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21 BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN JUNE

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE APPROVED 21 BUILDING PLANS IN JUNE -- FIVE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, SIX IN KOWLOON AND 10 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY INCLUDED A 36-STOREY APARTMENT-COMMERCIAL BUILDING AT THE FORTRESS HILL DEVELOPMENT, KING'S ROAD, AN EXTENSION FOR A SCHOOL AT FARM ROAD AND TIN KWONG ROAD, KOWLOON, TWO WORKSHOPS AT CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, AND FO TAN, A PETROL-FILLING STATION IN KOWLOON BAY AND A MOTOR CONTROL CENTRE FOR A GAS PRODUCTION PLANT AT TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

DURING THE SAME MONTH, THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 32 PROJECTS, OF WHICH 11 WERE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, SEVEN IN KOWLOON AND 14 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THESE INCLUDED TWO BLOCKS OF STAFF QUARTERS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, A CLUB HOUSE AT TAI TAM ROAD, A PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR THE KORNHILL DEVELOPMENT, A SCHOOL EXTENSION AT WAI CHI STREET, A PASSENGER JETTY EXTENSION AND BREAKWATER ON LAMMA ISLAND AND A TELEPHONE EXCHANGE BUILDING IN MA ON SHAN.

THE TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF THESE 32 PROJECTS WAS 116 538.30 SQUARE METRES OF WHICH 70 687.20 SQUARE METRES WERE FOR NON-DOMESTIC PURPOSES AND THE REST FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES.

IN THE SAME MONTH, A TOTAL OF 39 OCCUPATION PERMITS WERE ISSUED FOR NEWLY-COMPLETED BUILDINGS, INCLUDING FOUR APARTMENT BLOCKS AT WESTLANDS ROAD AND A FACTORY AT FUNG YIP STREET.

OTHERS INCLUDED A 24-STOREY APARTMENT-COMMERCIAL BUILDING AT SHU KUK STREET, A CEMENT PLANT CONTROL BUILDING AT TAP SHEK KOK AND 17 BLOCKS FOR APARTMENT AND COMMERCIAL PURPOSES, COMMERCIAL COMPLEXES AND SCHOOLS FOR THE LUK YEUNG SUN CHUEN DEVELOPMENT.

THE TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS 318 565.10 SQUARE METRES WITH 254 762.30 SQUARE METRES FOR DOMESTIC USE AND THE REST FOR NON-DOMESTIC USE.

THE COST OF THESE NEW BUILDINGS WAS ABOUT \$1 011 MILLION.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO ISSUED EIGHT DEMOLITION ORDERS IN RESPECT OF 23 BUILDINGS IN JUNE.

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ENQUIRY CENTRES HAVE BUSY TIME
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THE 65 PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HANDLED ABOUT 6.5 MILLION CASES AND ENQUIRIES DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THE YEAR -- AN 18 PER CENT INCREASE OVER THE PREVIOUS SIX MONTHS.

CONVENIENTLY LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, THE CENTRES PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC.

THESE SERVICES INCLUDE ANSWERING GENERAL ENQUIRIES; DISTRIBUTING GOVERNMENT FORMS, LEAFLETS AND PUBLICITY MATERIALS; ADMINISTERING STATUTORY DECLARATIONS; ADVISING AND OFFERING INFORMATION ON SERVICES PROVIDED BY ALL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS; DEALING WITH COMPLAINTS; RENDERING ASSISTANCE IN SOLVING PERSONAL PROBLEMS AND ARRANGING REFERRALS WHERE THE PROBLEM IS COMPLEX AND REQUIRES EXPERT ADVICE.

+THE CENTRES DEALT MAINLY WITH APPLICATIONS FOR PUBLIC HOUSING; REQUESTS FOR FORMS FOR GOVERNMENT JOB VACANCIES; ENQUIRIES ABOUT TELEPHONE NUMBERS, LOCATIONS AND OPENING HOURS OF GOVERNMENT OFFICES; STATUTORY DECLARATIONS, OATHS AND AFFIRMATIONS; AND REQUESTS FOR POSTERS, PAMPHLETS, AND FORMS ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, + A CNTA SPOKESMAN SAID.

+DURING THE PERIOD SOME FOUR MILLION FORMS AND INFORMATION BOOKLETS WERE DISTRIBUTED TO THE PUBLIC.

+A LARGE NUMBER OF STATUTORY DECLARATIONS WERE ADMINISTERED WITH POPULAR TOPICS COVERING TRUE COPIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, APPLICATIONS FOR EDUCATION AND EXAMINATIONS, + HE SAID.

UNDER THE 'FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME', 1 430 CASES WERE HANDLED, FREE OF CHARGE, BY LAWYERS FROM THE HONG KONG LAW SOCIETY AT EIGHT CENTRES IN WAN CHAI, EASTERN, YAU MA TEI, WONG TAI SIN, MONG KOK, KWUN TONG, TSUEN WAN AND SHA TIN.

NEARLY 6 000 PEOPLE CONSULTED THE RENT OFFICERS OF THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT STATIONED IN 12 DISTRICT OFFICES (TEN IN THE URBAN AREA AND TWO IN THE NEW TERRITORIES) FOR ADVICE ON RENTAL AND TENANCY PROBLEMS.

ENQUIRIES ON SERVICES AVAILABLE AT ANY OF THE CENTRES CAN BE MADE AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE SECTION IN THE CNTA HEADQUARTERS ON THE 13TH FLOOR, WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, 7 CANTON ROAD, HARBOUR CITY IN TSIM SHA TSUI (TEL: 3-692255).

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CUSTOMS WARN OF POSSIBLE BOAT FORFEITURES
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SMUGGLERS WHO USE SPEED BOATS OR SMALL CRAFT TO SMUGGLE MERCHANDISE OR PROHIBITED ARTICLES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA MIGHT HAVE THEIR VESSELS FORFEITED, SAID THE HEAD OF THE CUSTOMS INVESTIGATION BUREAU, MR MAK KAM-LAU.

HE GAVE THIS WARNING WHEN COMMENTING ON A RECENT CASE IN WHICH A SPEED BOAT WITH TWIN 235-HORSE-POWER ENGINES WAS ORDERED BY THE COURT TO BE FORFEITED.

THIS WAS THE FIRST CRAFT USED FOR SMUGGLING TO BE FORFEITED TO THE CROWN FOLLOWING AN APPLICATION BY THE CUSTOMS.

EARLIER, THREE PERSONS INVOLVED IN THIS CASE WERE EACH SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS' JAIL.

THERE ARE AT PRESENT 11 SPEED BOATS BEING DETAINED PENDING FORFEITURE HEARINGS.

MR MAK STRESSED THAT THE CUSTOMS AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WOULD CONTINUE THEIR STRINGENT SURVEILLANCE ON SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG.

ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE BUREAU, IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR, THE BUREAU HANDLED A TOTAL OF 2 130 PROSECUTIONS, AN INCREASE OF 16 PER CENT OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1984.

AMONG THESE CASES, 1 131 CAME UNDER THE DUTIABLE COMMODITIES ORDINANCE, 591 UNDER THE DANGEROUS DRUGS ORDINANCE, 183 UNDER THE IMPORT AND EXPORT ORDINANCE AND THE REST OF 225 UNDER OTHER ORDINANCES.

TOTAL FINES IMPOSED AMOUNTED TO \$1.2 MILLION AND JAIL SENTENCES WERE IMPOSED IN TERMS TOTALLING 342 YEARS.

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RECUPERATION CENTRE TOPS POLICE SHOPPING LIST

A RECUPERATION CENTRE FOR POLICE OFFICERS RECOVERING FROM SHOOTING INCIDENTS OR OTHER ILLNESSES, TO BE PROVIDED IN A PEACEFUL ENVIRONMENT AT DISCOVERY BAY, LANTAU, HEADS A "SHOPPING LIST" OF FORCE WELFARE PROJECTS THAT WILL RESULT FROM A DONATION OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS PRESENTED TO THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE BY PHILANTHROPIST SIR SHIU-KIN TANG.

SIR SHIU-KIN PRESENTED HIS MILLION DOLLAR CHEQUE TO DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MANAGEMENT, MR ERIC BLACKBURN AT A LUNCHEON TO CELEBRATE MR BLACKBURN'S BIRTHDAY.

THE PRESENTATION WAS MADE TO THE FORE IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MR BLACKBURN'S VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION BOTH TO THE FORCE AND TO THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME.

IN ADDITION TO THE DISCOVERY BAY RECUPERATION CENTRE, THE DONATION WILL BE SPENT ON :

- + UP GRADING OVER NIGHT ACCOMMODATION AT GREEN ISLAND RECREATION CENTRE,
- + THE TRANSFER OF THE FORCE MUSEUM TO WANCHAI GAP POLICE STATION,
- + IMPROVEMENTS TO THE GAZETTED OFFICERS MESS,
- + THE PROVISION OF FITTED CARPETS IN POLICE PREMISES TO WHICH THE PUBLIC HAS ACCESS,
- + LEOPARD SKINS FOR ALL POLICE BAND DRUMMERS AND A NEW SILVER MACE FOR THE DRUM MAJOR,
- + A DONATION TO FORCE TENNIS.

IN A SPEECH OF THANKS, MR BLACKBURN NOTED THAT SIR SHIU-KIN HAD IN THE PAST GIVEN MORE THAN \$5 MILLION TO FUND VARIOUS POLICE WELFARE PROJECTS, AND HIS EXTREME GENEROSITY WAS UNPRECEDENTED, PARTICULARLY WHEN LOOKED AT IN RELATION TO THE MANY OTHER GIFTS AND GRANTS HE HAD MADE TO VARIOUS CHARITIES. IN RECENT YEARS HE HAD GIVEN MORE THAN \$100 MILLION TO HELP THE POORER PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

"IT IS A TRUISM THAT AS A GROUP YOU HAVE FAVOURED THE DISCIPLINED SERVICES OF GOVERNMENT AND EACH HAS BENEFITED BY YOUR CONCERN FOR THE WELFARE OF THE OFFICERS WHO SERVE THE COMMUNITY IN THEIR VARIOUS CAPACITIES.

"I THINK IT IS FAIR COMMENT TO SAY THAT EACH OF THE SERVICES NOW HAS A VERY HEALTHY WELFARE FUND, GOOD MESSSES AND HIGH MORALE AND THAT YOU SIR HAVE PLAYED A VERY SIGNIFICANT PART IN ACHIEVING THIS DESIRABLE STATE OF AFFAIRS."

/GIVING ASSISTANCE

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GIVING ASSISTANCE THAT SIR SHIU-KIN'S LATEST DONATION WOULD BE SPENT WISELY MR BLACKBUR ADDED : "I HOPE THAT IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SPARE THE TIME TO SEE THE TANGIBLE RESULTS WHICH STEM DIRECTLY FROM YOUR GENEROSITY."

MR BLACKBURN LATER EXPLAINED THAT THE PLANNED RECUPERATION CENTRE WOULD ALLOW POLICE OFFICERS WHO WERE RECOVERING FROM LONG TERM ILLNESSES OR SHOOTING OR OTHER INJURIES SUSTAINED ON DUTY TO RELAX AND RECOVER IN A QUIET RURAL SETTING WITH GOOD ACCOMMODATION AND GOOD FOOD.

"IT'S AT THE HEART OF FORCE WELFARE TO PROVIDE THIS CARE," HE SAID. "I REGARD IT AS VERY NECESSARY."

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BOSSES URGED TO SET OUT WORK RULES FOR STORMS
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EMPLOYERS WERE ADVISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) TO REACH PRIOR AGREEMENT WITH THEIR EMPLOYEES ABOUT WORKING ARRANGEMENTS DURING A TROPICAL STORM.

AGREEMENT ON RELEASE FROM WORK AND THE METHOD OF CALCULATING WAGES TO BE PAID IN SUCH SITUATIONS WOULD HELP AVOID MISUNDERSTANDING, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO LEGAL PROVISION COVERING THIS MATTER, ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE WORKED OUT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ALL RELEVANT FACTORS, SUCH AS NATURE OF WORK, PLACE OF WORKERS' RESIDENCE AND AVAILABILITY OF TRANSPORT, HE SAID.

NORMALLY, HE SAID, EMPLOYERS SHOULD SEND THEIR EMPLOYEES HOME WHEN TYPHOON SIGNAL NUMBER EIGHT OR HIGHER IS HOISTED, OR WHEN PUBLIC TRANSPORT IS ABOUT TO STOP.

THIS, HOWEVER, DID NOT APPLY TO EMPLOYEES WHO WERE REQUIRED TO PERFORM ESSENTIAL AND EMERGENCY DUTIES DURING A TYPHOON, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

EMPLOYERS MAY APPROACH THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR ADVICE WHEN DRAFTING OR PREPARING AGREEMENTS CONCERNING TYPHOON ARRANGEMENTS, HE SAID.

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BOARD SETS UP FUND FOR CIVIC WORK

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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD HAS EARMARKED \$300 000 FOR LOCAL MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS TO ORGANISE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS AND COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE, MR LAM KIN-KWOK, SAID: +LETTERS, TOGETHER WITH APPLICATION FORMS, ARE BEING SENT THROUGH THE SUB-OFFICES OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, TO SOME 300 MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, AND 100 OWNERS' CORPORATIONS IN KWUN TONG TO APPLY FOR FUNDS.+

+THE COMMUNITY ACTIVITY UNDER APPLICATION MUST BE NON-PROFIT-MAKING AND MUST BENEFIT RESIDENTS OF A BUILDING OR SQUATTER AREA,+ HE SAID.

+ON THE OTHER HAND, THE ACTIVITY MUST BE HELD BY JANUARY NEXT YEAR SO THAT THE BOARD CAN COMPLETE ITS ACCOUNTS BEFORE THE CLOSE OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR.+

THE MAXIMUM GRANT FOR A MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE WITH LESS THAN 1 500 RESIDENTS AND FOR AN OWNERS' CORPORATION IS \$1 000, WHILE FOR A MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE WITH MORE THAN 1 500 RESIDENTS IT IS \$2 000.

+ALL APPLICATIONS SHOULD REACH US BY SEPTEMBER 16, AND IF THERE ARE ANY DIFFICULTIES IN FILLING IN THE APPLICATION FORMS, THEY CAN APPROACH THE LIAISON OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE,+ MR LAM SAID.

IN THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR, THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD GRANTED \$220 000 TO ABOUT 150 LOCAL MAC'S AND OC'S.

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HONG KONG ANNUAL REPORT AS POPULAR AS EVER

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THE HONG KONG ANNUAL REPORT, THE TERRITORY'S TRADITIONAL BEST SELLER, IS AS POPULAR AS EVER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES SAID TODAY THAT THE DEMAND FOR THE CHINESE VERSION OF HONG KONG 1985 HAD INCREASED AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THE ANNUAL REPORT, THE CHINESE VERSION WAS REPRINTED.

IN THE FIRST PRINT RUN, 11 000 COPIES IN CHINESE -- THE SAME NUMBER AS LAST YEAR -- HAD BEEN PRODUCED BUT HAD BEEN SOLD OUT QUICKLY. A FURTHER 2 000 COPIES HAVE NOW BEEN REPRINTED AND ARE ON SALE AT \$32 A COPY. OF THE 30 000 COPIES IN ENGLISH, MORE THAN 20 000 COPIES HAD ALREADY BEEN SOLD.

/THE SPOKESMAN

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THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN THE GPO BUILDING AT CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, THE MAIN OUTLET FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT, A VARIETY OF OTHER PUBLICATIONS -- NEARLY 5 000 TITLES RANGING FROM FAUNA AND FLORA TO LAW AND STATISTICS -- WERE ALSO AVAILABLE.

POPULAR PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE IN CHINESE INCLUDE NATURE TRAIL BOOKLETS, SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS SYLLABUSES, AND ECONOMIC REPORTS. AMONG THE LEGAL PUBLICATIONS ON SALE IN CHINESE ARE 60 ORDINANCES OF WHICH THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE HAS PROVED TO BE THE PUBLICATION MOST IN DEMAND, WITH OVER 2 400 COPIES SOLD.

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EXHIBITION TO FOCUS ON ADOLESCENT HEALTH
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A SEVEN-DAY HEALTH EXHIBITION SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR ADOLESCENTS WILL BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL BEGINNING SATURDAY (AUGUST 17).

ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THE ADOLESCENT HEALTH EXHIBITION WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC BETWEEN 10 AM AND 6 PM DAILY AT THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL.

THE EXHIBITION IS AIMED AT PROMOTING A GENERAL AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTH AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE, THE HEAD OF THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT, DR CHAN WAI-MAN, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

+ADOLESCENCE IS A PERIOD WHEN YOUTHS UNDERGO IMMENSE PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL CHANGES AND IT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT THEY ARE FULLY PREPARED FOR SUCH CHANGES,+ SHE ADDED.

DR CHAN NOTED THAT AS THIS YEAR IS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR, IT WAS APPROPRIATE TO STAGE SUCH AN EXHIBITION TO BRING HOME THE MESSAGE OF DEVELOPING A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE.

THE EXHIBITION WILL PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION ON SEX EDUCATION, PHYSICAL CHANGES DURING PUBERTY AND MENTAL HEALTH. THE IMPORTANCE OF NUTRITION, EXERCISE AND THE EFFECTS OF SMOKING, ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION ON HEALTH ARE ALSO FEATURED IN THE EXHIBITION.

VISITORS WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN COMPUTER GAMES AND WRITE-UP COMPETITIONS. SOUVENIRS AND PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE BEST WRITE-UP EACH DAY.

/FREE T-SHIRT

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FREE T-SHIRT PRINTING WITH THE ADOLESCENT HEALTH SLOGAN WILL BE AVAILABLE ON AUGUST 18.

DURING THE EXHIBITION PERIOD FROM AUGUST 17 TO 23, A NUMBER OF RELATED PROGRAMMES WILL BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL INCLUDING A SEMINAR FOR TEACHERS AND SOCIAL WORKERS, A WORKSHOP FOR ADOLESCENTS AGED 14 TO 18 AND FILM AND SLIDE SHOWS ON VARIOUS YOUTH TOPICS.

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NEW BUILDINGS FOR BEACHES * * * * *

THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BUILD MORE THAN 10 BUILDINGS ON VARIOUS GAZETTED BEACHES IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS IN ITS CONTINUING EFFORTS TO PROVIDE SWIMMERS WITH BETTER FACILITIES.

ABOUT \$30 MILLION HAS BEEN ALLOCATED FOR THE WORKS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE BEACH BUILDINGS WILL HAVE CHANGING ROOMS AND SHOWERS, FIRST AID ROOMS, TOILETS, OFFICES, STOREROOMS AND REFRESHMENT KIOSKS.

THREE OF THE BUILDINGS, AT TRIO BEACH AND KIU TSUI BEACH IN SAI KUNG AND LO SO SHING BEACH ON LAMMA ISLAND, ARE ALREADY UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THEY WILL OPEN TO THE PUBLIC DURING THIS SWIMMING SEASON.

WORK ON TWO OTHER BUILDINGS, AT PUI O BEACH ON LANTAU ISLAND AND CLEAR WATER BAY (FIRST BEACH) IN SAI KUNG, WILL START LATER THIS YEAR.

OTHER BEACH BUILDINGS WILL BE LOCATED AT CHEUNG SHA BEACH ON LANTAU ISLAND, HAP MUN BEACH IN SAI KUNG, TUNG WAN BEACH ON MA WAN ISLAND, APPROACH BEACH IN TSUEN WAN, AND NEW CAFETERIA BEACH AND BUTTERFLY BEACH IN TUEN MUN.

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JULY RAINFALL BELOW NORMAL * * * * *

THE TOTAL RAINFALL OF JULY, AT 189.8 MM, WAS 40 PER CENT BELOW NORMAL, MAKING IT THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE MONTH WITH LESS THAN NORMAL RAINFALL THIS YEAR, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY REPORTED TODAY.

THE ACCUMULATED RAINFALL FROM JANUARY TO THE END OF JULY WAS FIVE PER CENT BELOW AVERAGE.

/THE MEAN

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THE MEAN ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE OF THE MONTH, 1 006.9 MILLIBARS, WAS THE EIGHTH HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, WHILE THE MEAN CLOUD AMOUNT OF 61 PER CENT WAS SLIGHTLY LESS THAN THE NORMAL OF 66 PER CENT.

WITH THE SOUTHWEST MONSOON AFFECTING THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA ON THE FIRST THREE DAYS OF THE MONTH, THE WEATHER IN HONG KONG WAS CLOUDY WITH SUNNY INTERVALS AND A FEW ISOLATED SHOWERS ON JULY 1 AND 2. SOME SCATTERED HEAVY SHOWERS OCCURRED ON JULY 3 WHEN THE SOUTHWEST MONSOON STRENGTHENED.

THE WEATHER TURNED FINE FROM JULY 4 TO 7 UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A RIDGE OF HIGH PRESSURE OVER SOUTH CHINA.

A TROPICAL DEPRESSION OVER THE SOUTH CHINA SEA ON JULY 8 BROUGHT CLOUDY WEATHER AND THERE WERE HEAVY SHOWERS AND SQUALLY THUNDERSTORMS IN THE EARLY MORNING.

HEAVY SHOWERS AND SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS OCCURRED AGAIN IN THE EARLY HOURS OF JULY 9 CAUSING FLOODING AND MINOR LANDSLIPS IN SHA TIN AND THE NORTHERN PART OF KOWLOON. WINDS FRESHENED EARLY THAT DAY AND BECAME STRONG OFFSHORE IN THE MORNING. IN SHA TIN OVER 200 MM OF RAINFALL WAS RECORDED BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 7 AM, BUT LESS THAN 20 MM WAS RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DURING THE SAME PERIOD. THE WEATHER IMPROVED IN THE AFTERNOON WITH SOME SUNNY INTERVALS.

ON THE MORNING OF JULY 10 WINDS MODERATED RAPIDLY AND A BROAD RIDGE OF HIGH PRESSURE WAS ESTABLISHED OVER SOUTH CHINA. ALTHOUGH A FEW ISOLATED SHOWERS WERE RECORDED, THE WEATHER WAS GENERALLY FINE AND HOT UP TO JULY 17, WITH THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE RISING TO 32.5 DEGREES CELSIUS ON JULY 16, THE HIGHEST SO FAR THIS YEAR.

JULY 18 WAS OVERCAST WITH OCCASIONAL HEAVY SHOWERS AND SQUALLY THUNDERSTORMS, DUE TO THE SOUTHWEST MONSOON BECOMING ACTIVE ALONG THE SOUTH CHINA COAST. OVER 50 MM OF RAINFALL WAS RECORDED BETWEEN 7 AM AND 9 AM ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND THE WESTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

UNSETTLED WEATHER WITH HEAVY SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS CONTINUED ON JULY 19 AND THE FOLLOWING MORNING. HOWEVER, THE WEATHER IMPROVED ON THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 20 WITH SOME SUNNY INTERVALS.

FINE AND SUNNY WEATHER PREVAILED FROM JULY 21 TO 25, APART FROM A FEW ISOLATED AND BRIEF LIGHT SHOWERS.

THE WEATHER DETERIORATED ON JULY 26 WHEN THE SOUTHWEST MONSOON IN THE SOUTH CHINA COASTAL AREAS BECAME ACTIVE AGAIN.

OCCASIONAL HEAVY SHOWERS AND SQUALLY THUNDERSTORMS OCCURRED IN THE MORNING. GUSTS OF UP TO 48 AND 53 KNOTS WERE RECORDED AT KAI TAK AIRPORT AND CHEUNG CHAU. HAILSTONES OF ABOUT TWO MM IN DIAMETER WERE REPORTED IN MONG KOK AROUND NOON.

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THIS WAS THE THIRD REPORT OF THE OCCURRENCE OF HAIL IN HONG KONG THIS YEAR AND THE SECOND KNOWN REPORT OF HAIL OCCURRING IN JULY. FLOODS WERE REPORTED IN MONG KOK AND SHAM SHUI PO. A MINOR MUDSLIP OCCURRED AT CORNWALL STREET, KOWLOON TONG.

UNSETTLED WEATHER PERSISTED ON JULY 27 OVER THE SOUTH CHINA COASTAL AREAS WITH ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IT REMAINED CLOUDY WITH ISOLATED SHOWERS ON THE MORNING OF JULY 28, BUT THE WEATHER BECAME FINE IN THE AFTERNOON.

FOR THE REST OF THE MONTH IT WAS MAINLY FINE AND SUNNY, APART FROM A FEW ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS ON JULY 30 AND SOME SHOWERS ON JULY 31.

THREE TROPICAL CYCLONES OCCURRED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA DURING THE MONTH.

TYPHOON IRMA, WHICH PASSED OVER TOKYO EARLY ON JULY 1, BECAME AN EXTRATROPICAL CYCLONE TO THE SOUTHEAST OF HOKKAIDO LATER IN THE DAY.

A TROPICAL DEPRESSION FORMED ABOUT 650 NAUTICAL MILES EAST-SOUTHEAST OF MANILA ON JULY 4. IT MOVED WEST-NORTHWESTWARDS AND CROSSED THE CENTRAL PHILIPPINES ON JULY 5 BEFORE ENTERING THE SOUTH CHINA SEA THE FOLLOWING DAY TO MOVE WEST-NORTHWESTWARDS.

ON THE EVENING OF JULY 7 IT TURNED NORTHWARDS AND DISSIPATED ON REACHING THE SOUTH CHINA COAST ABOUT 110 NAUTICAL MILES EAST-NORTHEAST OF HONG KONG LATE ON JULY 8.

TYPHOON JEFF DEVELOPED ABOUT 540 NAUTICAL MILES NORTH OF GUAM ON JULY 22 AND MOVED NORTH-NORTHEASTWARDS. IT TURNED WEST-SOUTHWESTWARDS ON JULY 24 AND WAS CENTRED ABOUT 640 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTHEAST OF TOKYO. JEFF CROSSED THE RYUKYUS ON JULY 29 AND PASSED ABOUT 100 NAUTICAL MILES EAST-NORTHEAST OF TAIPEI EARLY ON JULY 30.

IT TURNED NORTHWESTWARDS AND CROSSED THE CHINA COAST ABOUT 180 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTH OF SHANGHAI LATE THE SAME DAY. JEFF WEAKENED INTO A TROPICAL STORM LATE ON JULY 31 AND WAS CENTRED ABOUT 50 NAUTICAL MILES WEST OF SHANGHAI, MOVING NORTH-NORTHEASTWARDS AT SEVEN KNOTS.

TWO INCOMING AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG ON JULY 26 DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER.

THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON JULY 8, 9, 18, 19, 20, 23, 26, 27, 30 AND 31. FLOOD WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON 8, 9, 18, 19 AND 26. NO FIRE DANGER WARNINGS WERE ISSUED.

/SIGNALS HOISTED

SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>WEATHER SYSTEM</u>	<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING</u>	<u>DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING</u>
TROPICAL DEPRESSION	1	JULY 8 1.30 AM	JULY 8 11 PM
SUMMER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	JULY 9 6.15 AM	JULY 9 9.10 AM

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

SUNSHINE	226.7 HOURS = 4.2 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
RAINFALL	189.8 MM = 127.0 MM BELOW NORMAL
CLOUDINESS	61% = 5% LESS THAN NORMAL
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	80% = 1% LOWER THAN NORMAL
MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	31.2 DEGREES CELSIUS = 0.4 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN TEMPERATURE	28.4 DEGREES CELSIUS = 0.2 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	26.4 DEGREES CELSIUS = 0.1 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	24.4 DEGREES CELSIUS = 0.6 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	146.2 MM = 36.2 MM BELOW NORMAL

MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 32.5 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON JULY 16 AND 29

MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 24.2 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON JULY 8

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VISIT TO PRINTER
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ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR A PRESS VISIT TO THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING DEPARTMENT'S NEW PREMISES AT QUARRY BAY ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 14) AFTERNOON.

PRIOR TO THE TOUR, A BRIEFING WILL BE GIVEN BY THE ACTING GOVERNMENT PRINTER, MR DAVID PEARCE, ON THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE VISIT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT 2.45 PM AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE, CORNWALL HOUSE, 28 TONG CHONG STREET, QUARRY BAY ON WEDNESDAY. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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YOUTHS URGED TO JOIN DESIGN CONTEST
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YOUNG PEOPLE IN MONG KOK ARE BEING INVITED TO JOIN A DESIGN COMPETITION IN WHICH THEY CAN TURN WASTE MATERIALS INTO CREATIVE DESIGNS.

THE COMPETITION WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 24 IN THE QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL, TO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

+THE AIM OF THE COMPETITION IS TO IMPLANT THE IDEA OF CONSERVATION AMONG YOUTHS AND TO DEVELOP THEIR CREATIVE TALENTS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MONG KOK DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE SAID.

+EACH WORK WILL BE JUDGED ON THE DESIGN AND THE APTNESS OF MATERIAL USED,+ HE ADDED.

WINNERS OF THE TOP EIGHT DESIGNS WILL BE AWARDED TROPHIES AND GIFT COUPONS.

A RENOWNED ARTS AND CRAFTS TEACHER, MR TSANG KAN-WING, THE CHAIRMAN AND TWO MEMBERS OF THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE WILL FORM THE PANEL OF JUDGES.

ENTRY MAY BE BY INDIVIDUALS OR BY GROUPS BELOW FIVE.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE TAI KOK TSUI BRANCH OFFICE.

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