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PMG MEETS POSTAL UNIONISTS

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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR HUGH ARDLEY, MET REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HONG KONG POSTAL WORKERS UNION AND THE POSTAL WORKERS BRANCH OF THE HONG KONG CHINESE CIVIL SERVANTS' ASSOCIATION THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS PROPOSALS CONCERNING THE POSTMAN AND POSTAL OFFICER GRADES.

THE MEETING WAS CONVENED AT THE REQUEST OF THE TWO UNIONS.

DURING THE MEETING, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL REITERATED HIS SYMPATHY WITH THE POSTMEN'S REQUEST FOR A LONG SERVICE INCREMENT AND SAID HE WOULD URGE THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH TO FURTHER CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL.

HE ADDED THAT AN OVERALL REVIEW OF THE POSTMAN GRADE WAS BEING MADE TO SEE IF THERE WAS A JUSTIFICATION FOR CREATION OF A SENIOR POSTMAN RANK ON FUNCTIONAL GROUNDS.

WHILE HE DID NOT WISH TO PRE-EMPT THE RESULT OF THE REVIEW, MR ARDLEY SAID IT WAS LIKELY THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY SOME FUNCTIONS FOR A SENIOR POSTMAN RANK.

HOWEVER, HE DID NOT THINK IT LIKELY THAT EXISTING POSTMEN FUNCTIONS COULD JUSTIFY THE PROPOSED NEW RANK, HE SAID.

AS TO THE PROMOTION PROSPECTS OF POSTAL OFFICERS, THE POST OFFICE WOULD CONTINUE TO IDENTIFY THE NEED FOR THE CREATION OF SENIOR POSTAL OFFICER POSTS, IN ADDITION TO THE NEW POSTS WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN IDENTIFIED AND AGREED.

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL ADDED THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD UNDERTAKEN TO COMPLETE THE STUDIES AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, INCLUDING THAT ON THE PROPOSED MERGER OF THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF POSTS AND SUPERINTENDENT OF POSTS RANKS.

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TAI PO ROAD WIDENING TO RELIEVE LION ROCK TUNNEL

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) DECIDED TO WIDEN TAI PO ROAD BETWEEN TAI WO PING INTERCHANGE AND SHA TIN TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL LANE FOR SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC AS RELIEF FOR THE LION ROCK TUNNEL.

THE DECISION FOLLOWED A POSITIVE ASSESSMENT OF THE FEASIBILITY OF WIDENING THIS SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD TO THREE LANES FOR ITS WHOLE LENGTH.

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT AT PRESENT, THE TWO-LANE TAI PO ROAD WAS THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE ROUTE TO THE LION ROCK TUNNEL FOR TRAFFIC BETWEEN SHA TIN AND KOWLOON.

WORKS WERE UNDERWAY TO IMPROVE SOME OF THE BENDS AND PROVIDE AN EXTRA LANE FOR ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF ITS LENGTH BETWEEN THE TAI WO PING INTERCHANGE IN KOWLOON AND TAI WAI IN SHA TIN.

WIDENING THE ROAD TO THREE LANES THROUGHOUT WOULD PROVIDE EXTRA CAPACITY FOR THE TRAFFIC BETWEEN KOWLOON AND SHA TIN AND THUS HELP RELIEVE THE SERIOUS CONGESTION AT THE LION ROCK TUNNEL.

IT WOULD ALSO BRING SOME OF THE EXTRA TRAFFIC INTO KOWLOON AT A POINT OTHER THAN WATERLOO ROAD, AND THEREFORE LESSEN THE CHANCES OF A SERIOUS INCREASE IN CONGESTION THERE.

THE WIDENING OF THIS ROAD WOULD ALSO PROVIDE A PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT. IT WOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1989, AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME AS ROUTE 5 CORRIDOR BETWEEN SHA TIN AND TSUEN WAN. TOGETHER, THESE TWO ROUTES WOULD GREATLY IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW BETWEEN NORTHEAST NEW TERRITORIES AND THE KWAI CHUNG/TSUEN WAN AREA.

FURTHERMORE, CONSTRUCTION WORKS WERE UNDERWAY TO IMPROVE SOME OF THE ROAD'S BENDS AND PROVIDE A CLIMBING LANE AT SELECTED SECTIONS BETWEEN THE TAI WO PING INTERCHANGE IN KOWLOON AND TAI WAI IN SHA TIN.

PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF THE COST OF THE ADDITIONAL LANE IS ABOUT \$70 MILLION.

AS PART OF THE PROJECT, SOME IMPROVEMENTS TO TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AT THE TAI WO PING INTERCHANGE, THE TAI WAI CONNECTION AND ALONG WATERLOO ROAD WOULD BE NECESSARY AS A RESULT OF THE INCREASED FLOW OF TRAFFIC TO KOWLOON.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE CONSULTANCY STUDY OF OTHER POSSIBLE MEASURES TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS BETWEEN SHA TIN AND KOWLOON WOULD CONTINUE.

A REPORT ON THE CONSULTANCY STUDY, INCLUDING THE BEACON HILL TUNNEL PROPOSAL, AND ON THE ONE-WAY TOLL EXPERIMENT AT THE LION ROCK TUNNEL WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR, HE SAID.

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DLO OFFERS TO HELP CONTAINER TRUCK DRIVERS

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AN ASSURANCE THAT THERE WILL BE SUFFICIENT PARKING SPACES FOR CONTAINER TRUCKS IN THE KWAI CHUNG/Tsing YI AREA WAS MADE TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICER, MR LYALL ALEXANDER WEBBER.

"I'VE HELPED THEM BEFORE TO RESOLVE THEIR PROBLEM AND I'LL DO MY BEST TO HELP THEM OUT AGAIN," HE SAID.

IN AUGUST THIS YEAR, MR ALEXANDER WEBBER HELPED THE CONTAINER TRACTOR OWNERS ASSOCIATION BY OFFERING THEM A 2.89-HECTARE SITE ADJACENT TO KWAI CHUNG ROAD ON A SIX-MONTH TENANCY FOR USE AS A CONTAINER VEHICLE PARK WITH CERTAIN STIPULATIONS.

"THE NORMAL PRACTICE IS TO LET BY TENDER BUT IN ORDER TO HELP THE ASSOCIATION RESOLVE THE PROBLEM OF PARKING FOR THEIR MEMBERS, I MADE IT AN EXCEPTION," HE SAID.

THE STIPULATIONS WERE THAT 1,540 SQUARE METRES OF THE PARKING SITE WERE TO BE RETURNED TO GOVERNMENT IN JANUARY, 1988 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CONCRETE BATCHING PLANT. AND, ON THE EXPIRATION OF THE SHORT-TERM TENANCY, THE REMAINING SITE OF ABOUT 2.7 HECTARES WILL BE LET BY TENDER ON SHORT-TERM TENANCY FOR CONTAINER VEHICLE PARKING.

THE CHAIRMAN AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION WERE FULLY AWARE OF THESE CONDITIONS WHEN THEY WERE OFFERED THE SITE, MR ALEXANDER WEBBER SAID.

"IF THEY WISH TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE THE CAR PARK, THEY CAN TENDER FOR THE TENANCY LIKE ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES," HE SAID.

THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE WILL CARRY OUT A SURVEY WITHIN THESE FEW DAYS TO CHECK ON THE ACTUAL NEED OF PARKING SPACES FOR CONTAINER TRUCKS.

IF THERE IS A DEMAND FOR ADDITIONAL SPACES NOW, THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE WILL PUT IN HAND ARRANGEMENTS FOR EARLY TENDERING OF SITES ALREADY RESERVED FOR CONTAINER PARKING BUT WHICH WERE ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR RELEASE IN MID-1988.

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FUNDS SOUGHT FOR SETTING UP OPEN LEARNING  
INSTITUTE PLANNING COMMITTEE

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE OPEN LEARNING INSTITUTE OF HONG KONG AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE PLANNING COMMITTEE WILL COMPRISE A PROMINENT LOCAL FIGURE AS CHAIRMAN, FIVE TO SIX REPRESENTATIVES OF INSTITUTIONS FUNDED BY THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE, THREE REPRESENTATIVES OF OVERSEAS INSTITUTIONS, SIX OVERSEAS ACADEMICS, SIX LOCAL LAY MEMBERS AND ONE SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICER.

TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE, A SECRETARIAT IS TO BE SET UP IMMEDIATELY WITHIN THE EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH.

THE OPERATING COSTS OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE AND ITS SECRETARIAT ARE ESTIMATED AT \$10.4 MILLION PHASED OVER THREE YEARS FROM 1987-88 TO 1989-90.

OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT TOMORROW'S MEETING WITH FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS EXCEEDING \$10 MILLION INCLUDE:

- \* TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS, ESTIMATED AT \$212.4 MILLION IN CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND \$45.5 MILLION IN RECURRENT EXPENDITURE PHASED OVER THE PERIOD FROM 1987-88 TO 1989-90, FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME OF THE SEARCH AND RESCUE CAPABILITY AND THE LOCALISATION OF THE FLYING WING OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE;
- \* TO APPROVE A COMMITMENT OF \$9,472,000 FOR 19 ADDITIONAL AMBULANCES AND A COMMITMENT OF \$15,770,000 FOR 38 REPLACEMENT AMBULANCES FOR THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT;
- \* TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS, ESTIMATED AT \$18,061,000 IN RECURRENT AND NON-RECURRENT EXPENDITURE PHASED OVER THREE YEARS FROM 1987-88 TO 1989-90, FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTEGRATED LAW AND ORDER STATISTICAL SYSTEM;
- \* TO APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF A CONTINGENT LIABILITY OF \$509,686,000 IN RESPECT OF A PROJECT TO BE DEVELOPED UNDER THE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME AT JUNK BAY TOWN LOT 10;
- \* TO APPROVE A COMMITMENT OF \$820.8 MILLION FOR A GRANT TO THE REGIONAL COUNCIL TO BE PAID WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 1, 1988, IN THREE EQUAL ANNUAL INSTALMENTS OVER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD FROM 1988-89 TO 1990-91;

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- \* TO APPROVE A SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION OF \$66,386,000 FOR THE LEASING OF QUARTERS FOR CIVIL SERVANTS;
- \* TO NOTE THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS, ESTIMATED AT \$73,320,000 OVER FOUR YEARS FROM 1987-88 TO 1990-91, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRODUCTIVITY ENHANCEMENT SERVICES AT THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL;
- \* TO APPROVE THE CREATION OF A NEW CAPITAL ACCOUNT SUBHEAD "HONG KONG PLASTICS TECHNOLOGY CENTRE COMPANY LIMITED" WITH A COMMITMENT OF \$12.8 MILLION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LIMITED COMPANY TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL SUPPORT SERVICES TO THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY;
- \* TO APPROVE AN INCREASE IN COMMITMENT BY \$110,576,000 FOR A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT FOR THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS AND THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE ANNEX;
- \* TO NOTE THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ON APRIL 1, 1988, ESTIMATED AT \$13,958,000 IN 1988-89 AND RISING TO \$97,379,000 IN 1990-91 IN RECURRENT EXPENDITURE AND \$6.2 MILLION IN NON-RECURRENT EXPENDITURE;
- \* TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS, ESTIMATED AT \$168.9 MILLION IN ANNUALLY RECURRENT EXPENDITURE, ARISING FROM A PROPOSAL TO REVISE THE SCALE USED IN THE CALCULATION OF PAYMENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCES WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 1, 1988;
- \* TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE THE SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE SCHEME ON A PHASED BASIS, ESTIMATED AT \$235.1 MILLION IN RECURRENT EXPENDITURE IN 1988-89, RISING TO \$792.2 MILLION IN 1991-92 ON FULL IMPLEMENTATION;
- \* TO APPROVE AN INCREASE IN COMMITMENT BY \$12 MILLION TO ENABLE THE REMAINING PAYMENTS FOR FIVE REPLACEMENT ROYAL NAVY PATROL CRAFT TO BE MET;
- \* TO APPROVE NEW COMMITMENTS OF \$13.6 MILLION FOR SITE INVESTIGATION AND DESIGN OF NEW PROJECTS, AND \$148,860,000 FOR FORMAL APPROVAL OF NEW PROJECTS; AND AN INCREASED COMMITMENT OF \$26,482,000 FOR PROJECTS WITH FORMAL APPROVAL UNDER THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC BUILDING PROGRAMMES.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONSIDER REPORT OF CHANGES TO THE APPROVED ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE APPROVED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS, AS WELL AS THE RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE ESTABLISHMENT SUB-COMMITTEE AND THE PUBLIC WORKS SUB-COMMITTEE.

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FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY CONTINUES

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THE ENCOURAGING TREND IN OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY LAST YEAR WAS LIKELY TO HAVE CONTINUED THIS YEAR, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K. Y. YEUNG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF AN ASIA PRODUCTIVITY ORGANISATION SYMPOSIUM ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT, MR YEUNG SAID THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT ALREADY HAD AN ADDITIONAL 116 OVERSEAS PROJECTS ON ITS RECORDS AT THE END OF NOVEMBER THIS YEAR, COMPARED WITH 76 AT THE SAME TIME LAST YEAR.

HE SAID THE PRINCIPAL AIM OF PROMOTION OF OVERSEAS INVESTMENT WAS TO FACILITATE THE TRANSFER OF TWO MAIN GROUPS OF TECHNOLOGIES.

"THEY CONSIST OF THOSE WHICH OUR INDUSTRIES NEED IN ORDER TO OVERCOME THE BARRIERS TO THEIR DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH, AND THOSE THAT OUR INDUSTRIES NEED TO APPLY IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A HIGHER LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE AND PRECISION.

"THE MOST OBJECTIVE MEASURE OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ITS INWARD INVESTMENT PROMOTION PROGRAMME LIES IN ITS ANNUAL SURVEYS OF OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES," HE NOTED.

MR YEUNG ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT TOOK THE VIEW DIRECT INVESTMENT IN MANUFACTURING WAS BEST LEFT TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

HE ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD FORMULATED TWO MAIN PROGRAMMES OF ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF INDUSTRIES ON THE BASIS OF ADVICE TENDERED BY INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC STUDIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT.

"THE FIRST SEEKS TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL INDUSTRIES TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THEIR EXTERNAL COMPETITIVENESS AND THE SECOND SEEKS TO PROMOTE AND FACILITATE OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN MANUFACTURING AND IN THOSE BUSINESSES THAT SUPPORT MANUFACTURING," MR YEUNG SAID.

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CHINESE MAYORS IMPRESSED BY HONG KONG'S TRANSPORT SYSTEM

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A DELEGATION OF MAYORS FROM CHINA VISITED THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) TO GAIN FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON HONG KONG'S TRANSPORT SYSTEM.

THE 23-MEMBER DELEGATION, INCLUDING MAYORS AND DEPUTY MAYORS FROM 16 MAJOR CHINESE CITIES, WAS RECEIVED BY THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR RICHARD SCURFIELD.

DURING THE VISIT, THE MEMBERS WERE PRESENTED A SLIDE SHOW ON VARIOUS FACETS OF HONG KONG'S TRANSPORT SYSTEM. THEY WERE ALSO BRIEFED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS, MR TONY COOPER AND MR PANG HAU-CHUNG, ON TRANSPORT ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING.

THE DELEGATION THEN TOURED THE DEPARTMENT'S KOWLOON AREA TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTRE WHERE THEY WERE BRIEFED BY THE CHIEF ENGINEER, MR CHAN CHIN-CHUN, ON THE OPERATION OF THE COMPUTERISED TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM.

THE MEMBERS SHOWED GREAT INTEREST AND WERE IMPRESSED BY THE TERRITORY'S MODERN AND SOPHISTICATED TRANSPORT SYSTEM.

TODAY'S VISIT IS PART OF THE DELEGATION'S ONE-WEEK STUDY TOUR TO SHARE HONG KONG'S EXPERIENCE IN CITY MANAGEMENT AND TOWN PLANNING.

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RECORD-BREAKING TEMPERATURES IN NOVEMBER

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AN EXCEPTIONALLY INTENSE SURGE OF THE WINTER MONSOON BROUGHT WINDY CONDITIONS AND RECORD-BREAKING TEMPERATURES TO HONG KONG TOWARDS THE END OF NOVEMBER.

THE MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 7.6 DEGREES RECORDED ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 30 WAS THE LOWEST IN NOVEMBER SINCE 1922 AND THE THIRD LOWEST MINIMUM IN NOVEMBER ON RECORD.

THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES ON NOVEMBER 29 AND 30 WERE BOTH 11.2 DEGREES, WHICH SET A RECORD FOR THE LOWEST MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE FOR NOVEMBER.

THE DAILY MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 9.2 DEGREES ON NOVEMBER 29 EQUALLED THAT ON NOVEMBER 26, 1922, WHICH WAS THE LOWEST TEMPERATURE FOR NOVEMBER ON RECORD.

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THE LAST TWO DAYS IN NOVEMBER 1987 WERE ALSO THE COLDEST TWO CONSECUTIVE DAYS IN NOVEMBER ON RECORD WITH DAILY MEAN TEMPERATURES OF 9.2 AND 9.5 DEGREES RESPECTIVELY.

BETWEEN 3 AM ON NOVEMBER 28 AND THE SAME TIME THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE TEMPERATURE DROPPED FROM 25.5 DEGREES TO 9.9 DEGREES. THIS DECREASE OF 15.6 DEGREES SET A NEW NOVEMBER RECORD FOR THE LARGEST 24-HOUR TEMPERATURE FALL AND EQUALLED THE ALL-TIME RECORD SET IN DECEMBER 1952.

THE NOVEMBER RECORD FOR THE LARGEST 48-HOUR TEMPERATURE DROP WAS ALSO BROKEN BASED ON THE TEMPERATURES AT 2 AM ON NOVEMBER 28 AND 30.

DURING THIS PERIOD, THE TEMPERATURE FELL FROM 25.6 DEGREES TO 8.2 DEGREES, A DROP OF 17.4 DEGREES. THIS DECREASE WAS THE SECOND LARGEST 48-HOUR TEMPERATURE FALL ON RECORD.

OTHER THAN THE ABOVE, THE TOTAL DURATION OF BRIGHT SUNSHINE OF 117.5 HOURS WAS ALSO THE SECOND LOWEST ON RECORD FOR NOVEMBER. CONSISTENT WITH THIS WAS THE ABOVE-NORMAL MEAN CLOUD AMOUNT OF 75 PER CENT, WHICH WAS THE THIRD HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR NOVEMBER. IN ADDITION, THE RAINFALL AMOUNT FOR THE MONTH OF 66.6 MILLIMETRES ALMOST DOUBLED THE NORMAL AMOUNT OF 34.7 MILLIMETRES FOR NOVEMBER.

AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MONTH, WITH THE NORTHEAST MONSOON PERSISTING, THE WEATHER ON NOVEMBER 1 CONTINUED TO BE CLOUDY WITH A FEW LIGHT RAIN PATCHES.

HOWEVER, THE MONSOON WEAKENED THE NEXT DAY AND THE WEATHER BECAME FINE. THE DAYTIME MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 28.7 DEGREES WAS UNSEASONABLY HIGH. IT WAS ALSO THE HIGHEST FOR THE MONTH.

THE WARM WEATHER DID NOT LAST LONG AS A COLD FRONT FROM THE NORTH CROSSED THE SOUTH CHINA COAST OVERNIGHT ON NOVEMBER 2. THE SKY TURNED CLOUDY ON NOVEMBER 3. SOME LIGHT RAIN ALSO OCCURRED THAT NIGHT. CONTINUED REPLENISHMENT OF THE NORTHEAST MONSOON KEPT THE WEATHER CLOUDY WITH OCCASIONAL LIGHT RAIN FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

EARLY ON NOVEMBER 12, THE MONSOON SUBSIDED AND THE WEATHER TURNED FINE DURING THE DAY. OTHER THAN A TRACE OF RAINFALL ON NOVEMBER 13 AND 14, THE FINE CONDITIONS LASTED UNTIL NOVEMBER 15 WHEN THE WINDS STRENGTHENED FROM THE EAST. FOR THE NEXT TWO DAYS, THE WEATHER WAS CLOUDY DURING THE NIGHT BUT FINE DURING THE DAY.

A SURGE OF THE WINTER MONSOON ARRIVED FROM THE NORTH OVERNIGHT ON NOVEMBER 17 AND TEMPORARILY CLEARED THE SKY DURING THE DAY ON NOVEMBER 18. HOWEVER, THE RETURN OF MOIST EASTERLIES ON NOVEMBER 19 BROUGHT OVERCAST SKIES AND LIGHT RAIN. THESE CONDITIONS LASTED UNTIL NOVEMBER 22.

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WITH THE EASTERLIES SUBSIDING, THE WEATHER BECAME MAINLY FINE ON NOVEMBER 23. ANOTHER SURGE OF THE NORTHEAST MONSOON BROUGHT BACK CLOUDY AND LIGHT RAIN CONDITIONS ON NOVEMBER 24. FOR THE NEXT TWO DAYS, A WEAKENING OF THE MONSOON ALLOWED THE WEATHER TO TURN MAINLY FINE EXCEPT FOR A TRACE OF RAIN ON NOVEMBER 25.

BY THE EVENING OF NOVEMBER 26, TYPHOON NINA HAD ENTERED THE SOUTH CHINA SEA. THE OUTER RAINBANDS ASSOCIATED WITH NINA BEGAN TO AFFECT HONG KONG ON NOVEMBER 27 AND THE WEATHER BECAME OVERCAST WITH RAIN.

MEANWHILE, AN EXCEPTIONALLY INTENSE CONTINENTAL ANTICYCLONE OVER NORTH CHINA ASSOCIATED WITH AN EXTENSIVE AREA OF COLD AIR WAS MOVING RAPIDLY SOUTHWARDS. IN VIEW OF THE IMPENDING SEVERITY OF THE WINTER MONSOON, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY HOISTED THE STRONG MONSOON SIGNAL AT 3 PM ON NOVEMBER 27 AND WARNED ALL CONCERNED OF THE DETERIORATING CONDITIONS AT SEA DURING THE WEEKEND.

THE COLD FRONT MARKING THE LEADING EDGE OF THE COLD DOME REACHED HONG KONG EARLY ON NOVEMBER 28, CAUSING THE TEMPERATURE TO DROP SIGNIFICANTLY.

THE TEMPERATURE FALL CONTINUED UNTIL THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 30 WHEN A MINIMUM OF 7.6 DEGREES WAS RECORDED. AT TAI MO SHAN, THE TEMPERATURE FELL TO 0.5 DEGREES BELOW ZERO THAT MORNING AND FROST WAS REPORTED. THE OVERCAST AND RAINY CONDITIONS WHICH STARTED ON NOVEMBER 27 CONTINUED UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH.

THIS INTENSE SURGE OF THE WINTER MONSOON WAS ENHANCED BY TYPHOON NINA OVER THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AND CAUSED OFFSHORE WINDS TO REACH GALE FORCE ON NOVEMBER 28.

LOCALLY, AN HOURLY MEAN WIND SPEED OF 85 KM/H AND GUSTS OF 110 KM/H WERE RECORDED AT WAGLAN ISLAND. THIS MEAN WIND SPEED IS THE HIGHEST EVER RECORDED AT WAGLAN ISLAND DURING A WINTER MONSOON IN HONG KONG.

A FISHING VESSEL OFF WAGLAN ISLAND SANK DURING THE STRONG WINDS AND HEAVY SEAS. THREE PEOPLE WERE MISSING WHILE 10 OTHERS WERE RESCUED.

WINDOWS ON BOARD A MACAU-BOUND FERRY WERE ALSO SMASHED, FLOODING THE ENGINE ROOM AND IMMOBILISING THE FERRY.

A MACAU-BOUND BARGE, ITS TUG BOAT AND THE SEVEN CREW MEMBERS ON BOARD WERE REPORTED MISSING.

LOCALLY, WINDS WERE STRONG IN EXPOSED PLACES, CAUSING SEVEN PEOPLE IN WONG TAI SIN TO BE BLOWN DOWN AND INJURED.

ALONG TUEN MUN ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TOPS OF SEVERAL LORRIES WERE BLOWN OFF AND OVER 10 MOTORCYCLES OVERTURNED. BLOWN DOWN TREES AND OTHER DEBRIS LITTERED THE TWO HIGHWAYS, CAUSING THEIR BRIEF CLOSURE AND PARALYSING THE TRAFFIC IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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IN TSUEN WAN, A SCAFFOLDING ALSO COLLAPSED. BILLBOARDS AND OTHER OBJECTS BLOWN OFF BY THE STRONG WINDS ALSO CAUSED SOME MINOR INJURIES IN VARIOUS URBAN AREAS.

DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, NO AIRCRAFT WAS DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER. THE RED FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON NOVEMBER 1 AND 13 WHILE THE YELLOW FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON NOVEMBER 8, 9, 14 AND 15.

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	NOVEMBER 27 3 PM	NOVEMBER 30 1 PM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	NOVEMBER 30 9.15 PM	DECEMBER 1 10.05 AM

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

SUNSHINE	117.5 HOURS ; 74.0 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
GLOBAL SOLAR RADIATION	9.61 MJ/SQ.M ; 4.06 MJ/SQ.M BELOW NORMAL
RAINFALL	66.6 MM ; 31.9 MM ABOVE NORMAL
CLOUDINESS	75 PER CENT ; 23 PER CENT MORE THAN NORMAL
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	79 PER CENT ; 10 PER CENT HIGHER THAN NORMAL
MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	23.8 DEGREES ; 0.6 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL CELSIUS
MEAN TEMPERATURE	21.8 DEGREES ; 0.5 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL CELSIUS
MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	20.2 DEGREES ; 1.3 DEGREES CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL CELSIUS
MEAN DEW POINT	17.8 DEGREES ; 2.9 DEGREES CELSIUS ABOVE, CELSIUS NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	83.7 MM ; 53.3 MM BELOW NORMAL

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ELEVEN QUESTIONS ON LEGCO AGENDA

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL ASK A TOTAL OF 11 QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER SEVEN BILLS IN THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE BILLS WHICH WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS ARE BETTING DUTY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987, THE MEDICAL REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987, THE DENTISTS REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1987, THE NURSES REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987 AND THE MIDWIVES REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987.

THE BILLS WHICH WILL GO THROUGH COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING ARE THE CORRUPT AND ILLEGAL PRACTICES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987 AND THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BILL 1987.

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NEW ARRANGEMENTS TO COINCIDE WITH HARMONISED SYSTEM

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A TRADE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (TUESDAY) ANNOUNCED CHANGES AND NEW ARRANGEMENTS TO THE TEXTILE AND APPAREL CATEGORY SYSTEM UNDER THE HONG KONG/U.S. BILATERAL TEXTILES AGREEMENT WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1, 1988 TO COINCIDE WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HARMONISED COMMODITY DESCRIPTION AND CODING SYSTEM (HARMONISED SYSTEM).

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CHANGES INVOLVED ARE QUITE EXTENSIVE AND MANY OF THE CATEGORIES UNDER THE CURRENT HONG KONG/U.S. TEXTILES AGREEMENT ARE AFFECTED.

THE MAJOR CHANGES ARE:

- ADOPTION OF CHIEF WEIGHT CRITERION IN CLASSIFICATION OF TEXTILE PRODUCTS;
- CHANGES IN CLASSIFICATION PRACTICE WHICH INCLUDE SUITS, BOYS' WEAR, INFANTS' WEAR, KNITTED SHIRTS/BLOUSES AND SWEATERS, AND OUTER-SHELL OF GARMENTS;
- METRICATION OF CONTROL UNITS.

DETAILS OF THE CHANGES ARE PROVIDED IN THE RELEVANT NOTICE TO EXPORTERS WHICH IS OBTAINABLE FROM THE USA SECTION COUNTERS OF THE TRADE DEPARTMENT, 15TH FLOOR, OCEAN CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI.

AS FROM JANUARY 1988, EXPORTERS OF TEXTILES OR TEXTILE PRODUCTS TO THE USA SHOULD FOLLOW THE NEW CLASSIFICATION GUIDELINES.

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THE DEPARTMENT HAS SET UP A HOT-LINE ENQUIRY SERVICE FOR THE TRADE. INTERESTED PARTIES MAY CONTACT THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS FOR FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE CHANGES:

SUBJECT -----	RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS -----	TEL. NO. -----
SUITS, KNITTED SHIRTS/BLOUSES AND SWEATERS	MRS C.L. TANG	3-7222528
INFANTS' WEAR, BOYS' WEAR AND METRICATION	MRS T.W.L. NG MRS K.M. TSANG	3-7222354 3-7222360
CHIEF WEIGHT CRITERION AND OUTER-SHELL	MISS A.S.Y. CHAN MR T.W. NG	3-7222351 3-7222385

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#### RESULTS OF PRIMARY ONE DISCRETIONARY PLACES RELEASED

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RESULTS OF ALLOCATION OF DISCRETIONARY PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 1988 UNDER THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION SYSTEM WILL BE RELEASED ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 11) BY ALL GOVERNMENT AND AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) ADVISED PARENTS TO GO BACK TO THE SCHOOL TO WHICH THEY HAVE APPLIED FOR A PRIMARY ONE PLACE ON FRIDAY BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM OR ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 12) BETWEEN 9 AM AND 12 NOON FOR THE RESULTS OF THEIR APPLICATION WHETHER OR NOT THEIR CHILDREN HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED BY THE SCHOOL CONCERNED.

IT WAS EXPECTED THAT ABOUT 47,000 OF THE 82,000 APPLICANTS WOULD BE OFFERED A DISCRETIONARY PLACE BY THE SCHOOLS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL HAVE TO REGISTER WITH THE SCHOOL DURING THE SCHOOL HOURS ON DECEMBER 14 AND 15.

PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN OFFERED A PRIMARY ONE PLACE ARE ADVISED TO NOTE CAREFULLY THE REGISTRATION PROCEDURES AND ANY REQUIREMENTS BY INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS SUCH AS PARENT'S COPY OF THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION FORM, THE NUMBER OF PHOTOGRAPHS THAT SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE SCHOOL FOR REGISTRATION.

"REGISTRATION OF THE CHILD WITH THE SCHOOL WILL BE REGARDED AS BINDING ON BOTH THE SCHOOL AND THE PARENT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

/PARENTS UNABLE .....

PARENTS UNABLE TO REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN WITH THE SCHOOL WITHIN THE SPECIFIED TWO-DAY PERIOD FOR PERSONAL REASONS SHOULD NOTIFY THE SCHOOL CONCERNED OR THROUGH THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION UNIT OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON TELEPHONE 5-724383 TO MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

"FAILURE TO HEED THE ADVICE WOULD BE DEEMED TO HAVE GIVEN UP THE PLACE OFFERED TO THEM," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID A GOVERNMENT OR AN AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL COULD ACCEPT CHILDREN TO FILL UP TO 65 PER CENT OF ITS PRIMARY ONE PLACES AS DISCRETIONARY PLACES.

"THE REMAINING 35 PER CENT OF PRIMARY ONE PLACES WILL BE RESERVED FOR CENTRAL ALLOCATION AT A LATER STAGE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AS SOME SCHOOLS ARE OVER-SUBSCRIBED FOR THEIR DISCRETIONARY PLACES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID A NUMBER OF CHILDREN HAD NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR APPLICATION AND PARENTS OF THESE CHILDREN WOULD BE INFORMED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TOGETHER WITH THOSE PARENTS WHO HAD NOT APPLIED FOR A DISCRETIONARY PLACE INDIVIDUALLY BY LETTER IN MARCH 1988 TO GO TO A DISTRIBUTION COLLECTION CENTRE IN THEIR HOME DISTRICT TO OBTAIN A COPY OF CHOICE OF SCHOOLS FORM AND A LIST OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WOULD SUBSEQUENTLY ALLOCATE A PRIMARY ONE PLACE TO THEIR CHILDREN WITHIN THEIR HOME DISTRICT ACCORDING TO THE PARENTS' CHOICE UNDER THE CENTRAL ALLOCATION SCHEME, DETAILS OF WHICH WOULD BE ANNOUNCED LATER, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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VA'S PART IN PROVIDING WELFARE SERVICES PRAISED  
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HONG KONG'S WELFARE SYSTEM DEPENDS TO A LARGE EXTENT ON THE EFFORTS OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS TO PROVIDE A LARGE PROPORTION OF OUR DIRECT WELFARE SERVICES, THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG STUDENT AID SOCIETY, MR CHAMBERS PAID TRIBUTE TO THE SOCIETY FOR ITS EFFORTS IN PROVIDING RESIDENTIAL CARE AND EDUCATION FOR UNDER-PRIVILEGED CHILDREN.

HE SAID THE SOCIETY HAD BEEN ABLE TO HELP A TOTAL OF NEARLY 1,700 CHILDREN SINCE IT WAS FOUNDED IN 1957.

"THE ANNUAL GOVERNMENT SOCIAL WELFARE SUBVENTION HAS INCREASED FROM \$41,000 IN 1970 TO \$6.6 MILLION AT PRESENT, WHILE THE SOCIETY HAS GONE FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH AND HAS MADE REMARKABLE PROGRESS IN DEVELOPING ITS SERVICES," HE SAID.

/MR CHAMBERS .....

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MR CHAMBERS SAID THAT BECAUSE OF THE CHANGING NEEDS AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF UNIVERSAL PRIMARY AND JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION, THE TARGET GROUPS HAD BEEN EXTENDED FROM ORPHANS AND CHILDREN UNABLE TO ATTEND SCHOOL BECAUSE OF FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES TO THOSE WHO HAD UNSATISFACTORY FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS OR BEHAVIOURAL AND EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS.

"WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE HOUSE SYSTEM, COLLECTIVE CARE HAS BEEN REPLACED BY INDIVIDUAL CARE, THEREBY MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR EACH CHILD TO BENEFIT FROM A MORE HOMELIKE ATMOSPHERE," HE SAID.

MR CHAMBERS NOTED THAT IN RECENT YEARS IT HAD BEEN RECOGNISED THAT IT WAS DESIRABLE TO MOVE AWAY FROM THE TRADITIONAL TYPE OF VERY LARGE ORPHANAGE OR CHILDREN'S HOME TOWARDS SMALLER UNITS IN WHICH IT WAS POSSIBLE TO CREATE A SITUATION CLOSER TO THAT OF A NORMAL HOME, BY PLACING SMALL GROUPS OF CHILDREN UNDER THE CARE OF HOUSE PARENTS.

"I AM GLAD TO NOTE THAT THE SOCIETY HAS MADE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS IN THIS AREA BY SETTING UP THE HOUSE SYSTEM WHICH HAS BEEN VERY EFFECTIVE.

"IT IS ALSO NECESSARY TO ENABLE THE CHILDREN TO TAKE PART IN AS MANY ACTIVITIES AS POSSIBLE OUTSIDE THE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY, IN ORDER TO HELP THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY AS A WHOLE AND THIS TOO YOUR SOCIETY HAS ACHIEVED THROUGH ITS DIVERSIFIED PROGRAMMES FOR THE CHILDREN," HE SAID.

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#### HEARING TESTS ON WORKERS BEGIN

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THE FIRST AUDIOMETRIC TESTS FOR WORKERS IN HIGH RISK INDUSTRIES BEGAN TODAY (TUESDAY) IN A TEXTILE FACTORY IN TSUEN WAN.

MORE THAN 40 WORKERS OF THE CENTRAL TEXTILE LTD TOOK PART IN THE ACUITY HEARING TESTS WHICH WERE CONDUCTED BY A VISITING TEAM COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS, THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY'S OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH UNIT AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

NOISE LEVELS AT THE WORKPLACE WERE ALSO SURVEYED.

TODAY'S TESTS ARE PART OF THE YEAR-LONG CAMPAIGN ON HEARING CONSERVATION FOR WORKERS IN TEXTILES, ELECTRONICS, SHIPBUILDING/SHIPREPAIRING, PLASTICS, METAL AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES.

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A REPORT ON THE FINDINGS WILL BE COMPILED BY THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY'S PROJECT TEAM WHEN TESTS OF THESE SIX NOISE-PRONE INDUSTRIES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

SEVERE CASES OF HEARING LOSS DISCOVERED IN THE COURSE OF THE FACTORY VISITS WILL BE REFERRED TO THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL FOR ASSESSMENT.

THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD ALSO JOINED THE VISIT TODAY TO PRESENT SOUVENIRS TO WORKERS WHO WERE FOUND WEARING HEARING PROTECTORS WHILE AT WORK.

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EDUCATIONAL BOOKLET FOR PARENTS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS TO PRODUCE A BOOKLET GIVING PARENTS CONCRETE SUGGESTIONS OF BRINGING UP THEIR CHILDREN AND ENCOURAGING THEM TO KEEP IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH SCHOOLS, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

ACCEPTING A \$100,000 DONATION FROM THE WONG TAI SIN SIK SIK YUEN TOWARDS THE PRINTING COST FOR THE BOOKLET ON "HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILDREN" AT A BRIEF CEREMONY AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, MR LI SAID IN THE PROCESS OF GROWING UP A CHILD NEEDED BOTH SCHOOL AND FAMILY EDUCATION.

CHILDREN NEEDED GOOD EDUCATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS FROM TEACHERS. AT THE SAME TIME THEY ALSO NEEDED AFFECTION AND ENCOURAGEMENT FROM PARENTS, PARTICULARLY CARE AND ASSISTANCE WHEN THEY WERE IN TROUBLE.

MR LI SAID THE BOOKLET WOULD DEAL WITH A LOT OF PROBLEMS THAT PARENTS ENCOUNTERED IN THE DAY-TO-DAY CONTACT WITH THEIR CHILDREN. THESE WOULD INCLUDE WAYS TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION WITH THEIR CHILDREN, TO COUNSEL THEM AND TO REMEDY THEIR BEHAVIOURAL PROBLEMS.

THANKING THE CHAIRMAN OF WONG TAI SIN SIK SIK YUEN, MR WONG WAN-TIN, FOR THE GENEROUS DONATION TOWARDS THE PROJECT, MR LI SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE BOOKLET WOULD BE USEFUL TO ALL PARENTS.

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STORM WATER PUMPING STATIONS FOR TAI O

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TWO STORM WATER PUMPING STATIONS AND ASSOCIATED OUTFALLS ARE BEING PLANNED AT TAI O ON LANTAU ISLAND FOR IMPROVING THE DRAINAGE IN THE AREA.

ONE OF THE PUMPING STATIONS WILL BE ON THE EAST END OF TAI PING STREET AND THE OTHER THE WEST END OF WING ON STREET.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START NEXT APRIL AND BE COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER 1989.

A TOTAL OF ABOUT 0.16 HECTARE OF FORESHORE AND SEABED WILL BE AFFECTED AND THE EXTENT OF WHICH HAS BEEN DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE NOTICE TOGETHER WITH ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE VIEWED AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT'S SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE ON THE 5TH FLOOR OF MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, CENTRAL; AND AT THE ISLAND DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE 20TH FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING, PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

WRITTEN OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED WORK SHOULD BE SENT TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS BY FEBRUARY 3, 1988.

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INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES REVISED

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AN EXTRAORDINARY EDITION OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE PUBLISHED YESTERDAY (MONDAY) CONTAINS A LEGAL NOTICE TO THE EFFECT THAT THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY HAS AUTHORISED A DECREASE IN THE RATE OF INTEREST PAYABLE ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES. AS FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), THE NEW ANNUAL RATE OF INTEREST WILL BE 2.04 PER CENT (TAX FREE) AS AGAINST THE CURRENT RATE OF 3 PER CENT (TAX FREE).

INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES IS CALCULATED IN MONTHLY STEPS AND THE NEW RATE WILL BE \$0.17 PER MONTH PER \$100. INTEREST WILL BE CREDITED AS BEFORE IN RESPECT OF COMPLETE MONTHS BETWEEN PURCHASE AND SURRENDER IN PAYMENT OF TAX.

INTEREST IS ONLY CREDITED WHEN CERTIFICATES ARE USED TO PAY TAX AND NO INTEREST IS DUE WHERE THE PRINCIPAL VALUE OF A CERTIFICATE IS REPAID BY A CHEQUE.

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THE NEW RATE WILL APPLY TO ALL CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER TOMORROW.

CERTIFICATES WHICH WERE ISSUED BEFORE DECEMBER 9, 1987 WILL CONTINUE TO EARN INTEREST AS FOLLOWS:

3.36%	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER SEPTEMBER 4, 1985 AND BEFORE APRIL 3, 1986;
4.32%	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER APRIL 3, 1986 AND BEFORE MAY 14, 1986;
4.08%	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MAY 14, 1986 AND BEFORE AUGUST 19, 1986;
3.36%	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER AUGUST 19, 1986 AND BEFORE JANUARY 19, 1987;
2.52%	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 19, 1987 AND BEFORE MARCH 4, 1987;
3.00%	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MARCH 4, 1987 AND BEFORE APRIL 9, 1987;
3.36%	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER APRIL 9, 1987 AND BEFORE JUNE 4, 1987;
3.84%	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JUNE 4, 1987 AND BEFORE JUNE 24, 1987;
4.32%	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JUNE 24, 1987 AND BEFORE OCTOBER 14, 1987;
5.28%	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 14, 1987 AND BEFORE OCTOBER 28, 1987;
4.32%	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 28, 1987 AND BEFORE OCTOBER 30, 1987;
3.24%	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 30, 1987 AND BEFORE DECEMBER 2, 1987, AND
3.00%	PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 2, 1987 AND BEFORE DECEMBER 9, 1987;

BUT ALWAYS SUBJECT TO THE GENERAL RULE THAT INTEREST CEASES TO ACCRUE AFTER 36 COMPLETE MONTHS WITHOUT SURRENDER FOR PAYMENT OF TAX.

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EXAMPLE: \$1,000 CERTIFICATES PURCHASED ON DECEMBER 9, 1987, JANUARY 9, 1988 AND FEBRUARY 9, 1988 RESPECTIVELY, SURRENDER IN PAYMENT OF TAX DUE ON MARCH 8, 1988 WILL HAVE INTEREST CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS -

ON \$1,000, DECEMBER 9, 1987 TO MARCH 8, 1988 = 5.10  
THREE COMPLETE MONTHS AT \$1.70 PER MONTH

ON \$1,000, JANUARY 9, 1988 TO MARCH 8, 1988 = 3.40  
TWO COMPLETE MONTHS AT \$1.70 PER MONTH

ON \$1,000, FEBRUARY 9, 1988 TO MARCH 8, 1988 = 1.70  
ONE COMPLETE MONTH AT \$1.70 PER MONTH

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DB TO DISCUSS TV GAMES EFFECTS ON CHILDREN

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KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE EFFECTS OF TV GAMES ON THE MENTAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN AT THEIR MEETING ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 10).

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE EMPLOYMENT OF EXPATRIATE TEACHERS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE AT SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE FIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS, INCLUDING THE PRIVILEGED MEDICAL TREATMENT SCHEME FOR THE ELDERLY; THE PRODUCTION OF PUBLICITY LEAFLETS ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT; A CONCERT BY THE HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA; AND THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHORUS ANNUAL CONCERT CUM PARENTS GATHERING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 2.15 PM ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 10) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN.

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CHRISTMAS EVE DISCO IN KWUN TONG  
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YOUNG PEOPLE IN KWUN TONG WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY A 'CHRISTMAS EVE FEVER' PARTY ON DECEMBER 24.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE PARTY WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE KAI YIP ESTATE INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE FROM 7 PM TO 11 PM.

DISCO JOCKEY MAK YUN-SAU WILL BE HOSTING THE PARTY AND THE 'RAIDAS' BAND WILL GIVE LIVE PERFORMANCE.

ADMISSION TICKETS AT \$15 PER HEAD ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-400131.

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EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD TO MEET  
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THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS A PROPOSAL ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA (THA) AT SHING TAI ROAD IN CHAI WAN AT THEIR MEETING ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 10) AFTERNOON.

WITH AN AREA OF TWO HECTARES, THE THA WILL ACCOMMODATE SOME 2,000 PEOPLE AND MEET PART OF THE FORECAST DEMAND ARISING FROM CLEARANCES AND OTHER CATEGORIES ON HONG KONG ISLAND, IN PARTICULAR, IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT.

THE BOARD WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROGRESS REPORT OF THE WORK OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM AND THE WORKS PROGRAMME OF THE EASTERN CROSS HARBOUR MAINS AND ASSOCIATED MAINS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 10) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 1ST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD.

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LEFT-TURN BAN IN WAN CHAI  
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TO FACILITATE ROAD WORK, NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT FROM HENNESSY ROAD ON TO FENWICK STREET NORTHBOUND FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY (DECEMBER 11 AND 12).

VEHICLES ON HENNESSY ROAD CAN TRAVEL VIA LUARD ROAD TO JOIN LOCKHART ROAD.

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WATER CUT IN SHEUNG SHUI  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SHEUNG SHUI WILL BE TURNED OFF ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 11) FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT PREMISES AT MAN KAM TO ROAD FROM HUNG KIU SAN TSUEN TO MAN KAM TO POLICE STATION, INCLUDING HUNG KIU SAN TSUEN, FU TEI AU ROAD, LO WU CAMP, LO WU TSUEN, TAK YUET LAU TSUEN, LIU PO TSUEN, SHA LENG SAN TSUEN, SAN UK LENG TSUEN, MUK WU TSUEN AND NGA YIU TSUEN.

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