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WARM AND SUNNY START TO THE YEAR

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THE YEAR 1987 GOT OFF TO A WARM AND SUNNY START, WITH A MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 17.3 DEGREES CELSIUS, MAKING IT THE SIXTH WARMEST JANUARY ON RECORD, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY REVEALED TODAY.

THE WARM CONDITIONS - 1.7 DEGREES CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL - WERE PARTLY DUE TO THE AMPLE AMOUNT OF SUNSHINE DURING THE MONTH - 19 PER CENT ABOVE NORMAL.

DESPITE THE GENERALLY WARM AND SUNNY WEATHER, NEW YEAR'S DAY WAS WINDY AND CLOUDY WITH A TRACE OF RAIN.

AS A COLD FRONT FORMED ACROSS SOUTH CHINA ON JANUARY 2, WINDS LOCALLY MODERATED AND TURNED TO SOUTH OF EAST.

THE WEATHER WAS MISTY WITH DRIZZLE ON JANUARY 2 AND 3- VISIBILITIES OF 1 000 METRES WERE RECORDED AT WAGLAN ISLAND ON THE MORNING OF JANUARY 3.

THE COLD FRONT PASSED THROUGH HONG KONG THE NEXT DAY AND BROUGHT OVERCAST SKIES AND RAIN TO THE TERRITORY.

ON JANUARY 5, HOWEVER, THE WEATHER TURNED SUNNY WITH THE ONSET OF DRIER CONTINENTAL AIR AND IT REMAINED RELATIVELY WARM AND SUNNY FOR THE NEXT SIX DAYS.

ANOTHER SURGE OF WINTER MONSOON REACHED HONG KONG ON JANUARY 11 BRINGING FRESH TO STRONG NORTHERLY WINDS.

THE DRY WINTER MONSOON KEPT JANUARY 12 TO 14 MAINLY FINE WITH COOL NIGHTS WHILE WARMER WEATHER PREVAILED FROM JANUARY 15 TO 17.

IT TURNED CLOUDY ON JANUARY 18 WITH SOME LIGHT RAIN LATE IN THE EVENING.

MIST PATCHES DEVELOPED THE NEXT MORNING BUT WERE CLEARED IN THE AFTERNOON WITH THE PASSAGE OF A WEAK COLD FRONT.

WINDS STRENGTHENED FROM THE EAST ON JANUARY 20 AND SKIES BECAME OVERCAST WITH THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE REACHING ONLY 16.5 DEGREES CELSIUS.

SUNNY PERIODS PREVAILED OVER THE NEXT TWO DAYS WITH AFTERNOON TEMPERATURES RISING TO 23.9 DEGREES CELSIUS ON JANUARY 23, THE HIGHEST FOR THE MONTH.

HOWEVER, AN INTENSE SURGE OF WINTER MONSOON ARRIVED IN THE TERRITORY AROUND MIDNIGHT AND STRONG MONSOON WINDS AFFECTED OFFSHORE WATERS OVERNIGHT.

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CONTINUAL REPLENISHMENT OF THE WINTER MONSOON BROUGHT PROGRESSIVELY COLDER CONDITIONS TO HONG KONG OVER THE NEXT THREE DAYS.

IN THE EARLY MORNING OF JANUARY 27 THE LOWEST TEMPERATURE OF THE MONTH - 10.4 DEGREES CELSIUS - WAS RECORDED. IT WAS EVEN COLDER IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE WEATHER IMPROVED AFTER THIS COLD SPELL AND REMAINED FINE THROUGH THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

TWO TROPICAL CYCLONES DEVELOPED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA DURING THE MONTH.

NO AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER IN JANUARY.

THE RED FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS PUT UP FROM JANUARY 12 TO 14 AND FROM JANUARY 25 TO 31, WHILE THE YELLOW WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON JANUARY 8, 10, 11, 12, 15, 18, 24 AND 25.

SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>WEATHER SYSTEM</u>	<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING</u>	<u>DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING</u>
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	JAN 1 8.30 AM	JAN 1 12.05 PM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	JAN 12 6.40 AM	JAN 12 10.00 AM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	JAN 20 9.15 PM	JAN 21 10.00 AM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	JAN 23 10.35 PM	JAN 24 10.00 AM

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

SUNSHINE	183.3 HOURS	=	29.8 HOURS ABOVE NORMAL
RAINFALL	12.5 MM	=	14.4 MM BELOW NORMAL
CLOUDINESS	50%	=	9% LESS THAN NORMAL
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	71%	=	NORMAL

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MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	19.7 DEGREES C	=	1.0 DEGREES C ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN TEMPERATURE	17.3 DEGREES C	=	1.7 DEGREES C ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	15.4 DEGREES C	=	2.2 DEGREES C ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	11.7 DEGREES C	=	1.9 DEGREES C ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	93.3 MM	=	9.8 MM BELOW NORMAL

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FOUR MULTI-STOREY FACTORY BLOCKS AMONG PLANS APPROVED
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FOUR MULTI-STOREY FACTORY BLOCKS WERE AMONG 48 PLANS APPROVED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE IN DECEMBER.

THE PROJECTS INCLUDED A 21-STOREY BLOCK AT SAI NING STREET AND A 26-STOREY BLOCK AT WESTLANDS ROAD, BOTH ON HONG KONG ISLAND—TWO 18-STOREY EXTENSION BLOCKS IN TUEN MUN; AND A 15-STOREY BLOCK AT HUNG TO ROAD, KWUN TONG.

ALSO APPROVED WAS A SINGLE-STOREY BLOCK AT TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

THE 48 APPROVALS IN DECEMBER BROUGHT TO 578 THE NUMBER OF PLANS PASSED DURING 1986, COMPARED WITH 455 THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

THE LARGEST NUMBER OF APPROVALS — 22 — WAS ONCE AGAIN IN THE APARTMENT OR APARTMENT-COMMERCIAL CATEGORY. A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT WILL TAKE PLACE AT TSING LUNG TAU IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WHERE SIX 30-STOREY BLOCKS OF APARTMENTS ARE TO BE BUILT IN TWO SEPARATE DEVELOPMENTS. IN TUEN MUN PLANS FOR FOUR 20-STOREY APARTMENT-COMMERCIAL TOWER BLOCKS HAVE BEEN PASSED.

OTHER PLANS AGREED INCLUDED A 27-STOREY TELEPHONE EXCHANGE IN LEIGHTON ROAD; A FIVE-STOREY COMMERCIAL CENTRE AT SITE 8 OF WHAMPOA DOCK; AN EXTENSION TO THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION YOUTH CAMP ON LANTAU ISLAND; A NEW OUTPATIENT AND ACCIDENT EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT FOR THE POK OI HOSPITAL AT YUEN LONG; AND A MALL GARDEN AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY.

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ALSO IN DECEMBER, CONSENT TO START WORK ON 51 BUILDINGS WAS GIVEN, OF WHICH 31 WERE APARTMENT OR APARTMENT-COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS.

A TOTAL OF 38 COMPLETED BUILDINGS WERE CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION, BRINGING THE TOTAL FOR THE YEAR TO 412, THREE LESS THAN IN 1985.

THE COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED IN DECEMBER WAS \$1 348.27 MILLION, BRINGING THE TOTAL FOR THE YEAR TO \$14 282.66 MILLION. THIS COMPARES WITH A FIGURE OF \$10 370.47 MILLION FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

THE TOTAL USABLE FLOOR AREA OF BUILDINGS COMPLETED IN DECEMBER WAS 391 851.8 SQUARE METRES. THE FIGURE FOR THE YEAR WAS 2 535 977.38 SQUARE METRES.

THE NUMBER OF DEMOLITION ORDERS ISSUED IN DECEMBER WAS 22 AFFECTING 35 BUILDINGS.

THERE WERE 379 COMPLAINTS MADE TO THE CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION ABOUT ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS AND CHANGES OF USE IN THE MONTH. THE DIVISION CARRIED OUT 1 221 INSPECTIONS, ISSUED 298 ORDERS AND FULLY SURVEYED 46 BUILDINGS. ELEVEN CLOSURE ORDERS WERE OBTAINED FROM THE COURTS.

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MONG KOK STRIVING FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT

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THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI, PLEDGED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE BOARD WOULD CONTINUE TO STRIVE FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT FOR RESIDENTS IN THE COMING YEAR.

THE BOARD HAD ALREADY COMPLETED A NUMBER OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS TO PROVIDE MORE AMENITY GROUNDS AND GREENERY FOR THE COMMUNITY DURING ITS CURRENT TERM OF OFFICE, HE SAID.

MR CHOW WAS SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE FIVE-MONTH MONG KOK DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN.

+A LANDSCAPING PROJECT IS BEING JOINTLY PLANNED WITH A BANK TO PROVIDE AMENITY PLOTS AT THE SECTION OF NELSON STREET BOUNDED BY NATHAN ROAD AND PORTLAND STREET.

/+SEVERAL OTHER

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+SEVERAL OTHER BEAUTIFICATION SCHEMES ARE IN THE PIPELINE, AND THEY INCLUDE THE ROAD WIDENING WORK AT IVY STREET, BEAUTIFICATION SCHEMES AT WONG TAI ROAD, THE JUNCTION OF BEECH STREET AND CHERRY STREET, AS WELL AS THE PUTTING UP OF DISTRICT BOARD WELCOME SIGNS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS,+ HE SAID.

MORE THAN \$200 000 HAD BEEN ALLOCATED FOR SUCH PROJECTS THIS YEAR, HE ADDED.

THE DISTRICT BOARD WOULD CONTINUE TO IDENTIFY MORE LOCATIONS FOR BEAUTIFICATION WITH THE HELP OF THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY, HE SAID.

MR CHOW ALSO NOTED THAT THE FOCUS OF THE CAMPAIGN WAS ON DRAINAGE PROBLEM. +RESIDENTS, PARTICULARLY FOOD OPERATORS, FACTORY OWNERS AND HAWKERS, SHOULD THEREFORE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP SEWERS CLEAR OF RUBBISH AND GREASE WHICH ARE THE MAIN CAUSES OF BLOCKAGE IN THE DISTRICT.+

MR CHOW SAID HE HOPED THAT WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, THE DRAINAGE PROBLEM COULD GRADUALLY BE ALLEVIATED.

HE SAID RESIDENTS HAD BEEN INFORMED OF THE IMPORTANCE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD.

HE URGED BUILDING MANAGEMENT ORGANISATIONS TO JOIN HANDS WITH THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM TO UPGRADE LIVING CONDITIONS IN THEIR BUILDINGS.

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER (MONG KOK), MR EARNEST CHEUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR WONG CHE-MING, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CAMPAIGN CLOSING CEREMONY SUB-COMMITTEE, MR HO KWONG-HUNG, ALSO OFFICIATED AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY.

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CHINESE CULTURAL FESTIVAL IN WAN CHAI LAUNCHED
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A WEEK-LONG CHINESE CULTURAL FESTIVAL, ORGANISED BY THE CULTURE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD, BEGAN TODAY (SUNDAY) WITH AN OPEN COMPETITION IN CHINESE CHESS.

SPEAKING AT THE FESTIVAL'S OPENING CEREMONY AT THE HAPPY VALLEY AND CANAL ROAD KAI FONG ASSOCIATION PREMISES, WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA, SAID THE FESTIVAL WAS TO PROMOTE CHINESE CULTURE IN THE DISTRICT AND TO PROVIDE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR RESIDENTS.

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IT WAS ALSO HOPED, HE ADDED, THAT THE FESTIVAL WOULD HELP CULTIVATE A SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT AMONG RESIDENTS.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, CHAIRMAN OF THE CULTURE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE, MR LEE KON, SAID DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD CHINESE CHESS COMPETITION WOULD BE HELD EVERY EVENING AT THE KAI FONG ASSOCIATION PREMISES.

IN ADDITION, TWO FREE LUNCHTIME CHINESE CONCERTS WOULD BE HELD -- ONE AT THE METHODIST CENTRE AT 22 HENNESSY ROAD ON FEBRUARY 18, AND THE OTHER AT THE TAI YAU SHOPPING ARCADE AT FLEMING ROAD ON FEBRUARY 19.

TWO MORE CONCERTS WOULD BE HELD DURING THE WEEK FOR STUDENTS OF TWO SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT, MR LEE SAID.

THE FESTIVAL WOULD CLOSE ON FEBRUARY 22 AT THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT OI KWAN ROAD WITH A GATHERING OF FAMOUS LOCAL PAINTERS, CALLIGRAPHISTS AND MUSICIANS WHO HAD BEEN INVITED TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR SKILLS, HE ADDED.

THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO ATTEND ALL THE EVENTS HELD DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD AND ADMISSION IS FREE.

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GROUP-ARRANGED ACTIVITIES ENRICHING COMMUNITY LIFE
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LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN ENRICHING THE LIFE OF RESIDENTS, YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG, SAID THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

+THE DISTRICT'S CULTURE AND ARTS ASSOCIATION IS ONE OF THESE ORGANISATIONS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN PROMOTING PUBLIC INTEREST IN AND APPRECIATION OF DIFFERENT FORMS OF THE ART,+ HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A LUNAR NEW YEAR CARNIVAL AT KOWLOON PARK, MR CHENG SAID THE ASSOCIATION CURRENTLY MANAGED A CHILDREN'S CHOIR, A DANCE GROUP AND A DRAMA GROUP.

IT ALSO OFFERED A WIDE RANGE OF TRAINING COURSES AND INTEREST GROUPS AND HELPED PROMOTE VARIOUS DISCIPLINES OF THE ART THROUGH ITS NEW ACTIVITY CENTRE WHICH COULD SERVE AS AN EXHIBITION GROUND AS WELL AS A PERFORMING THEATRE.

TODAY'S CARNIVAL, FEATURING DANCE AND SINGING PERFORMANCES, MAGIC SHOWS AND GAME STALLS, WAS ONE OF THE MANY ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE ASSOCIATION AND WAS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

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DETAILS OF STUDY TOUR TO AUSTRALIA
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YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI KUEN, WILL ANNOUNCE DETAILS FOR A STUDY TOUR TO AUSTRALIA INITIATED BY THE BOARD AT A PRESS BRIEFING ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 17).

LED BY TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAU WONG-FAT, THE GROUP COMPRISE 22 MEMBERS OF THE YUEN LONG AND TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARDS, WHO WILL LEAVE FOR AUSTRALIA ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 21).

DURING THE 10-DAY TOUR, MEMBERS WILL STUDY URBAN TOWN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SYSTEM IN VARIOUS AUSTRALIAN CITIES AND STATES AS WELL AS EXAMINE THE WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MUNICIPAL COUNCILS, STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

THEY WILL ALSO VISIT MELBOURNE WHERE MEMBERS CAN STUDY THE URBAN TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE CITY, WHICH HAS A LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM SIMILAR TO THE ONE FOR YUEN LONG AND TUEN MUN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS BRIEFING OF THE STUDY TOUR WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM ON TUESDAY IN THE ORCHID AND JASMINE ROOMS OF THE ROYAL GARDEN HOTEL, 69 MODY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, KOWLOON. YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALAN WONG, WHO WILL BE THE TOUR'S ADVISER, WILL ALSO BE PRESENT.

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ENTRY SCHEME FOR MACAU RESIDENTS
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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT EX-CHINA RESIDENTS OF MACAU MARRIED TO HONG KONG RESIDENTS AND WHOSE MACAU IDENTITY CARDS WERE ISSUED IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1979 AND JANUARY 1980 MAY APPLY TOGETHER WITH THEIR CHILDREN TO JOIN THEIR HUSBANDS IN HONG KONG.

APPLICATIONS CAN BE SUBMITTED FROM MARCH 2 BY THE HONG KONG SPONSORS IN PERSON TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AT 61 MODY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, KOWLOON.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE ENTRY SCHEME CAN BE MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION OFFICE ON 3-7333126.

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FUNDS FOR ORGANISING YOUTH ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE
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LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND SCHOOLS IN SAI KUNG ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR JOCKEY CLUB FUNDS TO ORGANISE ACTIVITIES FOR THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

A CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE HAS BEEN SET UP TO CO-ORDINATE AND ALLOCATE RESOURCES FOR SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME IS +TO SHARE THE JOY OF SERVING THE COMMUNITY+ AND YOUTHS BETWEEN THE AGES OF SIX TO 24 WILL BE THE MAIN TARGET OF ALL ACTIVITIES ORGANISED THIS SUMMER.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE ACTIVITIES ARE TO ENHANCE A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AMONG LOCAL YOUTHS, TO ENRICH THEIR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE COMMUNITY AND TO HELP THEM UNDERSTAND THE ESSENCE OF HUMAN RELATIONSHIP.

+OF COURSE, IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT THROUGH ACTIVITIES IN THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO DEVELOP THEIR ABILITIES AND POTENTIAL,+ HE SAID.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS IS FEBRUARY 28. FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN. FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE DIRECTED TO MISS WONG MEI-LI ON 3-2814455.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT +MEET THE PUBLIC+ SCHEME
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SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS CAN NOW MAKE APPOINTMENTS WITH THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO MEET DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

A ROSTER FOR BOARD MEMBERS TO ATTEND +MEET THE PUBLIC+ SESSIONS FROM NOW UNTIL THE END OF DECEMBER HAS BEEN DRAWN UP. THERE ARE FOUR SESSIONS EACH WEEK WITH A BOARD MEMBER SITTING AT EACH SESSION.

TWO SESSIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S MAIN OFFICE IN ABERDEEN CENTRE ON TUESDAYS FROM 3 PM TO 5 PM, AND ON FRIDAYS FROM 7 PM TO 9 PM. ONE SESSION EACH WILL BE HELD AT THE WAH FU AND THE STANLEY SUB-OFFICES ON TUESDAYS FROM 8 PM TO 9 PM.

RESIDENTS CAN EITHER CONTACT THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON 5-524429 OR AT PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTERS OF THE THREE OFFICES FOR APPOINTMENTS. BOOKINGS SHOULD BE MADE AT LEAST A DAY BEFORE THE APPOINTMENT.

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A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID +MEET THE PUBLIC+ SCHEME HAD PROVED TO BE A USEFUL CHANNEL FOR RESIDENTS TO DISCUSS THEIR PROBLEMS AND MAKE SUGGESTIONS TO THE DISTRICT BOARD.

+IT HELPS ENHANCE RESIDENTS' UNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND ENABLES BOARD MEMBERS TO KNOW MORE ABOUT PROBLEMS IN THE DISTRICT AND COLLECT OPINIONS ON VARIOUS ISSUES,+ HE SAID.

+A REVIEW OF THE SCHEME FROM OCTOBER 1, 1985 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1986 SHOWED THAT A TOTAL OF 67 CASES HAVE BEEN HANDLED. MOST OF THE CASES CONCERNED HOUSING MATTERS,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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IN-SERVICE COURSES OF TRAINING FOR TEACHERS
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THREE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL ORGANISE A SERIES OF TRAINING COURSES FOR IN-SERVICE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY TEACHERS NOT POSSESSING PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS TO BECOME +QUALIFIED TEACHERS+.

THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION WILL OFFER A TWO-YEAR PART-TIME COURSE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WHILE THE SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION WILL ORGANISE A THREE-YEAR COURSE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS. THE NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION WILL RUN TWO-YEAR AND THREE-YEAR COURSES FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS.

APPLICATIONS TO ATTEND THE FREE COURSES ARE INVITED FROM TEACHERS EMPLOYED IN GOVERNMENT-AIDED OR PRIVATE SCHOOLS. ON COMPLETION OF THE COURSES, CERTIFICATES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE PARTICIPANTS.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, LEE GARDENS, THIRD FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE; THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT KOWLOON SUB-OFFICE AT THE KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SIXTH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, YAUMATI; AND ALL COLLEGES OF EDUCATION.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION JOINT SELECTION BOARD OF THE DEPARTMENT BY MARCH 4.

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DRIVE LAUNCHED FOR NEW FIRE STATION OFFICERS

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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS LAUNCHED A RECRUITMENT DRIVE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE INTERESTED IN A CAREER AS STATION OFFICERS.

THE STARTING SALARY FOR A STATION OFFICER RANGES FROM \$7 945 TO \$8 790, DEPENDING ON QUALIFICATIONS, AND RISES TO \$15 640.

AN APPLICANT SHOULD BE UNDER 30 YEARS OF AGE, HAVE GOOD PHYSIQUE AND NORMAL EYESIGHT, AND SPEAKS FLUENT CANTONESE.

HE SHOULD BE 168 CM TALL OR ABOVE AND WEIGH AT LEAST 55 KILOGRAMS. HIS CHEST MEASUREMENT SHOULD NOT BE LESS THAN 86 CM DEFLATED, WITH AN EXPANSION OF AT LEAST FIVE CENTIMETRES.

A SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE WILL BE TRAINED AT THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL AT PAT HEUNG IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR 26 WEEKS BEFORE BECOMING A FIRE OFFICER.

THE MINIMUM ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED ARE FIVE PASSES, INCLUDING ENGLISH LANGUAGE (SYLLABUS B) AT GRADE E IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE RECRUITMENT UNIT, FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, 1 HONG CHONG ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE RECRUITMENT UNIT ON 3-7337675.

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SURVEY ON MANPOWER TO BEGIN WEDNESDAY

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THE HOTEL, CATERING AND TOURISM TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WILL CONDUCT A SURVEY BETWEEN WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 18) AND MARCH 5 TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON MANPOWER AND EMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO ABOUT 1 400 RANDOMLY-SELECTED ESTABLISHMENTS FOR THE SURVEY.

EMPLOYERS ARE URGED TO CO-OPERATE AS INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE USED TO FORMULATE MANPOWER TRAINING PLANS TO MEET INDUSTRY'S NEEDS.

SURVEY OFFICERS FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT EACH OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS TO HELP COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRES. INFORMATION WILL BE DEALT WITH IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT.

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EIGHTH CONSUMER ENQUIRY CENTRE TO OPEN

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS TO OPEN ITS EIGHTH CONSUMER ENQUIRY CENTRE TOMORROW (MONDAY).

LOCATED AT 88, STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD, STANLEY, IT WILL OPERATE FROM 8.30 AM TO 1 PM AND 2 PM TO 4.30 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO 11.30 AM ON SATURDAYS.

THE OTHER CONSUMER ENQUIRY CENTRES ARE AT CAUSEWAY BAY, MONG KOK, NGAU TAU KOK, TAI PO, SHA TIN, KWAI CHUNG AND SAI KUNG.

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SEMINARS FOR CATERING INDUSTRY ORGANISED

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS TO ORGANISE TWO SEMINARS ON LABOUR LEGISLATION FOR EMPLOYERS OF THE CATERING INDUSTRY ON FEBRUARY 26 AND MARCH 4.

THEY ARE PART OF THE ACTIVITIES BY THE DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION UNIT TO PROMOTE LABOUR-MANAGEMENT RELATION IN THE TRADE.

THE SEMINARS COVER A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS INCLUDING ANNUAL LEAVE, STATUTORY HOLIDAYS, REST DAYS, SICKNESS BENEFITS AND MATERNITY PROTECTION.

+IT IS EXPECTED THAT THESE MEETINGS WILL PROVIDE A FORUM FOR EMPLOYERS TO DISCUSS AND TACKLE COMMON MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS IN THE TRADE, IN PARTICULAR, THE DIFFICULTIES IN COMPLYING WITH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS,+ A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE FIRST SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT'S YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE AT FAR EAST BANK BUILDING, TEXACO ROAD, TSUEN WAN, AND THE SECOND ON THE 25TH FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING IN CENTRAL.

EMPLOYERS INTERESTED IN THE EVENTS MAY CONTACT THE LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION UNIT ON 5-8523509 FOR ENROLMENT.

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STUDENT CAMPAIGNERS TO RECEIVE AWARDS

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THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY FOR THE 1986 CLEAN SCHOOL COMPETITION WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (MONDAY) AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT UC-RC KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE, MR W.M. SULKE, THE COMMITTEE'S VICE-CHAIRMAN, MR CARLOS CHEUNG, THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE UC, MRS ELSIE TU, AND THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE RC, MR MA NING-HA, WILL OFFICIATE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY WHICH BEGINS AT 10 AM. STUDENTS FROM THE WINNING SCHOOLS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS.

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TUEN MUN WATER SUPPLY TO BE IMPROVED

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR LAYING 3 400 METRES OF WATERMAIN ALONG THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT RESERVE AT TIN HAU, WONG CHU AND LUNG MUN ROADS TO IMPROVE SUPPLY TO THE WESTERN PART OF TUEN MUN.

THE MAIN, OF 800 MILLIMETRES DIAMETER, WILL STRENGTHEN EXISTING SUPPLY AND PROVIDE WATER TO BUTTERFLY ESTATE, TAP SHEK KOK AND NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START AT THE END OF APRIL AND TAKE 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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