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WARM AND LITTLE RAINFALL IN JANUARY

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JANUARY WAS WARM WITH LITTLE RAINFALL, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY REPORTED TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 17.9 DEGREES WAS 2.3 DEGREES ABOVE NORMAL AND THE MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 16.1 DEGREES WAS 2.9 DEGREES ABOVE NORMAL. BOTH WERE THE SECOND HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR JANUARY.

ALTHOUGH RAIN WAS RECORDED ON 13 DAYS, THE TOTAL RAINFALL AMOUNTED TO ONLY 1.0 MM.

NEW YEAR'S DAY WAS CLOUDY WITH SUNNY PERIODS IN THE AFTERNOON. SOME RAIN PATCHES OCCURRED DURING THE NIGHT AND THE NEXT DAY, BUT CLOUDS DISSIPATED IN THE EVENING. WINDS FRESHENED FROM THE EAST EARLY ON JANUARY 3 WHILE THE WEATHER CONTINUED TO BE FINE.

A SURGE OF THE WINTER MONSOON REACHED HONG KONG FROM THE NORTH DURING THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 4. TEMPERATURE DROPPED TO 14.4 DEGREES ON THE MORNING OF JANUARY 6. THE WEATHER REMAINED SUNNY FOR THE NEXT TWO DAYS.

WINDS FRESHENED FROM THE EAST ON JANUARY 9 AND THE WEATHER BECAME CLOUDY THE NEXT DAY WITH PATCHES OF LIGHT RAIN OVERNIGHT.

HOWEVER, CLOUDS DISSIPATED IN THE MORNING OF JANUARY 11 AND SUNNY SKIES PREVAILED FOR THE NEXT FIVE DAYS WITH THE TEMPERATURE RISING TO 23.4 DEGREES ON JANUARY 15.

A NORTHERLY SURGE ARRIVED DURING THE MORNING OF JANUARY 17. THE WEATHER TURNED CLOUDY WITH LIGHT RAIN PATCHES THE NEXT DAY. HOWEVER, FINE WEATHER SET IN DURING THE EARLY HOURS OF JANUARY 19 AND THE TEMPERATURE DROPPED TO 11.4 DEGREES, WHICH WAS THE LOWEST FOR THE MONTH.

A MOIST EASTERLY AIRSTREAM BROUGHT CLOUDY WEATHER AND SOME LIGHT RAIN TO HONG KONG ON JANUARY 20. IT WAS WARM WITH SUNNY PERIODS ON JANUARY 21 AND 22. THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 23.7 DEGREES RECORDED ON JANUARY 22 WAS THE HIGHEST FOR THE MONTH.

FRESH EASTERLY WINDS BROUGHT COOLER AND CLOUDY WEATHER TO HONG KONG FROM JANUARY 23 TO 25.

GENERALLY FINE WEATHER SET IN ON JANUARY 26 AND PERSISTED FOR THE NEXT THREE DAYS. CLOUDY WEATHER AND SOME LIGHT RAIN RETURNED ON JANUARY 30 AND PERSISTED ON JANUARY 31.

DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY, ONLY ONE TROPICAL CYCLONE, ROY, DEVELOPED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC. IT FORMED AS A TROPICAL DEPRESSION ABOUT 3,000 KILOMETRES EAST OF GUAM ON THE MORNING OF JANUARY 8 AND MOVED WEST-NORTHWESTWARDS AT ABOUT 22 KILOMETRES PER HOUR.

ROY SOON INTENSIFIED TO A TROPICAL STORM AND SWEEPED ACROSS THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, LEAVING ONE PERSON DEAD AND ABOUT 3,500 PEOPLE HOMELESS.

/ON JANUARY 10,

ON JANUARY 10, ROY BECAME A TYPHOON ABOUT 1,710 KILOMETRES EAST-SOUTHEAST OF GUAM. IT PASSED ABOUT 30 KILOMETRES NORTH-NORTHEAST OF GUAM IN THE AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 12, CAUSING SERIOUS FLOODING AND INJURING ONE PERSON.

THE NEXT DAY TYPHOON ROY REACHED ITS MAXIMUM STRENGTH. IT MADE LANDFALL OVER THE SOUTHEASTERN TIP OF LUZON ON THE MORNING OF JANUARY 16. TORRENTIAL RAIN ASSOCIATED WITH ROY CAUSED HEAVY FLOODING AND COMMUNICATIONS WERE SERIOUSLY AFFECTED.

ROY WEAKENED TO A SEVERE TROPICAL STORM AND ENTERED THE SOUTH CHINA SEA ON THE MORNING OF JANUARY 17. IT FURTHER WEAKENED TO A TROPICAL STORM AND FINALLY DISSIPATED ABOUT 770 KILOMETRES EAST-SOUTHEAST OF DANANG ON JANUARY 18.

DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY, NO AIRCRAFT WAS DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER. THE RED FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON JANUARY 6, 16 AND 17 WHILE THE YELLOW FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 18, 19, 20, 24 AND 31.

SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

WEATHER SYSTEM	SIGNAL	DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING	DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING
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WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	JANUARY 10 12.15 AM	JANUARY 10 8 AM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	JANUARY 24 10 AM	JANUARY 25 5 AM

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

SUNSHINE	183.1 HOURS ;	29.6 HOURS ABOVE NORMAL
GLOBAL SOLAR RADIATION	11.56 MJ/SQ.M ;	0.37 MJ/SQ.M BELOW NORMAL
RAINFALL	1.0 MM ;	25.9 MM BELOW NORMAL
CLOUDINESS	52 PER CENT ;	7 PER CENT LESS THAN NORMAL
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	77 PER CENT ;	6 PER CENT HIGHER THAN NORMAL
MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	20.0 DEGREES ;	1.3 DEGREES CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN TEMPERATURE	17.9 DEGREES ;	2.3 DEGREES CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	16.1 DEGREES ;	2.9 DEGREES CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DREW POINT	13.6 DEGREES ;	3.8 DEGREES CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	79.2 MM ;	23.5 MM BELOW NORMAL

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ADMIRALTY UNDERGROUND CARPARK PROPOSAL APPROVED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN UNDERGROUND CARPARK AT ADMIRALTY ON A PRIVATE TREATY GRANT.

IN AN ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY (SATURDAY), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID A FRENCH CONSORTIUM, GTM INTERNATIONAL, WHICH HAD CONSTRUCTED MANY UNDERGROUND CARPARKS IN FRANCE, PROPOSED TO BUILD AND OPERATE AN UNDERGROUND CARPARK AT A SITE NEAR THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY'S ADMIRALTY STATION.

THE CARPARK WILL PROVIDE 500 PARKING SPACES ON TWO UNDERGROUND LEVELS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CARPARK WOULD HELP ALLEVIATE A LIKELY SHORTAGE OF PARKING SPACES IN THE AREA IN FUTURE CAUSED BY NEW DEVELOPMENTS SUCH AS THE BOND CENTRE AND PACIFIC PLACE, AND RELIEVE THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC COMING FROM THE EAST.

HE ADDED THAT IT WAS ALSO IN LINE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF EXPEDITING THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC PARKING SPACES IN URBAN AREAS BY ENCOURAGING THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF CARPARKS BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

THE 6,800 SQUARE METRE SITE AT ADMIRALTY IS EARMARKED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN URBAN COUNCIL GARDEN -- THE HARCOURT GARDEN -- IN THE EARLY 1990'S.

THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO THE PROPOSAL AND TO ENTRUST THE DEVELOPMENT OF HARCOURT GARDEN TO THE CONSORTIUM ON A COST-REIMBURSEMENT BASIS.

PART OF THE SITE WILL BE AVAILABLE LATE THIS YEAR FOR WORK TO COMMENCE.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE CARPARK WILL BE COMPLETED BY 1991, SO THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GARDEN MAY PROCEED ON SCHEDULE.

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SPECIAL AIRPORT CHECK-IN PROCEDURES OVER HOLIDAYS

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A SPECIAL CHECK-IN AREA WILL BE SET UP AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR TRAVELLERS BOUND FOR CANTON, KWEILIN AND HAIKOU OVER THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAY PERIOD.

THE AREA IS AT THE WESTERN END OF THE DEPARTURES HALL OF THE PASSENGER TERMINAL BUILDING AND WILL BE IN OPERATION FROM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) UNTIL NEXT SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 21).

/A SPOKESMAN

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE NUMBERS OF DEPARTING AND ARRIVING PASSENGERS ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY OVER THE HOLIDAYS.

THIS YEAR THE CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION OF CHINA WILL OPERATE MORE THAN 400 ADDITIONAL FLIGHTS WHILE OTHER AIRLINES WILL OPERATE ALMOST ANOTHER 200 EXTRA FLIGHTS TO VARIOUS DESTINATIONS ABROAD.

THE BUSIEST DAY WILL BE WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 17) WHEN 36,000 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO DEPART ON 157 FLIGHTS.

DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIOD, DIRECTION SIGNS WILL BE DISPLAYED AT PROMINENT POINTS OF THE DEPARTURES HALL TO INFORM PASSENGERS OF THEIR FLIGHT NUMBERS AND CHECK-IN COUNTERS.

PERIODIC ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE BROADCAST IN THE DEPARTURES HALL TO ADVISE PASSENGERS TO PASS THROUGH IMMIGRATION CONTROLS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

TAXI OPERATORS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO SET DOWN CHINA-BOUND PASSENGERS AT THE FAR END OF THE DEPARTURE KERB.

"WE HOPE THESE ARRANGEMENTS WILL ASSIST IN THE SMOOTH FLOW OF PASSENGERS AND BAGGAGE MOVEMENTS IN THE DEPARTURES HALL," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ALSO URGED AIR TRAVELLERS TO OBSERVE A FEW SIMPLE PROCEDURES TO HELP EASE CONGESTION AT THE AIRPORT.

"DEPARTING PASSENGERS SHOULD ARRIVE EARLY, AT LEAST TWO HOURS AHEAD OF FLIGHT DEPARTURE, AND CHECK IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE," HE SAID.

"WHERE POSSIBLE THEY SHOULD USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT INSTEAD OF PRIVATE CARS.

"ON ARRIVAL THEY SHOULD LOOK FOR SIGNS INDICATING THEIR FLIGHT NUMBERS AND RELEVANT PROCESSING FACILITIES.

"TO MINIMISE CONGESTION, PASSENGERS SHOULD ENCOURAGE THEIR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES NOT TO ACCOMPANY THEM TO THE AIRPORT TO SAY FAREWELL."

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LUCKY CAR NUMBER FETCHES \$5 MILLION

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SPECIAL VEHICLE NUMBER "8" WAS SOLD FOR \$5 MILLION AT THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING'S AUCTION, THE HIGHEST PRICE SINCE THE FIRST CAR NUMBER AUCTION WAS HELD BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IN 1973.

THE PRICE BROKE THE RECORD FIGURE OF \$1,030,000 WHICH WAS PAID FOR SPECIAL CAR NUMBER "3" AT AN AUCTION IN JULY 1983. THE PROCEEDS OF TODAY'S AUCTION TOTALLED \$7,694,000.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL, WAS SPECIALLY ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON AND WAS THE 121ST HELD SINCE MAY 1973.

NUMBER "8" WAS AUCTIONED BY MISS HONG KONG, PAULINE YEUNG, WHO HAD KINDLY AGREED TO BE THE HONORARY AUCTIONEER THROUGH ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY HK-TVB.

THE BIDDING FOR THE NUMBER WAS BRISK FROM THE FIRST CALL OF \$80,000 AND MISS YEUNG FINALLY BROUGHT THE HAMMER DOWN AT \$5 MILLION.

THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WAS PRESENTED WITH A VEHICLE NUMBER PLATE BEARING THE NUMBER "8" BY MISS YEUNG. THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR JAMES SO, PRESENTED A SOUVENIR TO MISS YEUNG IN APPRECIATION OF HER SUPPORT FOR THE CHARITABLE CAUSE.

THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE AT THE AUCTION, \$300,000, WAS PAID FOR LUCKY NUMBER CY 3, WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE OF \$20,000 WAS PAID FOR NUMBER BM 821.

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF THIS MORNING'S AUCTION:

		\$		\$
	8	5,000,000	CY 3	300,000
AL	99	145,000	CW 600	80,000
BB	2623	50,000	CP 22	150,000
AA	818	180,000	DW 1	200,000
AW	2	138,000	AF 18	160,000
CL	33	100,000	BM 821	20,000
AY	125	46,000	CL 9	190,000
CW	888	200,000	AP 11	95,000
	213	200,000	XX 28	230,000
HK	77	210,000		

THE NUMBERS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED AT SUCH AUCTIONS SO FAR TO \$57,398,032.

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IMPORTANCE OF DISCIPLINE STRESSED

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHT GRADUATES OF THE POLICE CADET SCHOOL WERE URGED TO EXERCISE THEIR POWERS CAREFULLY AND PROPERLY WHEN THEY BECOME MEMBERS OF A DISCIPLINED FORCE TO HELP MAINTAIN STABILITY AND PROSPERITY IN HONG KONG.

SPEAKING AT THE 26TH PASSING OUT PARADE OF THE POLICE CADET SCHOOL IN SHEUNG SHUI TODAY (SATURDAY), THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR LI YUET-TING, TOLD THE GRADUATES THAT OBSERVATION OF DISCIPLINE AND RULES WAS AN IMPORTANT PART OF PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT.

+BY LEARNING DISCIPLINE, ONE CAN BETTER APPRECIATE THE TRUE MEANING OF FREEDOM AND AS A RESULT, DEVELOP A GREATER RESPECT OF OTHER PEOPLE'S FREEDOM.

+WITH DISCIPLINE, ONE WILL REALISE THE NEED TO EXERCISE HIS POWERS JUDICIOUSLY AND TO MAINTAIN A HIGH STANDARD OF BEHAVIOUR.+

MR LI SAID THE EDUCATION IN THE POLICE CADET SCHOOL PLACED EMPHASIS ON BOTH THE ACQUISITION OF KNOWLEDGE AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF SKILLS, AND THIS WAS AIMED AT PREPARING ITS GRADUATES TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

NOTING THAT PHYSICAL TRAINING WAS EQUALLY IMPORTANT IN THE SCHOOL, MR LI SAID THAT THE VARIOUS PROGRAMMES DESIGNED FOR THE CADETS HAD NOT ONLY HELPED BUILDING UP THE GRADUATES' PHYSICAL STRENGTH, BUT ALSO THEIR MENTAL STRENGTH AS WELL AS THEIR SENSE OF DISCIPLINE.

+IT IS ONLY WITH SUCH EDUCATION AND TRAINING THAT YOUNG PEOPLE LIKE YOU WILL NOT SHUN CHALLENGES, STAND TALL TO UPHOLD RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND BECOME REAL MEN OF STRENGTH WHO NEVER CEASE TO STRIVE TO IMPROVE THEMSELVES AND WHO BECOME EVEN MORE COURAGEOUS AND RESOLUTE IN THE FACE OF DIFFICULTIES,+ MR LI CONCLUDED.

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EFFECTIVE POLICING IN KWAI CHUNG

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WITH POLICE OPERATIONS IN KWAI CHUNG FOCUSED STRONGLY ON ITS DRAMATIC INDUSTRIAL GROWTH, IT IS COMFORTING FOR DISTRICT CRIME FIGHTERS THAT THE TOWN REMAINS A COMPARATIVELY LAW ABIDING PLACE.

"I'D LIKE TO SAY IT'S DUE TO EFFECTIVE POLICING," SAID MR PETER MACLENNAN, ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMANDER, CRIME. "IF WE HAVE A PROBLEM WE NIP IT IN THE BUD QUICKLY."

ALTHOUGH BURGLARY REMAINS THE MAJOR CRIME PROBLEM FOR THE DISTRICT, FIGURES FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS SHOW A CONTINUING DOWNWARD TREND IN CRIME GENERALLY.

IN 1985 KWAI CHUNG CRIME WAS 25 PER CENT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES TOTAL. IN 1986 IT DROPPED TO 21 PER CENT AND AGAIN LAST YEAR TO 18 PER CENT OF THE CRIME.

WITH 77,833 JUVENILES BETWEEN THE AGES OF SEVEN AND 15, THE DISTRICT HAS THE SECOND HIGHEST JUVENILE POPULATION IN THE NEW TERRITORIES YET THE LOWEST JUVENILE CRIME RATE.

"IT SHOWS THAT SOMETHING MUST BE WORKING IN OUR LIAISON WITH SCHOOLS," SAID MR MACLENNAN. "IT IS A VERY ENCOURAGING PICTURE."

ON THE TRAFFIC FRONT THE DISTRICT HAS ALSO HAD GOOD RESULTS IN THE SUCCESSFUL CONVICTION LAST YEAR OF TWO SOCIETY OFFICE BEARERS INVOLVED IN EXTORTION RACKETS.

"IT WAS A PLEASING OUTCOME BECAUSE THEY WERE DIFFICULT TO GET TO AS THEY HAD OTHER PEOPLE DOING THEIR DIRTY WORK FOR THEM," SAID MR MACLENNAN.

IN THE BURGLARY FIELD TOO THERE HAS BEEN GOOD CO-OPERATION WITH FACTORY OWNERS OVER THE INSTALLATION OF EFFECTIVE BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEMS.

"THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW CASES WHERE ALARM SYSTEMS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY BYPASSED BUT THERE IS GOOD CO-OPERATION ON THE NEED FOR HIGH QUALITY SYSTEMS," SAID MR MACLENNAN.

"WE RECENTLY HAD AN EXAMPLE OF THIS WHEN A GANG TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY THREE TIMES TO ENTER A FUR COMPANY PREMISES.

"THEY TRIED VARIOUS WAYS OF GETTING IN AND DRILLED THROUGH THE ROOF TWICE TO GET AT THE FURS, BUT EACH ATTEMPT WAS ABANDONED BECAUSE OF EFFECTIVE SECURITY MEASURES BEING TAKEN."

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GOVT: DON'T TAKE PART IN ILLEGAL CHIT-FUNDS

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT THEY SHOULD REFRAIN FROM PARTICIPATING IN ILLEGAL CHIT-FUNDS.

"THERE APPEARS TO BE AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECENTLY TO THE LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT TO RECOVER MONIES PAID TO ILLEGAL CHIT-FUND OPERATORS," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE OPERATION OF COMMERCIAL CHIT-FUND COMPANIES HAD BEEN BANNED BY THE ENACTMENT OF THE CHIT-FUND BUSINESS (PROHIBITION) ORDINANCE IN 1972. PRIVATE CHIT-FUNDS ARE HOWEVER ALLOWED TO BE LAWFULLY OPERATED, BUT THEY MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- (I) THERE ARE NOT MORE THAN 30 PARTICIPANTS;
- (II) THE OPERATOR IS NOT AT THE SAME TIME OPERATING ANOTHER CHIT-FUND;
- (III) THE COMMON FUND PUT UP FOR SALE OR PAYMENT TO THE PARTICIPANTS DOES NOT EXCEED \$20,000; AND
- (IV) NO BENEFIT ACCRUES TO THE OPERATOR OTHER THAN A RIGHT TO RECEIVE THE FIRST SUBSCRIPTION FREE OF INTEREST.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT THERE ARE PENALTY PROVISIONS FOR BREACHING THE ABOVE CONDITIONS. FINES FOR CERTAIN OFFENCES RELATED TO ILLEGAL CHIT-FUNDS HAVE BEEN RAISED TO \$20,000 SINCE THE ENACTMENT OF THE CHIT-FUND BUSINESS (PROHIBITION) (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE IN DECEMBER 1985.

"THE GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST ILLEGAL CHIT-FUND OPERATORS," THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED.

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FORUMS FOR WONG TAI SIN DB CANDIDATES

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A SERIES OF FORUMS WILL BE HELD IN WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FROM MONDAY (FEBRUARY 15) SO THAT CANDIDATES IN THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS CAN MEET RESIDENTS AND EXPLAIN THEIR PLATFORMS.

TO ADD TO THE ATMOSPHERE, SINGERS WILL GIVE PERFORMANCES BEFORE THE CANDIDATES DELIVER THEIR SPEECHES AND ANSWER QUESTIONS. RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE FORUMS AND TO ASK QUESTIONS.

THE 11 FORUMS WILL BE HELD AS FOLLOWS:

CONSTITUENCY -----	DATE ----	TIME ----	VENUE -----	CANDIDATES -----
TSZ WAN SHAN (EAST)	FEB. 15	7.45 PM	TSZ WAN SHAN EAST ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 5A, HONG WAH STREET, TSZ WAN SHAN	YIU SIU-SING CHAN CHOW-FAN LAU SUEN
CHUK YUEN	FEB. 23	7.45 PM	CHUK YUEN ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE	KWAN SHAN YEUNG LAI-YIN NG NGOK-SHING LAU WAI-TONG, ALAN
TSZ WAN SHAN (SOUTH)	FEB. 24	7.45 PM	TSZ WAN SHAN EAST ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE	CHENG TAK-KIN, MICHAEL CHOI LUK-SING LEE KIN-CHUNG
SAN PO KONG	FEB. 24	7.45 PM	HO LAP COLLEGE 15 TSEUK LUK STREET, SAN PO KONG	LEE MAN-KWONG CHAN JOSEPHS
TSZ WAN SHAN (WEST)	FEB. 25	7.45 PM	TSZ WAN SHAN EAST ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE	KAN CHI-HO YEUNG SHUI-YIU
UPPER WONG TAI SIN AND FUNG WONG	FEB. 25	7.45 PM	FUNG MING HALL, WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE	LAM KUI-SHING, CONRAD TAM KUEN LAM MAN-FAI
CHOI WAN	FEB. 26	7.45 PM	CHOI WAN ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE	KUT SING-KUNG TSOI KAM YEUNG CHIU-MING
LOWER WONG TAI SIN	FEB. 28	7.45 PM	CONFUCIAN TAI SHING SCHOOL NO 10, TAI SHING STREET, WONG TAI SIN	CHAN KAM-MAN WONG KAM-CHI FOK PUI-YEE
WANG TAU HOM	MARCH 2	7.45 PM	OPEN DECK OF LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE	NG CHOW MAY-LIN, PAULINE LEE CHI-YUEN LIU SING-LEE

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NGAU TSUEN	MARCH 3	8 PM	OPEN SPACE IN FRONT OF LUNG KEI HOUSE, LUNG POON COURT, DIAMOND HILL	LIU KOON-SING LI YUK-WA
CHOI HUNG	MARCH 5	7.45 PM	S.K.H. YAT SAU PRIMARY SCHOOL AT CHOI HUNG ESTATE, CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD	TSE KWONG-WANG YUEN CHAU FUNG CHEUNG-TIM

APART FROM THE FORUMS, 150,000 COPIES OF A SPECIAL NEWSPAPER SUPPLEMENT ON THE ELECTION AND A BOOKLET ON THE FUNCTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD WILL ALSO BE PUBLISHED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE.

OTHER PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES ORGANISED INCLUDE EXHIBITIONS ON THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD, AND DISPLAY OF PUBLICITY BANNERS AND BUNTING.

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FESTIVE ACTIVITIES FOR SAI KUNG RESIDENTS

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A VARIETY OF CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD DURING THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL OVER THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PERIOD.

A TOTAL OF 11 PROGRAMMES WILL BE STAGED BETWEEN FEBRUARY 20 AND 25 TO CATER FOR RESIDENTS OF DIFFERENT AGES AND INTERESTS.

THESE ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE FOOTBALL MATCHES, A NEW YEAR MARATHON, VARIETY SHOWS, DISCO NIGHT, CANTONESE OPERA PERFORMANCE, A CARNIVAL AND A SPORTS DAY.

ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, REGIONAL COUNCIL, DISTRICT OFFICE AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, THE FESTIVAL AIMS AT ENHANCING RESIDENTS' COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.

TICKETS FOR THOSE PROGRAMMES WHICH ARE TO BE HELD AT THE SAI KUNG TOWN HALL, EXCEPT THE DISCO NIGHT, ARE FREE OF CHARGE. THEY ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

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YOUTH URGED TO JOIN ACAN VOLUNTEER GROUP

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ENTHUSIASTIC AND RESOURCEFUL YOUNG PEOPLE WERE TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED TO FILL IN APPLICATIONS TO JOIN IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE ON FEBRUARY 20 (SATURDAY).

YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 18 AND 28 ARE BEING INVITED TO JOIN THE YOUTH VOLUNTEER GROUP OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SAID THE GROUP IS SEEKING MOTIVATED PEOPLE WITH A MINIMUM EDUCATION STANDARD OF FORM 5.

THE GROUP'S FUNCTION IS TO ASSIST IN IMPLEMENTING PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY PROJECTS ORGANISED BY ACAN.

"SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1981, THE VOLUNTEER GROUP HAS SOUGHT TO TRAIN AND ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE AND DIRECT ROLE IN COMBATTING NARCOTICS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THROUGH THEIR PARTICIPATION IN ACAN'S COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES AND SELF-INITIATED PROJECTS, MEMBERS OF THE GROUP CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TOWARDS A WORTHY SOCIAL CAUSE IN SPREADING THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE."

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND SUB-OFFICES.

THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICES OF THE AGENCY FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF 10 SAI YUEN LANE, SAI YING PUN, HONG KONG; OR AT ROOM 409 OF TUNG PING BUILDING, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, MONG KOK, KOWLOON; OR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION ON THE 23RD FLOOR OF QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE TO THE NARCOTICS DIVISION ON 5-8622762.

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ICE CREAM PARLOURS PITCH-IN

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THE CHAIRMAN OF URBAN COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN COMMITTEE, MR WALTER SULKE, WILL JOIN 40 SCHOOL CHILDREN IN A CLEAN-UP DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE AN ICE CREAM PARLOUR IN TSIM SHA TSUI TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE DEMONSTRATION IS ORGANISED BY THE DAIRY FARM CO LTD. SIMILAR DEMONSTRATIONS WILL BE HELD SIMULTANEOUSLY AT SIX OTHER ICE CREAM PARLOURS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE TERRITORY, WITH ABOUT 200 STUDENTS PARTICIPATING.

/THE DEMONSTRATION

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THE DEMONSTRATION EXERCISE IS ONE OF THE MANY SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES INITIATED BY THE COMMERCIAL SECTOR TO SUPPORT THIS YEAR'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 11 AM, AT ICE CREAM EXPRESS, MANSON HOUSE, 74-78 NATHAN ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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CHINESE VERSION OF ENVIRONMENT REVIEW ON SALE

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THE CHINESE VERSION OF ENVIRONMENT HONG KONG 1986, AN ANNUAL REPORT PUBLISHED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD), IS NOW ON SALE.

AN EPD SPOKESMAN TODAY (SATURDAY) SAID THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE ANNUAL REVIEW HAS BEEN PRODUCED IN CHINESE. THE ENGLISH VERSION OF THE REVIEW WENT ON SALE EARLIER.

THE CHINESE VERSION OF THE 179-PAGE REVIEW, TOGETHER WITH CHARTS, DIAGRAMS AND PICTURES, GIVES AN ACCOUNT OF THE MANY AND VARIED ACTIVITIES BEING CARRIED OUT BY A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT IN HONG KONG.

TO CATER FOR THOSE WITH A GENERAL CONCERN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, THERE IS ONE CHAPTER DEVOTED TO EXPLAINING, IN NON-TECHNICAL TERMS, THE OVERALL PROGRAMME THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY FROM THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF POLLUTION.

IN ADDITION TO THE CHAPTER FOR THE GENERALIST, THERE ARE OTHER CHAPTERS COVERING THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT, WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT, NOISE CONTROL, WASTE MANAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT WHICH WILL BE OF INTEREST TO THOSE INVOLVED IN THE SCIENTIFIC, ENGINEERING AND PLANNING SIDE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

THE REVIEW, AT A COST OF \$17 PER COPY, IS AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING IN CENTRAL.

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SECONDARY STUDENTS' CREATIVE WORK TO BE DISPLAYED

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AN EXHIBITION OF STUDENTS' CREATIVE WORK WILL BE HELD IN THE CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, BETWEEN FEBRUARY 22 AND MARCH 5.

THE EXHIBITION WILL CONSIST OF SELECTED ART WORK BY SECONDARY 1-4 STUDENTS, GARMENTS AND NEEDLEWORK PROJECTS BY SECONDARY 1-5 STUDENTS, AND WINNING ENTRIES INCLUDING PAINTINGS, DRAWINGS AND PHOTOGRAPHS IN THE 1987 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME FOR SCHOOLS.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM DURING WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO NOON ON SATURDAYS.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR SAN PO KONG, YUEN LONG FAIRS

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN SAN PO KONG AND YUEN LONG TO FACILITATE THE HOLDING OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIRS.

IN SAN PO KONG, THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC FROM 6 PM ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S EVE (TUESDAY) TO 8 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY:

- * THE UNNAMED ACCESS ROAD CONNECTING TAI YAU STREET AND SZE MEI STREET BETWEEN NG FONG STREET AND LUK HOP STREET;
- * LUK HOP STREET;
- * THE UNNAMED ACCESS ROAD CONNECTING TAI YAU STREET AND TSAT PO STREET BETWEEN LUK HOP STREET AND PAT TAT STREET;
- * THE WESTERN CARRIAGEWAY OF SZE MAI STREET BETWEEN LUK HOP STREET AND KING FUK STREET;
- * KING FUK STREET EASTBOUND BETWEEN SZE MEI STREET AND KING HONG STREET;
- * TSAT PO STREET BETWEEN LUK HOP STREET AND PAT TAT STREET;
AND
- * THE UNNAMED ACCESS ROAD FRONTING SAN PO KONG INDUSTRIAL FACTORY BUILDING BLOCK NO. 5 LEADING FROM THE JUNCTION OF SZE MEI STREET AND KING FUK STREET.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, ONE TEMPORARY TAXI STAND WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE OF KING FUK STREET OUTSIDE SAN PO KONG FACTORY ESTATE BLOCK V.

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MEANWHILE, METERED PARKING SPACES ON A NUMBER OF ROADS WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED FROM 8 PM ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 15) TO 8 AM ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 17).

THE ROADS ARE NG FONG STREET, SZE MEI STREET, LUK HOP STREET, TSAT PO STREET, PAT TAT STREET, KING FUK STREET BETWEEN SAM CHUK STREET AND SZE MEI STREET, AND SAM CHUK STREET BETWEEN TAI YAU STREET AND KING FUK STREET.

IN YUEN LONG, TAI YUK ROAD BETWEEN KAU YUK ROAD AND MA TIN ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND FROM 5 PM ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 16) TO 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY. MA TIN ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY EAST AND NORTHBOUND.

ON ITS JOURNEYS TO KUNG OM DURING THE SAME PERIOD, GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 39 WILL BE RE-ROUTED VIA KAU YUK ROAD, TAI YUK ROAD AND MA TIN ROAD.

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR ROAD OPENING IN SHAM SHUI PO

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN SHAM SHUI PO FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 16) TO TIE IN WITH THE OPENING OF TWO NEW ROAD SECTIONS IN THE AREA.

THESE ARE: THE TONKIN STREET EXTENSION SOUTH OF LAI CHI KOK ROAD, AND THE ENTRANCE SLIP ROAD LEADING TO THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR.

TO COINCIDE WITH THE ROAD OPENING, THE FOLLOWING WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY: THE SECTION OF TONKIN STREET EXTENSION BETWEEN LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND TUNG CHAU STREET; TUNG CHAU STREET BETWEEN TONKIN STREET EXTENSION AND THE ENTRANCE SLIP ROAD LEADING TO THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE CORRIDOR; AND THE ENTRANCE SLIP ROAD LEADING TO THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE CORRIDOR.

NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS IN THE URBAN CLEARWAY.

IN ADDITION, THESE ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE MADE 24-HOUR DAILY PROHIBITED ZONES FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, LEARNER DRIVERS AND CYCLISTS.

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WEIGHT LIMIT ON BAILEY BRIDGE IN FANLING

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A BAILEY BRIDGE ACROSS THE NG TUNG RIVER NEAR KWAN TEI, FANLING, WILL BE DESIGNATED A PROHIBITED ZONE FOR VEHICLES WITH A GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT OF OVER 20 TONNES.

FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 16), ALL VEHICLES WITH A GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT EXCEEDING 20 TONNES, EXCEPT THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE ZONE 24 HOURS DAILY.

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