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AMBULANCES TO CARRY INCUBATORS
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THE SCHEME FOR AMBULANCES TO CARRY INCUBATORS WILL BE INTRODUCED NEXT MONTH.

THE INCUBATORS, WHICH WILL BE USED TO TAKE PREMATURE OR SICK BABIES TO HOSPITALS, BELONG TO THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT. THEY WILL BE HELD AT TEN DESIGNATED CENTRES -- HOSPITALS, CLINICS AND HEALTH CENTRES -- THROUGHOUT HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

WHEN A MATERNITY HOME REQUESTS AN INCUBATOR, IT WILL BE COLLECTED BY AN AMBULANCE CREW FROM ONE OF THE CENTRES. THE CREW WILL THEN PICK UP THE BABY AND TAKE IT TO HOSPITAL, ACCOMPANIED BY A NURSE OR MIDWIFE.

THE SCHEME WAS FIRST ANNOUNCED IN NOVEMBER, SINCE WHEN AMBULANCE COMMAND STAFF HAVE BEEN RECEIVING TRAINING IN THE WORKINGS OF INCUBATORS AND OPERATION OF THE SCHEME.

THE INCUBATORS ARE COMPLETELY SELF-CONTAINED, WITH THEIR OWN OXYGEN AND POWER SUPPLIES. IF NECESSARY THEY CAN BE CONNECTED TO THE PIPED OXYGEN AND POWER SUPPLY SYSTEMS OF AMBULANCES.

MR. BILL DOORE, CHIEF AMBULANCE OFFICER, SAID INTRODUCTION OF THE SCHEME WAS PART OF THE AMBULANCE COMMAND'S CONTINUING PROCESS OF WIDENING THE RANGE OF FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

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THREE MORE PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRES IN KOWLOON

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THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT HAS SET UP THREE MORE PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRES IN KOWLOON TO HANDLE QUERIES FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

THE THREE CENTRES ARE LOCATED AT BLOCK 8, ROOMS 123-126, HOMANTIN ESTATE (TEL: 3-029181) - BLOCK 24, YAU TONG ESTATE, GROUND FLOOR (TEL: 3-351135) AND BLOCK 2, LOWER NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE, GROUND FLOOR, (TEL: 3-428195).

THE OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY FOR THESE OFFICES, NOW IN OPERATION, WILL BE HELD AT A LATER STAGE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TWO OTHER PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRES HAD ALSO RECENTLY MOVED TO NEW PREMISES WITHIN EASY ACCESS OF RESIDENTS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS.

THEY ARE THE TAI KOK TSUI CENTRE NOW LOCATED AT TAI CHUNG BUILDING, COSMOPOLITAN ESTATE, 85-87 IVY STREET (TEL: 3-933433) AND THE KWUN TONG CENTRE AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET (TEL 3-423431).

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IMPORTANCE OF ROAD SAFETY STRESSED

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR. IAN MACPHERSON, THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF USING PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES PROVIDED WHEN CROSSING THE ROAD, AND SAID IT WAS BETTER TO TAKE LONGER TIME THAN TO BE KNOCKED DOWN BY A CAR.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A ROAD SAFETY DEMONSTRATION ORGANISED BY THE WANCHAI KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION AT SOUTHERN PLAYGROUND, WAN CHAI. EARLIER, HE HAD INSPECTED A PARADE OF 100 SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY PATROL MEMBERS.

THE COMMISSIONER NOTED THAT IT WAS SOMETIMES QUICKER TO JUMP OVER THE RAILINGS INSTEAD OF CROSSING AT THE LIGHTS OR THE ZEBRA CROSSINGS, AND TO WALK IN THE ROAD RATHER THAN ON THE CROWDED PAVEMENT.

+BUT A MOMENT'S THOUGHT MUST SURELY MAKE ONE REALISE THAT IT IS BETTER TO TAKE A MINUTE OR TWO LONGER THAN TO BE KNOCKED DOWN BY A VEHICLE,+ HE SAID.

TO THE MOTORISTS, MR. MACPHERSON POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO SHOW CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS AND GOOD ROAD DISCIPLINE EVEN IF IT MEANT ADDING A BIT OF TIME TO THEIR JOURNEY.

IT IS ALSO SIGNIFICANT TO KEEP THEIR VEHICLES IN GOOD REPAIR SO THAT ITS BRAKES AND STEERING ARE IN A CONDITION TO DEAL WITH ANY CRISIS, HE ADDED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT ONE OF THE CAUSES OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS WAS THE FACT THAT MANY PEOPLE, BEING IN A HURRY TO GO ABOUT IN THIS CROWDED AND BUSY COMMUNITY, TOOK RISKS AND SHORT-CUTS.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE CONTINUOUS EFFORTS THROUGH VARIOUS CAMPAIGNS TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY, BUT MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY MUST ALSO CO-OPERATE, HE SAID.

MR. MACPHERSON PRAISED THE WORK OF THE SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY PATROLS AND NOTED THAT SINCE THE SCHEME WAS STARTED IN 1963, NOT ONE STUDENT HAD BEEN KILLED OR INJURED WHILST CROSSING THE ROAD UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF PATROL MEMBERS.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, MR. MACPHERSON WAS PRESENTED WITH A PENNANT BY MR. CHAN LING-FUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON COUNCIL OF KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS.

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