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FULL WATER SUPPLY TILL END OF SEPTEMBER
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED THAT THE PRESENT FULL WATER SUPPLY WILL BE MAINTAINED UP TO THE END OF NEXT MONTH.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (WEDNESDAY), THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR WILLIAM TUCKER, SAID THAT A GENERAL REVIEW OF THE OVERALL WATER SITUATION WOULD BE MADE AT THE BEGINNING OF NEXT MONTH.

HE SAID, +THE RAINFALL IN JULY HAS BEEN FAIRLY SATISFACTORY, ALTHOUGH THE RAINFALL IN EARLY AUGUST HAS BEEN LOW.

+THE SITUATION HAS IMPROVED SLIGHTLY AND DURING THIS PERIOD, SOME 331.3 MM OF RAINFALL HAS FALLEN, GIVING A YIELD OF 80.6 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

+ALTHOUGH RAINFALL HAS HELPED THE GENERAL STORAGE POSITION, MORE RAIN IS STILL NEEDED BEFORE THE SITUATION BECOMES FAVOURABLE.+

AT 9 AM TODAY, THE RESERVOIR STORAGE WAS 259.1 MILLION CUBIC METRES OR 44.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY, COMPARED WITH 391.6 MILLION CUBIC METRES OR 67.8 PER CENT AT THE SAME TIME LAST YEAR.

MR TUCKER AGAIN APPEALED TO THE PUBLIC TO CONTINUE TO EXERCISE MAXIMUM ECONOMY IN THE USE OF WATER.

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HOLIDAY CASUALTY FACILITIES FOR SAI KUNG EXTENDED
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A TRIAL CASUALTY MEDICAL SERVICE AT SAI KUNG DURING WEEK-ENDS AND ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IS TO BE EXTENDED FOR A FURTHER TWO MONTHS.

IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST BY THE LOCAL RURAL COMMITTEE, THE SERVICE STARTED LAST OCTOBER, AND SINCE THEN OVER 300 CASES INVOLVING RESIDENTS, VILLAGERS AND PICNICKERS HAVE BEEN DEALT WITH.

THE SERVICE IS EXPECTED TO BE INCREASINGLY USED AS MORE AND MORE PEOPLE SPEND THEIR HOLIDAYS IN SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK OR AT LOCAL BEACHES.

A MEDICAL OFFICER MANS THE SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT CLINIC IN MAN NIN STREET DURING WEEK-ENDS AND HOLIDAY PERIODS FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM.

BESIDES THE CLINIC, SAI KUNG IS ALSO PROVIDED WITH A MOBILE MEDICAL SERVICE VISITING THE VILLAGES EVERY MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

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NEW TERRITORIES CLEAN-UP TO INVOLVE COMMUNITY
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GOVERNMENT IS DETERMINED TO MAKE THE FORTHCOMING CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN TERRITORY-WIDE, WITH THE UNIQUE LITTER PROBLEMS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES RECEIVING SPECIAL ATTENTION.

THE PLANS TO GIVE THE NEW TERRITORIES A FACE-LIFT WERE TABLED THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON AT A MEETING OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG NEW TERRITORIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

THE MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR JACK CATER.

THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, THE HONOURABLE CHARLES YEUNG STATED THAT THE LEAD AND THE FACILITIES PROVIDED BY GOVERNMENT TO CLEAN-UP THE NEW TERRITORIES WOULD BE MATCHED BY SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE.

+THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, + MR YEUNG SAID, +HAS ALREADY MAPPED-OUT A COMPREHENSIVE TERRITORY-WIDE PROGRAMME TO MAKE SUFFICIENT PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES TOGETHER WITH ENOUGH MAN-POWER TO RUN THEM+.

HE EMPHASISED THAT SPECIAL EFFORTS HAD BEEN MADE TO INVOLVE THE COMMUNITY AT ALL LEVELS IN PUBLICISING THE CAMPAIGN, AND IN SETTING GOOD EXAMPLES OF CLEANLINESS AND PLEASANT LIVING CONDITIONS. SUCH EFFORTS HAD BEEN EXTENDED TO RURAL VILLAGES, HE SAID.

MR YEUNG ADDED THAT VARIOUS +STICK-AND-CARROT+ METHODS WILL BE EMPLOYED, INCLUDING REVISED LAWS TO DETER AND FURTHER DISCOURAGE LITTERING HABITS. AT THE SAME TIME, FULL ENCOURAGEMENT AND RECOGNITION WOULD BE GIVEN TO WORTHWHILE EFFORTS FOR WHICH SPECIAL CERTIFICATES AND BADGES OF MERIT WOULD BE AWARDED.

THE ACTUAL CLEAN-UP IN THE NEW TERRITORIES HAS, IN FACT, ALREADY STARTED WITH AN ORGANISED ATTACK ON BLACK-SPOTS SUCH AS THE LITTERED SHORE-LINE AT MOUSE ISLAND AND NIM WAN IN TUEN MUN. NULLAHS IN SHATIN, THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY AND VARIOUS RIVERS IN SAI KUNG HAVE ALSO RECEIVED A 'SCRUB'.

DURING THE FORTHCOMING CAMPAIGN, SPECIFIC PROBLEMS OF AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL WASTE, LITTERING IN COUNTRY PARKS AND VILLAGES, AND NULLAH AND STREAM POLLUTION IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL RECEIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION. GOVERNMENT HAS PROCURED SPECIAL MACHINERY FOR THE DREDGING OF RIVERS AND NEW REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLES OF A SIZE TO RUN ON NARROW COUNTRY LANES.

EXPERIMENTAL BIOGAS PLANTS AND OTHER RE-CYCLING DEVICES FOR AGRICULTURAL WASTE ARE BEING PURCHASED.

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THE NEW TERRITORIES PART OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED ON OCTOBER 25 AT A SPECIAL CEREMONY AT TUEN MUN. THIS WILL CLOSELY FOLLOW A SIMILAR EVENT IN WONG TAI SIN TO LAUNCH THE URBAN CAMPAIGN.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR WILL ATTEND BOTH CEREMONIES, AND AT TUEN MUN HE AND NEW TERRITORIES COMMUNITY LEADERS WILL LIGHT A SYMBOLIC BONFIRE TO START THE NEW TERRITORIES CAMPAIGN.

THE TERRITORY-WIDE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN WILL LAST FOR 15 MONTHS, ENDING IN DECEMBER 1982.

MR YEUNG STRESSED THAT THE EFFORT BY THE COMMUNITY IN CLEANING THE NEW TERRITORIES SHOULD BE SUSTAINED AND STRENUOUSLY PURSUED BEYOND THE PERIOD OF THE CAMPAIGN.

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CANADIAN POSTAL STRIKE ENDS
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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE POSTAL STRIKE IN CANADA HAS ENDED.

ALL POSTAL SERVICES TO THAT COUNTRY WHICH WERE SUSPENDED SINCE JULY 2, 1981 ARE RESUMED AS FROM AUGUST 12, 1981.

HOWEVER, ARTICLES POSTED DURING THE FIRST FEW DAYS AFTER THE RESUMPTION OF SERVICES MAY BE SUBJECT TO SLIGHT DELAY.

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JULY COOLER BUT LESS HUMID

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JULY WAS CLOUDIER, SLIGHTLY COOLER BUT LESS HUMID THAN USUAL, ACCORDING TO THE MONTHLY WEATHER SUMMARY RELEASED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY TODAY.

ITS 184.6 HOURS OF SUNSHINE RECORDED WAS 46.3 HOURS BELOW NORMAL.

TOTAL RAINFALL WAS 317.2 MM WHICH IS VERY CLOSE TO THE NORMAL FIGURE OF 316.8 MM.

THE ACCUMULATED RAINFALL FOR THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF THE YEAR AMOUNTED TO 989.6 MM, SOME 24 PER CENT BELOW NORMAL, AND AT THE END OF THE MONTH THE RESERVOIRS WERE 44 PER CENT FULL.

FIVE TROPICAL CYCLONES DEVELOPED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA.

ABOUT 200 PEOPLE WERE KILLED AS TYPHOON KELLY CROSSED THE CENTRAL PHILIPPINES ON JULY 1. IT CAUSED FLOODING AND LANDSLIPS THERE BEFORE PASSING OVER THE SOUTHWEST COAST OF HAINAN DAO AND DISSIPATING NEAR VIENTIANE ON JULY 5.

ON JULY 4, SEVERE TROPICAL STORM LYNN CROSSED LUZON, KILLING 17 PEOPLE AND LEAVING MORE THAN 65 000 HOMELESS. IT PASSED OVER SHANGCHUAN DAO EARLY ON JULY 7 AND DISSIPATED NEAR NANNING IN THE EVENING, KILLING FIVE PEOPLE AND CAUSING MUCH DAMAGE IN WESTERN GUANGDONG SHENG.

IN THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF THE MONTH THERE WERE SHOWERS AND ON THE THIRD DAY, THERE WERE OCCASIONAL STRONG EAST-SOUTHEASTERLY WINDS IN HONG KONG WHEN TYPHOON KELLY CROSSED THE SOUTH CHINA SEA.

APART FROM A FEW ISOLATED MORNING SHOWERS, THE WEATHER WAS FINE AND SUNNY ON JULY 5. BUT WINDS TURNED NORTHEASTERLY AND STRENGTHENED OVERNIGHT, AND WITH THE APPROACH OF SEVERE TROPICAL STORM LYNN, EAST-NORTHEASTERLY GALES SET IN OFFSHORE THE FOLLOWING DAY, BUT THE HARBOUR WAS RELATIVELY SHELTERED. SQUALLY SHOWERS WERE FREQUENT DURING THE DAY.

SOUTHEASTERLY GALES BECAME GENERAL IN THAT EVENING. GUSTS REACHED 70 KNOTS AT TAI O AND 59 KNOTS AT THE STAR FERRY PIER EARLY ON JULY 7 WHEN LYNN PASSED ABOUT 80 NAUTICAL MILES TO THE SOUTHWEST. WINDS GRADUALLY ABATED AFTER LYNN CROSSED THE COAST AND SHOWERS DIED OUT ON THE FOLLOWING DAY.

DURING THE PASSAGE OF LYNN, RAIN WAS HEAVIEST IN THE NORTHWESTERN PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES. LANDSLIPS WERE REPORTED AT DIAMOND HILL, KWUN TONG AND SHAU KEI WAN, WITH MINOR FLOODS IN THE TUEN MUN AREA. THIRTY-TWO PEOPLE WERE INJURED, MOSTLY BY FALLING OBJECTS.

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FROM JULY 9 TO 17, HOT AND SUNNY WEATHER WAS EXPERIENCED WITH SLIGHT SHOWERS ON JULY 12, 14 AND 15, AND THE MONTH'S MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 33.3 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON JULY 17.

THUNDERSTORMS OCCURRED ON JULY 18 AS A WEATHER DISTURBANCE FROM THE EAST APPROACHED.

ON JULY 22 AND 23, HEAVY SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS OCCURRED WHEN THE REMNANT OF SEVERE TROPICAL STORM MAURY MOVED ALONG THE SOUTH CHINA COAST AFTER CROSSING TAIWAN. SOME FLOODING WAS REPORTED IN SHEUNG SHUI.

THERE WERE FRESH TO STRONG SOUTHWESTERLY WINDS ON THE NEXT TWO DAYS, BUT THESE MODERATED ON JULY 25. MORE THUNDERSTORMS OCCURRED THAT NIGHT AND AGAIN ON THE MORNING OF JULY 27. GUSTS OF 60 KNOTS WERE REGISTERED IN SQUALLY THUNDERSTORMS AT THE AIRPORT AND AT CHEUNG CHAU AROUND 11 AM.

FLOODING AND MINOR LANDSLIPS WERE REPORTED AT VARIOUS PLACES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG. VILLAGES NEAR TAI PO, SHA TIN, TSUEN WAN AND SHEUNG SHUI WERE THE WORST HIT DISTRICTS. SOME 18 HECTARES OF FARMLAND WERE FLOODED. NUMEROUS LIVESTOCK WERE DROWNED IN TAI PO. THERE WAS ALSO FLOODING ON THE LEI YUE MUN ROAD AND IN THE LAM TIN AND SAU MAU PING ESTATES, AND A LANDSLIP AT MAGAZINE GAP ROAD NEAR MAY ROAD.

TEMPERATURES FELL TO A MINIMUM OF 23.5 DEGREES CELSIUS IN HEAVY SHOWERS ON JULY 27, WHICH WAS THE LOWEST IN THE MONTH. THERE WERE MORE THUNDERSTORMS THE FOLLOWING AFTERNOON, BUT THE WEATHER BECAME FINE AND SUNNY FOR THE REST OF THE MONTH.

DURING THE MONTH, THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON 13 DAYS.

THE STRONG WIND SIGNAL, NO. 3 WAS HOISTED FOR TYPHOON KELLY WHILE THE NO. 8 NE AND NO. 8 SE GALE OR STORM SIGNALS WERE RAISED FOR SEVERE TROPICAL STORM LYNN. ON JULY 24, THE STRONG MONSOON SIGNAL WAS HOISTED.

SEVEN AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS.

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN HENNESSY ROAD

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THE SECTION OF HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, BETWEEN A POINT 45 METRES WEST OF LUARD ROAD AND A POINT 25 METRES WEST OF O'BRIEN ROAD, WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 14).

NO VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP OR PICK UP PASSENGERS OR GOODS BETWEEN 7 AM AND 10 AM AND 4 PM AND 7 PM.

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SQUATTER VILLAGERS HELP IMPROVE LIVING CONDITIONS

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WHEN POSTMAN LEE TAT-CHOI RETIRED EARLY THIS MONTH, RESIDENTS OF CHU KOO CHAI VILLAGE FEARED THAT THE DELIVERY OF MAIL TO THEIR HOUSES MIGHT BECOME A PROBLEM.

FOR POSTMAN LEE HAD DELIVERED LETTERS TO THIS TINY SQUATTER AREA IN TAI HANG TUNG, SHAM SHUI PO FOR OVER 20 YEARS, AND KNEW THE VILLAGERS AND HIS WAY ABOUT THE NARROW, CRISS-CROSSED AND IRREGULAR FOOTPATHS.

THE VILLAGERS ARE, HOWEVER, NOW REASSURED IN LEARNING THAT, THOUGH MR LEE WILL NOT BE MAKING HIS ROUNDS, HE WILL BE +REPLACED+ BY THREE LARGE COMMUNAL-TYPE POST BOXES TO BE SET UP AT CONVENIENT LOCATIONS INSIDE THE VILLAGE.

EACH POST BOX WILL CONSIST OF 100 LOCKED AND NUMBERED COMPARTMENTS, SO THAT THE 300 HOUSEHOLDS OF THE VILLAGE WILL HAVE POST BOXES OF THEIR OWN.

THE SETTING UP OF THE POST BOXES IS ONLY ONE OF THE MANY WAYS IN WHICH THE RESIDENTS OF THE SQUATTER AREA - HELPED BY THE GOVERNMENT - ARE ENDEAVOURING TO IMPROVE THEIR LIVING CONDITIONS.

NOW THE LARGEST SQUATTER AREA IN SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT, CHU KOO CHAI VILLAGE IS MADE UP MOSTLY OF DOMESTIC UNITS WHILE THE REMAINING FEW ARE RATTAN-WARE WORKSHOPS, SOME FLOWER FARMS, A FEW PIGSTIES AND A LARD-BOILING FACTORY.

WITH UNPAVED AND MUDDY ALLEYS, GUTTERS THAT OVERFLOWED WHEN IT RAINED AND INADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY AND RECREATIONAL AMENITIES, LIVING CONDITIONS FOR THE 2 000 VILLAGERS COULD HARDLY BE DESCRIBED AS SATISFACTORY.

THROUGH THE CO-ORDINATION OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FORMED IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR, AND WITH ASSISTANCE FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN THE DISTRICT, RESIDENTS HAVE BEGUN A SERIES OF CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS AND CONSTRUCTION WORKS AIMED AT IMPROVING THE OVERALL LIVING ENVIRONMENT.

AT THE START, REFUSE AND JUNK PILED IN ALLEYWAYS WERE REMOVED, GUTTERS AND NULLAHS WERE CLEARED AND MUDDY ROAD SURFACES WERE PAVED AND WIDENED.

TWO PIECES OF LAND MADE AVAILABLE BY THE CLEARANCE HAVE BEEN CONVERTED INTO A PURPOSE-BUILT AND SCREENED-OFF REFUSE COLLECTION CENTRE AND A SMALL AMENITY AREA EQUIPPED WITH SITTING BENCHES, FLOWER POTS AND A TABLE-TENNIS TABLE.

WORK IS ALSO UNDERWAY TO DEMOLISH THE LARD-BOILING FACTORY AND PIGSTIES WHICH HAVE BEEN THE MAIN CONTRIBUTING FACTORS TO THE POLLUTION AND FLOODING NUISANCE OF THE AREA.

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AT THE SAME TIME, A CONTRACTOR HAS BEEN APPOINTED BY THE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE TO ARRANGE ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS TO INDIVIDUAL HOUSEHOLDS, SO THAT EACH HOUSEHOLD WOULD BE PROVIDED WITH LEGAL - AND RELIABLE - POWER SUPPLY.

+THESE IMPROVEMENT WORKS CLEARLY INDICATE THAT RESIDENTS OF CHU KOO CHAI VILLAGE ARE DETERMINED TO SEE THEIR LIVING CONDITIONS IMPROVED,+ SAID MR CHEUNG PO-TAK, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER OF SHAM SHUI PO.

+THE FACE-LIFT BEING GIVEN TO THE VILLAGE IS ALSO A SUCCESSFUL EXAMPLE OF HOW THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FORMED UNDER THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME CAN HELP RESIDENTS IDENTIFY DISTRICT NEEDS AND DEAL WITH THEM EFFECTIVELY,+ MR CHEUNG ADDED.

THE FINAL PHASE OF THE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 16) WHEN ABOUT 100 RESIDENTS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE MOBILISED TO CLEAR THE REMAINING BLOCKED NULLAHS AND GUTTERS, PAVE THE COMMON ALLEYS WITH CEMENT AND GIVE THE FINAL TOUCHES TO SOME OF THE CONSTRUCTION WORKS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN HILL ROAD

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THE SECTION OF HILL ROAD BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD WEST AND SOUTH LANE WILL BE REVERTED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 14.

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RIGHT-TURNS BANNED IN TWO KWUN TONG STREETS

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TRAFFIC HEADING EAST ALONG HOI YUEN ROAD IN KWUN TONG WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT INTO HING YIP STREET SOUTHBOUND FROM 10 AM FRIDAY (AUGUST 14).

TRAFFIC MOVING NORTH ALONG SHING YIP STREET ALSO WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT INTO HOI YUEN ROAD EASTBOUND.

THE RIGHT-TURN BANS ARE AIMED AT IMPROVING TRAFFIC FLOW AT BOTH LOCATIONS.

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