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DROP IN HILL FIRES IN PAST SIX MONTHS

Picnickers Urged To Be Careful With Fire

The number of hill fires during the months of July to December this year showed a remarkable drop of about 70 per cent compared with the same period last year.

Statistics released by the Conservation and Forests Division of the Agriculture and Fisheries Department showed that the number of hill fires in the past six months amounted to 151, while the number for the same period last year was 497.

Of the 151 hill fires, 14 cases occurred in the Silver Jubilee Reservoir and the Tai Lam Chung Government forests, and some 3,900 trees were destroyed within the Government plantations.

The rest of the hill fires occurred in village woodlands in the New Territories. Over 500 trees were damaged.

Fire protection services of the Conservation and Forests Division are concentrated on the "Fire Protection Area" which covers most of Hong Kong Island, parts of Lantau Island, and the southern hill range of the New Territories.

The Australian method of reducing fire hazard by means of controlled burning of grass and shrubs along roads has been tried in all district and has proved to be successful.

Forestry protection posts and fire lookouts with officers on guard 24 hours are set up in all Government plantations.

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Hong Kong's fire season begins in the month of October. During the last fire season 809 hill fires were recorded. Seventy-two of these fires occurred in or adjacent to Government plantations and approximately 381 acres of woodland were damaged, involving the loss of 300,000 trees.

A spokesman for the Conservation and Forests Division said most of the hill fires broke out on weekends and public holidays.

"It is therefore important for picnickers and campers to pay special attention to fire prevention in the countryside," he said.

Only in a place provided for barbecue purposes should cooking fires be lighted.

Picnickers and campers should always bear in mind that they should not light a fire under shrubs or trees and leave it unattended or go away without extinguishing it.

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EXHIBITION OF POST-IMPRESSIONISTS OPENS

At City Museum And Art Gallery

An exhibition of reproductions of Post-Impressionist paintings opens today at the City Museum and Art Gallery.

This includes 50 large colour prints of the work of Cezanne, Gauguin, Van Gogh, Seurat, Signac, Toulouse-Lautrec, and Redon.

General introductions to the styles of each artist and commentaries on each painting are included in the exhibition.

The exhibition is a sequel to the exhibition of the Impressionists held in the past month.

Both exhibitions are of educational nature, illustrating how artists of the late nineteenth century paved the way for modern art of this century.

The Impressionists made one important contribution to further developments of Western art - they brought to colour a feeling of freshness and luminosity.

However, their extreme experimentation to represent light as recorded by the human retina finally led to the dissolution of form and structure.

A number of individual artists saw the danger of this and began to seek new directions.

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These artists explored independently. More than any other painters in the history of Western art, they developed their theories in isolation and often in contradiction with each other.

They are grouped under the general designation of "Post-~~Impressionists~~", a term meaning little except that these men departed from Impressionism to find new ways of painting.

The exhibition will be on view until January 21.

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ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN IN TSUEN WAN

Note to Editors: A 10-day Tsuen Wan District Road Safety Campaign will be officially launched at a ceremony in the Princess Alexandra Community Centre on Wednesday, January 3, 1973.

The District Officer, Tsuen Wan, Mr. H. Barma, the Assistant Commissioner of Police (N.T.), Mr. M.C. Illingworth, and the Warden of the Centre, Mr. Lam Kwok Wan, will jointly officiate at the ceremony.

At the same time, an exhibition on road safety equipment will be opened at the Centre.

The campaign forms part of a Hong Kong-wide road safety drive. You are cordially invited to have the ceremony covered. It will start at 3 p.m.

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REGISTRATION TEAM TO OPERATE IN TIN WAN
Residents Urged To Make Use Of Facilities

The Commissioner of Registration announced today that a team from the Registration of Persons Department will conduct registrations at the Tin Wan Resettlement Estate Office from Tuesday, January 2, to Friday, January 5, 1973.

Business hours will be from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

The visit will enable parents or guardians to register their children from six to 17 years of age for juvenile Identity Cards.

Young people 17 years old and over and holding juvenile Identity Cards will be able to register for adult Identity Cards.

People living in the area are reminded of their responsibility to register themselves and their children for Identity Cards, and to report to the Registration of Persons Department any changes of employment or residential address, nationality or marital status or any other particulars which have changed since registering for their Identity Cards.

Children between six and 17 years of age who have Hong Kong Birth Certificates or valid travel documents need not attend for registration, but children who do not have Birth Certificates or valid travel documents, must accompany their parents or guardians when registering.

Parents or guardians must produce both their (i.e. husband and wife) Identity Cards for inspection when registering juveniles.

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On registering for adult cards, young people 17 years of age and over must surrender their juvenile Identity Cards and produce the Identity Cards of both their parents or guardians under whom they are registered, and a Hong Kong Birth Certificate or evidence of their residence in Hong Kong during the past two years.

People who do not possess any of these documents must register at the Registration of Persons Branch Office in the Causeway Bay Magistracy, Electric Road, Hong Kong, at Canton Road Government Offices, Yau Ma Tei, Kwoloon or at Far East Bank Building, Ground floor, Castle Peak Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories.

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FREE SHOWS AND BAND CONCERTS IN JANUARY

Organised By Urban Council And U.S.D.

The Urban Council and the Urban Services Department have organised a series of free film shows, variety shows and band concerts for the public next month.

The films will be shown in various playgrounds in the urban areas and the New Territories from 7.30 p.m. to about 9.00 p.m.

Details of the dates and places where the film shows will be held are as follows:-

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Jan. 3, Wednesday	Recreation Ground, Yue Kwong Road, Shek Pai Wan Resettlement Estate, Hong Kong.
Jan. 5, Friday	Recreation Ground, Tin Wan Street, Tin Wan Resettlement Estate, Hong Kong.
Jan. 8, Monday	King George Vth Memorial (K) Park, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon.
Jan. 10, Wednesday	Playground, Willow Street, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon.
Jan. 12, Friday	Morse Park Open-air Theatre, Wong Tai Sin, Kowloon.
Jan. 15, Monday	Recreation Ground, Fu Mei Street, Wang Tau Hom Resettlement Estate, Kowloon.
Jan. 17, Wednesday	Playground, King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong.
Jan. 22, Monday	Recreation Ground, Wai Kek Street, Shek Lei Resettlement Estate, Tsuen Wan, New Territories.

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| Jan. 24, Wednesday | Recreation Ground, Tai Kiu Road,
Yuen Long Resettlement Estate,
New Territories. |
| Jan. 26, Friday | Southern Playground, Hennessy Road,
Wan Chai, Hong Kong. |

Four open-air variety shows will be put on in various districts in January.

All are to begin at 7.30 p.m. and last about two and a half hours.

The shows will be held on the following dates and places:

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| January 5, Friday | Morse Park Open-air Theatre, Wong Tai Sin,
Kowloon. |
| January 12, Friday | MacPherson Playground, Mong Kok, Kowloon. |
| January 18, Thursday | Anchor Street Playground, Tai Kok Tsui,
Kowloon. |
| January 26, Friday | Cheung Sha Wan Road Playground, Sham Shui Po,
Kowloon. |

A series of free band concerts will be held on every Sunday in January.

The concerts will be given separately by the Royal Hong Kong Auxiliary Police Band, Auxiliary Fire Services Band, Auxiliary Medical Service Band and the Royal Hong Kong Police Band.

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Details of the dates and places where the band concerts will be held are as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Jan. 7,	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	Royal H.K. Aux. Police	Victoria Park, Hong Kong.
Jan. 14,	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Aux. Fire Services	Kowloon Park, Kowloon.
Jan. 21,	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Aux. Medical Service	Cheung Sha Wan Road Playground, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon.
Jan. 28,	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Royal Hong Kong Police	Morse Park Open-air Theatre, Wong Tai Sin, Kowloon.

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NEW YEAR HONOUR LIST

Note to Editors: There will be a special edition of the Daily Information Bulletin tomorrow (Sunday) containing a list of recipients of the New Year Honours. Copies of the this issue (in English and Chinese) will be available for collection at the G.I.S. press room at 3.30 p.m. tomorrow.

The **Services'** list will also be available for collection at the same time.

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