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GOVERNMENT STEPS UP CHECKS FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

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MORE THAN 700 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SUMMONSED FOR FAILING TO CARRY PROPER PROOF OF IDENTITY FOLLOWING A SPECIAL TWO-DAY OPERATION BY THE POLICE AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

THE JOINT OPERATION, CARRIED OUT LAST WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, WAS PART OF THE ONGOING TERRITORY-WIDE EFFORT BY A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED TODAY THAT THIS EFFORT WOULD CONTINUE UNABATED.

+CONTRARY TO RUMOURS CIRCULATING IN GUANGZHOU,+ HE SAID, +THERE WILL BE NO NEW AMNESTY.

+NOR WILL ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS BE ISSUED IDENTITY CARDS, AND OF COURSE, WITHOUT IDENTITY CARDS ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO WORK OR SUSTAIN THEMSELVES.

+THERE IS NO QUESTION OF ANY LET UP IN OUR DETERMINATION TO DEAL WITH ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION IN THE INTEREST OF HONG KONG,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN RECALLED THAT THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR JACK CATER, RECENTLY SAID IN CLEAR AND UNMISTAKABLE TERMS THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD NOT THE SLIGHTEST INTENTION OF CHANGING ITS IMMIGRATION POLICY, NOR OF RELAXING THE MEASURES INTRODUCED LAST OCTOBER WHEN THE SO-CALLED 'REACHED BASE' POLICY WAS SCRAPPED.

+IN FACT, IN HIS DISCUSSIONS IN GUANGZHOU LAST MARCH, SIR JACK HAD BEEN ASSURED BY THE AUTHORITIES THERE THAT THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO TAKE STERN MEASURES TO PREVENT ILLEGAL EMIGRATION.

+FOR OUR PART IN HONG KONG WE WILL MAINTAIN OUR GUARD AND WILL CONTINUE TO MOUNT OPERATIONS, SUCH AS THE ONE A FEW DAYS AGO, AS PART OF OTHER OPERATIONS AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION,+ HE SAID.

IN THE PAST WEEK, POLICE HAVE CHECKED MORE THAN 153 000 PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY FOR IDENTIFICATION, WHILE LABOUR INSPECTORS MADE DAY AND NIGHT CALLS ON 4 816 INDUSTRIAL AND NON-INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

A TOTAL OF 742 PERSONS ARE BEING SUMMONSED OR CHARGED FOR FAILING TO CARRY PROPER PROOF OF IDENTITY, AND 15 OTHERS HAVE BEEN REFERRED BY THE POLICE TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

LABOUR INSPECTORS FOUND 21 PEOPLE IN 20 ESTABLISHMENTS WHO WERE WITHOUT PROPER PROOF OF IDENTITY. THEY TOO HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT FOR INVESTIGATION.

ELEVEN OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS WERE FOUND NOT TO BE KEEPING PROPER RECORDS OF THEIR EMPLOYEES AS REQUIRED UNDER THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE, WHILE 113 ESTABLISHMENTS COULD NOT PRODUCE ACCEPTABLE EMPLOYEE RECORDS AT THE TIME OF THE VISITS.

THE SPOKESMAN WARNED EMPLOYERS FOUND ENGAGING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS THAT THEY COULD BE FINED UP TO \$50 000 AND FACE IMPRISONMENT FOR ONE YEAR. THOSE FAILING TO KEEP UP-TO-DATE RECORDS OF EACH OF THEIR EMPLOYEES SHOWING THE EMPLOYEE'S NAME, TYPE OF IDENTITY DOCUMENT AND THE NUMBER OF THE DOCUMENT, RISKED A \$10 000 FINE.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC OF THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATION TO CARRY PROOF OF IDENTITY — SUCH AS ID CARD, CURRENT DRIVING LICENCE OR A VALID TRAVEL DOCUMENT.

+APART FROM AVOIDING THE RISK OF BEING FINED \$1 000 FOR NOT CARRYING ACCEPTABLE PROOF OF IDENTITY, THEY WOULD BE GREATLY ASSISTING THE POLICE, IMMIGRATION OFFICERS AND LABOUR INSPECTORS IN DETECTING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS,+ HE SAID.

+AT THE SAME TIME, THEY WOULD AVOID INCONVENIENCE TO THEMSELVES SHOULD THEY BE STOPPED AND ASKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.+

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HOT AND DRY APRIL  
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LAST MONTH WAS HOTTER AND DRIER THAN USUAL, ACCORDING TO THE MONTH'S WEATHER SUMMARY ISSUED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

ALTHOUGH THERE WERE EIGHT DAYS WITH THUNDERSTORMS DURING THE MONTH, THE TOTAL RAINFALL AMOUNTED ONLY TO 94.2 MM, 45.2 MM BELOW THE AVERAGE FOR APRIL.

THE ACCUMULATED RAINFALL FROM JANUARY 1 TO APRIL 30 WAS 229.9 MM, 13 PER CENT BELOW THE AVERAGE FIGURE OF 263 MM.

APRIL WAS THE SEVENTH CONSECUTIVE MONTH WITH TEMPERATURES ABOVE NORMAL. THE MONTH'S MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 24.2 DEGREES CELSIUS IS SAME AS THAT IN 1975 AND 1977 — THE HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR APRIL.

THE MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 22.4 DEGREES CELSIUS IS ALSO THE HIGHEST FOR APRIL WHILE THE MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 26.8 DEGREES CELSIUS IS THE FIFTH HIGHEST.

APRIL WAS ALSO CLOUDIER THAN USUAL, AND THE TOTAL DURATION OF SUNSHINE OF 104.3 HOURS WAS 15.9 HOURS BELOW NORMAL.

THE MONTH BEGAN WITH A CLOUDY DAY BUT THE WEATHER BECAME SUNNY AND WARM ON APRIL 2. A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE CAUSED RAIN ON APRIL 3. WINDS TURNED SOUTHERLY THE FOLLOWING DAY AND WEATHER BECAME WARM AND HUMID.

APART FROM SOME EARLY MORNING COASTAL FOG ON APRIL 4 AND 6, IT REMAINED CLOUDY WITH SUNNY INTERVALS UNTIL APRIL 7. THERE WAS LIGHT RAIN OVERNIGHT AND MORE MIST IN THE EVENING OF APRIL 8. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A WEEK OF UNSETTLED WEATHER FROM APRIL 9 TO 15, AND HALF OF THE MONTH'S RAINFALL FELL DURING THIS PERIOD. SOME THUNDERSTORMS OCCURRED ON APRIL 9 AND 10. THERE WERE MORNING SHOWERS ON APRIL 11 AND THUNDERSTORMS AGAIN THE FOLLOWING AFTERNOON.

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IT REMAINED CLOUDY WITH SUNNY INTERVALS ON APRIL 13, BUT SHOWERS OCCURRED ALL DAY ON APRIL 14 AND THERE WERE SOME MORE THUNDERSTORMS IN THE EVENING. SHOWERS PERSISTED UNTIL NOON ON APRIL 15, AFTER WHICH THE WEATHER REMAINED FINE UNTIL APRIL 16. IT TURNED CLOUDY AGAIN ON APRIL 17 AND THERE WERE A FEW MORE SHOWERS.

THE WEATHER WAS SUNNY ON APRIL 18 AND 19, BUT A COLD FRONT BROUGHT THUNDERSTORMS AND COOLER WEATHER LATE IN THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 19. EASTERLY WINDS STRENGTHENED DURING THE NIGHT AND REMAINED STRONG THE NEXT DAY.

TEMPERATURES FELL TO A MINIMUM OF 19.3 DEGREES CELSIUS ON APRIL 20, THE LOWEST OF THE MONTH. IT REMAINED DULL IN THE NEXT THREE DAYS WITH OCCASIONAL SHOWERS AND SOME THUNDERSTORMS AROUND NOON ON APRIL 23. THE FOLLOWING DAY WAS SUNNY AND FINE.

ANOTHER WEAK COLD FRONT PASSED ON APRIL 25 AND THERE WERE MORE THUNDERSTORMS. SUNNY INTERVALS WERE EXPERIENCED ON APRIL 26 AND 27. APART FROM THE THUNDERSTORMS IN THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 29, THE LAST THREE DAYS OF THE MONTH WERE FINE AND HOT, WITH TEMPERATURES RISING TO A MAXIMUM OF 29.8 DEGREES CELSIUS ON APRIL 28 AND 30, THE HIGHEST OF THE MONTH.

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#### TENDERS INVITED FOR WORK AT LO WU STATION

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE WIDENING OF AN UNDERBRIDGE AT LO WU STATION.

THE WORK FORMS PART OF THE KCR ELECTRIFICATION AND MODERNISATION SCHEME. IT INCLUDES THE PARTIAL DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING BRIDGE AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BRIDGE EXTENSION TO ACCOMMODATE THE NEW RAIL TRACK.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT WILL BE THE ASSOCIATED SITE AND BUILDING WORKS FOR THE RE-CONSTRUCTION OF THE STATION BUILDINGS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN JULY AND WILL TAKE SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE PROJECT HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND THE CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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NEW MARKET FOR KWAI CHUNG  
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS TO BUILD A NEW MARKET AT WING FONG STREET, KWAI CHUNG.

THE MARKET WILL HAVE MORE THAN 110 HAWKER STALLS, OFFICES, STORE ROOMS AND STAFF QUARTERS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A ROOFTOP PLAYGROUND TO PROVIDE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR RESIDENTS IN THE AREA.

IN ANOTHER PWD PROJECT, A SITTING-OUT AREA WILL BE BUILT AT CASTLE PEAK ROAD NEAR LAI CHI KOK HOSPITAL.

THE SITTING-OUT AREA WILL HAVE ARBOURS, FLOWER BEDS, FOOTPATHS AND BENCHES.

TENDERS FOR THE TWO PROJECTS ARE BEING INVITED BY PWD. WORK ON THE KWAI CHUNG MARKET WILL BEGIN IN JUNE FOR COMPLETION IN MAY NEXT YEAR WHILE THAT FOR THE SITTING-AREA WILL ALSO COMMENCE NEXT MONTH FOR COMPLETION IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TECHNICAL STUDENTS  
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TWENTY-FIVE STUDENTS FROM THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS AMOUNTING TO \$50 000 DONATED BY A LOCAL INDUSTRIALIST.

ALL THE RECIPIENTS ARE SECOND YEAR STUDENTS ON DIPLOMA COURSES IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, MARINE AND FABRICATION, AND INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY.

AWARDS WERE BASED ON THEIR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF THE COURSE.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS WERE DONATED BY MR CHIANG CHEN OF CHEN HSONG MACHINERY CO. LTD.

THE AIMS OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE TO PROMOTE TECHNICAL EDUCATION, ESPECIALLY AT TECHNICIAN LEVEL, AND TO RAISE THE CRAFT SKILLS OF LOCAL CRAFTSMEN IN THE RELATED FIELDS.

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WATER LEAKAGE TEST  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN KOWLOON WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON TUESDAY (MAY 12) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, WATERLOO ROAD, BROADCAST DRIVE, EDE ROAD AND BEACON HILL ROAD, INCLUDING RHONDDA ROAD, ALNWICK ROAD, MARCONI ROAD, FESSENDEN ROAD, LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICERS' HOUSING SCHEMES, RADIO HONG KONG AND HONG KONG COMMERCIAL RADIO.

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