THE ORDINANCE CAME INTO EFFECT IN 1989.

HE REMINDED TRADERS THAT THE MAXIMUM PENALTY UNDER THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ORDINANCE WAS \$20,000 IN FINE AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

ANY PERSON WISHING TO MAKE COMPLAINTS ABOUT WEIGHTS AND MEASURES MAY CONTACT THE TRADING STANDARDS INVESTIGATION BUREAU ON TEL. 714 6146.

COMPLAINTS MAY ALSO BE REPORTED TO DUTY OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 852 3185 AFTER NORMAL OFFICE HOURS, OR THE CONSUMER COUNCIL.

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REMINDER ON PROPER LABELLING FOR PREPACKAGED FOOD
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THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TODAY (MONDAY) REMINDED FOOD MANUFACTURERS AND RETAILERS THAT FOOD ITEMS IN PREPACKAGED FORM, WHETHER COMPLETELY OR PARTIALLY PACKED, MUST BE PROPERLY MARKED AS REQUIRED BY THE THIRD SCHEDULE OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS (COMPOSITION AND LABELLING) REGULATIONS.

OFFENDERS ARE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF \$25,000 IN FINE AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

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THE REMINDER FOLLOWED RECENT COURT CASES IN WHICH THREE RETAIL SHOPS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WERE EACH FINED \$1,000 FOR CONTRAVENING THE OFFENCES.

THE THREE SHOPS, TWO IN TSUEN WAN AND ANOTHER IN TUEN MUN, WERE CONVICTED OF SELLING PREPACKAGED FOOD ITEMS INCLUDING CHICKEN LEG, PEANUTS AND DRIED SQUIDS WITHOUT PROPER MARKING OR LABELLING.

THE FOOD ITEMS DID NOT HAVE THE NAME OR DESIGNATION OF THE FOOD, THE LIST OF INGREDIENTS, THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MANUFACTURER OR PACKER, THE INDICATION OF MINIMUM DURABILITY, THE NUMERICAL COUNT OF THE CONTENTS OR THE NET WEIGHT OR THE NET VOLUME OF THE FOOD AS STIPULATED IN THE THIRD SCHEDULE OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS (COMPOSITION AND LABELLING) REGULATIONS.

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WATER CUTS IN KOWLOON

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN YAU MA TEI, KOWLOON WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 25) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT THE AREA BOUNDED BY KANSU STREET, NATHAN ROAD, WING SING LANE, RECLAMATION STREET, PUBLIC SQUARE STREET AND FERRY STREET.

ALSO ON WEDNESDAY, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN AREAS IN EAST KOWLOON WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9.30 AM TO 5.30 PM TO FACILITATE MAINS INSTALLATION WORKS.

THE AREAS TO BE AFFECTED ARE SAN PO KONG, NGAU CHI WAN, CHOI HUNG ESTATE, CHOI WAN ESTATE, PING SHEK ESTATE, SHUN LEE ESTATE, SHUN TIN ESTATE, SHUN ON ESTATE, SHUN CHI COURT, SHUN LEE TSUEN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, NGAU TAU KOK, JORDAN VALLEY, KOWLOON BAY, KWUN TONG, LAM TIN, SAU MAU PING AND CHA KWO LING.

MEANWHILE, TO FACILITATE MAINTENANCE WORKS, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO OTHER AREAS IN KOWLOON WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM ON WEDNESDAY UNTIL 5 PM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 27).

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT HUNG HOM, TO KWA WAN, TUNG TAU, WONG TAI SIN, LOK FU, JORDAN VALLEY, WANG TAU HOM, FU SHAN, CHUK YUEN, KOWLOON TONG, TSZ WAN SHAN, DIAMOND HILL, NGAU CHI WAN, KOWLOON CITY, MA TAU WAI AND MA TAU KOK, AND INCLUDING HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, FUNG WONG SAN TSUEN AND KOWLOON HOSPITAL.

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