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Guidelines for civil servants on Selection Committee issued

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A Civil Service Branch (CSB) circular has been sent to the staff sides of the four central consultative councils to give them advance notice about government's policy on participation by civil servants in the Selection Committee, a spokesman for the branch said today (Tuesday).

The circular sets out that, in line with the existing rules on participation in political activities, four groups of civil servants would not be permitted to serve on the Selection Committee: all directorate officers, administrative officers, police officers and information officers.

Civil servants may decide for themselves whether they wish to put their names forward as Selection Committee candidates or to accept nominations made by civil service unions, staff associations or their respective professional bodies to serve on the Selection Committee. Service on the Selection Committee will be strictly in an individual capacity and will be subject to there being no actual or potential conflict of interest and all relevant Civil Service Regulations and Civil Service Branch Circulars being observed.

The spokesman said these rules already existed, were clearly defined and were well understood and accepted by staff. The rules aimed to strike the right balance between allowing civil servants to participate in the conduct of public affairs, and ensuring that the public had confidence that civil servants in important roles or relevant positions were politically neutral in their judgments and work.

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Over 2,000 students go for S6 places in central allocation

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A total of 2,294 students have today (Tuesday) applied for central allocation to fill the remaining 261 S6 places.

The Education Department reminded applicants to check at the centres where they applied for central allocation and the district education offices on Saturday (August 17) to see if they have been allocated an S6 place.

Application results will be displayed at 9 am. Successful candidates should register with the allocated school before 1 pm on the same day.

Place was allocated on the basis of the applicants' Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination (HKCEE) results under central allocation at Stage V.

If students are still unable to secure a place after the completion of Stage V, they may be able to get a place at the beginning of the new school year because some successful students may decide not to take up their places.

A list of schools with S6 vacancies will be displayed and updated weekly at all district education offices throughout September.

Students should apply to these schools direct but admission will be entirely at the schools' discretion.

Meanwhile, the department's central hotline, 2782 7037-9 and 2782 7340 and the 19 district education offices handled about 169 and 205 enquiries respectively on the Admission Procedure today. This brings to 1,086 and 2,257 the total number of enquiries made at the hotline and the district education offices.

At the same time, the Careers Education Centre had received 169 visitors and handled 161 telephone enquiries on matters relating to the release of the HKCEE results up to 5.30 pm today.

So far, 2,132 members of the public visited and 1,308 callers telephoned the centre since August 7 when the results of HKCEE were released.

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#### The weather of July

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July was hotter and drier than normal. The mean temperature of 29.2 degrees was the sixth highest for the month of July.

The mean minimum of 27.1 degrees and the maximum of 34.3 degrees were the seventh and the ninth highest temperature respectively recorded for July.

The total rainfall of 230.3 millimetres in the month was 29 per cent below normal, making the accumulated rainfall since January 1 of 1,288.5 millimetres two per cent below the normal for the same period.

The standby signal No 1 was hoisted on two occasions in the month.

With south to south-westerly airstream dominating the first half of the month, it started mainly cloudy with some showers. Isolated thunderstorms occurred on the morning of July 3 but it became fine and sunny in the afternoon. The generally fine condition prevailed until July 10.

The approach of a trough of low pressure from the north brought showery weather to the territory on July 11 and heavy thundery showers on the following day brought the temperature down to 24.4 degrees, the lowest in the month.

The trough of low pressure weakened and retreated northwards later that day and the weather became generally cloudy with sunny periods apart from some isolated showers up to July 17.

Winds turned easterly on July 18 and showers became more frequent. Heavy showers associated with thunderstorms occurred the next morning.

As tropical cyclone Frankie developed over the South China Sea, thunderstorms and heavy showers in its outer rainband affected the territory on July 21. Winds also freshened and was occasionally strong offshore on the following day.

Showers eased off on July 24 as Frankie dissipated over Vietnam and it became fine locally during the day.

Winds turned westerly on July 25 under the influence of typhoon Gloria. It was hazy that afternoon.

The hottest day in the month occurred the next day as Gloria crossed Taiwan and the high temperature of 34.3 degrees was attained under a hot continental airstream. There were some isolated squally showers in the evening.

Gloria made landfall over southeast China early on July 27. Under the influence of the remnant of this typhoon, winds became more southerly and the weather was cloudy with periods of rain for the next couple of days.

Winds became south-easterly on July 29 and there were some thunderstorms the next morning.

Under the influence of typhoon Herb which was approaching Taiwan, winds turned westerly again on July 31 and the weather was fine and hot.

Seven tropical cyclones occurred in the western North Pacific and the South China Sea in the month.

Details of the issuance/hoisting and cancellation/lowering of various warnings/signals in the month are summarised in Table 1.1. Monthly meteorological figures and departures from normal of July are tabulated in Table 1.2.

Table 1.1 Warnings and signals in July

Warnings/Signals	Effective date and time	
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Tropical cyclone warning signals		
Name of T C	Signal No	
Frankie	1	21 Jul 1430 - 22 Jul 2230
Gloria	1	26 Jul 1130 - 27 Jul 0645
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Flood warnings		12 Jul 0115 - 12 Jul 0430 12 Jul 0820 - 12 Jul 1005 19 Jul 0710 - 19 Jul 0830
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Thunderstorm warnings		3 Jul 0535 - 3 Jul 0735 11 Jul 1515 - 11 Jul 1715 11 Jul 2310 - 12 Jul 1100 19 Jul 0250 - 19 Jul 0900 21 Jul 1155 - 21 Jul 1355 21 Jul 1815 - 21 Jul 2015 21 Jul 2245 - 22 Jul 0745 22 Jul 1215 - 22 Jul 1415 23 Jul 0710 - 23 Jul 1030 23 Jul 1305 - 23 Jul 1505 26 Jul 1550 - 26 Jul 2300 27 Jul 2050 - 28 Jul 1000 28 Jul 2245 - 29 Jul 0645 30 Jul 0415 - 30 Jul 0815
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Table 1.2 Figures and departures from normal - July

Total bright sunshine	216.4 hours; 14.7 hours below normal
Mean daily global solar radiation	17.63 MJ/SQM; 1.52 MJ/SQM below normal
Total rainfall	230.3 mm; 93.2 mm below normal
Mean cloud amount	71%; 6% above normal
Mean relative humidity	79%; 1% below normal
Mean daily maximum temperature	31.8 degrees Celsius; 0.3 degree Celsius above normal
Mean air temperature	29.2 degrees Celsius; 0.4 degree Celsius above normal
Mean daily minimum temperature	27.1 degrees Celsius; 0.5 degree Celsius above normal
Mean dew point	25.1 degrees Celsius; 0.2 degree Celsius above normal
Total evaporation	148.6 mm; 23 mm below normal

Remarks: All measurements were made at the Royal Observatory except sunshine, solar radiation and evaporation which were recorded at King's Park.

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Hong Kong Monetary Authority tender results

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Tender date	13 Aug 1996	13 Aug 1996
Paper on offer	EF bills	EF bills
Issue number	Q633	H671
Issue date	14 Aug 1996	14 Aug 1996
Maturity date	13 Nov 1996	12 Feb 1997
Coupon	-	-
Amount applied	HK\$6,540 MN	HK\$2,810 MN
Amount allotted	HK\$1,500 MN	HK\$800 MN
Average yield accepted	5.15 PCT	5.29 PCT
Highest yield accepted	5.16 PCT	5.29 PCT
Pro rata ratio	About 43 PCT	About 96 PCT
Average tender yield	5.18 PCT	5.30 PCT

Hong Kong Monetary Authority

Tenders to be held in the week beginning 19 Aug 1996

Tender date	19 Aug 1996	20 Aug 1996
Paper on offer	EF notes	EF bills
Issue number	7308	Q634
Issue date	20 Aug 1996	21 Aug 1996
Maturity date	20 Aug 2003	20 Nov 1996
Tenor	7 Years	91 Days
Amount on offer	HK\$500+100MN	HK\$1,500+300MN
Coupon	7.24 PCT	
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Hong Kong Monetary Authority money market operations

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	<u>\$ million</u>	<u>Time (hours)</u>	<u>Cumulative change (\$million)</u>
Opening balance in the account	1,888	0930	+77
Closing balance in the account	1,527	1000	+77
Change attributable to :		1100	+72
Money market activity	+84	1200	+72
LAF today	- 445	1500	+84
		1600	+84

LAF rate 4.00% bid/6.00% offer TWI 123.8 \*+0.1\* 13.8.96

Hong Kong Monetary Authority

EF bills		EF notes				
Terms	Yield	Term	Issue	Coupon	Price	Yield
1 week	4.95	2 years	2808	6.00	99.91	6.14
1 month	5.01	3 years	3907	6.80	101.06	6.50
3 months	5.17	5 years	5106	7.23	101.27	7.03
6 months	5.28	7 years	7305	7.60	101.95	7.36
12 months	5.61	5 years	M502	7.30	100.56	7.27

Total turnover of EF bills and notes - \$9,599 million

Closed August 13, 1996

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