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CULTURAL ACTIVITY, A PLEASURE OF MANY

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CULTURAL ACTIVITY HAS DEVELOPED FROM THE LUXURY OF A FEW TO THE PLEASURE OF MANY, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE TWELFTH HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL, SIR EDWARD SAID THAT THE AIM OF THE FESTIVAL WAS TO BUILD ON THE NATURAL ADVANTAGES OF HONG KONG AS A COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE AND A MEETING PLACE OF MANY CULTURES TO OFFER A MONTH-LONG PROGRAMME OF HIGH QUALITY AND RICH IN VARIETY.

+THE ARTS FESTIVAL HAS FIRMLY ESTABLISHED ITSELF AS A REGULAR FIXTURE IN OUR CULTURAL CALENDAR. IT BRINGS TO HONG KONG AN ARRAY OF DISTINGUISHED OVERSEAS ARTISTS AND PROVIDES AN IMPORTANT STAGE FOR OUR OWN TALENT.

+THE WELL-BEING OF HONG KONG REQUIRES THAT WE DO ALL WE CAN TO ENCOURAGE AND FOSTER THAT TALENT, AND I AM DELIGHTED THAT OBVIOUS PROGRESS IS BEING MADE,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IN A COMPARATIVELY SHORT PERIOD, HONG KONG HAD WITNESSED THE GROWTH OF MANY GIFTED GROUPS WHO, WITH FREQUENT APPEARANCES BY VISITING ARTISTS, PROVIDED EVER MORE STIMULATING CULTURAL PROGRAMMES.

SIR EDWARD SAID THAT THE ARTS FESTIVAL HAD ENRICHED THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY AND DEMONSTRATED VIVIDLY THAT THERE WAS MORE TO HONG KONG THAN BUSINESS AND COMMERCE.

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LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAY REMINDER

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A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED EMPLOYERS TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD DAYS OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR -- FEBRUARY 2, 3 AND 4 -- ARE STATUTORY HOLIDAYS FOR ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES AND FOR NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN $8 500 A MONTH.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT EMPLOYEES MUST ALSO BE PAID FOR THE DAY-OFFS IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAYS.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO AN EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS, OTHER THAN OVERTIME PAY, ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY. WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE OF THE DAILY EARNINGS DURING A PERIOD OF 28 DAYS PRECEDING THE HOLIDAYS. PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE ON THE NORMAL PAY DAY.

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IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE SPOKESMAN CONTINUED, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY-OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY.

IF THE ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GRANTED BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYER MUST NOTIFY THE EMPLOYEE 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY. IN THE CASE WHERE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GIVEN AFTER THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYEE MUST BE NOTIFIED OF THE ARRANGEMENT AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE HOLIDAY.

IF BOTH EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE AGREE, ANY DAY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF A STATUTORY HOLIDAY OR ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY MAY BE TAKEN BY THE EMPLOYEE AS A SUBSTITUTED HOLIDAY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE: FOR KOWLOON EAST 3-205638; KOWLOON WEST 3-201652; KOWLOON SOUTH 3-319454; KWUN TONG 3-898520; KWAI CHUNG 0-234496; TSUEN WAN 0-422096; TAI PO 0-6577111 EXT. 114; TUEN MUN 0-818443; HONG KONG ISLAND (WEST) 5-268671 AND HONG KONG ISLAND (EAST) 5-282213.

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TWO-YEAR COURSES FOR KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS

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KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS WITHOUT PROFESSIONAL TRAINING ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR TWOW-YEAR PART-TIME IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSES ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE COURSES, WHICH WILL START IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE AWARDED THE STATUS OF +QUALIFIED KINDERGARTEN TEACHER+ AND WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S REGISTER OF TEACHERS.

THE COURSES ARE DIVIDED INTO TWO TYPES : ONE TO BE CONDUCTED IN CHINESE AND THE OTHER IN ENGLISH.

THE ENGLISH COURSE, HOWEVER, WILL ONLY BE OPERATED IF THERE ARE SUFFICIENT SUITABLE APPLICANTS.

EACH TEACHER MAY APPLY FOR ONE COURSE ONLY, A SPOKESMA FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE COURSES, WHICH ARE FREE, WILL REQUIRE PARTICIPANTS TO ATTEND TWO THREE-HOUR SESSIONS PER WEEK.

THEY WILL COVER PROFESSIONAL, CURRICULUM AND GENERAL STUDIES PRESENTED THROUGH LECTURES, TUTORIALS, VISITS, WORKSHOPS AND SUPERVISION OF PRACTICAL TEACHING.

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APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, 3/F, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG AND AT GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, 42 GASCOIGNE ROAD AND ITS ANNEXE AT 9/F, ARGYLE CENTRE, 688 NATHAN ROAD.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE CURRENTLY FULL-TIME PERMITTED TEACHERS IN A REGISTERED KINDERGARTEN AND HAVE A MINIMUM OF TWO YEARS' TEACHING EXPERIENCE AS AT SEPTEMBER 1, 1984. THEY MUST ALSO POSSESS THE ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS STIPULATED IN THE APPLICATION FORM.

COMPLETED FORMS, IN DUPLICATE, SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE JOINT SELECTION BOARD C/O GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ANNEXE BEFORE FEBRUARY 29, 1984.

INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

THE POST MARK DATE WILL BE TAKEN AS THE SUBMISSION DATE FOR APPLICATIONS SENT BY RECORDED POST.

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DB TO DISCUSS CHA KWO LING DEVELOPMENT

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KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS A CONSULTANCY STUDY ON THE DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL OF CHA KWO LING AT THEIR MEETING ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 24).

THE STUDY, COMMISSIONED BY THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, BEGAN IN NOVEMBER 1982.

THE STUDY AREA OF ABOUT 90 HECTARES IS BOUNDED BY LEI YUE MUN ROAD, YAU TONG ROAD, CHA KWO LING ROAD AND THE WATERFRONT.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CONSULTANT COMPANY WILL BRIEF BOARD MEMBERS ON THE STUDY.

AT THE MEETING, A LANDS DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL WILL TALK ON THE LEASE MODIFICATION POLICY ON FACTORY CANTEENS IN INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS.

NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 2.30 PM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 24) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, 6 TUNG YAN STREET.

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FIRE PREVENTION MESSAGE STRESSED

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FIRE PREVENTION IS AN ON-GOING MEASURE, AND SHOULD BE OBSERVED ALL THE TIME, THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, EASTERN, MR FREDERICK TONG, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF A TWO-MONTH LONG FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN, MR TONG SAID THOUGH THE CAMPAIGN ITSELF HAD ENDED, THE RESIDENTS SHOULD THINK OF IT AS A CONTINUING EVENT.

FIRE PRECAUTIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN ALL THE TIME, BUT ESPECIALLY DURING THE DRY SEASON, HE SAID.

THROUGH THE ACTIVITIES LAUNCHED DURING THE CAMPAIGN, RESIDENTS HAD COME TO KNOW MORE ABOUT FIRE RISKS AND FIRE PREVENTION.

FROM LATE NOVEMBER LAST YEAR, A SERIES OF TALKS, A QUIZ, AND REFRESHER COURSES FOR FIRE-WATCH TEAMS HAD BEEN ORGANISED FOR RESIDENTS IN 13 HILLSIDE VILLAGES IN SHAU KEI WAN.

POSTERS AND BANNERS WITH FIRE PREVENTION MESSAGES HAD BEEN PUT UP AT VANTAGE POINTS IN THESE VILLAGES.

IN NGAR CHOI HANG AND LIN FA KUNG VILLAGES, SEMINARS AND FIRE FIGHTING DEMONSTRATIONS HAD BEEN HELD FOR THE FIRE-WATCH TEAMS.

ABOUT 50 STUDENTS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS CORPORATIONS AND AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN CHAI WAN HAD VISITED THE PAT HEUNG FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL EARLIER THIS MONTH.

AT TODAY'S CEREMONY AT THE YUE WAN COMMUNITY HALL, A TELEMATCH WAS HELD BETWEEN THE FIRE WATCH-TEAMS, AND AN HOUR-LONG SINGING AND DANCING SHOW WAS PUT UP BY STUDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

ALSO PRESENT WERE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER (SHAU KEI WAN/ CHAI WAN), MR STEPHEN NG, AND THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S DIVISIONAL COMMANDER (HONG KONG EAST), MR CHAN WAH-DING.

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SUNDAY ROCK CONCERT AT SILVERMINE BAY

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AN OUTDOOR ROCK CONCERT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE HELD AT THE SILVERMINE BAY BEACH ON LANTAU ISLAND ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 29).

THE CONCERT, ENTITLED +A DAY IN THE SUN+, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE GUITAR JOURNAL, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE CONCERT WILL START AT 12 NOON AND NON-STOP MUSIC PROGRAMME WILL BE PROVIDED BY 10 WELL-KNOWN ROCK GROUPS UNTIL 6 PM.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY YOUNGSTERS, ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE FREE CONCERT WHICH WILL FEATURE VARIOUS BANDS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

CLEAN UP HELP FOR ELDERLY FOLK

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VOLUNTEERS FROM SIX VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN MONG KOK WILL FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) VISIT ABOUT 150 ELDERLY PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT AND HELP THEM CLEAN UP THEIR FLATS.

THE CLEAN-UP, WHICH WILL LAST UNTIL FEBRUARY 1, IS PART OF THE ACTIVITIES IN THE TWO-MONTH MONG KOK ELDERLY CAMPAIGN WHICH BEGAN YESTERDAY.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THE VISIT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHAN HING SOCIAL SERVICES CENTRE AT 45 FUK TSUN STREET, TAI KOK TSUI AT 4 PM SHARP TOMORROW. TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED.

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TWO CONTRACTS SIGNED FOR LIBRARY

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TWO CONTRACTS VALUED AT ABOUT $4 MILLION HAVE BEEN AWARDED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR A NEW LIBRARY BEING BUILT AT PUI CHING ROAD, KOWLOON.

THEY ARE FOR FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATIONS AND A CENTRALISED AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM.

WORK ON THE CONTRACTS WILL BE COMPLETED IN JUNE NEXT YEAR, WHEN THE LIBRARY IS DUE TO OPEN.

THE 13-STOREY LIBRARY BUILDING WILL BE ON A 2 400-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF PUI CHING AND WATERLOO ROADS AND WILL COST $12.4 MILLION.

IT WILL PROVIDE 6 000 SQUARE METRES OF LIBRARY SPACE.

THE UPPER STOREYS WILL ACCOMMODATE A CENTRAL LIBRARY FOR KOWLOON AND THE DISTRICT LIBRARY WHICH WILL BE MOVED FROM LEASED PREMISES AT CAMBRIDGE COURT IN WATERLOO ROAD.

FACILITIES ON THE LOWER FLOORS WILL INCLUDE A PUBLIC TOILET, A COVERED SITTING-OUT AREA AND LIBRARY RECEPTION AREAS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE RAMPS AND LIFTS FOR THE DISABLED.

WORK ON THE SUPERSTRUCTURE STARTED AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR.

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NEW ADDRESS FOR OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

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THE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS MOVED FROM SINCERE INSURANCE BUILDING IN WANCHAI TO NEW OFFICES ON THE 6TH FLOOR OF HENNESSY CENTRE, EAST WING, 500 HENNESSY ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY.

THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR ENQUIRIES ARE 5-767311 AND 5-767344.

THE OES IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING THE CONTRACTS FOR OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE WHICH ACCORDS PROTECTION TO LOCAL MANUAL WORKERS PROCEEDING OVERSEAS FOR EMPLOYMENT, ATTESTING EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS FOR FOREIGN DOMESTIC HELPERS AND ENFORCING LEGISLATION CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES.

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TENDERS CALLED FOR REPAIR OF PLAYGROUND FACILITIES

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE REPAIR OF SOME 60 PLAYGROUND, SPORTS AND RELATED FACILITIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR REPAIRING MINI-SOCCER PITCHES, BASKETBALL COURTS, REST GARDENS AND CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS MANAGED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

TENDER FORMS FOR THE CONTRACT ARE AVAILABLE AT THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF SWIRE AND MACLAINE HOUSE (AUSTIN CENTRE), 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, TSIM SHA TSUI.

COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE PLACED IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX LOCATED IN THE LIFT LOBBY ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, BEFORE NOON ON FEBRUARY 17 (FRIDAY).

FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S RECREATION AND AMENITIES SECTION ON 3-678715.

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MODERN TOILET TO REPLACE OLD

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A MODERN TOILET AND BATHHOUSE WILL BE BUILT IN PLACE OF THE OLD PUBLIC TOILET BUILDING IN NELSON STREET, KOWLOON.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A $1.3 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE PROJECT.

BESIDES THE TOILET AND BATHHOUSE, A STANDARD REFUSE COLLECTION POINT, A HANDCART WASHING SPACE, A ROLL CALL OFFICE, AND QUARTERS FOR OPERATIONAL STAFF WILL ALSO BE BUILT ON THE SITE.

WORK HAS JUST STARTED AND WILL BE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER.

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RESTRICTED ZONES IN YAU MA TEI

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FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 24), THE SECTION OF WOOSUNG STREET BETWEEN KANSU STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 37 METRES TO THE SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH KANSU STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 12 MIDNIGHT DAILY.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE, DRIVERS OF ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS, OR LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE SECTION OF WOOSUNG STREET BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 37 METRES TO THE SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH KANSU STREET AND PAK HOI STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

WITHIN THIS RESTRICTED ZONE, DRIVERS OF ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES EXCEPT THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS.

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KENNEDY TOWN URBAN CLEARWAY

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FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 24), A COUPLE OF ROAD SECTIONS IN KENNEDY TOWN WILL BE DESIGNATED AS URBAN CLEARWAYS 24 HOURS DAILY.

THEY ARE:

* THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF SMITHFIELD BETWEEN KENNEDY TOWN NEW PRAYA AND CATCHICK STREET;

* THE SOUTHERN CARRIAGEWAY OF KENNEDY TOWN NEW PRAYA FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH SMITHFIELD TO A POINT ABOUT 26 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

NO MOTOR VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONES.

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PEAK TAPS OFF

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN THE PEAK WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 PM ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 25) TO 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY 22-50 AND 27-35 MAGAZINE GAP ROAD, 1, 25 AND 10-42 PEAK ROAD, 47-53 STUBBS ROAD, 1-28 MIDDLE GAP ROAD, 1-24 MOUNT CAMERON ROAD AND 1-27 COOMBE ROAD.

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