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### NEW FIGHT CRIME SCHEME LAUNCHED

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A NEW SCHEME TO RALLY MORE SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME WAS LAUNCHED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE COMMUNITY AGAINST CRIME AWARD SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR MR. CHARLES YEUNG WHO IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

HE SAID ONE OF THE IDEAS BEHIND THE SCHEME IS TO RECOGNISE THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY LOCAL GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS IN HELPING TO PREVENT CRIME IN THEIR AREAS.

HE HOPED THE PUBLICITY GENERATED BY THE SCHEME WOULD HELP TO AROUSE THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC IN PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING THEIR OWN CRIME PREVENTION MEASURES.

THE TERRITORY-WIDE SCHEME IS INTRODUCED BY THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AS PART OF ITS PROGRAMME FOR THE CURRENT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN. IT IS OPEN TO ALL ORGANISATIONS BASED IN BUILDINGS, INCLUDING TENANT GROUPS AND RURAL VILLAGE AND SQUATTER AREA BODIES.

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES AND DISTRICT OFFICES. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SENT TO THE LOCAL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES OR DISTRICT OFFICES BY JANUARY 23, 1980.

ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED BY A PANEL OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LOCAL DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ASSESS EACH GROUP'S CRIME PREVENTION MEASURES, ITS PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES AND ITS LEVEL OF CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER GROUPS IN NEIGHBOURING AREAS.

+CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION WILL BE AWARDED TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE MADE A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO CRIME PREVENTION IN THEIR OWN AREAS,+ MR. YEUNG EXPLAINED.

WHERE THERE IS OUTSTANDING MERIT, SPECIAL PLAQUES WILL BE PRESENTED IN RECOGNITION OF THE EXTRA EFFORTS, HE ADDED.

THE WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY THE END OF FEBRUARY, 1980.

MR. HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, SAID THE SCHEME WAS DESIGNED TO COMPLEMENT THE OTHER IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF THE PRESENT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN.

LIKE THE GOOD CITIZEN AWARD SCHEME AND THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL SCHEME, THE NEW PROJECT HAS AN ESSENTIAL ROLE TO PLAY IN THE CAMPAIGN, HE SAID.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE SCHEMES PROVIDE A VITAL LINK BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE, THUS STRENGTHENING THE TWO-WAY FLOW OF INFORMATION WHICH IS SO NECESSARY TO MODERN LIVING IN HONG KONG TODAY.

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GLENEALY FLYOVER OPENS TO TRAFFIC

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MOTORING BETWEEN MID-LEVELS AND OTHER PARTS OF HONG KONG IS MADE EASIER AND FASTER FROM TODAY (THURSDAY) WITH THE OPENING OF A NEW FLYOVER NETWORK.

THE GLENEALY FLYOVER — PART OF A \$25 MILLION JUNCTION IMPROVEMENT SCHEME FOR TRAFFIC FLOWING UP AND DOWN ROBINSON ROAD, OLD PEAK ROAD, GLENEALY AND ALBANY ROAD — WAS OPENED TO TRAFFIC AT 4 PM.

AT AN OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY, LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MISS LYDIA DUNN, UNVEILED A PLAQUE, AND SAID THE SCHEME WOULD GREATLY INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF A BUSY ROAD JUNCTION MAKING LIFE MUCH EASIER AND LESS FRUSTRATING FOR ALL THOSE WHO USE IT REGULARLY.

+THE SCHEME IS NOTEWORTHY FOR THE INGENUITY OF ITS DESIGN AND THE SUCCESS WITH WHICH THOSE CONCERNED HAVE COPEDED WITH EXTRAORDINARILY DIFFICULT AND HILLY GROUND CONDITIONS,+ SHE SAID.

+PEDESTRIANS HAVE NOT BEEN FORGOTTEN AND AN INTERESTING NETWORK OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS THROUGH SUBWAYS AND COVERED FOOTBRIDGES HAS BEEN INCORPORATED IN THE SCHEME.

+SUCH SAFETY MEASURES WILL PROVE PARTICULARLY DESIRABLE IN VIEW OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF SCHOOL CHILDREN IN THE AREA,+ SHE ADDED.

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR. DAVID MCDONALD WHO ALSO SPOKE AT THE OPENING SAID THE MAIN FEATURE OF THE OVERALL SCHEME FOR THE AREA WAS THE BUILDING OF TWO FLYOVERS IN ROBINSON ROAD OVER GLENEALY AND ALBANY ROAD TO PROVIDE THE MUCH NEEDED ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC CAPACITY.

+THE WORK HAS TAKEN JUST OVER TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE,+ MR. MCDONALD SAID.

THE GLENEALY JUNCTION SCHEME IS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL PROJECTS BUILT, OR IN HAND, IN THE AREA DESIGNED TO SOLVE THE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS BROUGHT ABOUT BY HIGH-RISE DEVELOPMENTS AND RAPID SPREAD OF CAR OWNERSHIP.

MOTORISTS, IN THE PAST, HAVE BEEN HAMPERED BY NECESSARILY NARROW AND WINDING ROADS BETWEEN THE MID-LEVELS AND THE CENTRAL COMMERCIAL CENTRE OF THE ISLAND.

BUT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE GLENEALY FLYOVER COMPLEX HAS CHANGED ALL THAT.

THE IMPRESSIVE COMPLEX HAS BROUGHT A NUMBER OF HELPFUL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS INTO EFFECT :

- \* THE EXISTING ROBINSON ROAD (BETWEEN GARDEN ROAD AND RAIMONDI COLLEGE) WILL BE ONE WAY FOR WESTBOUND TRAFFIC. THROUGH TRAFFIC IN THIS DIRECTION WILL CROSS ALBANY ROAD ON THE NEW FLYOVER-

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- \* EASTBOUND TRAFFIC FROM UPPER GLENEALY WILL USE THE UPPER GLENEALY AND ALBANY ROAD FLYOVERS- AND
- \* EASTBOUND TRAFFIC FROM ROBINSON ROAD WILL USE LOWER GLENEALY AND ALBANY ROAD FLYOVERS.

UNDER THE PROJECT, THREE PRESTRESSED CONCRETE BRIDGES, A REINFORCED CONCRETE ELEVATED ROADWAY, AND TWO FOOTBRIDGES HAVE BEEN BUILT.

THE WORKS HAVE ALSO INCLUDED THE CONSTRUCTION OF SEVERAL RETAINING WALLS, UPGRADING OF EXISTING CARRIAGEWAYS, TOGETHER WITH ADDITIONAL STORMWATER DRAINAGE.

AS THE SITE IS LOCATED IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA WITH HEAVY TRAFFIC, CARE WAS TAKEN DURING THE CONSTRUCTION TO MINIMISE DISTURBANCE TO ROAD USERS.

OPENING OF THE PROJECT WAS CARRIED OUT IN STAGES TO ALLOW EXISTING CARRIAGEWAYS TO BE UPGRADED AND ADJUSTED WHILE TRAFFIC WAS DIVERTED ONTO COMPLETED SECTIONS OF THE NEW COMPLEX.

A SECTION OF THE LOWER GLENEALY FLYOVER HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR SETTING DOWN AND COLLECTING CHILDREN ATTENDING THE NEARBY SCHOOLS IN ROBINSON ROAD.

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#### EARLY CURE FOR CERVICAL CANCER

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A TRIAL SURVEY OF PRE-INVASIVE CANCER OF THE CERVIX IN WOMEN WILL BE CONDUCTED TO FORM THE BASIS OF A LONG-TERM CAMPAIGN TO DETECT SUCH DISEASE AT ITS VERY EARLY STAGE WHILST IT IS STILL READILY TREATABLE.

THIS WAS REVEALED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. K.L. THONG IN HIS ADDRESS AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG ANTI-CANCER SOCIETY THIS EVENING.

THE TRIAL SURVEY, A JOINT EFFORT OF THE SOCIETY, THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AIMS TO ELICIT SOME VERY VALUABLE INFORMATION USING PAPSMEAR AND CERVICAL CYTOLOGY.

IN HIS SPEECH, DR. THONG STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATING THE PUBLIC IN THE PREVENTION AND CURE OF CANCER.

+THE FEAR AND HOPELESSNESS WITH WHICH IT HAS BEEN REGARDED IN THE PAST MUST BE ALLEVIATED AND AN UNDERSTANDING AND TRUST INSTILLED IN THE GENERAL PUBLIC SO THAT PATIENTS WILL PRESENT THEMSELVES FOR CARE AND TREATMENT AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT WHEN CURE CAN BE OBTAINED MOST EASILY,+ HE SAID.

/DR. THONG .....

DR. THONG SAID THE NEWLY FORMED CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF HIS DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE SOCIETY IN EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT CANCER.

PLANS ARE IN THE PIPELINE TO MOUNT EXHIBITIONS TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON ITS VARIOUS ASPECTS.

+ONLY BY TALKING ABOUT THE DISEASE AND TELLING PEOPLE THE FACTS WILL WE BE ABLE TO PUT IT IN ITS RIGHT PERSPECTIVE AND COMBAT THE PSYCHOLOGICAL AS WELL AS THE PHYSICAL ONSLAUGHT OF CANCER,+ HE EXPLAINED.

THE UNIT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SOCIETY AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ALSO PLANS TO INTENSIFY ANTI-CIGARETTE SMOKING CAMPAIGNS AND HOPES TO PASS THE MESSAGE TO SCHOOL CHILDREN.

+THIS APPROACH TO THE YOUNG IS THE ONE MOST LIKELY TO PAY DIVIDENDS AND ENSURE THAT THE HABIT OF CIGARETTE SMOKING IS NEVER ACQUIRED- FOR ONCE FORMED, IT IS INDEED DIFFICULT TO BREAK,+ SAID DR. THONG.

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SIR ROBERT HO TUNG CHARITABLE FUND 1979 ALLOCATION  
EXERCISE

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GRANTS TOTTALLING HK\$2.4 MILLION FROM THE SIR ROBERT HO TUNG CHARITABLE FUND HAVE RECENTLY BEEN MADE TO 73 CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED BY MR. J.W. CHAMBERS, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, WHO IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE WHICH ADVISES THE GOVERNOR ON THE ALLOCATION OF THE FUNDS AVAILABLE.

MR. CHAMBERS SAID THAT MAJOR GRANTS FROM THE FUND INCLUDED \$363 000 TO THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, \$187 000 TO PURCHASE A TELEVISION/CAMERA FOR THE IMAGE INTENSIFIER IN THE KWONG WAH HOSPITAL AND \$176 000 TO MEET HALF THE COST OF A SPECTROPHOTO METRIC ANALYSER FOR THE TUNG WAH HOSPITAL. THE CARITAS MEDICAL CENTRE RECEIVED \$284 000 TO PURCHASE AN X-RAY GENERATOR AND TO REPROVISION THE DARK ROOMS OF ITS OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT.

A GRANT OF \$212 000 HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE PO LEUNG KUK TOWARDS THE COST OF THE MODIFICATION OF OFFICES AND THE PURCHASE OF FURNITURE TO MEET EXPANSION OF ITS SERVICES.

THE HONG KONG RED CROSS HAD BEEN GIVEN \$151 160 TO PROMOTE PUBLICITY FOR THE BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE AND TO PURCHASE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FOR ITS CENTRES AND SCHOOLS.

A GRANT OF \$131 000 WAS MADE TOWARDS THE COST OF REPAIR WORK, THE PURCHASE OF FURNITURE AND NEW TEACHING AIDS FOR THE ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION AND BRIGADE, WHILE \$110 000 HAD BEEN PROVIDED TO SUPPLY MILK AND ARRANGE EDUCATIONAL OUTINGS FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN 33 SPECIAL SCHOOLS.

THE HONG KONG FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION AND THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS LTD. EACH RECEIVED A GRANT OF \$100 000 TOWARDS THEIR GENERAL RUNNING EXPENSES, WHILE GRANTS OF \$98 000 HAD BEEN MADE TO THE HONG KONG FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY AND \$87 020 TO THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN TO ENABLE THEM TO FURTHER THEIR COMMUNITY SERVICES.

IN ADDITION, A SUM OF \$80 000 WAS ALLOCATED TO PROVIDE FREE PLACES FOR UNDER-PRIVILEGED SCHOOL CHILDREN ATTENDING THE PRIMARY SCHOOL OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMP.

THE SIR ROBERT HO TUNG CHARITABLE FUND IS ONE OF THE LARGEST CHARITABLE TRUSTS IN HONG KONG AND WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE LATE SIR ROBERT HO TUNG BY A BEQUEST MADE ON HIS DEATH IN 1956. THE ASSETS OF THE FUND ARE ADMINISTERED BY THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, HONG KONG (TRUSTEE) LIMITED, TRUSTEES OF SIR ROBERT HO TUNG'S ESTATE.

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#### ACHIEVEMENT RESTS ON TEAMWORK AND DISCIPLINE

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A GOVERNMENT OR PRIVATE ORGANISATION CAN FUNCTION EFFICIENTLY AND ACHIEVE GREATNESS ONLY WHEN THERE IS TEAMWORK AND DISCIPLINE AMONG THE STAFF.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. K.L. THONG, WHEN HE ADDRESSED THE ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEET OF THE SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON.

HE SAID ATHLETIC EVENTS HELPED TO FOSTER THE SPIRIT OF TEAMWORK AND DISCIPLINE AMONG MEMBERS OF A COMMUNITY, ASIDE FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOUND MINDS AND BODIES.

HE POINTED OUT THAT +YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD BE IMBUED WITH THE SPIRIT OF TEAMWORK AT AN EARLY STAGE OF THEIR LIVES IN ORDER THAT THEY CAN BECOME GOOD CITIZENS AND LEADERS OF OUR COMMUNITY IN THE FUTURE.+

+NO ORGANISATION OR BODY, BE IT A SCHOOL OR AN OFFICE OR EVEN A COMMUNITY OR A GOVERNMENT, CAN FUNCTION EFFICIENTLY AND ACHIEVE GREATNESS IF THERE IS NO DISCIPLINE AMONG ITS MEMBERS,+ HE SAID.

DR. THONG URGED STUDENTS TO CULTIVATE AN INTEREST IN PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES ASIDE FROM CONCENTRATING ON ACADEMIC STUDIES.

+WHILE PARTICIPATING IN ATHLETIC EVENTS, THEY MIGHT DEVELOP HEALTHY BODIES WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL PRE-REQUISITES FOR THE PRODUCTION OF HEALTHY MINDS,+ HE SAID.

+IN A MODERN SOCIETY SUCH AS THE ONE IN HONG KONG, WHERE THE COMPETITION IS KEEN AND THE PACE OF LIFE IS FASTER THAN IN MOST PLACES, WE HAVE TO FACE MANY FORMIDABLE CHALLENGES. ATHLETIC MEETS SUCH AS THESE ARE VERY IMPORTANT AND CAN BRING OUT THE PHYSICAL AS WELL AS INTELLECTUAL POTENTIALS AMONG OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE CHANCES OF ACHIEVING SUCCESS LATER IN LIFE ARE GREATLY ENHANCED,+ HE ADDED.

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GOOD BILINGUISTS WANTED FOR SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION WORK  
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THE GOVERNMENT IS LOOKING FOR PART-TIME SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETERS TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING WORKLOAD OF ITS INTERPRETATION UNIT.

SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETERS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE INTERPRETATION SERVICE IN CANTONESE AND ENGLISH FOR MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE AND URBAN COUNCILS, ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES, AND AT PRESS CONFERENCES.

+WE HOPE THAT WITH THE NEW RECRUITS, MORE SUCH ESSENTIAL SERVICE CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE AT OFFICIAL OR SEMI-OFFICIAL MEETINGS,+ SAID MR. Y.P. CHENG, CHIEF INTERPRETER.

APPLICANTS FOR THE PART-TIME JOB MUST HAVE A GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF CHINESE AND ENGLISH AND MUST BE FLUENT IN THESE LANGUAGES. THEY MUST BE ABLE TO INTERPRET SIMULTANEOUSLY AT GREAT SPEED AND UNDER MENTAL STRAIN, HAVE A KEEN INTEREST IN CURRENT AFFAIRS AND A FAIR KNOWLEDGE OF MEETING PROCEDURES, CAN WORK OUTSIDE NORMAL OFFICE HOURS IF REQUIRED, AND CAN WORK AS A TEAM WITH FELLOW INTERPRETERS.

THOSE WHO ARE SELECTED WILL BE GIVEN INDUCTION TRAINING PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT TO ACQUAINT THEM WITH MEETING PROCEDURES AND INTERPRETATION SKILLS. THEY WILL BE PAID \$350 TO \$560 FOR ANY ONE DAY OR PART OF A DAY'S WORK.

APPLICATION, TOGETHER WITH CURRICULUM VITAE, MUST REACH THE SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION UNIT OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT IN ROOM 107, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, MAIN WING NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 29, 1979.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF  
WATERLOO ROAD/NATHAN ROAD JUNCTION  
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THE JUNCTION OF WATERLOO ROAD AND NATHAN ROAD WILL BE PARTIALLY CLOSED ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 15) NIGHT AND COMPLETELY CLOSED THE NEXT MORNING FOR ROAD REINSTATEMENT WORKS.

THE JUNCTION WILL BE PARTIALLY CLOSED FROM 8 PM ON SATURDAY TO 1 AM ON SUNDAY. DURING THE CLOSURE THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED:

- \* WATERLOO ROAD BETWEEN PITT STREET AND SHANGHAI STREET WILL BE RESTRICTED TO ONE WAY TRAFFIC WESTBOUND= AND
- \* EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON WATERLOO ROAD WEST OF NATHAN ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO SHANGHAI STREET, MONG KOK ROAD, TUNG CHOI STREET, ARGYLE STREET, AND YIM PO FONG STREET BEFORE REJOINING WATERLOO ROAD=

AT THE SAME TIME KOWLOON MOTOR BUS ROUTE NUMBERS 3, 7, 7A AND 70 ON WATERLOO ROAD EASTBOUND WILL OPERATE ON SAME RE-ROUTINGS.

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ON SUNDAY THE JUNCTION WILL BE COMPLETELY CLOSED FROM 1 AM TO 9 AM DURING WHICH THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED:

- \* NATHAN ROAD FROM PITT STREET TO WING SING LANE AND WATERLOO ROAD FROM TUNG FONG STREET TO PORTLAND STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES-
- \* EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON WATERLOO ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED THE SAME WAY AS THAT DURING THE PARTIAL CLOSURE-
- \* WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ON WATERLOO ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO DUNDAS STREET, NATHAN ROAD, HAMILTON STREET, AND SHANGHAI STREET BEFORE REJOINING WATERLOO ROAD-
- \* WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ON WATERLOO ROAD LEFT-TURNING ONTO NATHAN ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO DUNDAS STREET, NATHAN ROAD, HAMILTON STREET, SHANGHAI STREET, WING SING LANE AND BACK TO NATHAN ROAD-
- \* KOWLOON MOTOR BUS ROUTE NUMBERS 3, 7, 7A, 70, 207 AND 208 WILL OPERATE ON SAME RE-ROUTINGS-
- \* SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON NATHAN ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO HAMILTON STREET, SHANGHAI STREET, WING SING LANE AND BACK TO NATHAN ROAD-
- \* KOWLOON MOTOR BUS ROUTE NUMBERS 1A, 2, 3C, 4, 4A, 6, 6A, 9, 13, 45, 71, 202, 206, 209, 210, 216 AND 246 AND CROSS HARBOUR ROUTE NUMBERS 102, 104, 105 AND 112, WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE ON SAME RE-ROUTINGS-
- \* KOWLOON MOTOR BUS ROUTE NUMBERS 2E, 12, 30 AND 50 WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE ON SHANGHAI STREET, WING SING LANE AND NATHAN ROAD INSTEAD OF DUNDAS STREET AND NATHAN ROAD.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THAT DURING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURES, THE +BUS ONLY+ LANE IN SHANGHAI STREET WILL BE OPENED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO ADVISED MOTORISTS TO AVOID THE AFFECTED AREA UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY AS CONGESTION IS EXPECTED DURING THE PERIOD OF THE ROAD CLOSURES.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP AND TRAFFIC POLICEMEN WILL BE ON HAND TO GUIDE MOTORISTS AND PEDESTRIANS.

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NOVEMBER IS DRY AND WINDY  
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HONG KONG HAD A DRY AND WINDY MONTH LAST MONTH WHEN THE STRONG MONSOON SIGNAL WAS HOISTED ON FIVE OCCASIONS AND LASTED MORE THAN 108 HOURS - BOTH RECORDS ARE THE HIGHEST FOR NOVEMBER SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SIGNAL IN 1950.

THE MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY WAS 10 PER CENT BELOW NORMAL AND THE TOTAL RAINFALL AMOUNTED TO ONLY 11.2 MM AS AGAINST THE NORMAL 39.2 MM, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE POINTED OUT THAT MORE THAN 1 600 FIRES OCCURRED DURING THE MONTH, ALTHOUGH FIRE DANGER WARNINGS WERE IN FORCE MOST OF THE TIME. SOME 300 000 TREES AND 1 105 HECTARES OF VEGETATION WERE EITHER DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY ABOUT 200 HILL FIRES.

IN PARTICULAR, A FIRE WHICH BROKE OUT ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 18 IN THE TAI LAM CHUNG AREA RAGED FOR 30 HOURS AND DESTROYED 265 000 TREES AND 500 HECTARES OF VEGETATION.

THE MONTH BEGAN WITH A FINE AND WARM DAY WHEN A TEMPERATURE OF 28.9 DEGREES CELSIUS -- THE HIGHEST IN THE MONTH -- WAS RECORDED IN THE AFTERNOON. CONDITIONS TURNED CLOUDY WITH PERIODS OF RAIN IN THE FOLLOWING THREE DAYS AS AN AREA OF DISTURBED WEATHER MOVED FROM EAST TO WEST ACROSS THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA.

A COLD FRONT PASSED THROUGH DURING THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 4 AND THE DRY NORTHERLY AIRSTREAM BEHIND IT GRADUALLY GAVE RISE TO BRILLIANTLY FINE WEATHER ON NOVEMBER 6. HOWEVER, IT BECAME CLOUDY AGAIN WITH SOME LIGHT RAIN PATCHES THE FOLLOWING DAYS POSSIBLY DUE TO THE REMNANT OF TYPHOON VERA OVER THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AND AN ASSOCIATED MOIST EASTERLY AIRSTREAMS OVER SOUTH CHINA.

BEGINNING FROM THE THIRD WEEK, THE WEATHER BECAME COOLER, AND STRONG TO GALE FORCE WINDS WERE EXPERIENCED FROM THE EVENING OF NOVEMBER 17 TO THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 19. THE STRONG WINDS ON THE MORNING OF THE 18TH WERE REPORTED TO HAVE CAUSED 13 ACCIDENTS RESULTING IN 16 INJURIES MAINLY CAUSED BY FALLING SCAFFOLDINGS AND SIGN-BOARDS, AND FLYING DEBRIS. FIVE AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG.

A TEMPERATURE OF 10.5 DEGREES CELSIUS -- THE LOWEST IN THE MONTH AND SO FAR THIS WINTER -- WAS RECORDED ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 19. THE MINIMUM TEMPERATURES AT TAI MO SHAN AND TATE'S CAIRN WERE 1.2 DEGREES AND 3.0 DEGREES RESPECTIVELY. THE RELATIVE HUMIDITY ALSO DROPPED TO 21 PER CENT ON THE PRECEEDING AFTERNOON.

THE WEATHER BECAME CLOUDY IN THE FOLLOWING TWO DAYS AND CONDITIONS WERE Milder AND MORE HUMID. PATCHES OF LIGHT RAIN AND STRONG NORTHERLY WINDS WERE EXPERIENCED ON NOVEMBER 22 AND 23 FOLLOWING THE ARRIVAL OF A SURGE OF WINTER MONSOON.

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STARTING FROM NOVEMBER 25, THE WEATHER IMPROVED AND THE REST OF THE MONTH WAS MAINLY FINE AND DRY. STRONG NORTHERLY WINDS WERE EXPERIENCED ON NOVEMBER 25-26 AND 28-29.

DURING THE MONTH, ONLY TWO TROPICAL CYCLONES FORMED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND NONE CAME NEAR HONG KONG. TYPHOON VERA ORIGINATED NEAR THE CAROLINE ISLANDS ON NOVEMBER 2, MOVED NORTHWESTWARDS TOWARDS THE PHILIPPINES, CROSSED NORTH LUZON ON NOVEMBER 7 AND DISSIPATED OFF ITS WESTERN COAST. TROPICAL STORM WAYNE DEVELOPED ABOUT 650 NAUTICAL MILES EAST OF MANILA ON NOVEMBER 8 BUT DISSIPATED OVER THE OCEAN ABOUT 400 NAUTICAL MILES NORTHEAST OF MANILA ON NOVEMBER 12.

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TECHNICAL INSTITUTE DEPARTMENT HEAD RETIRES  
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MR. M.C. TAYLOR, THE HEAD OF MARINE AND FABRICATION DEPARTMENT AT THE HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, IS RETIRING FROM THE GOVERNMENT AFTER 20 YEARS SERVICE.

MR. ROBERT BRAY, PRINCIPAL OF THE HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WILL PRESENT A SET OF GOLF CLUBS TO MR. TAYLOR AS A MEMENTO FROM HIS COLLEAGUES AT THE INSTITUTE.

THE PRESENTATION WILL BE HELD AT A COCKTAIL PARTY TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE INSTITUTE'S TRAINING RESTAURANT.

MR. TAYLOR FIRST JOINED THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL COLLEGE IN 1959, AND CONTINUED TO SERVE AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC WHEN IT WAS SET UP IN 1972.

HE JOINED THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION DIVISION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN 1975 TO PREPARE THE GROUNDWORK FOR SETTING UP THE MARINE AND FABRICATION DEPARTMENT AT THE HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

MR. TAYLOR WILL BE PROCEEDING ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE NEXT WEEK.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND THE PARTY TO MARK THE RETIREMENT OF MR. M.C. TAYLOR, HEAD OF THE MARINE AND FABRICATION DEPARTMENT AT THE HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE. THE EVENT WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 5 PM IN THE TRAINING RESTAURANT OF THE INSTITUTE, AT 702 LAI CHI KOK ROAD, CHEUNG SHA WAN, KOWLOON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FIRE PREVENTION CHECK  
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THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU WILL CARRY OUT A LARGE SCALE FIRE PREVENTION CHECK IN SAN PO KONG INDUSTRIAL AREA FROM 9.30 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE INSPECTION. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO REPORT TO A MOBILE FIRE SERVICES COMMAND UNIT WHICH WILL BE SET UP AT THE JUNCTION OF TAI YAU STREET AND TSEUK LUK STREET.

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PASSING-OUT PARADE OF PRISON OFFICERS  
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THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF ANOTHER GROUP OF ITS RECRUITS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR TRAINING ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 15) AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE PARADE GROUND IN STANLEY.

THE DEPUTY FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR. HENRY CHING, WILL TAKE THE SALUTE AND PRESENT GOLDEN WHISTLES TO TWO BEST RECRUITS.

ON PARADE WILL BE FIVE PRISON OFFICERS AND 90 ASSISTANT PRISON OFFICERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF FIVE PRISON OFFICERS AND 90 ASSISTANT PRISON OFFICERS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE PARADE GROUND IN STANLEY AT 10 AM ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 15).

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EVENT. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE GUARDIAN HOUSE, 32 01 KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT 9 AM.

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SPECIAL TRAINS TO RACE COURSE CONCERT

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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WILL OPERATE THREE SPECIAL PASSENGER TRAINS TO THE SHA TIN RACE COURSE THIS SUNDAY (DECEMBER 16) FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ATTENDING THE FIRST PARKSIDE CONCERT THERE.

THE CONCERT, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE AND THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY, IS THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF OUTDOOR CONCERTS TO BE STAGED AT THE SHA TIN RACE COURSE.

THE THREE SPECIAL TRAINS WILL LEAVE HUNG HOM STATION AT 2.40 PM, 2.54 PM AND 3.16 PM.

ON THE RETURN JOURNEY, THERE WILL BE ANOTHER THREE TRAINS LEAVING THE SHA TIN RACE COURSE STATION AT 7.30 PM, 7.51 PM AND 8.20 PM.

THE CONCERT WILL BE HELD BETWEEN 4 PM AND 7 PM.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF AIRPORT EASTERN ROAD

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A SECTION OF AIRPORT EASTERN ROAD NEAR AIRPORT MAINTENANCE HANGAR NO. 4 WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 11 AM ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 15) TO FACILITATE THE MOVING OF A HANGAR ROOF ACROSS THE ROAD.

THE CLOSURE IS SCHEDULED FOR TWO DAYS, BUT MAY BE EXTENDED IF TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES ARE ENCOUNTERED.

DURING THE CLOSURE, A TEMPORARY ALTERNATIVE ROUTE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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