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U.K. TRADE MINISTER TO VISIT HONG KONG

The British Minister for Trade and Consumer Affairs, Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, is due to arrive in Hong Kong on Monday (April 30) for a three-day visit. He will be accompanied by his wife.

During his stay, Sir Geoffrey will have talks with the Senior British Trade Commissioner in Hong Kong and with senior Government advisers.

He will also meet local businessmen and exporters and will take the opportunity to look up old friends.

Sir Geoffrey has been a member of the present British Government since its formation in June 1970, when he was appointed Solicitor General, the second of the two Law Officers of the Crown in England and Wales.

He was appointed Minister for Trade and Consumer Affairs in the Department of Industry in November 1972.

From 1964 to 1966 he was Conservative Member of Parliament for Bebington, and spoke from the Opposition front bench in the House of Commons on labour and social services.

Sir Geoffrey has been a director of several housing associations and has served on the British Medical Association's advisory planning panel.

He has a son and two daughters.

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Note to Editors: Sir Geoffrey and Lady Howe are due to arrive at Kaitak airport at about 1.30 p.m. on Monday by Singapore Airlines (Flight SQ631). Press photographers and television cameramen will be welcome to film their arrival but there will be no Press conference at the airport. Sir Geoffrey will be meeting the Press before his departure on Wednesday, May 2. Arrangements for a Press conference will be announced later. Photographers are asked to assemble in the Press Room, Airport Terminal Building half an hour before scheduled arrival time. G.I.S. officers will be present to assist the Press.

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BRIGHTON SEMINAR SHOWS GREAT INTEREST

IN HONG KONG'S EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Exchange Of Views By Participants From 24 Countries

Great interest in Hong Kong's educational developments has been shown in Brighton by participants at the recent five-week seminar on "Problems of Educational Planning."

"They were particularly interested in the plans for the expansion of post-primary education and the E.T.V. service," the Deputy Director of Education (Professional), Mr. N.M. Ho said today.

Mr. Ho returned to Hong Kong a few days ago after attending the seminar at the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex.

The seminar was largely designed for those working in the educational field in developing countries and emphasis was laid on both primary and secondary education.

"I consider attendance on the seminar a stimulating and valuable experience," said Mr. Ho, "as it enabled me to exchange views with educational planners from many countries and identify their educational problems some of which are of relevance to Hong Kong.

"I am sure what I have gleaned from the seminar will be of use to me in my work," Mr. Ho added.

There were altogether 26 participants representing 24 countries, most of which are members of the Commonwealth.

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The African countries included Ghana, Gambia, Tanzania, Uganda, Botswana, Lesotho and Egypt; the Asian countries Afghanistan, India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Bahrain and Hong Kong; the Caribbean countries Jamaica, Barbados, St. Lucia and Guyana. Other countries were Gibraltar, Mexico, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Colombia and Papua and New Guinea, while Britain was represented by an officer of the British Council.

The seminar was conducted by two professors of the Institute of Development Studies - Ronald Dore, a sociologist, and Richard Jolly, an economist - both of whom had a good knowledge of education in developing countries.

There were many plenary sessions where a wide variety of short talks were given either by them or, more frequently, by guest speakers drawn from Sussex, London, Cambridge, Oxford, Reading, Bristol, Edinburgh and other British universities as well as other institutions including colleges of education.

In addition, small technical groups were regularly organised to thrash out more specific problems of common interest. The rest of the programme was made up of educational visits and individual projects.

While in Britain, Mr. Ho visited the Inner London Education Authority with whom Hong Kong has established a special relationship and the Centre for Educational Development Overseas.

He also visited Avery Hill and Brighton Colleges of Education, the London Teacher Education Centre and a number of primary and secondary schools.

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RECORD MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE IN MARCH

Weather Last Month Abnormally Warm

The highest maximum temperature for March was recorded last month -- on March 31 when the mercury shot up to 30.1°C.

The Royal Observatory says the abnormally warm weather in February continued last month. The mean temperature (20.8°C), the mean maximum temperature (23.9°C) and the mean minimum temperature (18.7°C) were all second highest on record for March.

At the beginning of the month, Hong Kong was in a warm and moist airstream from the South China Sea.

During the first five days, the weather was mainly cloudy and humid with some light rain patches. Coastal fog was reported on March 1, 2 and 4.

Early on March 5, a weak cold front passed through Hong Kong and winds freshened from the east. The Strong Monsoon Signal was hoisted that afternoon and lowered the next morning.

Weather improved on March 6 with sunny periods during the day.

Late on March 7, another warm and moist airstream from the southeast reached Hong Kong. Some drizzle patches were reported on March 7, 8 and 9 and coastal fog patches from March 9 to 13.

Strong easterly winds affected Hong Kong late on March 13 and early March 14. The Strong Monsoon Signal was hoisted on March 13 and lowered the next morning. Some light rain was also reported on these two days.

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A surge of the winter monsoon reached Hong Kong during the early hours of March 15 and brought some light rain.

Temperatures fell to a minimum of 15.7°C around dawn as winds freshened from the north.

The relative humidity also fell during the next few days to a mean of 61 per cent on March 18. Yellow fire warnings were issued on March 18 and 19. A ridge of high pressure persisted and there were sunny intervals on March 19 and 20.

On March 21, a weak cold front passed through Hong Kong. Although there were a few light rain patches that evening, rapid improvement occurred the following morning and mainly fine weather prevailed on March 22 and 23.

A trough of low pressure passed Hong Kong late on March 24. A total of 11.6 mm of rainfall was recorded during the night.

However weather improved steadily and on March 26, it became fine and dry with a mean relative humidity of 65 per cent. Yellow fire warnings were issued on March 26 and 27.

Another warm and moist airstream from the southeast reached Hong Kong late on March 27 and 28 and coastal fog on March 28 and 29.

As a ridge of high pressure over southeast China strengthened during the last three days of the month, weather became fine and hot and temperatures rose to a new record maximum of 30.1°C on March 31.

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A total of 31 aircraft were diverted due to adverse weather conditions during the month.

No thunderstorm or heavy rain warnings were issued during the month and there were no tropical cyclones over the western north Pacific or the South China Sea.

The month's figures and departures from normal were:-

Sunshine	113.6 hours; 18.9 hours above normal
Rainfall	13.3 mm ; 58.9 mm below normal
Cloudiness	78% ; 4% below normal
Relative Humidity	81% ; 2% below normal
Mean Maximum Temperature	23.9°C ; 4.0°C above normal
Mean Temperature	20.8°C ; 3.3°C above normal
Mean Minimum Temperature	18.7°C ; 3.1°C above normal
Mean Dew Point	17.3°C ; 2.5°C above normal
Total Evaporation	118.7 mm ; 3.9 mm above normal

Maximum Temperature of 30.1°C was recorded on March 31.

Minimum Temperature of 15.7°C was recorded on March 15.

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ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME FOR MAY

Games, sports events and film shows are just a few of the programmes arranged by the Urban Council and the Urban Services Department for public entertainment in May.

A "Keep Your Beaches Clean" Spectacular will be held on May 13 (Sunday) at Repulse Bay between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Singers and dancers from HK-TVB will take part in the programme, and "Lap Sap Chung" will also make an appearance on the beach.

Variety shows, Chinese concerts and operas, roller skating and volleyball demonstrations will be held in public playgrounds throughout Hong Kong Island, Kowloon and the New Territories.

All are welcome to attend these functions and admission will be free.

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

New traffic arrangements will be introduced in Yau Yat Tsuen and Peak with effect from 10 a.m. on May 1 (Tuesday).

Tseuk Kiu Street in Yau Yat Tsuen will be made one-way from Tat Chee Avenue to Fa Po Street; and Fa Po Street will be re-routed one-way from Tseuk Kiu Street to Tat Chee Avenue.

The arrangements are aimed at improving local traffic flow.

In the Peak, Bowen Drive, which links Kennedy Road and Bowen Road, will be made one-way uphill from Kennedy Road.

Appropriate traffic signs will be posted in the areas to guide motorists.

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WATER INTERRUPTION

A number of premises in the Mid-Levels area will have their water supply turned off for eight hours on Monday (April 30), starting from 10 p.m.

The temporary stoppage is to enable Waterworks Office staff to connect water mains in the area.

Buildings affected include Nos. 17 to 66 Lyttelton Road, Nos. 1 to 10E Babington Path, Nos. 8 to 8A Honiton Road, Nos. 84 to 86A Bonham Road, and Nos. 2 to 16 Oaklands Path.

Also affected will be Tang Chi Ngong School of Chinese, the Administration Building, the Library and the Canteen of Hong Kong University, and Nos. 8 to 8D of the University Quarter.

On Tuesday (May 1), water supply to a number of buildings in North Point will be interrupted for five hours, starting from 1 a.m.

The temporary stoppage is to allow Waterworks Office staff to carry out a leakage test.

All premises within the area bounded by North Point Road, the seafront, Shu Kuk Street and the north side of King's Road will be affected.

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REGISTRATION TEAM TO VISIT NGAU TAU KOK

A team from the Registration of Persons Department will conduct registrations at the Ngau Tau Kok Government Low Cost Housing Estate Office starting from May 1 to May 8.

The team will work from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. on weekdays and from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on Saturday.

Another team from the Department will be stationed at the Sap Pat Heung Rural Committee Office on Tuesday and Wednesday to register adults and children for identity cards.

Business hours will be from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

People living in the areas are urged to make use of the facilities provided.

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SUNDAY D.I.B.

Note to Editors: There will be an issue of the Daily Information Bulletin tomorrow (Sunday). Copies will be available for collection at the G.I.S. Press room at 2.30 p.m.

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Note to Editors: This item is embargoed until 4.15 p.m.
today (Saturday).

PRAISE FOR HONG KONG SCOUTS

The Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose, today paid tribute to the Scout Movement in Hong Kong for its contribution to the community.

Addressing the St. George's Day Rally at the Boundary Street Police Football Ground, Sir Murray told the scouts: "Your contribution to the community is evidence of the leadership qualities promoted by the Scout Association."

Noting the scouts active role in community projects such as the Keep Hong Kong Clean Campaign and their work during the June landslides, the Governor said: "This is the type of initiative and example for which I hope the Scout Movement of Hong Kong will be noted in the years ahead."

Following is the full text of the Governor's speech:

"Last year, when I first spoke to you as your Chief Scout, I said I was looking forward to seeing many of you at camp as well as other functions.

"In November I visited your campsite at Tai Tam and was most impressed by your very high standards. Next February I will be attending the Carlton Trophy Competition. I hope then to see more of the scoutcraft and other skills which form such an important part of scouting.

"Your contribution to the community is evidence of the leadership qualities promoted by the Scout Association.

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"Your work in the June landslides, your participation in the Keep Hong Kong Clean Campaign, and the many other community events in which you have played your part, show the Scout Movement's active role in the community.

"This is the type of initiative and example for which I hope the Scout Movement of Hong Kong will be noted in the years ahead.

"I congratulate all recipients of awards for their personal contributions to Scouting. In particular I should mention Mr. C.K. Lo, your Colony Commissioner, who has been awarded the Silver Wolf in recognition of his valuable services to the Movement.

"He has been Commissioner for 10 years, and his term of appointment finishes in August. But Mr. Lo has agreed to continue to serve Scouting in his new appointment as Vice-President of the Association so his wealth of experience will not be lost.

"You will all be pleased to hear that Mr. H.C. Ma will be appointed to succeed Mr. Lo. Mr. Ma joined the Movement as a cub in 1925.

"Since then he has held almost every appointment in the Association and received many awards for his service. His appointment as Commissioner is the culmination of a long career of exceptional service to the Scouts.

"I would also like to thank the officials of the Association who have donated a new commemorative vase which will be placed on display in the City Hall. Through their generosity a large sum of money is being forwarded to the World Scouting Association to be spent on the development of international Scouting.

"To all Scouts and Scouters, I wish every success for the coming months and my sincere thanks for your good work in the past year.

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Release Time: 2.30 p.m.