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WEATHER IN NOVEMBER -- FINE AND MILD

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THE MAINLY FINE AND MILD WEATHER LAST MONTH (NOVEMBER) WAS FAIRLY NORMAL AND QUITE SEASONABLE, ACCORDING TO THE MONTHLY WEATHER SUMMARY ISSUED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY TODAY (SUNDAY).

FOUR TROPICAL CYCLONES WERE REPORTED OVER THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AND THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC BUT NONE AFFECTED HONG KONG.

APART FROM SOME LIGHT RAIN PATCHES ON NOVEMBER 7, THE FIRST NINE DAYS WERE MAINLY FINE. RAIN ALSO DEVELOPED ON NOVEMBER 10 AND SOME THUNDERSTORMS WERE REPORTED IN THE EVENING AS A WEAK COLD FRONT SLOWLY APPROACHED HONG KONG.

THE WEATHER GRADUALLY IMPROVED THE FOLLOWING DAY AS THE COLD FRONT MOVED AWAY AND DURING THE NEXT THREE DAYS IT WAS MOSTLY FINE.

A PERIOD OF RAIN WAS AGAIN EXPERIENCED ON NOVEMBER 15 AS AN AREA OF LOW PRESSURE MOVED WESTWARD ACROSS THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA. CONDITIONS BECAME FINE ON NOVEMBER 16 AND REMAINED FINE AND DRY FOR MOST PART OF THE MONTH WITH THE HIGHEST TEMPERATURE OF 26.4 DEGREES CELSIUS FOR THE MONTH RECORDED ON NOVEMBER 17.

BUT COOLER WEATHER DEVELOPED ON THE LAST FOUR DAYS OF THE MONTH WITH THE PASSAGE OF A WEAK SURGE OF THE WINTER MONSOON ON NOVEMBER 26. TEMPERATURES FELL TO A MINIMUM OF 13.6 DEGREES CELSIUS ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 29, THE LOWEST RECORDED IN THE MONTH.

THE DRY WEATHER RESULTED IN THE ISSUE OF FIRE DANGER WARNINGS ON TEN OCCASIONS.

THERE WAS ALSO NO DIVERSION OF AIRCRAFT FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS.

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LADY MACLEHOSE TO VISIT KNITWEAR FACTORY
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LADY MACLEHOSE WILL VISIT ONE OF HONG KONG'S LARGEST KNITWEAR FACTORIES ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 12).

SIR MURRAY AND LADY MACLEHOSE TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S INDUSTRY BY PAYING REGULAR VISITS TO LOCAL FACTORIES OF ALL SIZES AND REPRESENTING ALL INDUSTRIES.

ON THIS OCCASION LADY MACLEHOSE WILL VISIT HONG KONG MILO'S KNITWEAR FACTORY LTD IN KWAI CHUNG. THE FACTORY, WHICH HAS A STAFF OF 550, IS LOCATED IN MILO'S INDUSTRIAL BUILDING IN TAI YUEN STREET.

IT PRODUCES WOOLLEN AND ACRYLIC KNITWEAR FOR EXPORT MAINLY TO THE EEC, PARTICULARLY TO WEST GERMANY.

DURING THE VISIT, LADY MACLEHOSE WILL BE SHOWN THE FULL RANGE OF MILO'S OPERATIONS, FROM DYEING, KNITTING FROM YARN, LOOPING, CUTTING AND SEWING, FINISHING UP, TO PACKAGING, BY THE MANAGING DIRECTOR, MR. FRANK LIN.

ALSO ACCOMPANYING HER ON THE HOUR-LONG VISIT WILL BE AN OFFICER OF THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT, MR. THOMAS YIU.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER LADY MACLEHOSE'S VISIT TO MILO'S KNITWEAR FACTORY LTD IN TAI YUEN STREET, KWAI CHUNG AT 3 P.M. ON TUESDAY. AN INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT, MRS. ELLA TAM, WILL BE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE FACTORY AT 2.45 P.M. TO ASSIST MEMBERS OF THE PRESS.

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MORE CHINESE LANGUAGE OFFICERS BEING RECRUITED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS IN THE PROCESS OF RECRUITING MORE THAN 70 LANGUAGE OFFICERS IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR TO COPE WITH THE WORKLOAD ASSOCIATED WITH THE GROWING USAGE OF CHINESE LANGUAGE IN GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHINESE LANGUAGE), MRS. KATHERINE FOK, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHINESE LANGUAGE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT HAS INCREASED TO 245 -- MORE THAN DOUBLE THAT IN 1971.

+HALF OF THE ADDITIONAL POSTS FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR HAVE ALREADY BEEN FILLED AND THE REST WILL BE TAKEN UP SOON,+ MRS. FOK SAID.

IN ADDITION, MRS. FOK SAID, THE GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING TO CREATE MORE SENIOR CHINESE LANGUAGE OFFICER POSTS IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS SUCH AS GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, HOUSING, LABOUR AND THE POLICE TO IMPROVE THE USE OF THE CHINESE LANGUAGE IN GOVERNMENT'S COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE PUBLIC.

+APART FROM THE STAFF INCREASE, INTENSIVE IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSES ARE ORGANISED ANNUALLY IN COLLABORATION WITH THE TWO UNIVERSITIES TO IMPROVE THE STANDARD AND THE EFFICIENCY OF THE SERVICE IN GOVERNMENT BUSINESS,+ SHE ADDED.

MRS. FOK POINTED OUT THAT ALL IMPORTANT PUBLIC DOCUMENTS OF COMMUNITY-WIDE INTEREST ARE NOW PUBLISHED IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, INCLUDING THE GOVERNOR'S POLICY SPEECH, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S BUDGET SPEECH, OTHER PUBLIC SPEECHES AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS OF ENQUIRY, GREEN PAPERS AND WHITE PAPERS ON GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND PUBLICITY MATERIAL ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES.

ON THE USE OF CHINESE WITHIN THE CIVIL SERVICE, MRS. FOK SAID MANY INTERNAL NOTICES AND DOCUMENTS AFFECTING THE BENEFIT AND DISCIPLINE OF CIVIL SERVANTS ARE ALSO PUBLISHED IN CHINESE. MOREOVER, MANY INTERNAL TRAINING COURSES ARE NOW CONDUCTED IN BOTH LANGUAGES.

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SHORT COURSES ON CHINESE CULTURE
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THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS ORGANISED A SERIES OF SHORT COURSES ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF CHINESE CLASSICS AND CULTURE.

THE COURSES, TO BE CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE, WILL BE HELD FROM JANUARY TO MARCH, NEXT YEAR.

ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED FOR TWO EVENINGS A WEEK FROM 7 P.M. TO 9 P.M. AT EITHER QUEEN'S COLLEGE ON HONG KONG ISLAND OR GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IN KOWLOON.

FEEES FOR EACH COURSE WILL BE \$42.50 PER MONTH.

MEANWHILE, CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHERS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A ONE-DAY COURSE TO HELP THEM IN THE SELECTION, DESIGN AND USE OF SUPPLEMENTARY TEACHING MATERIALS.

ORGANISED BY THE CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, THE COURSE WILL BE HELD OVER THE NEW YEAR AND LUNAR NEW YEAR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

THE COURSE, WHICH IS FREE OF CHARGE, WILL CONSIST OF A TALK ON THE CHOICE OF SUPPLEMENTARY TEACHING MATERIALS, A DEMONSTRATION OF TEACHING PROJECTS PRODUCED BY THE CENTRE, AND A WORKSHOP IN WHICH PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO DESIGN AND PRODUCE A TEACHING PROJECT.

AS PART OF THE COURSE, A SESSION WILL BE SPECIALLY ARRANGED AT A LATER DATE FOR THE DEMONSTRATION, EVALUATION AND MODIFICATION OF THE PROJECTS PRODUCED BY THE PARTICIPANTS.

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SCHOOL ACCESS ROAD CLOSED TO LEARNER DRIVERS
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT LEARNER DRIVERS WOULD BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING AND PRACTISING DRIVING ON THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH SAI YEE STREET FROM 10 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 13).

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUT
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN WONG TAI SIN WILL BE CUT OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 P.M. ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 12) TO FACILITATE WORK BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

THE PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE THOSE IN SHA TIN PASS ROAD, FUNG WONG VILLAGE AND WONG TAI SIN.

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