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GERMAN MEASLES VACCINATION CAMPAIGN

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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS TO LAUNCH A MASSIVE 'RUBELLA' VACCINATION CAMPAIGN AIMED AT PROTECTING WOMEN FROM GIVING BIRTH TO DEFORMED BABIES.

THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST RUBELLA, COMMONLY KNOWN AS GERMAN MEASLES, IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG AND IS ONE OF A SERIES OF HEALTH EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT. IT WILL BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 19 AND WILL LAST ABOUT FOUR MONTHS.

DURING THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, THE DEPARTMENT'S INOCULATION TEAMS WILL VISIT SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES TO VACCINATE ALL SCHOOL GIRLS IN THE 11 - 14 AGE GROUP.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT RUBELLA IS A DISEASE DUE TO VIRUS INFECTION AND IF CAUGHT BY A WOMAN IN EARLY PREGNANCY IT CAN RESULT IN THE BIRTH OF SEVERELY HANDICAPPED BABIES.

THE OBJECTIVE OF VACCINATING THE TARGET GROUP OF 11 - 14 YEARS OLD GIRLS IS TO GIVE THEM MAXIMUM LONG-TERM PROTECTION AS THEY ENTER THE REPRODUCTIVE AGE, HE SAID.

WORLD-WIDE RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THAT IF A WOMAN CAUGHT RUBELLA DURING THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF PREGNANCY SHE MIGHT GIVE BIRTH TO A CHILD WITH SUCH CONGENITAL DEFORMITIES AS DEAFNESS, BLINDNESS, ABNORMALITIES OF HEART AND BRAIN AND MENTAL RETARDATION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT WOMEN IN REGULAR CONTACT WITH CHILDREN OR PATIENTS, FOR INSTANCE, TEACHERS AND NURSING STAFF, HAVE A GREATER RISK OF CONTRACTING THE DISEASE THAN OTHER PEOPLE AND SHOULD THEREFORE GET THEMSELVES VACCINATED.

THESE +AT RISK+ GROUPS OF WOMEN MAY CALL AT THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRES TO RECEIVE THE VACCINATION. FOR THESE PERSONS, A BLOOD TEST WILL BE CARRIED OUT BEFORE VACCINATION TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THEY HAVE ALREADY ACQUIRED THE IMMUNITY.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT RUBELLA VACCINE MUST NOT BE GIVEN DURING PREGNANCY OR TO A WOMAN WHO IS LIKELY TO BECOME PREGNANT IN THE FOLLOWING THREE MONTHS AFTER VACCINATION SO AS NOT TO AFFECT FOETAL GROWTH.

THE SYMPTOMS OF RUBELLA USUALLY BEGIN WITH ENLARGEMENT OF GLANDS BEHIND THE EARS AND IN THE NECK, FOLLOWED BY A RASH ON THE FACE AND NECK, SPREADING TO THE LIMBS AND BODY. IN SOME CASES, NO RASH APPEARS AT ALL. THERE MAY BE SORENESS OF THE THROAT WITH RED EYES AND A FEVER.

/THE RUBELLA.....

THE RUBELLA VACCINE PROVIDES LONG-TERM PROTECTION AFTER A SINGLE DOSE INJECTION. IN SOME CASES, A PERSON, AFTER RECEIVING THE VACCINE, MAY GET A SLIGHT FEVER AND RASH WHICH USUALLY DISAPPEARS VERY QUICKLY.

THE SPOKESMAN APPEALED TO PARENTS TO CO-OPERATE IN THE RUBELLA VACCINATION CAMPAIGN BY SIGNING A CONSENT FORM WHICH WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THEM THROUGH THE RESPECTIVE SCHOOLS.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR A CONTINUOUS SUPPLY OF RUBELLA VACCINES TO VACCINATE THE TARGET GROUP.

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NO-HUNTING AREAS EXTENDED
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THE PRESERVATION OF WILD FOWL IN HONG KONG HAS BEEN FURTHER STRENGTHENED BY EXTENDING THE NO-HUNTING BOUNDARIES OF THE MAI PO MARSHES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAS APPROVED EXTENDING THE NO-HUNTING AREA WEST OF THE LOK MA CHAU/CASTLE PEAK ROADS AND NORTH OF THE CASTLE PEAK/LAU FAU SHAN ROADS. THE BOUNDARY OF THE RESTRICTED ENTRY AREA HAS ALSO BEEN EXTENDED TO INCLUDE THE OUTER EDGE OF THE MANGROVES.

AMENDMENTS OF THE FOURTH, FIFTH AND SIXTH SCHEDULES OF THE WILD ANIMALS PROTECTION ORDINANCE APPEARED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE MARSHES COVER AN AREA OF ABOUT 940 ACRES OF WHICH ABOUT 515 ACRES ARE KEIWAIS (SHALLOW SHRIMP PONDS). WITH A PLANNED CONSERVATION PROGRAMME, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT EXPECTS THE MARSHES TO CONTINUE TO ATTRACT WILD DUCKS, EGRETS, HERONS, AND SNIPE. MANY SPECIES ALREADY USE THE MARSHES AS A RESTING PLACE DURING MIGRATION FLIGHTS.

THE SENIOR CONSERVATION OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR. P.A. DALEY, SAID THE DEPARTMENT'S OBJECTIVES WERE TO MAINTAIN AND MANAGE THE MARSHES AS A CONSERVATION AREA- MAINTAIN OR REDUCE THE CURRENT LEVELS OF DISTURBANCE AND POLLUTION- AND UTILISE THE AREA FOR RESEARCH AND EDUCATION.

HE ADDED THAT THE AREA IS PATROLLED BY GAME WARDENS AND ENTRY TO THE PART LISTED UNDER THE SIXTH SCHEDULE REQUIRES A WRITTEN PERMIT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

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PWD PRESSING AHEAD WITH SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAMME
IN TSUEN WAN
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MORE THAN 5,000 NEW SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS IN TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS PRESSING AHEAD WITH A FIVE-SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAMME, PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE'S COMMITMENT IN THE GOVERNMENT'S EDUCATION EXPANSION DRIVE.

FOUR SECONDARY SCHOOLS ALREADY ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION, AND WORK ON A PRIMARY SCHOOL WILL BE TAKEN UP LATER THIS YEAR.

TWO OF THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS BEING BUILT ARE AT KWAI SHING, WHILE THE OTHER TWO ARE AT LAI KING AND TAI PA STREET.

ONE OF THE TWO SCHOOLS IN KWAI SHING IS SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE.

IT IS OF STANDARD TYPE WITH 24 CLASSROOMS, TWO WORKSHOPS FOR METAL AND WOODWORK, AND FOUR LABORATORIES FOR SCIENCE SUBJECTS. THERE ARE SPECIAL ROOMS FOR MUSIC, ART, GEOGRAPHY, AND GENERAL PURPOSE. THERE IS ALSO A HOME ECONOMICS COMPLEX FOR TEACHING NEEDLE WORK, COOKING AND HOME MANAGEMENT.

OTHER FACILITIES INCLUDE ASSEMBLY HALLS, MEDICAL INSPECTION ROOMS, LIBRARY, COVERED PLAYGROUND, HEADMASTER AND CAREER MASTER ROOMS, GENERAL OFFICE, AND STAFF ROOM.

THE SCHOOLS AT LAI KING AND TAI PA STREET ARE ALSO MAKING GOOD PROGRESS.

ALL THE FOUR SECONDARY SCHOOLS, EACH OF WHICH CAN PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR ABOUT 1,080 CHILDREN, ARE EXPECTED TO BE READY IN 1979-80.

THE BUILDING WORK ON THE PRIMARY SCHOOLS, ONE OF THE TWO PLANNED FOR THE CHAI WAN KOK AREA, WILL BEGIN LATER THIS YEAR. IT IS ESTIMATED TO COST ABOUT \$4 MILLION TO BUILD.

THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARE BEING BUILT AT A COST OF ABOUT \$8 MILLION EACH.

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SNT PRESENTS PRIZES TO SWIMMING GALA WINNERS

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY (SUNDAY) EXPRESSED HOPE IN SEEING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SWIMMING POOL IN ISLANDS DISTRICT FOR COMPETITIVE RACES AND TRAINING IN BASIC SWIMMING SKILLS.

SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE THIRD ISLANDS SWIMMING GALA AT THE ABERDEEN SWIMMING POOL IN WONG CHUK HANG, MR. AKERS-JONES SAID: +THERE ARE PROPOSALS IN THE WIND TO HAVE A TRAINING POOL ON CHEUNG CHAU AND I SHALL FOLLOW THIS PROPOSAL WITH INTEREST.+

HE ADDED THAT BEACHES IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT WHICH ARE ENJOYED BY SO MANY HOLIDAY MAKERS FROM TOWN, ARE ALSO AN EXCELLENT TRAINING GROUND FOR MANY YOUNG SWIMMERS IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT.

TODAY'S SWIMMING GALA WAS A JOINT EFFORT OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, THE EIGHT RURAL COMMITTEES AND THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE.

+IT IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF WHAT CAN BE ACHIEVED BY MUTUAL CO-OPERATION,+ SAID MR. AKERS-JONES, WHO ALSO PRAISED THE SWIMMING GALA'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THAT HE WAS GLAD TO LEARN THAT THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD HAS ALTOGETHER VOTED \$160,000 FOR 27 RECREATIONAL FUNCTIONS OF THIS KIND THIS YEAR AND THAT THE WORK OF THE BOARD WAS ALREADY REACHING OUT TO A GREAT MANY PEOPLE.

MORE THAN 200 COMPETITORS COMPRISING MAINLY STUDENTS AND YOUNG WORKERS FROM OUT-LYING ISLANDS TOOK PART IN TODAY'S SWIMMING GALA.

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WIDENING OF CLEARWATER BAY ROAD PROPOSED
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO IMPROVE THE SECTION OF CLEARWATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN CLEARWATER BAY APARTMENT AND ANDERSON ROAD IN AN EFFORT TO RELIEVE THE PRESENT TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND TO COPE WITH THE FUTURE INCREASE IN TRAFFIC.

THE WORK WILL INCLUDE THE WIDENING OF THE EXISTING ROAD TO A DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY WITH FOOTPATHS ON BOTH SIDES. A SUBWAY WILL BE CONSTRUCTED AT TSENG LAN SHUE TO FACILITATE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING.

A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSED UNDERTAKING MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE PUBLIC WORKS NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 8, 1978.

THE PLAN SHOWING THE AFFECTED SECTION OF ROAD CAN BE SEEN AT THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY BRANCH, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG OR AT THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, HOUSING AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, FIFTH FLOOR, 101 PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD HO MAN TIN, KOWLOON OR AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE, SAI KUNG, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 692 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, FIRST FLOOR, SAN PO KONG, KOWLOON.

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WATER CUTS
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN CENTRAL, SHAM SHUI PO AND MONG KOK WILL BE STOPPED FOR SEVERAL HOURS ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 12) NIGHT TO FACILITATE WORKS BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IN CENTRAL IS BOUNDED BY STAUNTON STREET, SHING WONG STREET, CAINE ROAD, LADDER STREET, TAI PING SHAN STREET INCLUDING U LAM TERRACE, ROZARIO STREET AND LADDER STREET TERRACE. IT WILL HAVE NO WATER SUPPLY FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON TUESDAY.

IN SHAM SHUI PO, THE AREA BOUNDED BY CHEUNG FAT STREET, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, PRATAS STREET, CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, WING LUNG STREET AND UN CHAU STREET INCLUDING TONKIN STREET, WILL BE WITHOUT WATER FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT TUESDAY TO 6 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY.

IN MONG KOK, WATER SUPPLY TO PREMISES AT 1-29 PITT STREET, 1-50 TUNG ON STREET, 829-889 CANTON ROAD, 279-347 SHANGHAI STREET AND 222-254 RECLAMATION STREET, WILL BE CUT OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 P.M. ON TUESDAY.

MEANWHILE, FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY TO CHEUNG SHA WAN, SHAM SHUI PO, SHEK KIP MEI, MONG KOK AND YAU MA TEI AREAS WILL BE CUT OFF FOR 11 HOURS FROM 9 P.M. ON TUESDAY TO FACILITATE WATER MAIN CONNECTION WORKS.

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