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HSD TO SET UP EXPERT GROUP ON SAFE USE OF MEDICAL GAS

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A SPECIAL EXPERT GROUP IS BEING SET UP BY THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (HSD) TO ADVISE ON THE SAFE PRACTICE IN ANAESTHESIOLOGY AND WILL HOLD A MEETING WITHIN THIS WEEK, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THE GROUP, TO BE CHAIRED BY A CONSULTANT ANAESTHETIST, WILL BRING TOGETHER THE TOP EXPERTS IN THE FIELD FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND THE SUBVENTED SECTORS AND THE ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS.

THEY WILL LOOK INTO THE SAFE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN THE USE OF MEDICAL GAS IN HOSPITALS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID THAT AS THIS IS TO DO WITH PATIENT CARE, THE GOVERNMENT ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE INCIDENT INVOLVING THE USE OF NITROUS OXIDE AT THE CARITAS MEDICAL CENTRE. A FULL-SCALE INVESTIGATION IS NOW UNDERWAY.

"ACTION, BOTH ON INVESTIGATION AND PRACTICABLE PREVENTIVE MEASURES, WERE TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE HSD WAS ALERTED LAST FRIDAY (JULY 27) AFTERNOON TO THE INCIDENT.

"THE HSD PROMPTLY DREW THIS TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL GOVERNMENT, SUBVENTED AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS URGING THEM TO EXERCISE EXTRA CARE IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF ANAESTHETIC," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

CONCURRENTLY, THE SUPPLIER, HONG KONG OXYGEN AND ACETYLENE CO. LTD, WAS INFORMED OF THE INCIDENT AND HSD OBTAINED AN ASSURANCE FROM THE MANAGEMENT THAT ITS STAFF WOULD BE CONDUCTING EMERGENCY CHECKS ON ALL CYLINDERS IN EACH HOSPITAL.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT HSD HAS BEEN IN CLOSE LIAISON WITH THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT (FSD), THE AUTHORITY FOR GAS SAFETY, TO ENSURE THE CORRECT LABELLING AND SAFE SUPPLY OF MEDICAL GASES TO ALL HOSPITALS.

ADDRESSING CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THE LATEST INCIDENT AND THE CASE INVOLVING A MIX-UP OF OXYGEN AND NITROGEN, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CIRCUMSTANCES WERE DIFFERENT.

"THE PREVIOUS CASE INVOLVED THE CENTRAL SUPPLY SYSTEM WHILE THE PRESENT CASE INVOLVED AN INDIVIDUAL CYLINDER ATTACHED TO AN ANAESTHETIC MACHINE.

"THE WORKING PARTY TO REVIEW THE SAFETY SYSTEM AND PROCEDURES OF THE HONG KONG OXYGEN AND ACETYLENE CO. LTD, SET UP IN THE FSD AFTER THE UNFORTUNATE CASE INVOLVING THE OXYGEN MIX-UP, HAS ALREADY COMPLETED ITS REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ARE BEING STUDIED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

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"THE RECOMMENDATIONS REQUIRE THOROUGH EXAMINATION BECAUSE OF THE COMPLEXITY OF THE SUBJECT.

"NEVERTHELESS, GUIDELINES ON THE HANDLING OF OXYGEN SUPPLY FOR MEDICAL USE HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO ALL HOSPITALS IN ORDER TO ENSURE PATIENT SAFETY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT ENQUIRIES BY THE FSD INTO THE LATEST INCIDENT WERE CONTINUING IN CONJUNCTION WITH ALL PARTIES CONCERNED.

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CHINESE MUSIC UNITES PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS  
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CHINESE MUSIC HAS TAKEN ON A DIFFERENT MEANING THESE DAYS TO THE PEOPLE IN VANCOUVER. IT ACTS TO CONNECT AND UNITE PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS.

THESE CHANGES WERE PARTICULARLY EVIDENT FOLLOWING THE VISIT OF A GROUP OF 66 TALENTED YOUNG MUSICIANS FROM THE HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA TO VANCOUVER LAST SUNDAY (JULY 22). THE GROUP IS CURRENTLY ON A TWO-WEEK GOODWILL CONCERT TOUR OF NORTH AMERICA.

"WE ARE HERE TO INTRODUCE LOVELY CHINESE MUSIC TO OUR FRIENDS IN THE WESTERN COMMUNITY," MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, MRS AGNES ALLCOCK, WHO ORGANISED THE TOUR, SAID.

THE ORCHESTRA HAS GIVEN FOUR HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL CONCERTS IN VANCOUVER INCLUDING ONE AT THE PRESTIGIOUS ORPHEUM THEATRE ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 25).

IT ENTHRALLED AUDIENCES, CHINESE AND WESTERNERS ALIKE, WITH RENDITIONS OF BOTH TRADITIONAL AND CONTEMPORARY CHINESE MUSIC INTERPRETED ON ETHNIC CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, SOME OF WHICH HAVE A HISTORY OF OVER 3,000 YEARS.

"I HAVE NEVER HEARD CHINESE MUSIC BEFORE AND I DIDN'T KNOW THAT IT COULD BE SO BEAUTIFUL," AN IMPRESSED CANADIAN SAID AFTER LISTENING TO THE ORCHESTRA'S PERFORMANCE AT THE SEA FESTIVAL ON LAST TUESDAY NIGHT (JULY 24).

THE CONCERT AT THE ORPHEUM WAS PRESENTED BY THE HONG KONG - CANADA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION AND THE VANCOUVER DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL SOCIETY AND WAS ATTENDED BY SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE CONCERT, THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE OF HONG KONG, MRS SHELLEY LAU, SAID THE HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA'S VISIT WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF A SERIES OF CULTURAL EXCHANGES PLANNED FOR HONG KONG AND CANADA.

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"ALL THESE EXCHANGES WILL NO DOUBT FOSTER CLOSER TIES BETWEEN CANADA AND HONG KONG AND STRENGTHEN THE BOND THAT ALREADY EXISTS FOR MUTUAL BENEFIT," MRS LAU SAID.

MRS LAU'S VIEW WAS SHARED BY PREMIER WILLIAM VANDER ZALM OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND DEPUTY MAJOR SANDRA WILKING OF THE CITY OF VANCOUVER.

"WE ARE THRILLED BY THE TREMENDOUS RESPONSE TO OUR PERFORMANCES BY THE CANADIAN AUDIENCES," MRS ALLCOCK SAID.

"WE HAVE HAD FULL HOUSES AND STANDING OVATIONS EVERYWHERE WE GO. IT IS WONDERFUL TO SEE HOW MUCH JOY AND HAPPINESS OUR YOUNG MUSICIANS HAVE BROUGHT TO THE PEOPLE OF VANCOUVER," SHE ADDED.

A COLOURFUL BOOKLET INTRODUCING THE VARIOUS EXOTIC CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS WAS SPECIALLY PRODUCED FOR THE TOUR THROUGH DHL AND HAD PROVED TO BE EXTREMELY POPULAR.

THE ORCHESTRA LEFT VANCOUVER FOR SAN FRANCISCO LAST SATURDAY (JULY 28) AND WILL CONTINUE ITS GOODWILL VISIT IN CALIFORNIA.

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#### DB TO STUDY OIL LEAKAGE REPORT

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THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD WILL STUDY THE REPORT ON THE OIL LEAKAGE INCIDENT AT THE MOBILE DEPOT ON TSING YI ISLAND IN MAY AT A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO LOOK INTO THE IMPACT OF HEAVY RAIN ON ROAD CONDITIONS AND TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS IN THE DISTRICT AND WORK OUT MEASURES TO PREVENT FLOODING.

THEY WILL ASK IF THERE HAS BEEN ANY IMPROVEMENT TO THE AIR QUALITY IN THE DISTRICT FOLLOWING THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE AIR POLLUTION (FUEL RESTRICTION) REGULATION.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE SAFETY MEASURES FOR CONTAINERS CARRYING CHEMICALS, A SURVEY ON PRIVATE HOUSING, AND THE LOCAL POLICE STRENGTH.

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#### NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 50.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 293.792 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 342.387 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 58.4 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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WATER CUT IN SHAM SHUI PO

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 1) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT CERTAIN PREMISES BOUNDED BY KIU KIANG STREET, CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, KWEILIN STREET AND KOWLOON ROAD, INCLUDING CASTLE PEAK ROAD, UN CHAU STREET, FUK WING STREET, FUK WA STREET AND YEN CHOW STREET.

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AMENDMENT OF FERRY OPERATING HOURS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 1), THE OPERATING HOURS OF THE HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY CO. LTD PASSENGER FERRY SERVICE FROM CENTRAL TO TAI KOK TSUI WILL BE CHANGED TO OPERATE BETWEEN 6.40 AM AND 8 PM FROM MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS AND BETWEEN 6.40 AM AND 7.35 PM ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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CANCELLATION OF KMB ROUTE 82X

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT KMB NEW TERRITORIES EXPRESS ROUTE 82X (CITY ONE SHA TIN - KOWLOON TONG MTR STATION) WILL BE CANCELLED FROM WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 1).

AT THE SAME TIME, KMB NEW TERRITORIES URBAN ROUTE 88M (HIN KENG - KOWLOON TONG MTR STATION) WILL BE EXTENDED FROM SOMERSET ROAD TO SUFFOLK ROAD IN KOWLOON TONG.

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN SAI KUNG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) THE OFFSIDE LANE OF CHAN MAN STREET IN SAI KUNG WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM TO 9 PM DAILY.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE CURRENT 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY RESTRICTION IN CHAN MAN STREET WILL BE CANCELLED.

ALSO, THE CARPARK ALONG HIRAM'S HIGHWAY ABOUT 500 METRES NORTH OF THE JUNCTION OF THE HIGHWAY WITH THE ACCESS ROAD TO PAK SHA WAN FERRY PIER WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY FOR GOODS VEHICLES ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

ALL GOODS VEHICLES, EXCEPT THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE PROHIBITED ZONE DURING THE SPECIFIED PERIOD.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURE IN SHA TIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT DAILY BETWEEN 8 PM AND 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FROM WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 1) TO AUGUST 9, A SECTION OF ABOUT 600 METRES OF SHA TIN ROAD SOUTHBOUND NEAR TSANG TAI UK WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC ONE LANE AT A TIME TO FACILITATE RESURFACING WORK.

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