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IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO MAKE VIEWS KNOWN -- CS

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT, IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, FOR PEOPLE TO MAKE THEIR VIEWS KNOWN ABOUT HOW THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE THESE BODIES DEVELOP.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER PARTICIPATING IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS AT TSUEN WAN SPORTS GROUND, MR FORD SAID THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND DISTRICT BOARDS DID A LOT FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, AND TODAY'S CELEBRATIONS WAS A VERY GOOD EXAMPLE OF ORGANISATION AT DISTRICT LEVEL.

ASKED ABOUT SPECIAL ADVISER TO THE GOVERNOR SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES' COMMENTS THE OTHER DAY CONCERNING DISTRICT BOARDS AND REGIONAL COUNCIL IN THE PUBLIC DEBATE ON THE GREEN PAPER, MR FORD SAID: "WE BELIEVE THAT THE SYSTEM FOR CONTINUING REGIONAL COUNCIL AND URBAN COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT BOARDS IS A GOOD SYSTEM AND THOSE THREE TIERS SHOULD REMAIN.

"BUT OBVIOUSLY THERE IS ROOM FOR CHANGE OR DEVELOPMENT IN ALL THESE AREAS AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE'RE ASKING FOR IN THE GREEN PAPER -- NOT ONLY TO FOCUS ON THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL POINT, BUT ALSO TO DISCUSS THESE VERY IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF HONG KONG'S REPRESENTATION WHICH DO SO MUCH FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AND I THINK WE SHOULD REMEMBER THAT."

COMMENTING ON THE CELEBRATIONS ITSELF, MR FORD SAID HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED AND PRAISED THE REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR ORGANISING IT.

"IT'S A MARVELLOUS SIGN. GREAT CREDIT FOR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR ORGANISING THIS SORT OF OCCASION WHICH, I'M SURE, IS VERY POPULAR, AND I'M VERY IMPRESSED BY EVERYTHING I'VE SEEN."

MR FORD SAID HE HOPED OCCASIONS OF THIS SORT, IN WHICH THREE THOUSAND PEOPLE, INCLUDING CHILDREN AND OLD PEOPLE, ENJOYED THEMSELVES, WOULD CONTINUE TO BE AN ANNUAL EVENT AND WOULD GO ON MUCH BEYOND 1997.

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TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS DROP BY 13 PER CENT

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COMPLAINTS ON TRANSPORT MATTERS IN THE PERIOD JANUARY TO MARCH THIS YEAR DECREASED BY 13 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER, ACCORDING TO THE QUARTERLY REPORT PUBLISHED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT (TCU).

A TOTAL OF 1,556 COMPLAINTS WERE LODGED WITH THE UNIT DURING THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW, COMPARED WITH 1,780 IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER, WHILE 1,423 WERE RECORDED IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1986.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES, CONSTITUTING APPROXIMATELY 43 PER CENT OF ALL THE COMPLAINTS RECEIVED, REMAINED THE LARGEST SINGLE GROUP OF COMPLAINTS HANDLED BY THE UNIT, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF TCU, MR MOHAMMED RUMJAHN SAID.

REGARDING THE ADEQUACY OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE, 177 COMPLAINTS WERE RECEIVED. "THEY AROSE FROM PROPOSALS TO INCREASE THE EXISTING FREQUENCY OF SERVICE OR TO INTRODUCE NEW ROUTES AND EXTEND EXISTING ROUTES," MR RUMJAHN EXPLAINED.

CONCERNING COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE ADEQUACY OF BUS SERVICE, THOSE ON HONG KONG ISLAND WERE MAINLY FROM COMMUTERS ALONG THE NORTHERN SHORELINE OF THE ISLAND, WHILE THOSE IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES WERE MAINLY RELATED TO MTR OR KCR FEEDER BUS ROUTES AND EXPRESS BUS ROUTES, MANY OF WHICH WERE SERVING THE NEW TOWNS OF SHA TIN, TUEN MUN, TAI PO, KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI.

COMPLAINTS CONCERNING THE STANDARD OF SERVICE OF THE VARIOUS MODES OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT MADE UP 424 CASES OR 63 PER CENT OF THE CASES INVOLVING PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES.

THESE COMPLAINTS WERE TAKEN UP INDIVIDUALLY WITH THE TRANSPORT OPERATORS CONCERNED (NAMELY THE BUS COMPANIES, FERRY COMPANIES AND RAILWAY CORPORATIONS) OR THE RELEVANT AUTHORITIES (NAMELY TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IN RESPECT OF IRREGULARITIES IN GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES AND THE POLICE IN RESPECT OF TAXI MALPRACTICES), MR RUMJAHN SAID.

"COMPLAINTS ABOUT ERRATIC BUS SERVICE ON HONG KONG ISLAND WERE MAINLY DIRECTED AT BUS ROUTES SERVING THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT AND THE EAST-WEST ROUTES ON THE NORTHERN PART OF THE ISLAND.

"IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, COMPLAINTS ABOUT BUSES NOT KEEPING TO SCHEDULED FREQUENCY WERE MAINLY LEVELLED AT EXTERNAL BUS ROUTES IN KOWLOON EAST AND SHA TIN, YUEN LONG AND TUEN MUN," HE SAID.

TURNING TO GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES, HE SAID THE MAIN COMPLAINTS WERE MINIBUSES NOT ADHERING TO APPROVED SCHEDULE OR ROUTEING AND THE MISCONDUCT OF DRIVERS.

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THOUGH A SIZABLE PROPORTION OF COMPLAINTS ABOUT TAXI SERVICE WAS LODGED DIRECTLY WITH THE POLICE BY THE PUBLIC, MR RUMJAHN NOTED THAT COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY TCU IN THE QUARTER TOTALLED 207 CASES AS COMPARED WITH 184 CASES IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

AS IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER, MOST OF THE COMPLAINTS ABOUT TAXI SERVICE WERE CONCERNED WITH MALPRACTICES AND MISCONDUCT OF TAXI DRIVERS, NAMELY TAXI DRIVERS REFUSING HIRE OR SOLICITING PASSENGERS, NOT TAKING THE MOST DIRECT ROUTEING, FAILING TO DRIVE TO DESTINATIONS AND OVERCHARGING.

COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER, COMPLAINTS CONCERNING ROUTES OPERATED BY THE HONGKONG YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY ROSE BY TWO CASES TO 12.

THE MAIN AREAS OF COMPLAINT WERE REGULARITY OF SERVICE, CLEANLINESS OF VESSELS AND PASSENGER FACILITIES, MR RUMJAHN SAID.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT ROAD CONGESTION TOTALLED 283 CASES - 57 CASES ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 111 CASES IN KOWLOON, 82 CASES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND 33 CASES IN TUNNELS AND AREAS AFFECTED BY LRT WORKS.

FACTORS WHICH WERE ATTRIBUTABLE TO ROAD CONGESTION INCLUDED LOADING AND UNLOADING ACTIVITIES AT KERBSIDE, TRAFFIC ENGINEERING MATTERS, INADEQUATE ROAD CAPACITY, ROAD WORK AND HAWKER OBSTRUCTION.

MR RUMJAHN POINTED OUT THAT 39 PER CENT AND 33 PER CENT OF ALL CASES CONCERNING VEHICLE OBSTRUCTION CAUSING CONGESTION WERE DIRECTED AT LORRIES AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES RESPECTIVELY.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES TOTALLED 117. THE MAJOR AREAS OF CONCERN INCLUDED PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER RECONSTRUCTION AND ITS RELATED TRAFFIC DIVERSION SCHEME, TRAFFIC FLOW IN HOI TAI STREET AND NAM HONG STREET IN HONG KONG AND TAM KUNG ROAD IN KOWLOON.

COMPLAINTS CONCERNING THE MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND ROAD FURNITURE CONTINUED TO DECREASE FROM 139 CASES IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER TO 114 THIS QUARTER. THE MAJOR AREAS OF COMPLAINT WERE DEFECTIVE ROAD SURFACES, MALFUNCTIONED TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND DAMAGED TRAFFIC SIGNS/AIDS.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT CASES INCREASED FROM 161 CASES IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER TO 178 CASES THIS QUARTER. THEY WERE MAINLY RELATED TO REQUESTS FOR ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST ILLEGAL PARKING, ABANDONED VEHICLES AND OTHER TRAFFIC OFFENCES.

TCU WAS SET UP UNDER THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE AND MONITOR COMPLAINTS AND SUGGESTIONS ON TRANSPORT MATTERS. IT OPERATES A 24-HOUR HOTLINE ON 5-776866.

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COMPUTER LITERACY COURSE IN JUNIOR SECONDARY FORMS

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED FUNDS FOR 70 SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR TO OFFER COMPUTER LITERACY STUDIES AS A NEW SUBJECT IN JUNIOR SECONDARY FORMS, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION MR Y.T. LI SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR COMPUTER EDUCATION, MR LI SAID IT WAS ENCOURAGING TO NOTE THAT 68 SECONDARY SCHOOLS HAD APPLIED TO OFFER THIS SUBJECT IN SEPTEMBER WITH ANOTHER 52 SCHOOLS LAUNCHING THE SUBJECT IN 1988.

IN TEACHING THE SUBJECT, MR LI SAID TEACHERS SHOULD ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVE TO HELP STUDENTS BUILD UP THEIR CONFIDENCE IN HANDLING COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY AS WELL AS IN UNDERSTANDING THE INFLUENCE OF COMPUTER.

THEY SHOULD ALSO MAKE STUDENTS AWARE OF THE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY THE COMPUTER INDUSTRY AND TO EQUIP STUDENTS WITH APPROPRIATE KNOWLEDGE, TECHNOLOGY AND ATTITUDE TO MEET THE CHALLENGE OF "COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY", HE ADDED.

IN REVIEWING THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMPUTER STUDIES IN SCHOOLS, MR LI SAID A START WAS MADE TO ENCOURAGE PUBLIC SECTOR SCHOOLS TO OFFER COMPUTER STUDIES IN FORMS 4 AND 5 IN 1982.

BY SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, 294 OR 90 PER CENT OF THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR WOULD OFFER COMPUTER COURSES.

THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALLOCATED \$30 MILLION TO EQUIP SCHOOLS WITH THE NECESSARY COMPUTER EQUIPMENT. A COMPUTER EDUCATION CENTRE WAS SET UP WITH A \$4.5 MILLION ALLOCATION FROM THE MACLEHOSE FUNDS TO PROMOTE TEACHERS' AWARENESS IN COMPUTER EDUCATION.

MR LI ALSO PLEDGED THAT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO PROMOTE COMPUTER EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS. A STUDY WAS BEING MADE TO INCLUDE THE TOPIC OF MICRO-COMPUTER IN RELEVANT SCHOOLS SUBJECTS AND CONSIDERATION WAS ALSO GIVEN TO EXTEND COMPUTER STUDIES TO FORMS 6 AND 7.

IN THE MEANTIME, THE INSPECTORATE DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT WAS ACTIVELY PLANNING IN-SERVICE TRAINING FOR TEACHERS TO COINCIDE WITH THE LAUNCHING OF THE COMPUTER LITERACY STUDIES.

THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND THE CENTRE OF COMPUTER STUDIES AND APPLICATIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, WAS ALSO LOOKING INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF PRODUCING SOFTWARE FOR USE IN TEACHING THE NEW SUBJECT IN SEPTEMBER.

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TRAINING COURSES FOR TEACHERS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADULT EDUCATION SECTION WILL RUN SEVEN COURSES FOR SERVING TEACHERS TO UPDATE THE KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR SUBJECT MATTERS AND IMPROVE TEACHING SKILLS.

THE COURSES TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER WILL INCLUDE ONE-YEAR COURSES ON THE TEACHING OF MUSIC IN KINDERGARTENS, TEACHING OF ART AND CRAFT IN KINDERGARTENS, TEACHING OF ENGLISH IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND TRAINING OF PROFICIENCY IN PUTONGHUA AS WELL AS TWO-YEAR COURSES ON THE TEACHING OF ART AND CRAFT IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS, TEACHING OF FOLK DANCE AND TEACHING OF ORIENTAL DANCE.

THE COURSES WILL CONSIST OF LECTURES AND PRACTICAL WORK. CLASSES WILL BE HELD NORMALLY BETWEEN 7 PM AND 9 PM ONE EVENING A WEEK FROM SEPTEMBER TO JUNE NEXT YEAR AT A COLLEGE OF EDUCATION OR GOVERNMENT SCHOOL.

THE COURSE FEES WILL BE \$300 PER YEAR PAYABLE IN TWO EQUAL INSTALMENTS.

THE COURSES ARE OPEN TO ALL SERVING REGISTERED OR PERMITTED TEACHERS. PRIORITY FOR ADMISSION WILL BE GIVEN TO APPLICANTS WHO ARE ALREADY TEACHING A RELEVANT SUBJECT IN DAY SCHOOLS OR WILL BE TEACHING THE SUBJECT IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, 5TH FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY. COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SECTION BEFORE JUNE 27 (SATURDAY).

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MAY IS WET AND CLOUDY

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FREQUENT ENCOUNTERS OF THE ACTIVE MOISTURE-LADEN SOUTHWEST MONSOON WITH COOLER AIR FROM THE NORTH OVER THE SOUTH CHINA COAST RESULTED IN WETTER AND CLOUDIER WEATHER IN HONG KONG IN MAY, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE TOTAL DURATION OF SUNSHINE IN THE MONTH WAS 102.8 HOURS, ONLY ABOUT TWO THIRDS OF THE NORMAL, AND THE MONTH'S TOTAL RAINFALL OF 460.2 MM, WAS 54 PER CENT ABOVE NORMAL.

/CUMULATIVE RAINFALL

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CUMULATIVE RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY AMOUNTED TO 995.7 MM, WHICH WAS 77 PER CENT ABOVE NORMAL FOR THE SAME PERIOD. THUNDERSTORMS WERE FREQUENT AND OCCURRED ON 12 DAYS IN MAY.

A WATERSPOUT WAS SIGHTED OFF THE COAST OF LAI CHI KOK NEAR MEI FOO SUN CHUEN ON MAY 16.

IT WAS HOT AND SUNNY ON MAY 1 BUT THE WEATHER TURNED CLOUDY ON MAY 2. THUNDERSTORMS BROKE OUT ON THE MORNING OF MAY 3 AS A COLD FRONT SWEEPED SOUTHWARDS PAST HONG KONG. WINDS STRENGTHENED FROM THE EAST IN THE LATE AFTERNOON BRINGING LIGHT RAIN AND RESULTING IN FALLING TEMPERATURES.

COOL, WET AND WINDY CONDITIONS CONTINUED UNTIL MAY 5 WHEN A MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 19.9 DEGREE CELSIUS WAS RECORDED, THE LOWEST OF THE MONTH.

AS WINDS VEERED TO THE SOUTHEAST ON MAY 6, MIST AND FOG SET IN WITH VISIBILITIES REDUCED TO 1,200 M AND 200 M AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY AND WAGLAN ISLAND RESPECTIVELY ON THE MORNING OF MAY 7. THUNDERY SHOWERS AFFECTED HONG KONG IN THE FOLLOWING EVENING AND CONTINUED UNTIL THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 8.

A 20-METRE CHINESE CARGO SHIP "JIANGJI 20" CAPSIZED OVER THE WATERS OFF CAPE D'AGUILAR AND TWO CREWMEN WERE INJURED.

THE WEATHER IMPROVED WITH SUNNY PERIODS ON MAY 9 AND 10. SUNNY AND HOT CONDITIONS PREVAILED FROM MAY 11 TO 13, WITH AFTERNOON TEMPERATURES RISING TO 30.5 DEGREE CELSIUS ON MAY 13, THE MAXIMUM RECORDED SO FAR THIS YEAR. THE WEATHER REMAINED FINE ON MAY 14 AND 15.

AN ACTIVE TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE OVER SOUTH CHINA GAVE RISE TO SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS IN HONG KONG ON MAY 16.

A WATERSPOUT WAS REPORTED OFF THE WATERS OF LAI CHI KOK NEAR MEI FOO SUN CHUEN AT ABOUT 1:30 PM. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE WATERSPOUT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR SINKING A 6-METRE FISHING BOAT AND INJURING TWO PEOPLE. WINDOWS IN SOME HOUSES IN THE AREA WERE ALSO DAMAGED AND A 10-METRE TREE WAS FELLED.

IN KENNEDY TOWN, SEVEN WOODEN HUTS WERE DESTROYED BY FIRE AFTER BEING STRUCK BY LIGHTNING WHILE MINOR LANDSLIPS OCCURRED IN KWAI CHUNG AND MT. NICHOLSON. HEAVY AND SQUALLY THUNDERY SHOWERS CONTINUED INTO THE NIGHT.

THE RAIN BECAME LESS HEAVY DURING THE NEXT DAY AFTER THE TROUGH HAD PASSED SOUTH OF HONG KONG. WITH COOLER EASTERLIES ESTABLISHED OVER THE TERRITORY IN THE FOLLOWING TWO DAYS, THE WEATHER REMAINED CLOUDY WITH LIGHT RAIN.

/THE RETURN

THE RETURN OF THE TROUGH FROM THE SOUTH GAVE RISE TO SHOWERY CONDITIONS WITH MORNING THUNDERSTORMS ON MAY 20 AND 21.

AS A RESULT OF COOLER AIR FROM THE NORTH INTERACTING WITH THE MOISTURE-LADEN SOUTHWEST MONSOON OVER THE SOUTH CHINA COASTAL AREAS, TORRENTIAL DOWNPOUR AND INTENSE THUNDERSTORMS BATTERED THE TERRITORY ON MAY 22. A TOTAL OF 107.5 MM OF RAIN WERE RECORDED THAT DAY AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY. SQUALLS UP TO 87 KM/H WERE REPORTED AT CHEUNG CHAU. AN AIRCRAFT WAS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING ABOUT 20 MINUTES AFTER TAKE OFF FROM KAI TAK AND WAS FORCED TO RETURN TO HONG KONG.

MORE THUNDERSTORMS OCCURRED ON THE MORNING OF MAY 23. THE HEAVY RAINSTORMS OF MAY 22 AND 23 CAUSED OVER 66 CASES OF FLOODING THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY AND AT LEAST SIX CASES OF MINOR LANDSLIPS. UNDER THE THREAT OF A MUDSLIP A FAMILY OF FOUR IN WONG CHUK HANG WAS EVACUATED. A ROAD SUBSIDENCE OCCURRED IN MONG KOK.

FROM MAY 20 TO 24, SEVERE RAINSTORMS ALSO AFFECTED GUANGDONG WITH OVER 300 MM OF RAINFALL RECORDED IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE PROVINCE.

ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE HEAVY RAIN CAUSED RIVER LEVELS TO RISE AND OVERFLOW, INUNDATING OVER 190,000 HECTARES OF FARMLAND. AS A RESULT, 92 PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND 414 PEOPLE WERE INJURED.

CONDITIONS REMAINED SHOWERY WITH SOME ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS OVER THE NEXT THREE DAYS. SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS RECURRED ON MAY 27 AS A COLD FRONT DEVELOPED TO THE NORTH OF HONG KONG. THE COLD FRONT PASSED SOUTH ACROSS THE TERRITORY EARLY ON MAY 28 AND SLIGHTLY COOLER WEATHER WITH LIGHT RAIN PREVAILED UNTIL MAY 29. THE WEATHER IMPROVED WITH SUNNY PERIODS ON MAY 30 AND 31.

THERE WERE NO TROPICAL CYCLONES OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA DURING THE MONTH. IN MAY, SEVEN AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER. THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON MAY 3, 7, 8, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27 AND 31. FLOOD WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON MAY 17, 22 AND 23. A LANDSLIP WARNING WAS ISSUED ON MAY 22.

SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

WEATHER SYSTEM	SIGNAL	DATE & TIME OF HOISTING	DATE & TIME OF LOWERING
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	MAY 3 3.15 PM	MAY 4 12.05 PM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	MAY 4 5.00 PM	MAY 5 4.00 AM

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THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

SUNSHINE	102.8 HOURS;	59.8 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
GLOBAL SOLAR RADIATION	11.69 MJ/SQ.M;	4.95 MJ/SQ.M BELOW NORMAL
RAINFALL	460.2 MM;	162.1 MM ABOVE NORMAL
CLOUDINESS	83 %;	10 % MORE THAN NORMAL
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	89 %;	6 % HIGHER THAN NORMAL
MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	27.2 DEGREE CELSIUS;	1.7 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN TEMPERATURE	25.0 DEGREE CELSIUS;	0.9 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	23.3 DEGREE CELSIUS;	0.6 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	23.0 DEGREE CELSIUS;	0.3 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	84.9 MM;	60.5 MM BELOW NORMAL

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IMPROVEMENT TO NGAU TAU KOK TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME

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NGAU TAU KOK FOURTH STREET AND NGAU TAU KOK FIFTH STREET WILL BE REROUTED TO TWO WAY TRAFFIC FROM TUESDAY (JUNE 16) FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF ROAD WIDENING WORK THERE TO FURTHER IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA.

THE MEASURE, AN IMPROVEMENT TO THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME IMPLEMENTED IN NGAU TAU KOK SINCE JANUARY THIS YEAR, IS INTRODUCED AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE KWUN TONG TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE AND THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS TRADE ASSOCIATIONS.

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AS PLBS WILL BE ABLE TO RE-ENTER NGAU TAU KOK ROAD AFTER PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS IN NGAU TAU KOK FOURTH STREET AND FIFTH STREET FOLLOWING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IMPROVEMENT MEASURE, THIS WILL HELP MINIMISE THE INCONVENIENCE CAUSED TO PLB PASSENGERS.

UNDER THE NEW MEASURE, NGAU TAU KOK FOURTH STREET WILL BE REROUTED FROM ONE WAY NORTHBOUND TO TWO WAY TRAFFIC, WHILE NGAU TAU KOK FIFTH STREET BETWEEN FOURTH STREET AND THE MINI-ROUNDAABOUT OUTSIDE BLOCK 12 OF LOWER NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE WILL BE REROUTED FROM ONE WAY SOUTHBOUND TO TWO WAY TRAFFIC.

IN ADDITION, THE UNNAMED ROAD BETWEEN NGAU TAU KOK ROAD AND NGAU TAU KOK FOURTH STREET WILL BE REROUTED FROM ONE WAY WESTBOUND TO TWO WAY TRAFFIC.

MOTORISTS ON NGAU TAU KOK FOURTH STREET NORTHBOUND CAN OPERATE VIA NGAU TAU KOK FIFTH STREET, MINI-ROUNDAABOUT, NGAU TAU KOK FOURTH STREET SOUTHBOUND AND RETURN TO NGAU TAU KOK ROAD WESTBOUND.

TO COINCIDE WITH THE REROUTINGS, TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN NGAU TAU KOK WILL BE DESIGNATED RESTRICTED ZONES.

THE UNNAMED ROAD BETWEEN NGAU TAU KOK ROAD AND NGAU TAU KOK FOURTH STREET WILL BE MADE A RESTRICTED ZONE FOR ALL VEHICLES FROM 7 AM TO 12 MIDNIGHT, WHILE THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF NGAU TAU KOK FOURTH STREET NORTH OF THE UNNAMED ROAD LEADING TO NGAU TAU KOK ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED ZONE FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES FROM 7 AM TO 12 MIDNIGHT DAILY.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE SITUATION UPON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IMPROVEMENT MEASURE AND WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO FURTHER IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA IF NECESSARY, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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EIGHTH AUXILIARY LITTER WARDEN SCHEME LAUNCHED

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MORE THAN 600 SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO TAKE PART IN THE AUXILIARY LITTER WARDEN SCHEME WILL PATROL THE BEACHES THIS SUMMER.

THE FORM FOUR AND FIVE STUDENTS RECRUITED FROM 32 SCHOOLS WERE BRIEFED BY URBAN COUNCILLOR MR TONG KAM-BIU AT THE OPENING CEREMONY HELD AT THE NGAU CHI WAN CIVIC CENTRE TODAY (SATURDAY).

DELIVERING AN OPENING ADDRESS, MR TONG SAID: "THE AUXILIARY LITTER WARDEN SCHEME, THE EIGHTH YEAR THIS TIME, IS ONE OF THE STUDENT PARTICIPATION ACTIVITIES ORGANISED IN SUPPORT OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN."

"THE SCHEME HAS PROVEN TO BE VERY POPULAR AMONG THE STUDENTS AND IS IMPLEMENTED SUCCESSFULLY IN THE PAST YEARS," HE ADDED.

THE AUXILIARY LITTER WARDENS WILL MAKE USE OF THEIR SUMMER VACATION TO HELP THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT STAFF CLEAN UP THE REPULSE BAY, DEEP WATER BAY, SHEK O, STANLEY MAIN BEACH AND BIG WAVE BAY BEACHES.

THEY WILL ALSO ADVISE THE BEACH-GOERS TO DISPOSE OF THEIR LITTER PROPERLY AFTER SWIMMING OR BARBECUING.

MR TONG PRAISED THEM FOR SETTING A GOOD EXAMPLE TO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC BY PHYSICALLY TAKING PART IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND WORKING HARD TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF A CLEAN HONG KONG.

"YOUR EFFORTS WOULD SURELY ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO JOIN THE CLEAN HONG KONG FORCES," HE SAID.

THE PUBLIC CAN IDENTIFY THE BEACH WARDENS BY THEIR CAPS AND T-SHIRTS BEARING THE 'KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN' LOGO.

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PRIZE PRESENTATION FOR YOUTH CONTEST

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REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY OF THE 12TH HONG KONG YOUTH CULTURAL AND ARTS COMPETITIONS AT 3 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) IN THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL.

MORE THAN 8,000 YOUNG PEOPLE TOOK PART IN THE COMPETITIONS, SPONSORED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, WHICH INVOLVED SUCH ACTIVITIES AS TRANSLATION AND SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION, CHINESE ESSAY WRITING, CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY, DEBATE, POSTER AND SLOGAN DESIGN, CREATIVE STORY WRITING, CHINESE SPEECH PRESENTATION, PAINTING AND NEWS AND ACADEMIC QUIZ.

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MR CHAU WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS OF THE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF THE COMPETITIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT TO BE HELD AT 3 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) IN THE CONCERT HALL OF THE CITY HALL, CENTRAL.

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ROAD CLOSURE IN KWAI CHUNG

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CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD BETWEEN WO YIP HOP ROAD AND TSUEN KWAM INTERCHANGE, KWAI CHUNG, WILL BE PARTIALLY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM TUESDAY (JUNE 16) FOR ABOUT 12 MONTHS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROUTE 5.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TWO-WAY TRAFFIC WILL BE MAINTAINED.

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