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COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICE TO BE EXPANDED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO FURTHER DEVELOP THE COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICE BY TAKING A LEADING ROLE IN THE TRAINING OF COMMUNITY NURSES.

STATING THIS TODAY (SUNDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME HAS BEEN DRAWN UP TO TRAIN 350 REGISTERED AND ENROLLED NURSES OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

POINTING OUT THAT THE SERVICE HAS CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO MEETING HONG KONG'S MEDICAL NEEDS, HE SAID THAT MORE THAN 10,000 PEOPLE HAD BENEFITTED FROM IT DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 50 COMMUNITY NURSES LOOKING AFTER THOSE PATIENTS LIVING IN THE URBAN AREAS WHO DO NOT REQUIRE HOSPITAL CARE BUT HAVE DIFFICULTY IN ATTENDING CLINICS.

THE EXPANSION PROGRAMME WILL ENABLE THE SERVICE TO EXTEND TO ALL URBAN AREAS AND NEW TOWNS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AS WELL, THE SPOKESMAN STATED.

+WHEN THE SERVICE IS IN FULL SWING, IT WILL NOT ONLY BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN HOSPITALS AND HOMES BUT ALSO HELP TO RELIEVE THE PRESSURE ON THE MUCH NEEDED HOSPITAL BEDS,+ HE STRESSED.

THE COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICE WAS PIONEERED BY SIX VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AS A PILOT SCHEME.

ON APRIL 1, 1977, THE GOVERNMENT AGREED TO SUPPORT THE SERVICE FOR AN EVALUATION PERIOD OF THREE YEARS.

HOWEVER, AFTER A TWO-YEAR ASSESSMENT, THE GOVERNMENT DECIDED NOT ONLY TO SUPPORT THE SCHEME WITH FULL SUBVENTION BUT ALSO TAKE A LEADING ROLE IN TRAINING COMMUNITY NURSES.

+THE SERVICE PROVIDES AN EFFICIENT HEALTH CARE FOR THE SICK, THE DISABLED AND THE ELDERLY WHO ARE CONFINED TO THEIR HOMES,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

+IT ENCOURAGES PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR OWN TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION WITH THE HELP OF THEIR FAMILIES AS WELL AS TO PREVENT RELAPSE BY SUPPORTIVE CARE AND HEALTH EDUCATION.+

BESIDES THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THERE ARE AT PRESENT SEVEN OTHER VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS SUPPLYING A UNIFIED COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICE WITH STANDARDISED PROCEDURE FOR REFERRAL AND CARE.

THE SEVEN ORGANISATIONS ARE THE NETHERSOLE HOSPITAL, CARITAS MEDICAL CENTRE, UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL, OUR LADY OF MARYKNOLL HOSPITAL, YANG SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE, RENNIE'S MILL CHRISTIAN MEDICAL CENTRE AND THE KWONG WAH HOSPITAL.

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\$10 MILLION TUEN MUN DIVISIONAL POLICE STATION
MORE THAN HALF COMPLETE

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WORK ON THE \$10 MILLION TUEN MUN DIVISIONAL POLICE STATION IS MORE THAN HALF COMPLETE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE SUPERSTRUCTURE IS ALMOST COMPLETE AND WORK ON INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL FINISHES IS BEING CARRIED OUT.

SITUATED AT THE CORNER OF PUI TO ROAD AND TIN HAU ROAD, THE POLICE STATION OCCUPIES AN AREA OF ABOUT 4,650 SQUARE METRES.

THE STATION IS OF A MODIFIED STANDARD DESIGN SIMILAR TO THE NORTH POINT DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS AND POLICE STATION.

IT CONSISTS OF AN 18-STOREY COMPOSITE BLOCK, A SINGLE-STOREY SERVICES BUILDING AND A COMPOUND.

THE COMPOSITE BLOCK HOUSES NORMAL POLICE OPERATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, BARRACKS, CANTEENS AND RECREATIONAL ROOMS AND MARRIED QUARTERS FOR INSPECTORS.

THE SINGLE-STOREY BUILDING ACCOMMODATES KENNELS, STORES, CAR PARKS AND SERVICES FACILITIES.

THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN OCTOBER.

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MAY WAS LESS SUNNY THAN USUAL

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LAST (MAY) MONTH WAS CLOUDIER AND LESS SUNNY THAN USUAL, ACCORDING TO THE MONTHLY WEATHER SUMMARY RELEASED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE MEAN CLOUDINESS OF 84 PER CENT RANKED NINTH HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR MAY AND THE TOTAL SUNSHINE OF 94.3 HOURS WAS THE FIFTH LOWEST ON RECORD.

THE MONTH WAS ALSO SLIGHTLY WETTER THAN USUAL WITH A TOTAL RAINFALL OF 311.6 MM WHICH IS EIGHT PER CENT ABOVE AVERAGE. THE ACCUMULATED RAINFALL FROM JANUARY 1 TO MAY 31 WAS 672.5 MM, OR 125.2 MM ABOVE AVERAGE.

IT WAS CLOUDY AND HOT ON MAY 1. A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE PASSED SOUTH ACROSS HONG KONG EARLY ON MAY 2, BRINGING SOME SHOWERS AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS.

THE WEATHER BECAME COOLER WITH CONTINUOUS RAIN AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THE TROUGH AND THE MONTH'S MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 19.4 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON MAY 3.

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DURING THE NEXT TWO DAYS THE WEATHER REMAINED CLOUDY WITH RAIN AT TIMES.

ON MAY 5 AND 6 A MOIST EASTERLY AIRSTREAM AFFECTED HONG KONG AND THERE WERE A FEW PATCHES OF RAIN WHILE FOG WAS REPORTED AT WAGLAN ISLAND IN THE MORNINGS OF MAY 5, 7 AND 8.

THE WEATHER IMPROVED BETWEEN MAY 8 AND 10 AND THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 31.2 DEGREES WAS RECORDED ON MAY 10.

THE NEXT TWO DAYS WERE CLOUDY WITH OCCASIONAL SHOWERS AS AN ACTIVE TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE DEVELOPED OVER CHINA. THIS TROUGH CAME NEAR TO HONG KONG AND CAUSED THUNDERSTORMS AND HEAVY SHOWERS FROM MAY 13 TO 15, BRINGING 161.7 MM OF RAINFALL, REPRESENTING MORE THAN HALF OF THE MONTH'S TOTAL.

AS THE TROUGH MOVED SOUTH AWAY FROM HONG KONG, THE WEATHER IMPROVED BUT THERE WAS STILL SOME RAIN FROM MAY 16 TO 18. MAINLY FINE WEATHER PREVAILED FROM MAY 19 TO 26.

ON MAY 27, A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE DEVELOPED OVER SOUTH CHINA AND THE WEATHER IN HONG KONG BECAME CLOUDY WITH A FEW SHOWERS. THUNDERSTORMS ACCOMPANIED THE PASSAGE OF THE TROUGH ON MAY 28 AND THE CLOUDY CONDITIONS WITH SOME RAIN OR SHOWERS PERSISTED UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH.

ONE AIRCRAFT WAS DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG ON MAY 13 DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER.

THUNDERSTORMS AND/OR HEAVY RAIN WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON MAY 1, 13, 14, 15, 23, 24, 27, 28 AND 29. NO FIRE DANGER WARNINGS WERE ISSUED DURING THE MONTH.

THE STRONG MONSOON SIGNAL WAS HOISTED FROM 11.05 P.M. ON MAY 2 TO 9.40 A.M. ON MAY 3.

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SOCIAL STUDIES EXHIBITION

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A TWO-DAY EXHIBITION AIMED AT FAMILIARISING TEACHERS WITH THE VARIOUS APPROACHES SUGGESTED IN THE REVISED SOCIAL STUDIES DRAFT SYLLABUS WILL BE HELD NEXT SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IN GASCOIGNE ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE EXHIBITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE SOCIAL STUDIES SUBJECT COMMITTEE (PRIMARY) TOGETHER WITH 24 GOVERNMENT, AIDED AND PRIVATE PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

THE DISPLAY WILL FEATURE TEACHING AIDS, MODELS, PUPILS' WORK AND SLIDES TO ILLUSTRATE SPECIFIC TOPICS IN THE SYLLABUS.

MRS. LOUISE MOK, DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN THE EXHIBITION ON SATURDAY AT 10 A.M.

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ILLEGAL GRAVES CLEARED

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ELEVEN ILLEGAL GRAVES IN NIM WAN AND TWO OTHERS IN KWONG SHAN IN TUEN MUN DISTRICT HAVE RECENTLY BEEN CLEARED BY GOVERNMENT STAFF.

+WHERE RELATIVES COULD BE TRACED BEFORE EXHUMATION, THEY WERE APPROACHED AND GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO REMOVE THE GRAVES THEMSELVES,+ A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

UNDER SECTION 118 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE, BURIALS OUTSIDE AUTHORISED CEMETERIES ARE NOT PERMITTED AS THE PRACTICE IS CONTRARY TO THE PROPER DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRYSIDE AND COULD CONSTITUTE A HEALTH HAZARD, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+ILLEGAL BURIALS IN NIM WAN AND KWONG SHAN CAN ALSO CAUSE DANGER TO LIFE WHEN FIRING PRACTICE IS TAKING PLACE ON THE CASTLE PEAK RANGE,+ HE ADDED.

REMAINS HAVE BEEN RE-INTERRED. IN SANDY RIDGE CEMETERY.

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