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CALL TO MAKE USE OF OCCASIONAL CHILD-CARE SERVICE

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A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (SUNDAY) URGED PARENTS TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF OCCASIONAL CHILD-CARE SERVICE, INSTEAD OF LEAVING THEIR YOUNG CHILDREN UNATTENDED AT HOME.

"THE SERVICE IS BEING PROVIDED ON A TRIAL BASIS IN 53 DAY NURSERIES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, WITH A VIEW TO REMOVING THE RISK OF HAVING CHILDREN LEFT ALONE AT HOME," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN, THEY SHOULD NOT BE LEFT UNATTENDED AT HOME, EVEN FOR A SHORT WHILE, HE ADDED.

"A FLEXIBLE MODE OF FEE CHARGING HAS ALSO BEEN ADOPTED FOR PARENTS WHO NEED THE SERVICE FOR A SHORT SPAN OF TIME," HE SAID.

UNDER THE SCHEME, THE NURSERIES OFFER SHORT-TERM TEMPORARY CARE ON A TWO-HOUR OR QUARTER-DAY BASIS, CHARGING FEES IN THE RANGE OF \$10 TO \$15 PER ADMISSION.

CHARGES AT PRESENT ARE AT A RATE OF \$25 FOR HALF-DAY AND \$50 FOR FULL-DAY CARE.

THE UTILISATION RATE OF THE SERVICE HAS BEEN RISING STEADILY, HE NOTED.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN THE SERVICE MAY CALL THE DEPARTMENT'S HOTLINE 343 2255 OR THE DEPARTMENT'S CHILD-CARE CENTRES ADVISORY INSPECTORATE ON 836 3114.

"PARENTS HAVING ANY CHILD-CARE PROBLEMS COULD ALSO SEEK HELP FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S 30 FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES, THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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HK TO TAKE PART IN STAMP EXHIBITION

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THE ACTING POSTMASTER GENERAL, MRS DORIS HO, ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE HONG KONG POST OFFICE WOULD PARTICIPATE IN SINGPEX '92, AN INTERNATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION TO BE HELD IN SINGAPORE FROM AUGUST 21 TO 23.

TO COMMEMORATE THE POST OFFICE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE EXHIBITION, A GOLD BLOCKED SOUVENIR COVER WILL BE ISSUED ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 21).

/SOUVENIR COVERS .....

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SOUVENIR COVERS AT \$1 EACH WILL BE ON SALE AT THE FOLLOWING SIX PHILATELIC OFFICES FROM FRIDAY:

BEACONSFIELD HOUSE POST OFFICE  
GENERAL POST OFFICE  
GRANVILLE ROAD POST OFFICE  
PEAK POST OFFICE  
SHA TIN CENTRAL POST OFFICE  
TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE

EACH CUSTOMER QUEUING UP EACH TIME WILL BE ENTITLED TO ONLY 10 COVERS ON THE DAY OF ISSUE.

A HAND-BACK SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE SIX PHILATELIC OFFICES ON THE DAY FOR OFFICIAL AND PRIVATELY MADE COVERS BEARING AN INDICATION OF THE STAMP EXHIBITION.

A SPECIAL DATESTAMP AND A CACHET WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR THE PURPOSE.

MRS HO ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE AIRPORT POST OFFICE WOULD NO LONGER BE DESIGNATED AS A PHILATELIC POST OFFICE WITH EFFECT FROM AUGUST 21.

THIS DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT EXPERIENCE WHEN LARGE CROWDS GATHERED AROUND THE AIRPORT POST OFFICE TO BUY PHILATELIC PRODUCTS, CAUSING CONSIDERABLE OBSTRUCTION TO DEPARTING PASSENGERS.

TO AVOID DISRUPTION TO AIRPORT OPERATIONS, NEW STAMPS AND ASSOCIATED PHILATELIC PRODUCTS WILL NO LONGER BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE AIRPORT POST OFFICE FROM AUGUST 21.

THE PICTORIAL DATESTAMP WHICH WAS SPECIALLY INTRODUCED FOR THE PHILATELIC COUNTER THERE WILL ALSO BE WITHDRAWN FROM USE ON THE SAME DAY.

COLLECTORS WISHING TO OBTAIN THE LAST-DAY IMPRESSION OF THE AIRPORT POST OFFICE PICTORIAL POSTMARK ARE ADVISED TO PLACE THEIR ITEMS, WHICH SHOULD BE PROPERLY ADDRESSED, IN THE SPECIAL POSTING BOX AT THE AIRPORT POST OFFICE PHILATELIC COUNTER ON AUGUST 20.

NO HAND-BACK SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED.

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SMO BOOKLET FOR GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM USERS

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LOCAL USERS OF GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM (GPS) CAN NOW RESORT TO A COMPREHENSIVE BOOKLET PRODUCED BY THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE (SMO) OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT TO CONVERT THE DATA OBTAINED INTO A FORM COMPATIBLE WITH SMO MAPS.

TALKING ABOUT THE ADOPTION OF GPS, A SPOKESMAN FOR SMO SAID APART FROM HIS OFFICE, ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED IN LARGE-SCALE CIVIL AND HYDROGRAPHIC ENGINEERING PROJECTS WERE ALSO LIKELY TO ACQUIRE AND UTILISE THE SYSTEM.

"IT IS EXPECTED TO GAIN MORE POPULARITY AS THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECTS START," HE SAID.

GPS IS AN EQUIPMENT FOR LOCATING ONE'S POSITION ON EARTH BY PICKING UP ON GROUND SIGNALS EMITTED FROM SEVERAL ORBITING SATELLITES AND PROCESSING THE DATA INTO A LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE REFERENCE.

"THE POSITIONING SYSTEM EMPLOYS A REFERENCE SPHEROID CALLED WGS 84 AS DATUM FOR LOCATING POSITION IN LATITUDES AND LONGITUDES.

"BUT WE IN HONG KONG ARE USING THE INTERNATIONAL SPHEROID, WHICH IS FOUND TO BE ACCURATE AND SUFFICIENT ENOUGH TO SERVE THE PURPOSE OF PRODUCING LARGE-SCALE LOCAL MAPS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT GPS WAS A SPEEDY AND EASY INSTRUMENT ADOPTED WORLDWIDE IN SURVEYING, MAPPING, ENGINEERING AND GENERAL POSITION FIXING.

"IT IS THEREFORE NECESSARY TO FIND A MEANS TO CONVERT THE CO-ORDINATES OF POINTS FROM WGS 84 TO A SET OF SURVEY DATUM COMPATIBLE WITH THAT CURRENTLY IN USE IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

WITH THIS MISSION, A FIELD SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED LAST YEAR TO PROVIDE INFORMATION FOR THE SETTING UP OF A SET OF TRANSFORMATION PARAMETERS FOR THE TWO SETS OF SURVEY DATA.

THOSE PARAMETERS, TOGETHER WITH THE FORMULAE USED, ARE CONTAINED IN A BOOKLET RECENTLY PRODUCED BY THE SMO.

COPIES OF THE BOOKLET, AT \$50 EACH, ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND KOWLOON MAP SALES SECTION, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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REMINDER ON FLOATING HOLIDAY FOR EMPLOYEES

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THIS YEAR'S SECOND STATUTORY HOLIDAY FALLS ON AUGUST 31, THE LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH.

UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, ALL EMPLOYEES SHALL BE GRANTED THEIR SECOND FLOATING HOLIDAY ON THIS DATE IF THE EMPLOYER HAS NOT ALREADY FIXED A DATE FOR THAT HOLIDAY OR IF THE EMPLOYEE HAS NOT REQUESTED IT TO BE ADDED TO HIS PAID ANNUAL LEAVE.

IN ADDITION, AN EMPLOYEE IS ENTITLED TO BE PAID FOR THAT HOLIDAY IF HE HAS WORKED FOR HIS EMPLOYER CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE MONTHS PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO AN EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY AND SHOULD INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AS WELL AS ALLOWANCES THAT CAN BE EXPRESSED IN MONEY TERMS SUCH AS MEALS AND COSTS OF LIVING ALLOWANCES.

WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, THE HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE DAILY EARNINGS DURING EVERY COMPLETE WAGE PERIOD OF 28 TO 31 DAYS PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE AT ANY BRANCH OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

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SECONDARY 6 VACANCIES

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STUDENTS WITH MINIMUM ADVANCED LEVEL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS MAY APPLY FOR SECONDARY 6 PLACES IN OTHER SCHOOLS, INCLUDING PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS AND BOUGHT PLACES SCHOOLS, BEFORE 3.30 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY) WHEN THE NEW ADMISSION PROCEDURE WILL ENTER ITS FOURTH STAGE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID THERE ARE STILL 1,986 VACANT SECONDARY 6 PLACES.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED STUDENTS THAT TOMORROW FROM 9 AM ON A LIST OF SCHOOLS STILL WITH VACANCIES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICES.

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MORE TEACHING FACILITIES FOR SEA SCHOOL

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TEACHING FACILITIES IN THE HONG KONG SEA SCHOOL, WHICH PROVIDES A DIVERSIFIED AND PRACTICAL EDUCATION, WILL BE EXPANDED WITH A GENEROUS DONATION FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE CLUB HAD ALLOCATED A GRANT OF \$1.57 MILLION TO THE SCHOOL TO PROVIDE FOR FIVE SPECIAL ROOMS TO FACILITATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A MODIFIED CURRICULUM FOR STUDENTS, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THIS WILL PROVIDE THE SCHOOL WITH A METAL-WORK WORKSHOP, AN ACCOMMODATION AND CATERING WORKSHOP, A MUSIC ROOM, AN ART AND DESIGN ROOM AND A COMPLEMENTARY STUDIES ROOM.

THE GRANT WILL ALSO COVER COSTS FOR PROVIDING THE NECESSARY FURNITURE, EQUIPMENT AND COMPUTERS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SCHOOL, AT STANLEY, FORMERLY SERVED AS A JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR MALADJUSTED AND SOCIALLY DEPRIVED STUDENTS PROVIDING GENERAL EDUCATION, SEAMANSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP TRAINING FOR BOYS.

IN SEPTEMBER 1990, THE SCHOOL INTRODUCED A MODIFIED CURRICULUM OFFERING A MORE DIVERSIFIED AND PRACTICAL ORIENTATED SUBJECTS AND THE GRANT FROM THE JOCKEY CLUB WILL HELP THE SCHOOL TO IMPLEMENT THE NEW CURRICULUM.

THE SCHOOL IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS.

THE OLD SECTION CONTINUES TO ADOPT THE EXISTING SEAMANSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMMES LEADING STUDENTS TO SEAMANSHIP PROFESSION, WHILE THE NEW SECTION WILL ADOPT THE MODIFIED CURRICULUM LEADING STUDENTS TO POST-JUNIOR SECONDARY COURSES IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OR INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRES, SENIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION IN ORDINARY SCHOOLS/INSTITUTES OR EMPLOYMENT.

EVENTUALLY, THE SCHOOL WILL HAVE A CAPACITY OF 450 PLACES WITH BOARDING FACILITIES FOR STUDENTS AGED 12 TO 15.

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WEATHER OF JULY

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WITH A MONTHLY RAINFALL OF 358.1 MILLIMETRES, JULY WAS THE SEVENTH CONSECUTIVE MONTH THIS YEAR WITH ABOVE-AVERAGE PRECIPITATION.

ALTHOUGH THIS MONTHLY FIGURE WAS ONLY 11 PER CENT ABOVE THE MEAN FOR JULY, THE TOTAL AMOUNT SINCE JANUARY 1, WAS A RECORD HIGH OF 2,410.6 MILLIMETRES.

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THIS WAS 83 PER CENT ABOVE THE JANUARY-JULY NORMAL OF 1,316 MILLIMETRES AND ALREADY ABOUT 200 MILLIMETRES MORE THAN THE ANNUAL MEAN OF 2,214.3 MILLIMETRES.

WHILE THE JULY RAIN WAS PERHAPS SOMEWHAT OVERSHADOWED BY RAIN EPISODES IN PREVIOUS MONTHS, THE WINDY WEATHER CERTAINLY CAPTURED THE HEADLINES DURING THE MONTH.

ACTIVE SOUTHWEST MONSOON BLEW FOR NEARLY A WEEK IN EARLY JULY AND WAS FOLLOWED BY THE SUCCESSIVE PASSAGES OF THREE TROPICAL CYCLONES, ONE OF WHICH PROMPTED THE HOISTING OF THE NO. 8 GALE OR STORM SIGNAL ON JULY 22.

MOST OF THE MONTH'S RAINFALL WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THESE WEATHER SYSTEMS, THE HEAVIEST OF WHICH WAS BROUGHT BY TROPICAL STORM FAYE ON JULY 18 WHICH BOASTED THE NINTH HIGHEST JULY DAILY RAINFALL OF 177.7 MILLIMETRES.

THE RED AND BLACK RAINSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED THAT DAY FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE SYSTEM IN JUNE.

ALTHOUGH THERE WERE DAYS WITH HEAVY RAIN, THE SUBTROPICAL RIDGE OF HIGH PRESSURE REMAINED A DOMINANT FEATURE IN THE MONTH.

FINE CONDITIONS WERE SOON RESTORED AFTER EACH STORMY INTERLUDE AND THERE WAS A SPELL OF SUNNY WEATHER IN LATE JULY.

AS A RESULT, THE MONTHLY MEAN PRESSURE OF 1,007.9 HECTOPASCALS TURNED OUT TO BE THE THIRD HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR JULY.

THE FIRST DAY IN THE MONTH WAS FINE AND WARM.

BUT OVER THE NEXT SIX DAYS, THE SOUTHWEST MONSOON INCREASED IN STRENGTH PROGRESSIVELY AND WINDS WERE RATHER GUSTY AT TIMES. SHOWERS, OCCURRING MAINLY IN THE MORNINGS, REMAINED LIGHT AND BRIEF.

THE WEATHER TURNED CLOUDIER ON JULY 4 AND WINDS BECAME OCCASIONALLY STRONG OFFSHORE THE NEXT DAY AS A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE FORMED OVER SOUTHERN CHINA.

AS THE TROUGH MOVED SOUTHWARDS ACROSS GUANGDONG, THE SOUTHWEST MONSOON BECAME MORE ACTIVE AND WINDS BECAME GENERALLY STRONG ON JULY 6.

THE WEATHER DETERIORATED WITH AN INTENSE OUTBREAK OF RAIN AND THUNDERSTORMS THAT EVENING. TEMPERATURES AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DROPPED BY MORE THAN FOUR DEGREES IN AN HOUR AS THE RAIN SET IN.

THE LOWEST TEMPERATURE OF THE MONTH, 23.4 DEGREES, WAS RECORDED ON JULY 7. FRESH TO STRONG MONSOON WINDS PREVAILED UNTIL THE TROUGH CROSSED THE SOUTH CHINA COAST THAT DAY.

WINDS THEN TURNED NORTHERLY AND SUBSIDED RAPIDLY IN STRENGTH ON THE EVENING OF JULY 7.

HOWEVER, THE WEATHER STAYED CLOUDY WITH INTERMITTENT RAIN ON JULY 8 AS THE TROUGH LINGERED OVER THE COASTAL WATERS BEFORE GRADUALLY DISSIPATING.

IN HONG KONG, SOME DAMAGE WAS CAUSED BY THE BLUSTERY WINDS ON JULY 6 AND 7 AS EVIDENCED BY TOPPLED TREES AND LAMP POSTS AS WELL AS COLLAPSED SCAFFOLDINGS AND SIGNBOARDS.

SUNNY PERIODS EMERGED ON JULY 9 AND APART FROM SOME BRIEF THUNDERY SHOWERS IN THE EARLY HOURS OF JULY 10, THE WEATHER WAS GENERALLY FINE.

THREE TROPICAL CYCLONES THEN TRAVERSED THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA IN QUICK SUCCESSION OVER THE NEXT 12 DAYS.

TYPHOON ELI SWEEPED ACROSS CENTRAL LUZON ON JULY 11 AND LANDED ON HAINAN ISLAND A COUPLE OF DAYS LATER. THE OUTER RAINBANDS OF ELI BROUGHT SOME SQUALLY SHOWERS TO HONG KONG ON JULY 12 AND 13.

HOWEVER, THE OVERALL RAINFALL AMOUNT WAS NO MORE THAN 40 MILLIMETRES AND THERE WERE EVEN LONG PERIODS OF SUNSHINE DURING THE DAYS. EASTERLY WINDS FRESHENED LATE ON JULY 12 AND WERE STRONG FOR MOST PART OF JULY 13 BEFORE GRADUALLY SUBSIDING DURING THE NIGHT.

FAYE DEVELOPED INTO A TROPICAL DEPRESSION ON JULY 17 OVER THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AND INTENSIFIED TO A TROPICAL STORM AS IT HEADED TOWARDS THE PEARL RIVER ESTUARY THAT NIGHT.

IN HONG KONG, PERIODS OF RAIN STARTED ON JULY 17. WINDS FRESHENED FROM THE EAST TO NORTHEAST DURING THE DAY, TURNING TO SOUTHERLY AND INCREASING IN STRENGTH DURING THE NIGHT.

BY EARLY NEXT MORNING, THE INTENSE RAINBANDS NEAR THE CENTRE OF A LANDING FAYE AFFECTED THE TERRITORY, BRINGING HEAVY RAIN, FREQUENT THUNDERSTORMS AND SEVERE SQUALLS.

THE WORST HIT AREA WAS THE NORTHWESTERN NEW TERRITORIES WHERE OVER 300 MILLIMETRES OF RAIN FELL AND EXTENSIVE FLOODING WAS REPORTED.

THE STORMY WEATHER PERSISTED FOR MOST PART OF THE DAY BUT FIZZLED OUT RAPIDLY THAT EVENING.

GARY MOVED ACROSS LUZON AS A TROPICAL DEPRESSION ON JULY 20. BUT BY THE TIME ITS CENTRE MOVED TO THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA ON THE NIGHT OF JULY 21, IT HAD ALREADY INTENSIFIED TO A SEVERE TROPICAL STORM.

THE FIRST OF GARY'S OUTER RAINBANDS REACHED HONG KONG ON THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 21, BUT SUBSEQUENT RAINBANDS DID NOT AFFECT THE TERRITORY UNTIL THE EVENING OF THE NEXT DAY.

MEANWHILE, THE EASTERLY WINDS STRENGTHENED SIGNIFICANTLY AND GALES LASHED ACROSS THE TERRITORY IN THE EARLY PART OF JULY 22. WINDS GRADUALLY MODERATED LATER THAT DAY BUT THE WEATHER REMAINED CLOUDY WITH INTERMITTENT LIGHT RAIN ON JULY 23.

A PROLONGED SPELL OF FINE WEATHER FINALLY SET IN ON JULY 24 AND WAS STILL MAINTAINED AT THE END OF THE MONTH. SOME BRIEF PASSING SHOWERS AND THE TURNING OF WINDS FROM SOUTHEAST TO SOUTHWEST ON JULY 29 WERE THE ONLY VARIATIONS DURING THE WEEK-LONG SUNNY AND HOT WEATHER. THE HIGHEST TEMPERATURE OF THE MONTH, 32.4 DEGREES, WAS ATTAINED DURING THE PERIOD, ON JULY 28 AND AGAIN ON JULY 31.

FOUR TROPICAL CYCLONES OCCURRED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC OR THE SOUTH CHINA SEA IN JULY. AS A RESULT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, 58 AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED DURING THE MONTH.

THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE IN EFFECT ON JULY 4, 6, 7, 10, 12, 17, 18 AND 30. FLOOD WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON JULY 6, 7 AND 18. THE LANDSLIP WARNING AS WELL AS THE RED AND BLACK RAINSTORM WARNINGS WERE ALSO ISSUED ON JULY 18.

SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

SIGNALS HOISTED  
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WEATHER SYSTEM -----	SIGNAL -----	DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING -----	DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING -----
MONSOON (SW)	SMS	JULY 6 6.30 AM	JULY 6 11.00 PM
MONSOON (SW)	SMS	JULY 7 1.10 PM	JULY 7 5.35 PM
T.ELI	1	JULY 11 8.30 PM	JULY 12 10.00 AM
	3	JULY 12 10.00 AM	JULY 13 9.45 AM
T.S. FAYE	1	JULY 17 9.00 AM	JULY 17 11.50 PM
	3	JULY 17 11.50 PM	JULY 18 4.05 PM
S.T.S. GARY	1	JULY 20 10.30 PM	JULY 21 3.45 PM
	3	JULY 21 3.45 PM	JULY 22 5.45 AM
	8NE	JULY 22 5.45 AM	JULY 22 11.00 AM
	8SE	JULY 22 11.00 AM	JULY 22 4.15 PM
	3	JULY 22 4.15 PM	JULY 22 6.50 PM

RAINSTORM WARNINGS  
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WEATHER SYSTEM -----	COLOUR -----	START -----	END ---
FAYE	RED	JULY 18 9.55 AM	JULY 18 10.10 AM
	BLACK	JULY 18 10.10 AM	JULY 18 3.10 PM
	RED	JULY 18 3.10 PM	JULY 18 4.10 PM

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

TOTAL BRIGHT SUNSHINE	209.6 HOURS ; 21.5 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DAILY GLOBAL SOLAR RADIATION	16.70 MJ/SQ.M ; 2.45 MJ/SQ.M BELOW NORMAL
TOTAL RAINFALL	358.1 MM ; 34.6 MM ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN AMOUNT OF CLOUD	66% ; 1% MORE THAN NORMAL
MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY	81% ; 1% HIGHER THAN NORMAL

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MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	30.9 DEGREES CELSIUS; 0.6 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN AIR TEMPERATURE	28.2 DEGREES CELSIUS; 0.6 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MINIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	26.2 DEGREES CELSIUS; 0.4 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	24.6 DEGREES CELSIUS; 0.3 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	130.9 MM ; 40.7 MM BELOW NORMAL

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SALT WATER CUTS IN YAU TONG, HO MAN TIN  
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES IN YAU TONG AND HO MAN TIN WILL GO OFF FROM 8 AM AND 9 AM RESPECTIVELY ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 18) TO FACILITATE CLEANSING OF THE SALT WATER SERVICE RESERVOIRS IN THE TWO DISTRICTS.

NORMAL SUPPLY WILL BE RESUMED TO ALL PREMISES IN YAU TONG AT MIDNIGHT ON TUESDAY. THOSE IN HO MAN TIN WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE SUSPENSION UNTIL 5 PM ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 19).

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