



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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JULY RAINFALL 15 PER CENT ABOVE NORMAL
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HEAVY RAIN ASSOCIATED WITH SEVERE TROPICAL STORM VIOLET LAST MONTH BROUGHT THE AMOUNT OF ACCUMULATED RAINFALL FOR THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS TO 1,161.2 MM, ONLY 14 PER CENT BELOW THE AVERAGE FIGURE COMPARED WITH A 47 PER CENT DEFICIT FOR THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS.

ACCORDING TO THE LATEST MONTHLY WEATHER REPORT COMPILED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY, THE RAINFALL FIGURE FOR JULY WAS 426.8 MM OR ABOUT 15 PER CENT ABOVE NORMAL. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS A SPELL OF FINE AND HOT WEATHER AROUND THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH, THERE WAS LESS SUNSHINE THAN USUAL. OF THE FOUR TROPICAL CYCLONES THAT DEVELOPED IN JULY, ONLY SEVERE TROPICAL STORM VIOLET AFFECTED HONG KONG.

TWO TYPHOONS -- SALLY AND RUBY -- BECAME EXTRATROPICAL OVER THE PACIFIC TO THE EAST OF JAPAN ON JULY 3 AND 4 RESPECTIVELY.

THE OTHER THREE TROPICAL CYCLONES -- TYPHOON THERESE, TYPHOON ANITA AND TROPICAL STORM WILDA -- STRUCK JAPAN WITHIN ONE WEEK AND CAUSED WIDESPREAD DAMAGE AND FLOODING IN KYUSHU.

VIOLET FIRST FORMED AS A TROPICAL DEPRESSION OVER THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA ON JULY 20 AND MOVED NORTHWESTWARDS AT ABOUT 7 KNOTS TOWARDS THE SOUTH CHINA COAST TO THE WEST OF HONG KONG. IT INTENSIFIED INTO A SEVERE TROPICAL STORM BY THE EVENING OF JULY 24. AFTER CHANGING COURSES SEVERAL TIMES, IT CROSSED THE COAST OF SOUTH CHINA ABOUT 150 MILES WESTSOUTHWEST OF HONG KONG EARLY ON THE MORNING OF JULY 26 AND GRADUALLY DEGENERATED INTO AN AREA OF LOW PRESSURE.

AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MONTH, A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE REMAINED QUASI-STATIONARY NEAR THE SOUTH CHINA COAST AND THE WEATHER IN HONG KONG DURING THE FIRST FIVE DAYS WAS MAINLY CLOUDY WITH OCCASIONAL SHOWERS WHICH WERE HEAVY AND THUNDERY AT TIMES.

A SPELL OF BRILLIANTLY FINE AND VERY HOT WEATHER WAS EXPERIENCED FROM JULY 15 - 21 WHEN AN AREA OF HIGH PRESSURE COVERED SOUTH CHINA. DURING THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 21, THE AIR TEMPERATURE REACHED A MAXIMUM OF 33.9 DEGREES CELSIUS WHICH WAS THE HIGHEST TEMPERATURE RECORDED DURING THE MONTH.

DUE TO THE INFLUENCE OF SEVERE TROPICAL STORM VIOLET, THE WEATHER IN HONG KONG BECAME CLOUDY WITH SCATTERED SHOWERS ON JULY 22 AND 23. AFTER VIOLET DISSIPATED OVERLAND ON JULY 27, THE SOUTHWEST MONSOON BECAME ACTIVE OVER THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AND THE WEATHER REMAINED UNSETTLED WITH OCCASIONAL SHOWERS FOR THE REST OF THE MONTH. ON THE MORNING OF JULY 30, THE AIR TEMPERATURE DROPPED TO A MINIMUM OF 24.4 DEGREES CELSIUS WHICH WAS THE LOWEST TEMPERATURE RECORDED DURING THE MONTH.

NO AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS AND NO FIRE DANGER WARNINGS WERE ISSUED.

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RESPONSE TO IMMUNISATION PLEA MOST ENCOURAGING
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SOME 9,000 CHILDREN HAVE BEEN IMMUNIZED AGAINST MEASLES DURING JULY AND THE FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST.

OF THESE, 2,151 WERE INOCULATED ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 4,251 IN KOWLOON AND 2,230 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT DESCRIBED THE PUBLIC RESPONSE TO RECENT APPEALS FOR IMMUNIZATION AGAINST THE DISEASE AS +MOST ENCOURAGING+.

HOWEVER, HE SAID THERE WERE STILL A LARGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO REMAINED SUSCEPTIBLE TO MEASLES.

HE AGAIN URGED PARENTS TO ENSURE THAT THEIR CHILDREN, PARTICULARLY THOSE BETWEEN NINE MONTHS AND FIVE YEARS OF AGE, ARE VACCINATED AGAINST THE HIGHLY INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

HE SAID ONE SINGLE INJECTION COULD GIVE LONG-LASTING PROTECTION.

HE REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT FREE VACCINE WAS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AT ALL THE DEPARTMENT'S MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE INCIDENCE OF MEASLES CONTINUED TO BE HIGH IN JULY WITH A TOTAL OF 269 CASES COMPARED WITH 260 IN JUNE.

SIX CHILDREN HAVE DIED SO FAR THIS YEAR AS A RESULT OF THE DISEASE.

THE SPOKESMAN WARNED THAT ALTHOUGH MEASLES IS NOT ITSELF FATAL, THE DISEASE COULD CAUSE COMPLICATIONS SUCH AS MIDDLE-EAR INFECTION, BRONCHITIS AND ENCEPHALITIS.

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GOVERNOR TO VISIT RECREATION CAMP IN SAI KUNG
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, IS TO FLY OUT TO THE NEW TERRITORIES IN A HELICOPTER ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 14) TO SEE THE ACTIVITIES INSIDE THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CAMP.

SIR MURRAY WILL BE MET BY THE PRINCIPAL EDUCATION OFFICER (PHYSICAL EDUCATION, RECREATION AND SPORT), MR. MIKE CASWELL, AND THE CHIEF RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICER, MISS BETTY MAIR WHEN HIS HELICOPTER LANDS AT A FOOTBALL PITCH NEXT TO THE SAI KUNG POLICE STATION.

THE PARTY THEN PROCEEDS TO THE CAMP WHERE THEY WILL BE MET BY THE CAMP DIRECTOR, MR. RAYMOND CHAN, OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE.

THE GOVERNOR WILL THEN BE ESCORTED ON A TOUR OF THE CAMP WHERE HE WILL SEE YOUTHS UNDERGOING TRAINING IN ARCHERY, TRAMPOLIN, VOLLEYBALL, BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL.

SOME 280 YOUTHS ARE TAKING PART IN THE CAMP WHICH ALSO CONSISTS OF A MUSIC CAMP AND AN ART AND CRAFT CAMP.

SIR MURRAY WILL ALSO SEE 20 VOLUNTEERS DECORATING THE NISSEN HUTS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A FIVE-MAN TEAM FROM THE DESIGN SECTION OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE VISIT COVERED. THE GOVERNOR WILL ARRIVE AT THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE AT 12 NOON ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 14).

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RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL FOR WONG TAI SIN

RECREATION AND SPORT ARE A GOOD WAY TO ENGENDER A SENSE OF BELONGING AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL SO THAT FAMILIES CAN CO-OPERATE WITH THEIR NEIGHBOURS IN A SPIRIT OF COMRADESHIP AND MUTUAL AID, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION, MR. DENIS BRAY, SAID TONIGHT.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL FOR WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT, HE SAID A GREAT DEAL WAS ALREADY BEING DONE AND, +UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, A FAR FREER EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND AN IMPROVED COMMUNICATION BETWEEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS AND GOVERNMENT IS BECOMING MORE AND MORE EVIDENT EVERYDAY.+

MR. BRAY, WHO IS ALSO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, WAS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED WITH THE ACTIVE GAMES AREAS BEING OPENED UP IN MORSE PARK.

+HERE WITH THE FIRST ARTIFICIAL TURFED FOOTBALL PITCH IN HONG KONG AND THE LATEST INDOOR GAMES HALL, A WHOLE NEW RECREATIONAL CONCEPT HAS BECOME AVAILABLE,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS NOW ESSENTIAL TO PUT THESE FACILITIES TO PROPER USE. THEY MUST BE UTILISED FAIRLY FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE -- NOT AS PLACES WHERE THEY CAN BE INFLUENCED BY UNDESIRABLE ELEMENTS.

+WE HAVE LEARNED IN THE PAST THAT MERE PROVISION OF FACILITIES DOES NOT BRING SOCIAL WELL BEING.+ HE POINTED OUT.

HE NOTED THAT PLAYGROUNDS HAD ACQUIRED A BAD REPUTATION AS A GATHERING GROUND FOR BULLIES AND YOUNG HOODLUMS.

THIS REPUTATION, HE EMPHASISED, COULD ONLY BE CHANGED BY CHANGING WHAT WENT ON AT PLAYGROUNDS, BY RUNNING PROPERLY ORGANISED GAMES AND COMPETITIONS.

+IT WILL BE FOR YOU TO STIMULATE HEALTHY USE OF THESE PLAYGROUNDS AND EITHER DISLodge ROUGH TOUGHS WHEN THEY ARE FOUND OR REFORM THEM,+ HE ADDED.

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MR. AND MRS. HADDON-CAVE VISIT STUDIES AND
RECREATION CAMP

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THE ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY, MR. PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, AND HIS WIFE TODAY (THURSDAY) PAID A 90-MINUTE VISIT TO THE SCHOOL FIELD STUDIES AND RECREATION CAMP AT THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE.

THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR. DENIS BRAY AND THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. COLVYN HAYE.

THE VISITORS WERE MET ON ARRIVAL BY PROFESSOR L.B. THROWER, CHAIRMAN OF THE AD HOC WORKING PARTY ON +FIELD STUDIES CENTRE+ AND MR. A.J. REEVE, ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS).

AFTER BEING BRIEFED ON THE ORGANISATION OF THE CAMP, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND EVER ORGANISED FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, MR. HADDON-CAVE AND THE PARTY PROCEEDED TO THE LABORATORY TO SEE CAMPERS CARRYING OUT PRACTICAL LABORATORY WORK ON GRASSLAND FLORA AND FAUNA.

THE VISITORS ALSO SAW THE BARRACK-TYPE ACCOMMODATION MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE CAMPERS.

THE FIVE-DAY CAMP, ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE SCIENCE SUBJECT SECTION AND THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY, FORMS PART OF THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

SOME 30 STUDENTS FROM WA YING COLLEGE AND PO LEUNG KUK C.F.A. NO. 1 COLLEGE ARE TAKING PART IN THE CAMP WHICH ENDS TOMORROW.

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COMMONWEALTH REGIONAL SEMINAR ON TECHNICAL
EDUCATION AND INDUSTRY TO BE HELD IN HONG KONG
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HONG KONG IS TO HOST A COMMONWEALTH REGIONAL SEMINAR ON
+TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRY+ FROM SEPTEMBER 28 TO OCTOBER 7.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT ABOUT 30 OVERSEAS DELEGATES FROM 14
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES AND A NUMBER OF OBSERVERS FROM INTERNATIONAL
AND REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS WILL COME TO HONG KONG FOR THE EVENT.

THE SEMINAR IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT
IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
AND THE POLYTECHNIC.

THE AIM OF THE SEMINAR IS TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO KEY
PERSONS WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF TECHNICIANS
FOR INDUSTRY TO MEET AND DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF COMMON CONCERN.

THE DELEGATES WILL EXAMINE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, HOW THE MOST
FRUITFUL PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRY CAN
BE ACHIEVED.

THE HONG KONG DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY MR. ANDREW KINGWELL,
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL).

THE SEMINAR WILL BE OPENED BY DR. S.Y. CHUNG, SENIOR UNOFFICIAL
MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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PRESENTATION OF LETTERS OF COMMENDATION
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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER (KOWLOON), MR. FRED JACKSON, WILL
PRESENT THE GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION TO A PRINCIPAL FIREMAN AND
THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES' COMMENDATION TO A DIVISIONAL
OFFICER AND THREE FIREMEN AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE MONG
KOK FIRE STATION AT 9 A.M. TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

AT THE SAME CEREMONY, THE CHIEF AMBULANCE OFFICER, MR. BILL
DOORE, WILL ALSO PRESENT HIS LETTERS OF COMMENDATION TO NINE
AMBULANCE MEN.

THE RECIPIENTS ARE RECOGNISED FOR THE PART THEY PLAYED IN
A THIRD ALARM FIRE WHICH BROKE OUT AT NOS. 1-9 CHEUNG SHA STREET,
KOWLOON, ON FEBRUARY 19 THIS YEAR.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO
COVER THE PRESENTATION. THEY SHOULD MEET MR. CHUI HUNG-FAT AT
THE MONG KOK FIRE STATION, TONG MEI ROAD, NOT LATER THAN 8.45 A.M.

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WATER CUT

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR 12 HOURS FROM 8 P.M. TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO ALLOW THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO INSTALL A 24-INCH VALVE AT KWOK SHUI ROAD, NEAR FU UK ROAD.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY THE SOUTHERN HALF OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD FROM TAI LIN PAI ROAD TO TAI WO HAU ESTATE, INCLUDING KWAI HING ESTATE, KWAI FONG ESTATE AND KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL BERTH NOS. 1, 2, 3, AND 5.

ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 14), WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. TO ALLOW THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY YEE WO STREET, SUGAR STREET, GREAT GEORGE STREET, PATERSON STREET, KINGSTON STREET AND CLEVELAND STREET.

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