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NOTE TO EDITORS:

GOVERNOR TO VISIT MACAU

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE AND LADY MACLEHOSE WILL VISIT MACAU ON MONDAY (MARCH 15) AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNOR OF MACAU. THEY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY SIR S.Y. CHUNG, SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, MR ROBIN MCLAREN, THE POLITICAL ADVISER, AND THE AIDE-DE-CAMP, MR S.P. CORRICK.

A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY WILL BE ARRANGED OUTSIDE THE MACAU FERRY PIER FOR PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN TO COVER THE DEPARTURE AND RETURN OF THE PARTY.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ASSIGNED TO COVER THE DEPARTURE SHOULD MEET GIS OFFICERS OUTSIDE THE FERRY PIER AT 8.45 AM AND THOSE COVERING THE PARTY'S RETURN SHOULD BE THERE AT 6.15 PM ON MONDAY.

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CLOSURE OF BLACK'S LINK

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REMINDED MOTORISTS TODAY THAT BLACK'S LINK WILL BE CLOSED TO WESTBOUND TRAFFIC FROM 7 AM ON MONDAY (MARCH 15).

THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID THAT AS ROAD WORKS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT AT THE SECTION OF ISLAND ROAD BETWEEN DEEP WATER BAY ROAD AND SHOUSON HILL ROAD, DRIVERS OF ARTICULATED VEHICLES WISHING TO GO TO WONG CHUK HANG AND ABERDEEN SHOULD USE POK FU LAM ROAD OR THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL.

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GOVERNMENT'S DAY NURSERY HELP PLAN EXPLAINED

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THE FEE ASSISTANCE SCHEME FOR PRE-PRIMARY SERVICES TO BE INTRODUCED IN SEPTEMBER IS INTENDED TO EXPRESS CLEARLY THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO MAKING DAY NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE TO THOSE FAMILIES WHICH NEED THE SERVICE, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE'S SHEK KIP MEI DAY CARE CENTRE, HE SAID THAT UNDER THE NEW SYSTEM, THE TAXPAYER WOULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO MEET THE BILL FOR +THOSE WHO CAN AND SHOULD BE EXPECTED TO PAY THE FULL COST+ OF A DAY NURSERY PLACE.

FEEES IN DAY NURSERIES WOULD THEREFORE APPEAR TO RISE VERY SHARPLY IN SEPTEMBER BECAUSE THEY WOULD NO LONGER BE SUBSIDISED, IN A GENERAL WAY, BY THE TAXPAYER.

+HOWEVER,+ MR ALLEYNE SAID, +IN MOST CASES THE ACTUAL FEE PAID BY PARENTS WILL NOT BE HIGHER THAN THEY WOULD HAVE EXPECTED TO PAY UNDER THE PRESENT SUBVENTION SYSTEM.

+ON THE CONTRARY, VERY LOW-INCOME FAMILIES MAY EXPECT TO PAY RELATIVELY LESS THAN UNDER THE PRESENT SYSTEM.+

THIS IS BECAUSE OF THE INTRODUCTION OF A SLIDING SCALE OF ASSISTANCE TO PARENTS TO MEET THE FEES WHICH DAY NURSERIES WILL HAVE TO CHARGE, HE SAID.

HE SAID THE SCHEME WOULD ALSO BE OPEN TO PARENTS SENDING THEIR CHILDREN TO KINDERGARTENS, BUT THEY WOULD HAVE TO ESTABLISH A SOCIAL NEED TO PLACE THEIR CHILDREN IN FULL DAY CARE AS WELL AS FALL WITHIN THE OVERALL INCOME ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.

HE NOTED THAT SOME SOCIAL WORKERS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES FEARED THAT THE PROCEDURES INVOLVED IN APPLYING FOR FEE ASSISTANCE MIGHT DISCOURAGE LESS RESPONSIBLE PARENTS FROM APPLYING FOR HELP AND INSTEAD FALLING BACK ON LESS SATISFACTORY MEANS OF PROVIDING DAY CARE FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

MR ALLEYNE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT +THE NEW SCHEME, ONCE IT IS UNDERSTOOD BY THE PARENTS, WILL BE WELL ACCEPTED BY THEM.+

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, WHICH WOULD ADMINISTER THE SCHEME, WAS +DETERMINED TO ENSURE THAT APPLICATION PROCEDURES ARE KEPT AS SIMPLE AND NON-IRKSOME AS POSSIBLE.+

FAMILIES WHO WISH TO APPLY FOR FEE ASSISTANCE WOULD BE ABLE TO DO SO AT ANY OF THE SWD'S SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

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APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAKE A DECLARATION OF TOTAL FAMILY INCOME, IF POSSIBLE SUPPORTED BY AN EMPLOYER'S CERTIFICATE, TOGETHER WITH INFORMATION ON THE ACTUAL RENT BEING PAID.

THE APPLICATIONS WOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME VIGOROUS INVESTIGATION AS FOR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS.

THE PARENTS NEED ONLY EXPECT TO MAKE ONE VISIT TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD OFFICE AND WILL THEN BE NOTIFIED BY POST OF THE OUTCOME OF THE APPLICATION AND OF THE AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION TO BE MADE BY THE FAMILY TOWARDS THE FEE CHARGED IN THE NURSERY OR KINDERGARTEN.

MR ALLEYNE SAID THE MOST IMPORTANT TASK OF THE SWD IN THE COMING MONTHS WOULD BE TO PUBLICISE AS WIDELY AS POSSIBLE THE NEW PROCEDURES FOR APPLYING FOR FEE ASSISTANCE.

A PAMPHLET EXPLAINING THE NEW SCHEME TO PARENTS WILL SOON BE ISSUED AND WILL BE WIDELY DISTRIBUTED THROUGH FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES, SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD OFFICES, CITY DISTRICT AND NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES AND NURSERIES AND KINDERGARTENS.

MR ALLEYNE AGAIN REASSURED AGENCIES OPERATING NURSERIES THAT THE NEW SCHEME WOULD NOT RESULT IN +A DRAMATIC CHANGE TO THEIR PRESENT MODE OF OPERATION OR IN THEIR CENTRES RUNNING INTO DEBT.+

FROM SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, NURSERIES WOULD BE EXPECTED TO FINANCE THEIR OPERATION FROM INCOME DERIVED FROM FEES.

+HOWEVER,+ MR ALLEYNE SAID, +NURSERIES WHICH OPERATE ON A NON-PROFIT-MAKING BASIS WILL BE ABLE TO APPLY TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR A SUBVENTION EQUIVALENT TO FIVE PER CENT OF THE TOTAL INCOME THEY COULD EXPECT TO RECEIVE IF ALL THEIR PLACES ARE FILLED AT ALL TIMES.

+THEY WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO APPLY FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF THEIR EXPENDITURE ON RENT AND RATES AND FOR CAPITAL GRANTS FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND.+

THE SHEK KIP MEI DAY CARE CENTRE, THE FOURTH TO BE RUN BY THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE, WILL PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL 200 PLACES FOR CHILDREN IN THE DENSELY POPULATED AREA. IT HAS BEEN FITTED OUT AND FURNISHED WITH A GRANT OF \$693 000 FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND.

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PUBLIC URGED TO HELP YOUTH FIGHT CRIME  
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MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION TODAY (SATURDAY) URGED THE PUBLIC TO CONTINUE TO HELP THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF HONG KONG TO FIGHT CRIME AND TO BECOME RESPONSIBLE, HONEST CITIZENS OF THE FUTURE.

SPEAKING IN HIS CAPACITY AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AT THE GRAND FINAL OF THE FIGHT YOUTH CRIME DRAMA COMPETITION IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE, MR AKERS-JONES EMPHASISED THE NEED TO MEET THE CHALLENGE OF EVERY CHANGE IN SOCIETY WITH +A FIRM NEW RESPONSE+.

+YESTERDAY'S WORLD WAS DIFFERENT FROM TODAY! TOMORROW TOO, WILL BE DIFFERENT. TODAY'S TEMPTATIONS AND PROBLEMS FOR THE YOUNG ARE DIFFERENT FROM YESTERDAY AND THEY WILL BE DIFFERENT TOMORROW,+ HE SAID.

MR AKERS-JONES POINTED OUT THAT ACTIVITIES ORGANISED THIS YEAR IN SUPPORT OF THE FIGHT YOUTH CRIME HAD BEEN WELL SUPPORTED.

+OVER 1 000 YOUNG PEOPLE ENTERED THE SONG CONTEST; THE +STARS AGAINST CRIME+ PROJECT HAS BROUGHT NEW ENTHUSIASM AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO THOUSANDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE; AND TONIGHT, THE THREE SCHOOLS TAKING PART IN THE DRAMA COMPETITION FINAL ARE SELECTED FROM 52 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS.

+THESE COMPETITIONS AND ACTIVITIES, JUNIOR POLICE CALL AND OTHER EFFORTS, INCREASE YOUNG PEOPLE'S AWARENESS OF THE DESTRUCTIVE FORCES OF CRIME IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND UNITE THEM IN A COMMON RESOLVE TO REPLACE THE FORCES OF DESTRUCTION WITH THOSE OF CREATION,+ HE SAID.

HE ENDED WITH A MESSAGE OF THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO HAD HELPED TO PLAN AND ORGANISE THESE EVENTS, AND THE SHELL COMPANY OF HONG KONG LTD., IN PARTICULAR, FOR ITS GENEROUS SPONSORSHIP OF THE DRAMA COMPETITION.

THE COMPETITION WAS ORGANISED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AS ONE OF THE MAJOR YOUTH PROJECTS FOR THE 1981/82 FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN.

COMPETING FOR CHAMPIONSHIP TONIGHT WERE THREE TEAMS FROM BUDDHIST SIN TAK COLLEGE, HO LAP COLLEGE AND MU KUANG ENGLISH SCHOOL RESPECTIVELY.

THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD WINNERS OF THE COMPETITION RECEIVED CASH PRIZES OF \$3 000, \$2 000 AND \$1 000 RESPECTIVELY FROM MR J.F. MAASSEN OF THE SHELL COMPANY OF HONG KONG LTD.

THE THIRD AND FOURTH RUNNERS-UP EACH RECEIVED A CONSOLATION PRIZE OF \$500.

TO ADD COLOUR TO THE PROGRAMME, THERE WAS A PERFORMANCE BY WINNERS OF THE FIGHT YOUTH CRIME SONG CONTEST HELD EARLIER THIS YEAR.

THIS EVENING'S EVENT AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE ATTRACTED A FULL HOUSE.

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MORE TEACHERS FOR FISHERMEN'S CHILDREN

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MORE THAN 20 ADDITIONAL TEACHING POSTS WILL BE CREATED FROM SEPTEMBER AT THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION SCHOOLS WHICH CATER SPECIALLY TO FISHERMEN'S CHILDREN, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE NEW POSTS WILL INCLUDE 15 AT THE ASSISTANT MASTER OR ASSISTANT MISTRESS LEVEL, AND SIX AT THE CERTIFICATE MASTER OR CERTIFICATE MISTRESS LEVEL, MR RIDDELL-SWAN ADDED.

AND ALSO FROM SEPTEMBER, A NEW MANNING SCALE FOR AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS WILL BE INTRODUCED UNDER WHICH THE TEACHER-TO-CLASS RATIO WILL BE INCREASED FROM 1.1 : 1 TO 1.2 : 1, HE ADDED.

+THIS MEANS THAT THE PROMOTION PROSPECTS WILL BE IMPROVED,+ MR RIDDELL-SWAN SAID AT THE ANNUAL LUNCHEON OF THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION SCHOOLS.

DURING THE YEAR, PUPILS AT THE 13 PRIMARY AND ONE SECONDARY SCHOOLS DID WELL IN BOTH SPORTS AND ARTS, MR RIDDELL-SWAN SAID.

HE RECALLED THAT PUPILS AT THE SAI KUNG SCHOOL WON A GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE MEDAL IN THE FIFTH INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S PAINTING COMPETITION IN FINLAND, AND THAT THE SAME SCHOOL ALSO DID WELL IN THE FIFTH WORLD CHILDREN'S PAINTING COMPETITION.

+TWO ADDITIONAL CLASSROOMS AT TSING YI SCHOOL WERE BROUGHT INTO OPERATION LAST MONTH, BRINGING THE NUMBER OF CLASSROOMS TO SIX AND THE TWO EXTRA CLASSROOMS AT SAI KUNG SCHOOL ARE EXPECTED TO BE READY FOR USE IN SEPTEMBER. THIS WILL ENABLE US TO INCREASE OUR ENROLMENT,+ MR RIDDELL-SWAN SAID.

TURNING TO THE TEACHERS, HE SAID: +YOU HAVE A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN EDUCATING THE YOUNGER GENERATION, AND AS ALWAYS, I AM SURE YOU WILL MORE THAN FULFIL YOUR HEAVY RESPONSIBILITIES.+

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PENG CHAU TO HEI LING CHAU FERRY SERVICE FARES

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FERRY FARES BETWEEN PENG CHAU AND HEI LING CHAU WILL BE INCREASED FROM TUESDAY (MARCH 16), DUE TO RISE IN OPERATIONAL COSTS.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THE FARE FOR A RETURN JOURNEY WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$5.00 TO \$6.00.

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### STUDENTS LEARN METRIC UNITS THROUGH GAMES

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A SPECIAL METRIC GAMES DAY WAS HELD AT THE PERTH STREET SPORTS GROUND TODAY (SATURDAY) TO INTRODUCE THE METRIC SYSTEM TO THE PARTICIPANTS AND SPECTATORS THROUGH GAMES.

750 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE GAMES, WHICH WERE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE METRICATION COMMITTEE, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE AND THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, PROFESSOR S.Y. KING, CHAIRMAN OF THE METRICATION COMMITTEE SAID THAT IN THE VARIOUS GAMES STUDENTS WOULD COME ACROSS SEVERAL COMMON EVERYDAY METRIC UNITS SUCH AS METRE AND CENTIMETRE FOR LENGTH; KILOGRAM AND GRAM FOR WEIGHT AND LITRE FOR CAPACITY OR VOLUME.

IN ALL OF THE GAMES, THE AIDS AND EQUIPMENT USED WERE IN METRIC UNITS.

PROFESSOR KING ADDED, +THESE GAMES AND EQUIPMENT WILL HELP US ALL TO TRY TO THINK METRIC AND WILL GIVE US SOME IDEAS TO RELATE TO OTHER DISTANCES AND WEIGHTS.+

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS WERE MR DAVID CHIU, PRINCIPAL RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER AND MRS LOUISE MOK, DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS.

THE PARTICIPATING STUDENTS WERE FROM 15 SCHOOLS IN KOWLOON, AND THEY WERE DIVIDED INTO FIVE DISTRICT TEAMS ACCORDING TO THE AREAS THEIR SCHOOLS ARE IN.

PROFESSOR KING ALSO EXPRESSED HIS THANKS TO THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, THE SHELL COMPANY OF HONG KONG LIMITED AND CROCODILE GARMENTS LIMITED, FOR THEIR GENEROUS SPONSORSHIP OF THE PRIZES FOR THE VARIOUS EVENTS. THERE WAS ONE PRIZE FOR THE WINNER OF EACH INDIVIDUAL GAME AND AN OVERALL CHAMPION'S PRIZE FOR THE DISTRICT TEAM WITH THE HIGHEST ACCUMULATED SCORE.

IN ADDITION TO THE PARTICIPANTS, SOME 500 SPECTATORS WERE ALSO INCLUDED IN THE FUN BY FILLING IN A SIMPLE QUESTIONNAIRE ON METRIC UNITS. THOSE WITH THE CORRECT ANSWERS COULD TAKE PART IN A LUCKY DRAW AT THE END OF THE GAMES.

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### FIRING PRACTICE

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON THURSDAY (MARCH 18) FROM 9 AM TO 4.30 PM.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN THE RED FLAG IS FLYING.

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THE WEATHER IN FEBRUARY

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FEBRUARY WAS CLOUDIER AND MORE HUMID THAN USUAL AND HAD A TOTAL OF 64.1 HOURS OF SUNSHINE -- 44.6 HOURS BELOW NORMAL, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY SAID IN ITS MONTHLY WEATHER SUMMARY TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE MONTH'S TOTAL RAINFALL OF 23.1 MM WAS 18.8 MM BELOW NORMAL WHICH BROUGHT THE ACCUMULATED RAINFALL FOR THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF THIS YEAR TO 39.1 MM, 29.7 MM BELOW AVERAGE.

DURING THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF THE MONTH, IT WAS MAINLY FINE BUT ON FEBRUARY 2, EASTERLY WINDS FRESHENED AND THE WEATHER TURNED CLOUDY WITH TRACES OF RAIN ON THE FOLLOWING DAY. THE WEATHER BECAME FINE AGAIN ON FEBRUARY 4.

COASTAL FOG OCCURRED EARLY ON FEBRUARY 5 BUT THIS WAS CLEARED BY THE PASSAGE OF A COLD FRONT WHICH BROUGHT IN FRESH EASTERLY WINDS. AS A RESULT, A CLOUDY SPELL ENSUED, LASTING UNTIL FEBRUARY 16 AND RAIN WAS RECORDED EVERY DAY THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD, EXCEPT FEBRUARY 6 AND 11.

THE WEATHER WAS RATHER COLD BETWEEN FEBRUARY 11 AND 16 AS WINDS TURNED NORTHERLY ON FEBRUARY 9 AND FRESHENED ON FEBRUARY 11. TEMPERATURES EACH DAY FELL TO BELOW 12 DEGREES CELSIUS.

THE MINIMUM TEMPERATURE AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY OF 10.2 DEGREES CELSIUS, THE LOWEST OF THE MONTH, WAS RECORDED ON FEBRUARY 15. ON THE SAME MORNING, A MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 2.5 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED AT TAI MO SHAN.

FOLLOWING A SUNNY DAY ON FEBRUARY 17, THE WEATHER TURNED CLOUDY. SOME FOG LATER DEVELOPED IN THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 19 AND THE VISIBILITY AT THE AIRPORT WAS REDUCED TO 200 METRES AROUND 11 PM. FERRY AND HOVERCRAFT SERVICES WERE DISRUPTED AS COASTAL FOG PERSISTED ON FEBRUARY 20 AND 21.

THE VISIBILITY AT TAI O DROPPED TO 50 METRES IN THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 20. NEVERTHELESS, THE WEATHER WAS FINE AND WARM AND TEMPERATURES ROSE TO A MAXIMUM OF 24 DEGREES CELSIUS ON FEBRUARY 20 AND 21, THE HIGHEST OF THE MONTH.

ON FEBRUARY 22, EASTERLY WINDS STRENGTHENED OFFSHORE AND DISPERSED THE FOG. THERE WAS ALSO SOME RAIN.

HOWEVER, ON FEBRUARY 23, WINDS TURNED SOUTHEASTERLY AND MORE COASTAL FOG DEVELOPED. A FISHING JUNK SANK AFTER COLLISION WITH A CONTAINER SHIP IN THICK FOG SOUTH OF PO TOI ISLAND. ALL FOUR PERSONS ON BOARD WERE SAVED.

EARLY ON FEBRUARY 24, ANOTHER COLD FRONT WITH NORTHERLY WINDS CLEARED THE FOG. WINDS TURNED EASTERLY AND STRENGTHENED ON FEBRUARY 25 WHEN ANOTHER FISHING JUNK FROM TAIWAN SANK IN ROUGH SEAS IN TATHONG CHANNEL. THE CREW OF FIVE WERE SAVED. THE WEATHER REMAINED CLOUDY AND COOL ON FEBRUARY 26.

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THERE WAS RAIN AND SOME COASTAL FOG DURING THE DAY ON FEBRUARY 27 BUT THUNDERSTORMS OCCURRED IN THE EVENING AND THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

WINDS TURNED NORTHERLY IN THE AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 28 AND THE WEATHER REMAINED CLOUDY WITH PATCHES OF RAIN.

DURING THE MONTH THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON FEBRUARY 27 AND 28 AND THE YELLOW FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS ISSUED ON FEBRUARY 1, 18, 21, 22, 24 AND 25.

THE STRONG MONSOON SIGNAL WAS THE ONLY SIGNAL HOISTED DURING THE MONTH.

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE :

SUNSHINE	64.1 HOURS= 44.6 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
RAINFALL	23.1 MM= 18.8 MM BELOW NORMAL
CLOUDINESS	83 PER CENT= 12 PER CENT ABOVE NORMAL
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	80 PER CENT= 2 PER CENT ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	18 DEGREES CELSIUS= 0.8 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN TEMPERATURE	15.9 DEGREES CELSIUS= NORMAL
MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	14.3 DEGREES CELSIUS= 0.6 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	12.5 DEGREES CELSIUS= 0.8 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	66.2 MM= 21.1 MM BELOW NORMAL

THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 24 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON FEBRUARY 20 AND 21, AND THE MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 10.2 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON FEBRUARY 15.

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SALT WATER CUT  
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN AREAS IN KOWLOON WILL BE CUT OFF FOR SIX HOURS FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM ON TUESDAY (MARCH 16) TO FACILITATE REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT AT KWUN TONG SALT WATER PUMPING STATION.

THE AFFECTED AREAS WILL BE LAM TIN, KWUN TONG, SAU MAU PING, NGAU TAU KOK, JORDAN VALLEY AND NGAU CHI WAN.

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ROLLER SKATERS TO COMPETE IN FANLING  
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EIGHTY-EIGHT SKATERS WILL COMPETE IN THE 1982 HONG KONG ROLLER-SKATING OPEN COMPETITION AT FANLING RECREATION GROUND TOMORROW AFTERNOON (SUNDAY), STARTING AT 1 PM.

THE COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS - ONE FOR YOUTHS AGED FROM 10 TO 16 AND ONE FOR PEOPLE AGED 17 AND ABOVE.

THE 59 MEN AND 29 WOMEN COMPETITORS WILL TAKE PART IN FIVE EVENTS: MEN'S SINGLES RACE, WOMEN'S SINGLES RACE, MEN'S FREE STYLE, WOMEN'S FREE STYLE AND MIXED DOUBLES FREE STYLE.

THE 'QUEEN OF ROLLER SKATING', MISS WONG PING, AND TWO LEADING COACHES, MR NG HOK-CHUEN AND MR NG WAI-KEUNG WILL JUDGE THE EVENTS.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (NORTH REGION) OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR BOWEN LEUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE EVENT AND PRESENT PRIZES AND SOUVENIR BANNERS TO THE WINNERS.

THE NTSD HAS BEEN HOLDING COACHING SESSIONS EVERY SUNDAY SINCE DECEMBER FOR PEOPLE WISHING TO TAKE PART IN THE CONTEST.

THE RESPONSE HAS BEEN VERY ENCOURAGING, WITH MORE THAN 300 PEOPLE ATTENDING THE COURSE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF WAI YIP STREET  
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A SECTION OF WAI YIP STREET BETWEEN SHUN YIP STREET AND KWUN TONG ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM ON TUESDAY (MARCH 16) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE.

DURING THE CLOSURE, EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON WAI YIP STREET HEADING FOR TELFORD GARDENS AND NGAU TAU KOK POLICE STATION WILL NOT BE AFFECTED.

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