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PRINCE OF WALES, GOVERNOR LAY WREATHS AT REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

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THE PRINCE OF WALES, AND THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, LAID WREATHS AT THE CENOTAPH IN STATUE SQUARE THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING TO HONOUR THOSE WHO HAD GIVEN THEIR LIVES ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

THE SOLEMN CEREMONY MARKING REMEMBRANCE DAY BEGAN AT 11 AM WITH THE FIRING OF A GUN AT HMS TAMAR WHICH SIGNALLED THE OBSERVANCE OF TWO MINUTES' SILENCE.

AT THE FIRING OF A SECOND GUN, BUGLERS OF THE 2ND BATTALION SECOND KING EDWARD SEVENTH'S OWN GURKHA RIFLES (THE SIRMOOR RIFLES) SOUNDED THE "LAST POST".

WREATHS WERE ALSO LAID BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR TI LIANG YANG; THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR GENERAL PETER DUFFELL; REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS; COMMONWEALTH REPRESENTATIVES; THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR RAYMON ANNING; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR GERRY FORSGATE; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG; AND CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICT BOARDS.

THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY LAYING OF WREATHS BY SERVICE COMMANDERS, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, SERVICE UNITS, COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, EX-SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, SOCIETIES AND OTHER BODIES.

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WAN CHAI DISTRICT FESTIVAL WELL RECEIVED

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RESPONSE FROM WAN CHAI RESIDENTS TO THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT FESTIVAL WAS ENTHUSIASTIC. AND THE VARIOUS EVENTS ON THE PROGRAMME WERE WELL RECEIVED. THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER MANN, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE FESTIVAL CLOSING CEREMONY HELD IN THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, MR MANN SAID THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME AIMED TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS AND CONTRIBUTE IDEAS FOR IMPROVEMENTS.

"WAN CHAI RESIDENTS HAVE DEMONSTRATED FULLY IN THE FESTIVAL THEIR ACTIVE NATURE AND A KEEN SENSE OF CO-OPERATION." HE NOTED.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ALLEN LEE, SAID THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL HAD FOSTERED A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE DISTRICT AMONG RESIDENTS AND ENHANCED THEIR SENSE OF BELONGING AND ALSO HELPED PROMOTE THE SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY BUILDING.

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NOTING THAT THE DISTRICT HAS BECOME AN IMPORTANT CENTRE FOR CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TERRITORY, HE URGED RESIDENTS TO CONTRIBUTE TO MAINTAINING THE VITALITY OF THE DISTRICT.

ABOUT 30 EVENTS, INCLUDING CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES, WERE OFFERED TO THE 200,000 RESIDENTS IN WAN CHAI DURING THE FESTIVAL WHICH BEGAN ON OCTOBER 18.

THE MOST POPULAR EVENTS WERE A "MUSIC BUS PARADE", "DISCO NIGHT", EXHIBITIONS OF HISTORICAL PICTURES OF THE DISTRICT, AND TRADITIONAL CHINESE ARTISTIC PERFORMANCES.

THE BUDGET FOR THE FESTIVAL WAS ABOUT \$700,000.

THE CLOSING CEREMONY WAS FOLLOWED BY A DEMONSTRATION OF CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS AND RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS BY ATHLETES FROM GUANGDONG PROVINCE WHO WERE INVITED SPECIALLY FOR THE OCCASION.

ALSO ATTENDING THE CLOSING CEREMONY WERE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM; CHAIRMAN OF THE WAN CHAI FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR RAYMOND CHOW; AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, MR CHAN YING-LUN.

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ICAC DELEGATION OFF FOR SYDNEY CONFERENCE

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THE COMMISSIONER OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION, MR DAVID JEAFFRESON, AND THREE SENIOR ICAC OFFICIALS LEFT FOR SYDNEY LAST (NOVEMBER 11) NIGHT TO ATTEND THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION CONFERENCE.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, MR JIM BUCKLE; DIRECTOR OF CORRUPTION PREVENTION, MR TONY SCOTT; AND DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS, MR LEUNG CHIN-MAN.

BEING HOSTED BY THE AUSTRALIAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR LIONEL BOWEN, THE SIX-DAY CONFERENCE BEGINS TODAY WITH THE THEME OF PLANNING STRATEGIES TO COMBAT AND PREVENT CORRUPTION IN THE 1990'S.

MR JEAFFRESON WILL DELIVER A KEYNOTE ADDRESS ON "THE IMPORTANCE OF A THREE-PRONGED ATTACK ON CORRUPTION AND AN ASSESSMENT OF ITS EFFECTIVENESS" TOMORROW.

THE COMMISSIONER AND THE OTHER ICAC DELEGATES WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN SEPARATE PANEL DISCUSSIONS ON VARIOUS TOPICS.

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OTHER SPEAKERS AND COMMENTATORS AT THE CONFERENCE WILL INCLUDE GRAFT-FIGHTERS FROM THE UNITED STATES, SINGAPORE, THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE NETHERLANDS, MACAU, MEXICO, PUERTO RICO, PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND THE UNITED NATIONS.

THE CONCEPT OF AN INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION CONFERENCE WAS FIRST CONSIDERED AT AN INTER-AGENCY DISCUSSION ON ANTI-CORRUPTION WORK HOSTED BY THE ICAC IN HONG KONG IN LATE 1981.

THE FIRST TWO CONFERENCES WERE HELD IN THE UNITED STATES IN 1983 AND 1985. THE THIRD, HOSTED BY THE ICAC IN HONG KONG TWO YEARS AGO, ATTRACTED MORE THAN 250 DELEGATES REPRESENTING 72 ORGANISAIONS FROM 32 COUNTRIES.

THE SUCCESS AND VALUE OF THESE CONFERENCES HAVE GAINED BROAD INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION. THEY SERVE TO STIMULATE THE GLOBAL EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE AND METHODOLOGY IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION, AND FOSTER INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION AMONG AGENCIES FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

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MORE TRADERS JOIN DISKETTE SUBMISSION SCHEME

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WITH EFFECT FROM JULY 1 THIS YEAR, THE GOVERNMENT HAS OPERATED A DISKETTE SUBMISSION SCHEME TO PROVIDE TRADERS WITH AN ADDITIONAL OPTION IN SUBMITTING IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATIONS ON MICRO-COMPUTER DISKETTES.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME IS TO FACILITATE TRADERS IN PREPARING TRADE DECLARATIONS IN A MORE ACCURATE AND EFFICIENT WAY THROUGH THE USE OF COMPUTERS.

SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SCHEME, MORE AND MORE FIRMS HAVE ADOPTED THIS METHOD IN LODGING THEIR IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATIONS.

BY THE END OF OCTOBER, OVER 240 FIRMS HAD ALREADY PARTICIPATED IN THE SCHEME AND SUBMITTED SOME 64,000 DECLARATIONS UNDER IT.

ACCORDING TO TRADERS USING THE GOVERNMENT'S SOFTWARE OR A SOFTWARE DEVELOPED BY THEMSELVES WITH COMPARABLE FEATURES, THEY HAVE REDUCED SIGNIFICANTLY THEIR TIME SPENT ON PREPARING IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATIONS.

FOR EXAMPLE, ONE PARTICIPATING FIRM SUBMITTING MANY DECLARATIONS SAID IT HAD CUT BY MORE THAN HALF THE TIME SPENT ON DECLARATION PREPARATION WORK.

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MOREOVER, AS THE SCHEME ENABLES THE COMPUTATION OF CHARGES AND CHECKING OF DECLARATIONS BY COMPUTERS AT THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT'S COLLECTION OFFICES, QUEUING TIME HAS BEEN GREATLY REDUCED.

IT TAKES, ON AVERAGE, LESS THAN FIVE MINUTES TO PROCESS 100 DECLARATIONS CONTAINED IN ONE DISKETTE, WHEREAS IT TAKES ABOUT HALF A MINUTE TO PROCESS ONE DECLARATION UNDER THE MANUAL SYSTEM.

TRADERS SUBMITTING DECLARATIONS IN LARGE NUMBER HAVE FOUND THE SCHEME OF PARTICULAR CONVENIENCE TO THEM.

TO JOIN THE SCHEME, TRADERS ONLY NEED A MICRO-COMPUTER SYSTEM (WITH HARD DISK AND PRINTER) WHICH RUNS ON MS-DOS OF VERSION 2.0 AND HIGHER.

FOR TRADERS WHO HAVE NOT YET COMPUTERISED THEIR TRADE DOCUMENTATION WORK, THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE AVAILABLE USER FRIENDLY SOFTWARE TO HELP THEM IN PREPARING IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATIONS USING MICRO-COMPUTERS AND AT THE SAME TIME PRODUCING OUTPUTS THAT MEET ALL THE FORMAT REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED BY GOVERNMENT.

THE SOFTWARE, TOGETHER WITH THE OPERATION MANUAL, IS NOW AVAILABLE AT \$110 PER SET FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 18TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

TRADERS SHOULD BRING ALONG THEIR COMPANY CHOP IN THE COURSE OF PURCHASING THE SOFTWARE.

ALTERNATIVELY, TRADERS CAN DEVELOP THEIR OWN SOFTWARES TO JOIN THE SCHEME SO LONG AS THE OUTPUT FORMATS OF DECLARATION CONFORM TO THOSE SPECIFIED IN A GAZETTE NOTICE (GN 3747) ISSUED ON NOVEMBER 4, 1988.

ASSISTANCE IS BEING OFFERED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TO TRADERS INTERESTED IN JOINING THE SCHEME. A NUMBER OF SEMINARS AND DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE BEEN ORGANISED FOR SUCH PURPOSES AND MORE WILL BE HELD.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8663196.

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PUBLIC FORUM ON MID-LEVELS ROAD CORRIDOR
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MID-LEVELS RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS TO ROAD NETWORKS IN THEIR DISTRICT AT A PUBLIC FORUM ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 14) EVENING.

THE FORUM, TO BE HELD IN ROOM 1416, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, WILL FOCUS ON THE ENGINEERING INVESTIGATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MID-LEVELS EAST-WEST ROAD CORRIDOR.

/SPEAKERS WILL

SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE THE CONSULTANT ENGINEERS FROM PETER Y.S. PUN AND ASSOCIATES AND MVA CONSULTANCY. MR HUGH MCBRIDE AND MR JOHN SPIERS RESPECTIVELY, AS WELL AS A HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT SENIOR ENGINEER, MR MAK WAI-PUI.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE (TTC), MR LAM KIN-LAI, WILL GIVE BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT.

THE TALKS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SESSION.

A DECISION TO ORGANISE THE FORUM WAS MADE AT A TTC MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 6, WHEN THE FEASIBILITY STUDY WAS FIRST PUT TO THE DISTRICT BOARD FOR CONSULTATION.

MEMBERS GENERALLY FELT THAT MID-LEVELS RESIDENTS SHOULD BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE PLANS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PUBLIC FORUM ON THE ENGINEERING FEASIBILITY INVESTIGATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MID-LEVELS EAST-WEST ROAD CORRIDOR. IT WILL BEGIN AT 7 PM ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 14) IN ROOM 1416, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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WINDY. AND LOW RAINFALL IN OCTOBER
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OCTOBER WAS RATHER WINDY WITH THE TROPICAL CYCLONE STRONG WIND SIGNAL NO. 3 HOISTED ON THREE OCCASIONS AND THE STRONG MONSOON SIGNAL HOISTED ON FOUR OTHER OCCASIONS, ACCORDING TO THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY'S MONTHLY REPORT RELEASED TODAY (SUNDAY).

THERE WERE ALTOGETHER FOUR TROPICAL CYCLONES TRAVERSING THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA DURING THE MONTH. HOWEVER, THEY ALL PASSED WESTWARDS, TO THE SOUTH OF HONG KONG WITH THEIR MAJOR RAINBANDS STOPPING SHORT OF THE SOUTH CHINA COASTAL AREAS.

AS A RESULT, THE TOTAL RAINFALL FOR THE MONTH AMOUNTED TO ONLY 15.2 MILLIMETRES, A FRACTION OF THE NORMAL FIGURE OF 121.2 MILLIMETRES.

THE TOTAL RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 STOOD AT 1,884.1 MILLIMETRES, WHICH IS 13 PER CENT BELOW THE NORMAL AMOUNT OF 2,164.7 MILLIMETRES FOR THE SAME PERIOD.

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THE MONTH OPENED WITH TYPHOON BRIAN CROSSING THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AND A SURGE OF THE WINTER MONSOON AFFECTING EASTERN CHINA. UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF BRIAN, THE WEATHER IN HONG KONG DURING THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF THE MONTH WAS CLOUDY AND WINDY WITH LIGHT RAIN.

BRIAN MOVED AWAY AND LANDED OVER NORTHERN VIETNAM ON OCTOBER 3, BUT THE WINTER MONSOON MAINTAINED A STRONG EASTERLY AIRSTREAM OVER THE COASTAL AREA OF SOUTHERN CHINA.

WINDS MODERATED ON OCTOBER 4 AND THE WEATHER GRADUALLY IMPROVED OVER THE NEXT TWO DAYS.

WITH MODERATE WINDS AND PLENTY OF SUNSHINE, TEMPERATURES ON OCTOBER 6 CLIMBED TO A MAXIMUM OF 30.9 DEGREES, THE HIGHEST FOR THE MONTH. WINDS TURNED NORTHERLY ON OCTOBER 7 AND THE RELATIVE HUMIDITY DROPPED WITH TEMPERATURES ON A GENTLE DOWNWARD TREND FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

MEANWHILE, TYPHOON ANGELA HAD MOVED INTO THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AND ITS WESTWARD PASSAGE TO VIETNAM BROUGHT CLOUDIER WEATHER AND A TRACE OF RAINFALL ON OCTOBER 8.

WINDS TURNED EASTERLY AND INCREASED IN STRENGTH ON OCTOBER 8. STRONG WINDS PERSISTED UNTIL THE MORNING ON OCTOBER 10 AND BRIGHTER WEATHER SET IN DURING THE AFTERNOON.

WHILE THE COASTAL AREAS OF SOUTH CHINA ENJOYED A FINE DAY ON OCTOBER 11, TYPHOON DAN SWEEPED ACROSS SOUTHERN LUZON AND ENTERED THE SOUTH CHINA SEA. CLOUDY AND WINDY CONDITIONS PREVAILED THE FOLLOWING DAY AS DAN MOVED TOWARDS HAINAN ISLAND.

STRONG EASTERLIES SET IN ON OCTOBER 12 AND WERE PROLONGED BY THE WINTER MONSOON BEFORE EVENTUALLY SUBSIDING ON OCTOBER 14. FINE WEATHER THEN RETURNED AND PERSISTED FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

DURING THE EVENING ON OCTOBER 16, A COLD FRONT CROSSED THE SOUTH CHINA COAST AND BROUGHT STRONG NORTHERLY WINDS AND A FEW THUNDERSTORMS TO THE OFFSHORE AREAS. THE LOCAL WEATHER BECAME NOTICEABLY COOLER DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

A FURTHER REPLENISHMENT OF COOL AIR ARRIVED FROM THE NORTH ON OCTOBER 19 AND BY THE FOLLOWING MORNING, TEMPERATURES HAD DROPPED FURTHER TO A MINIMUM OF 19.1 DEGREES, THE LOWEST FOR THE MONTH.

APART FROM SOME ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS AND LIGHT RAIN DURING THE PASSAGE OF THE COLD FRONT, THE DRY CONTINENTAL AIR BROUGHT BASICALLY FINE WEATHER TO HONG KONG DURING THE PERIOD OCTOBER 18 TO 20.

WITH THE APPROACH OF TYPHOON ELSIE, THE WEATHER TURNED CLOUDY AGAIN ON OCTOBER 21. HOWEVER, ELSIE HAD A SMALL CIRCULATION AND MOVED WESTWARDS ACROSS THE SOUTH CHINA SEA WITHOUT CAUSING ANY NEED TO HOIST TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SIGNALS IN HONG KONG.

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LOCALLY, WINDS ONLY INCREASED marginally AND FINE WEATHER RETURNED QUICKLY ON OCTOBER 22.

UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A RIDGE OF HIGH PRESSURE OVER SOUTH CHINA, FINE WEATHER PREVAILED FROM OCTOBER 23 TO 28. HOWEVER, STABLE CONDITIONS AND INCREASING MOISTURE IN THE LOWER ATMOSPHERE GAVE RISE TO PERIODS OF HAZE AND POOR VISIBILITY FROM OCTOBER 25 TO 28.

A WEAK SURGE OF COOL AIR FROM THE EAST BROUGHT CLOUDINESS AND PATCHES OF LIGHT RAIN EARLY ON OCTOBER 29. CLOUDS BROKE DURING THE DAY. FINE BUT HAZY WEATHER THEN PERSISTED TILL THE END OF THE MONTH.

DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, NO AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER. A THUNDERSTORM WARNING WAS ISSUED ON OCTOBER 16. THE RED FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON OCTOBER 7 AND 8 AND YELLOW FIRE DANGER WARNINGS WERE ISSUED FOR OCTOBER 6 TO 10, 14, 15 AND 20 TO 22.

A TOTAL OF SIX TROPICAL CYCLONES OCCURRED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA DURING THE MONTH.

SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

WEATHER SYSTEM	SIGNAL	DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING	DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING
TYPHOON BRIAN	1	SEPTEMBER 30 5.10 PM	OCTOBER 1 3.45 PM
	3	OCTOBER 1 3.45 PM	OCTOBER 2 12 NOON
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	OCTOBER 2 12 NOON	OCTOBER 4 9.45 AM
TYPHOON ANGELA	1	OCTOBER 6 8.50 PM	OCTOBER 7 9 PM
	3	OCTOBER 7 9 PM	OCTOBER 9 9.45 AM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	OCTOBER 9 9.45 AM	OCTOBER 10 10.05 AM
TYPHOON DAN	1	OCTOBER 11 8 PM	OCTOBER 12 5 AM
	3	OCTOBER 12 5 AM	OCTOBER 13 6.30 AM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	OCTOBER 13 6.30 AM	OCTOBER 14 12 NOON
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	OCTOBER 19 8.30 PM	OCTOBER 20 9.45 AM

/THE MONTH'S

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

TOTAL BRIGHT SUNSHINE	195.4 HOURS	:	14.5 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DAILY GLOBAL SOLAR RADIATION	13.86 MJ/SQUARE METRE	:	1.98 MJ/SQUARE METRE BELOW NORMAL
TOTAL RAINFALL	15.2 MM	:	106.0 MM BELOW NORMAL
MEAN AMOUNT OF CLOUD	56%	:	4% MORE THAN NORMAL
MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY	73%	:	1% HIGHER THAN NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	27.3 DEGREES CELSIUS	:	0.6 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN AIR TEMPERATURE	25.1 DEGREES CELSIUS	:	0.1 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MINIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	23.4 DEGREES CELSIUS	:	0.7 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	19.7 DEGREES CELSIUS	:	0.4 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	129.2 MM	:	29.7 MM BELOW NORMAL

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RENOWNED MUSICIANS PERFORM IN YOUTH STRING MUSIC FESTIVAL

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THE BRILLIANT PERFORMANCE OF TWO RENOWNED MUSICIANS FROM THE UNITED STATES, MS XIAO HONGMEI AND MR IVAN CHAN, AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL TODAY (SUNDAY) WON APPLAUSE FROM OVER 1,000 LOCAL YOUNG STRING PLAYERS.

THE PERFORMANCE WAS ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE AS PART OF THE PROGRAMME OF THE INTERFLOW CONCERT WHICH RAISED THE CURTAIN ON THE 1989 HONG KONG YOUTH STRING MUSIC FESTIVAL.

ALSO TAKING PART IN THE CONCERT WERE NINE STRING ORCHESTRAS -- KEI WAN PRIMARY SCHOOL STRING ORCHESTRA, HONG KONG MUSIC INSTITUTE YOUTH ORCHESTRA, ST STEPHEN'S GIRLS' COLLEGE STRING ORCHESTRA, ST PAUL'S CO-EDUCATIONAL COLLEGE STRING ORCHESTRA AND FIVE ORCHESTRAS FROM THE MUSIC OFFICE.

PIECES PRESENTED BY THE YOUNG MUSICIANS INCLUDED TELEMANN'S "CONCERTO POLONAISE", TSCHAIKOVSKY'S "SERENADE FOR STRINGS" AND WARLOCK'S "CAPRIOL SUITE FOR STRING ORCHESTRA".

/THE MUSIC

THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, MRS AGNES ALLCOCK, PRESENTED SOUVENIR PENNANTS TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOUR SCHOOL ORCHESTRAS AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE CONCERT IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR SUPPORT OF THE FESTIVAL.

THE YOUTH STRING FESTIVAL WILL CLOSE ON NOVEMBER 19. DURING ITS EIGHT-DAY COURSE, A SERIES OF MASTER CLASSES BY MR IVAN CHAN (VIOLIN) AND MS XIAO HONGMEI (VIOLA) WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE MUSIC OFFICE'S MUSIC CENTRES.

THE CLIMAX OF THE FESTIVAL WILL BE THE CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT AND THE FESTIVAL CONCERT DURING WHICH THE TWO GUEST MUSICIANS AND ELITE STRING PLAYERS OF THE MUSIC OFFICE WILL PRESENT SUCH CLASSICAL PIECES AS ROSSINI'S "SONATA NO.2 IN A MAJOR FOR STRINGS", SAINT-SAENS'S "CONCERTO IN B MINOR NO.3 FOR VIOLIN AND ORCHESTRA" AND STAMITZ'S "CONCERTO IN D MAJOR FOR VIOLA AND ORCHESTRA".

THE TWO CONCERTS WILL BE HELD AT THE APA DRAMA THEATRE AND SHA TIN TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM AT 8 PM ON NOVEMBER 18 AND 19 RESPECTIVELY.

TICKETS FOR THE TWO CONCERTS AT \$10 AND \$20 EACH ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL URBIX OUTLETS. TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-283257.

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POSTER, SINGING CONTESTS TO COMBAT DELINQUENCY

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THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE IS ORGANISING A POSTER DESIGN CONTEST AND A SINGING CONTEST WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF REMINDING YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS.

"THE THEME OF ENTRIES IN THE POSTER DESIGN CONTEST SHOULD AIM AT ENCOURAGING YOUNGSTERS TO ABIDE BY THE LAW, NOT TO BREAK IT," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID.

POSTERS SHOULD MEASURE 38 CENTIMETRES BY 58 CENTIMETRES, AND PARTICIPANTS CAN SUBMIT MORE THAN ONE ENTRY.

THERE WILL BE TWO SECTIONS -- ONE FOR STUDENTS AND ONE OPEN.

THE THREE MAIN WINNERS IN THE OPEN SECTION WILL BE AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS OF \$1,000, \$300 AND \$500 RESPECTIVELY. THE PRIZES IN THE STUDENTS SECTION ARE WORTH \$500, \$300 AND \$150. THERE WILL ALSO BE PRIZES FOR OUTSTANDING ENTRIES.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BEFORE DECEMBER 8 TO THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE AT 490 NATHAN ROAD, ITS TSIM SHA TSUI SUB-OFFICE AT 40 CARNARVON ROAD, OR THE ACTIVITY CENTRE OF THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI CULTURE AND ARTS ASSOCIATION AT 33 SALISBURY ROAD.

/THE SINGING

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THE SINGING CONTEST IS OPEN TO ALL AMATEURS WHO HAVE NOT WON A PRIZE IN A SIMILAR EVENT.

AN AUDITION WILL BE HELD IN DECEMBER, AND THE FINALS WILL BE STAGED AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE ON FEBRUARY 4.

ATTRACTIVE PRIZES AND TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE THREE MAIN WINNERS AND TO THE PERSON WHO GIVES THE BEST STAGE PERFORMANCE.

ENROLMENT FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND SUB-OFFICE AND THE YAU MA TEI JUNIOR POLICE CALL AT 182 CANTON ROAD, AND SHOULD BE RETURNED BEFORE DECEMBER 8.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON BOTH CONTESTS CAN BE OBTAINED BY TELEPHONING 3-661908 OR 3-322716.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS WORKS REPORTS

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKS PROJECTS COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS A NUMBER OF PROGRESS REPORTS ON WORKS PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE REPORTS COVER BUILDING, PUBLIC HOUSING, HIGHWAY AND OTHER ENGINEERING PROJECTS, AS WELL AS PROJECTS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE URBAN COUNCIL.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKS PROJECTS COMMITTEE TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, 7-11 NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN CENTRE.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

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RESIDENTS' ORGANISATIONS AND LOCAL BODIES IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR SUBSIDIES FROM THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE DISTRICT BOARD TO ORGANISE FESTIVE ACTIVITIES DURING LUNAR NEW YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THE COMMITTEE WOULD SET ASIDE ABOUT \$66,000 FOR SPONSORING NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS IN THE DISTRICT'S SEVEN AREAS.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO CALLED ON ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT TO APPLY FOR SUBSIDIES FOR CARRYING OUT COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECTS.

THESE CAN BE DISTRICT-BASED CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL OR SPORTS EVENTS, SEMINARS, SURVEYS AND EXHIBITIONS, AND SHOULD BE AIMED AT PROMOTING COMMUNITY SPIRIT, AND SOCIAL COHESION.

FOR OTHER INFORMATION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES, INTERESTED PARTIES MAY REFER TO THE GUIDELINES ON APPLYING FOR SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS.

COPIES OF THE GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE, MISS LEONIE MONG, AT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, 7-11 NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN CENTRE.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS DECEMBER 5.

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CHINA PLAYERS TO COMPETE IN FESTIVAL MATCH

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TWO OUTSTANDING YOUNG BADMINTON PLAYERS FROM FUJIAN PROVINCE WILL BE PLAYING AGAINST YOUNG LOCAL PLAYERS NEXT WEEK.

THEY ARE MR WONG HING-TAT (19) AND MISS CHONG LING (18), BOTH OF WHOM HAVE WON MANY PRIZES ON THE MAINLAND.

THEY HAVE BEEN INVITED TO TAKE PART AT A TOURNAMENT, WHICH WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 19) AT THE CHOI HUNG ROAD INDOOR GAMES HALL AS PART OF THE 1989 WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

LOCAL PLAYERS PARTICIPATING AT THE TOURNAMENT WILL INCLUDE WONG WAI-LAP, CHENG YIN-SIK, CHAN SIU-KWONG, TSUI MEI-SEE, CHAN WING-KIT, NG LEUNG-WAH, CHOW KIM-MAN AND SHUM MAN-KIN.

FREE TICKETS TO THE TOURNAMENT ARE AVAILABLE AT THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-222261.

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INTERFERENCE TESTING OF NEW RTHK FREQUENCIES

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A SPECIAL TEST FLIGHT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE EARLY HOURS OF TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 14) TO ENABLE RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT TO ENSURE THAT RTHK'S NEW VHF/FM BROADCAST TRANSMISSIONS TO BE INTRODUCED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH THE EXISTING RADIO NAVIGATIONAL FACILITIES.

THE NAVIGATIONAL TRANSMISSIONS ARE MADE IN ADJACENT FREQUENCIES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF AIRCRAFT LEAVING OR APPROACHING HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE FLIGHTS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT BETWEEN 2 AM AND 5.30 AM WHEN THERE WERE NO BROADCASTS ON THE EXISTING FREQUENCIES AND NO PUBLIC TRANSPORT FLIGHTS WERE SCHEDULED AT KAI TAK.

HE SAID THE TEST FLIGHT, WHICH WILL INVOLVE SEVERAL FLY-PASTS OF LESS THAN TWO MINUTES EACH, IS TO BE CONDUCTED BY A SPECIALLY INSTRUMENTED JET AIRCRAFT OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNITED STATES.

DURING THE TEST FLIGHT RESIDENTS IN CERTAIN AREAS IN THE TERRITORY WILL EXPERIENCE VARYING DEGREES OF AIRCRAFT NOISE.

THESE AREAS WILL INCLUDE THE SOUTHERN TIP OF TSING YI, MEI FOO SUN CHUEN, SHAM SHUI PO, KOWLOON TONG, KOWLOON CITY, KWUN TONG, HENG FA CHUEN, LEI KING WAN, TAIKOO SHING, CHAI WAN, SHEK O, STANLEY AND LAMMA ISLAND.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT FOUR PRELIMINARY TEST FLIGHTS BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE HAD ALREADY BEEN CARRIED OUT LAST MONTH.

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24-HOUR WATER ENQUIRY HOTLINES IN SERVICE

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY NOW OBTAIN INFORMATION ON WATER ACCOUNT MATTERS ROUND THE CLOCK BY CALLING THE TELEPHONE ENQUIRY HOTLINES OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE ANSWERING MACHINES, WITH PRE-RECORDED MESSAGES ON WATER ACCOUNT INFORMATION, ARE OPERATING ON THE HOTLINES 5-8900221 (12 LINES) AFTER OFFICE HOURS.

THE INFORMATION COVERS COMMON CAUSES FOR HEFTY BILLS, CHANGE OF CONSUMERSHIP, CLOSING OF ACCOUNTS AND REFUND OF DEPOSITS.

THE HOTLINES WILL BE MANNED BY OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT DURING OFFICE HOURS. THEY WILL BE CONNECTED TO THE ANSWERING MACHINES AUTOMATICALLY WHEN ALL THE LINES ARE ENGAGED.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN TSIM SHA TSUI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 14), CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CANTON ROAD IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS.

THEY ARE:

- * THE KERBSIDE LANE OF THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CANTON ROAD, FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH KOWLOON PARK DRIVE TO A POINT ABOUT 65 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION (FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY).
- * THE KERBSIDE LANE OF THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CANTON ROAD, FROM A POINT ABOUT 120 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH KOWLOON PARK DRIVE TO A POINT ABOUT 235 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION (24-HOUR DAILY).
- * THE KERBSIDE LANE OF THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CANTON ROAD, FROM A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH AUSTIN ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 115 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND THE SECTION OF TRAFFIC LANE IMMEDIATELY TO THE EAST OF THE VERGE AT THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CANTON ROAD OUTSIDE CHINA FERRY TERMINAL (FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY).

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN YAU MA TEI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 14), CERTAIN AREAS IN PARKES STREET, YAU MA TEI, WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY.

THEY ARE:

- * THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF PARKES STREET BETWEEN NANKING STREET AND JORDAN ROAD; AND
- * THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF PARKES STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH JORDAN ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 15 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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