



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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WARMEST JANUARY SINCE 1966

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JANUARY 1979 WAS THE WARMEST JANUARY SINCE 1966 BUT IT HAD LESS THAN AVERAGE HOURS OF SUNSHINE --- 34.7 HOURS BELOW NORMAL AT 122.5 HOURS.

THE MONTH'S MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 17.6 DEGREES CELSIUS, MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 20.2 DEGREES AND MEAN MINIMUM OF 15.5 DEGREES ALL RANKED FIFTH HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR JANUARY.

MOST OF THE MONTH'S RAINFALL OCCURRED IN TWO SHORT SPELLS BUT TOTAL RAINFALL AT 45.1 MM WAS 16.6 MM ABOVE AVERAGE.

APART FROM A FEW PATCHES OF LIGHT RAIN OVERNIGHT ON JANUARY 7 AND AT FIRST ON JANUARY 8, THE FIRST 11 DAYS OF THE MONTH WERE MAINLY FINE AND MILD. ON THE AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 10 TEMPERATURES ROSE TO A MAXIMUM OF 23.7 DEGREES CELSIUS --- THE HIGHEST RECORDED FOR THE MONTH.

CONDITIONS BECAME CLOUDY WITH SOME LIGHT RAIN DURING THE AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 12. THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT FALL IN TEMPERATURE DURING THE NEXT TWO DAYS BUT FRESH TO STRONG EASTERLIES WERE EXPERIENCED OVERNIGHT ON JANUARY 13.

MUCH COOLER WEATHER WITH PATCHES OF RAIN WAS EXPERIENCED ON JANUARY 15-16 AFTER THE PASSAGE OF A COLD FRONT ON THE EVENING OF JANUARY 14. WINDS FRESHENED FROM THE NORTH AFTER THE FRONTAL PASSAGE AND REMAINED FRESH TO STRONG UNTIL THE EARLY MORNING OF JANUARY 16.

THE WEATHER IMPROVED ON JANUARY 17 BUT REMAINED GENERALLY CLOUDY UNTIL THE START OF A SHORT SPELL OF FINE AND SUNNY WEATHER ON JANUARY 23. CONDITIONS GRADUALLY BECAME Milder FROM JANUARY 17 ONWARDS AND IT WAS QUITE WARM DURING THE AFTERNOONS OF JANUARY 26-29.

THE PASSAGE OF A COLD FRONT LATE ON JANUARY 29 ENDED THE FINE AND SUNNY SPELL. IT BECAME OVERCAST WITH RAIN WHICH PERSISTED UNTIL THE MORNING OF JANUARY 31. STRONG NORTHERLY WINDS SET IN DURING THE EVENING OF JANUARY 30 AND PERSISTED UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH.

TEMPERATURES DROPPED SHARPLY AND THE MONTH'S MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 6.8 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON THE LAST HOUR OF THE MONTH.

THE CORRESPONDING TEMPERATURE RECORDED AT TATE'S CAIRN WAS 0.3 DEGREE CELSIUS. TAI MO SHAN RECORDED A MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF -0.1 DEGREE CELSIUS ON THE MORNING OF JANUARY 31 AND -2.4 DEGREES THE FOLLOWING MORNING. GROUND FROST WAS OBSERVED THERE.

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DURING THE MONTH NO AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO WEATHER AND NO THUNDERSTORM OR HEAVY RAIN WARNINGS WERE ISSUED.

TYPHOON ALICE WAS THE ONLY TROPICAL CYCLONE OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC BUT NO TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SIGNALS WERE HOISTED.

LOW TEMPERATURE WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON JANUARY 15 AND 31 AND THE RED FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS ISSUED ON JANUARY 7.

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TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGEMENT DUTIES REVIEWED  
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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE AND VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ARE EXAMINING THEIR TOWN MANAGEMENT DUTIES TO IMPROVE CO-ORDINATION AND COMMUNICATION WITH AREA COMMITTEES AND LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS, THE TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER, MR. JAMES HAYES, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

IN AN ANNUAL NEW YEAR YEAR BAI NIN SPEECH AT THE TSUEN WAN MANAGEMENT OFFICE, MR. HAYES TOLD MEMBERS OF THESE COMMITTEES AND ASSOCIATIONS THAT THIS WAS BECAUSE THE ROUTINE WORK OF THESE DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THE PUBLIC WORKS, URBAN SERVICES, FIRE SERVICES AND LABOUR DEPARTMENT, ON TOWN MANAGEMENT IN THE INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL SECTORS COULD BENEFIT GREATLY FROM THEIR INTEREST AND CO-OPERATION.

+WE KNOW THAT YOU ARE IN A GOOD POSITION TO BRING FORWARD FOR OUR ATTENTION AND ACTION MANY MATTERS THAT WE MIGHT NOT KNOW OF, OR SEE, BY OURSELVES.

+BUT IT IS UP TO US AND THE DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED TO SEE THAT THE RIGHT CHANNELS OF TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION ARE KEPT OPEN, ARE USED, AND THAT TANGIBLE RESULTS FLOW FROM THE EXCHANGE.+

MR. HAYES POINTED OUT THAT MEMBERS ON THESE AREA COMMITTEES AND LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS HAD CONTRIBUTED CONSIDERABLY TO THE CREATION OF A STRONG LOCAL COMMUNITY BY PROVIDING HELPFUL ADVICE ON TOWN PLANNING AND IN DESIGNING AND MANAGING PUBLIC AMENITIES.

THEIR ASSISTANCE IN ENCOURAGING THE PUBLIC TO TAKE PART IN THE MANY COMPETITIONS ARRANGED BY VARIOUS LOCAL SPORTS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATIONS WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED AND VERY MUCH NEEDED, HE SAID.

+PLEASE CONTINUE AND RE-DOUBLE YOUR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY AND PLEASE, TOO, CONTINUE TO PERSUADE MORE PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELVES TO JOIN LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND JOIN IN THE STRENUOUS EFFORTS TO MAKE TSUEN WAN A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN,+ MR. HAYES URGED.

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IN-SERVICE TRAINING FOR IMMIGRATION OFFICERS

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THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMMIGRATION OFFICERS TO ENGAGE IN IN-SERVICE TRAINING TO IMPROVE THEIR PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE WITH THE ULTIMATE AIM OF PROVIDING A BETTER SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC ARE VARIED AND WIDE-RANGING.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THE IN-SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAMME IS DESIGNED MAINLY TO REFRESH SERVING OFFICERS' MEMORIES ON BOTH THE OPERATIONAL AND LEGAL ASPECTS OF THEIR WORK AND TO KEEP THEM UPDATED WITH THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES.

ON THE OPERATIONAL ASPECT THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +INVESTIGATION COURSES ARE RUN REGULARLY ON TECHNIQUES OF CONDUCTING SEARCHES, SURVEILLANCE AND GENERAL INVESTIGATION.

+THESE COURSES ALSO COVER PROCEDURES IN MAKING AN ARREST AND TAKING OUT PROSECUTION AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, OVER-STAYERS AND HOLDERS OF FORGED TRAVEL DOCUMENTS.

+SOME OF OUR OFFICERS ATTEND COURSES RUN BY THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT OF THE POLICE FORCE.+

ON LEGAL ASPECT OF THEIR WORK, COURSES ARE PROVIDED, SOMETIMES WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT, TO GIVE IMMIGRATION OFFICERS TRAINING IN POWERS OF DETENTION AND ARREST, STATEMENT TAKING, COURT PROCEDURES, PRESENTATION OF EVIDENCE IN COURT AND JUDGES' RULES.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT SENIOR IMMIGRATION OFFICERS ARE SENT ABROAD FOR ATTACHMENT TO IMMIGRATION CONTROL POINTS IN BRITAIN, THE UNITED STATES, WEST GERMANY, ITALY, BELGIUM AND HOLLAND TO GAIN PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE OF THEIR WORK PROCEDURES AND ON THEIR RETURN TO PASS THEIR KNOWLEDGE TO OTHER OFFICERS.

TO ENHANCE COMMUNICATION WITH TRAVELLERS FROM OVERSEAS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, OFFICERS WERE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE FOREIGN LANGUAGE COURSES EITHER RUN BY THE GOVERNMENT OR PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS INCLUDING THE VARIOUS CONSULATES.

+APART FROM CHINESE AND ENGLISH IN WHICH OUR OFFICERS ARE FLUENT, CHANCES ARE OPEN TO THEM TO LEARN GERMAN, FRENCH, JAPANESE AND THAI.+

IMMIGRATION OFFICERS CAN ALSO ATTEND COURSES AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC ON THE OPERATION OF SHIP-TO-SHORE RADIO-TELEPHONES.

MANAGEMENT COURSES ORGANISED LOCALLY AND ABROAD ARE AVAILABLE TO SENIOR IMMIGRATION OFFICERS, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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BLACK'S LINK TO REMAIN OPEN TO RELIEVE  
MORNING RUSH HOUR TRAFFIC  
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BLACK'S LINK WILL CONTINUE TO OPEN FROM 7.30 A.M. TO 9.30 A.M. DAILY TO EASE TRAFFIC FROM THE SOUTH SIDE OF HONG KONG ISLAND TO CENTRAL, THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

BLACK'S LINK, OPENED ON DECEMBER 5 LAST YEAR, HAS BEEN USED AS A RELIEF ROUTE FOR PRIVATE CARS AND TAXIS FROM WONG NAI CHUNG GAP TO MAGAZINE GAP AND CENTRAL, BYPASSING THE CONGESTED STUBBS ROAD ROUNDABOUT DURING THE MORNING RUSH HOURS ON WEEKDAYS.

+SINCE THE OPENING OF BLACK'S LINK, TRAFFIC FROM THE SOUTH SIDE OF HONG KONG ISLAND HAS MOVED MORE SMOOTHLY,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR PWD SAID.

+ACCORDING TO SOME MOTORISTS USING THE RELIEF ROUTE, THE TRAVELLING TIME TO CENTRAL HAS BEEN CUT BY ABOUT 15 MINUTES,+ HE ADDED.

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FIREMEN HOLD PHOTO CONTEST  
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WINNERS OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S FIRST PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION WILL BE PRESENTED WITH PRIZES AT TSIM SHA TSUI FIRE STATION ON FRIDAY.

+THE PURPOSE OF THE COMPETITION IS TO CULTIVATE INTEREST IN HOBBIES AMONG MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT,+ SAID MR. ALAN JONES, CHIEF FIRE OFFICER (NEW TERRITORIES).

MR. JONES WHO SUGGESTED ORGANISING THE COMPETITION SAID THAT IN VIEW OF THE GOOD RESPONSE IT WAS MOST LIKELY THE COMPETITION WOULD BE HELD AGAIN NEXT YEAR.

THE COMPETITION WAS DIVIDED INTO COLOUR AND BLACK AND WHITE SECTIONS. UNDER EACH SECTION WERE TWO CATEGORIES -- FIRE SERVICES INTEREST AND NON-FIRE SERVICES INTEREST.

IT ATTRACTED 104 PHOTOGRAPHS FROM MORE THAN 80 ENTRANTS. PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE TOP THREE PHOTOGRAPHS IN EACH CATEGORY AND THE 12 WINNING PICTURES WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT THE CANTEEN OF THE FIRE STATION FOR THREE DAYS.

MR. CHAN KWING-HON, AN ABERDEEN FIREMAN WON TOP HONOURS IN THE COLOUR SECTION OF THE FIRE SERVICES INTEREST CATEGORY AND WAS ALSO NOMINATED AS OVERALL CHAMPION.

THE PANEL OF JUDGES COMPRISED MR. CHIN MAN-LI, THE HON. CONSULTANT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG PHOTOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATION- MR. CHEUNG HUNG-CHUEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY AND MR. CHOW CHUNG-LIM, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

MRS. ALAN JONES WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO THE WINNER.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE FIRST PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BE HELD AT TSIM SHA TSUI FIRE STATION CANTEEN AT 3 P.M. ON FRIDAY. YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

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CDO (SOUTHERN) SPRING RECEPTION  
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THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (SOUTHERN) WILL HOLD A SPRING RECEPTION TOMORROW (THURSDAY) FOR 250 PEOPLE IN APPRECIATION OF THEIR COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND CONTINUED SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION.

THE GUESTS INCLUDE KAIFONG AND CIVIC LEADERS, REPRESENTATIVES FROM CITY DISTRICT, AREA AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND HEADS OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

MISS ELLE SHUM, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (SOUTHERN) AND HER STAFF WILL BE PRESENT TO WELCOME THE GUESTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (SOUTHERN) SPRING RECEPTION AT 4 P.M. TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT THE JADE PALACE RESTAURANT, FIFTH FLOOR, WAH FU ROAD, HONG KONG.

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VISIT TO OCEAN PARK  
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THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (SHAM SHUI PO) AND THE KAM MUN SQUATTER MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE WILL CONDUCT A TOUR TO THE OCEAN PARK FOR 64 RESIDENTS TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THE TOUR, PART OF SHAM SHUI PO CITY DISTRICT OFFICE'S NEW YEAR ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME, IS TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SQUATTERS TO VISIT HONG KONG'S NEWEST TOURIST ATTRACTION.

A LUCKY DRAW WILL BE HELD AT THE END OF THE VISIT.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT THE SECTION OF EASTERN STREET BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD WEST AND FIRST STREET IS NOW CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC TO FACILITATE EMERGENCY ROAD REPAIR WORKS.

DURING THE MONTH-LONG CLOSURE, THE SECTION OF EASTERN STREET BETWEEN FIRST STREET AND SECOND STREET IS RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

TRAFFIC SIGNS HAVE BEEN SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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