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ANALYSIS OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS STATISTICS FOR MERCHANDISE,
RECLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN FOR FIRST QUARTER

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY RELEASED DOMESTIC EXPORTS STATISTICS ANALYSED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1983.

THIS SERIES IS DERIVED BY RE-GROUPING ALL SIX-DIGIT COMMODITY EXPORT ITEMS UNDER THE PRESENT EXTERNAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM ACCORDING TO THE INDUSTRIES IN WHICH THESE COMMODITY ITEMS ARE NORMALLY PRODUCED. SINCE ITS SCOPE IS CONFINED TO MERCHANDISE TRADE, TRANSACTIONS IN GOLD AND SPECIE ARE NOT INCLUDED.

IN TERMS OF THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS, THE SIX MOST IMPORTANT INDUSTRY GROUPS WERE WEARING APPAREL, ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND ELECTRONICS, TEXTILES, PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT, PLASTIC PRODUCTS, AND METAL PRODUCTS.

TOGETHER THEY ACCOUNTED FOR 86 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF MERCHANDISE DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1983.

THE LARGEST INCREASES IN ABSOLUTE VALUE OVER THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1982 OCCURRED IN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND APPLIANCES (INCLUDING ELECTRONICS) (\$334 MILLION), TEXTILES (\$282 MILLION), WEARING APPAREL (\$194 MILLION), PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT (\$152 MILLION), AND METAL PRODUCTS (\$137 MILLION).

IN PERCENTAGE TERMS, INDUSTRIES WITH THE LARGEST INCREASES WERE : BEVERAGES (97 PER CENT), TOBACCO (90 PER CENT), FOOD (31 PER CENT), ELECTRICITY (25 PER CENT), CHEMICAL PRODUCTS (24 PER CENT), AND OCEAN AND COASTAL FISHING (22 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, SUBSTANTIAL DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE RECORDED FOR PLASTIC PRODUCTS (-\$192 MILLION), FOOTWEAR (-\$24 MILLION), AND WOOD PRODUCTS (-\$18 MILLION).

IN PERCENTAGE TERMS, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DECREASES WERE OBSERVED IN PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS (-75 PER CENT), MINING AND QUARRYING (-49 PER CENT), AGRICULTURAL, LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTION (-25 PER CENT), FOOTWEAR (-23 PER CENT), AND RUBBER PRODUCTS (-21 PER CENT).

THE CLASSIFICATION OF COMMODITY EXPORT ITEMS BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN IS STRUCTURED UPON THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION OF ALL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES (I.S.I.C.), AS DISTINCT FROM THE UNITED NATIONS STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (S.I.T.C.) WHICH IS ADOPTED IN THE REGULAR TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS.

IN THE INTERPRETATION OF THESE RECLASSIFIED FIGURES, THE OVERALL EXPORT VALUE OF AN EXPORTED COMMODITY REQUIRING SEVERAL INTERMEDIATE PROCESSING STAGES IS WHOLLY ALLOCATED TO THE INDUSTRY IN WHICH IT IS FINALLY PRODUCED, ALTHOUGH THE INDUSTRY IS NOT REALLY THE SOLE CONTRIBUTOR TO THE VALUE.

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BESIDES, THE CLASSIFICATION OF AN EXPORTED COMMODITY TO A PARTICULAR INDUSTRY DOES NOT IMPLY THAT THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE COMMODITY IS ACTUALLY PRODUCED BY ESTABLISHMENTS OF THAT INDUSTRY, SINCE SOME MAY BE SECONDARY PRODUCTS PRODUCED BY ESTABLISHMENTS CLASSIFIED UNDER OTHER INDUSTRIES.

FURTHER DETAILS OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS STATISTICS FOR MERCHANDISE RECLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. 3-7224504).

A TABLE ON THESE STATISTICS FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES IS ALSO INCLUDED IN THE REPORT +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE, MARCH 1983+.

VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS FOR MERCHANDISE,
RECLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN FOR THE 1ST QTR OF 82 AND OF 83

(HK\$'000)

| INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN OF THE COMMODITIES EXPORTED | MERCHANDISE DOMESTIC EXPORTS | | |
|---|------------------------------|------------|----------|
| | 1ST QTR 82 | 1ST QTR 83 | % CHANGE |
| <u>AGRICULTURAL, FORESTRY AND FISHING</u> | | | |
| AGRICULTURAL, LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTION | 13 092 | 9 784 | -25 |
| OCEAN AND COASTAL FISHING | 38 618 | 47 256 | 22 |
| <u>MINING AND QUARRYING</u> | 312 | 159 | -49 |

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|---|-----------|-----------|-----|
| FOOD | 206 526 | 269 895 | 31 |
| BEVERAGES | 6 846 | 13 478 | 97 |
| TOBACCO | 38 578 | 73 484 | 90 |
| TEXTILES (INCLUDING KNITTING) | 2 948 468 | 3 229 984 | 10 |
| WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR AND KNITWEAR | 4 342 200 | 4 536 283 | 4 |
| LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS | 106 131 | 106 200 | * |
| FOOTWEAR | 104 665 | 81 012 | -23 |
| WOOD AND CORK PRODUCTS, FURNITURE AND FIXTURES | 119 689 | 101 401 | -15 |
| PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS, PRINTING AND PUBLISHING | 255 386 | 278 236 | 9 |
| CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS | 196 597 | 243 175 | 24 |
| PRODUCTS OF PETROLEUM AND COAL | 105 | 26 | -75 |
| RUBBER PRODUCTS | 20 296 | 16 126 | -21 |
| PLASTIC PRODUCTS | 1 414 146 | 1 222 492 | -14 |
| NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS | 47 712 | 49 071 | 3 |
| BASIC METALS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS | 966 138 | 1 102 879 | 14 |
| MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL | 198 451 | 207 857 | 5 |
| ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND APPLIANCES (INCLUDING ELECTRONICS) | 3 689 968 | 4 023 876 | 9 |
| TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT | 33 340 | 34 850 | 5 |
| PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT | 1 740 409 | 1 892 682 | 9 |
| OTHER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES | 867 328 | 900 427 | 4 |

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| <u>ELECTRICITY</u> | 28 754 | 35 959 | 25 |
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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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| (E.G. SMALL POSTAL PACKAGES, DEVELOPED PHOTOGRAPHIC PLATES AND FILM, ANTIQUES, AND WORKS OF ART) | 120 208 | 152 248 | 27 |
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| TOTAL | 17 503 965 | 18 628 839 | 6 |
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INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES OF A COLUMN MAY NOT ADD UP EXACTLY TO THE
CORRESPONDING TOTAL DUE TO ROUNDING.

* A CHANGE OF LESS THAN 0.5 PER CENT.

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PARENTS REMINDED TO REGISTER CHILDREN WITH SCHOOLS

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PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE SECURED A PLACE UNDER THE
CENTRAL ALLOCATION OF THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION SYSTEM ARE
REMINDED TO COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORMALITIES TOMORROW OR ON
TUESDAY (JUNE 28).

REGISTRATION HOURS WILL BE FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON FOR AM
SCHOOLS, FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM FOR PM SCHOOLS, AND FROM 9 AM TO
12 NOON AS WELL AS FROM 2 PM TO 4 PM FOR WHOLE-DAY SCHOOLS.

WHEN REGISTERING THEIR CHILD, PARENTS MUST SURRENDER TO THE
SCHOOL CONCERNED THE ALLOCATION SLIP WHICH THEY OBTAINED EARLIER
FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRIBUTION/COLLECTION CENTRE.

PARENTS SHOULD BRING ALONG THEIR CHILD AND SHOULD PRODUCE
THE ORIGINAL COPY OF THE CHILD'S HONG KONG BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR
IDENTITY DOCUMENTS PERMITTING THE CHILD TO REMAIN IN HONG KONG,
TWO PASSPORT-SIZE PHOTOS AND A SMALL AMOUNT OF CASH AS SOME
PRIMARY SCHOOLS MAY CHARGE MINOR REGISTRATION FEES.

PARENTS WHO CANNOT REGISTER THEIR CHILD WITH THE SCHOOL
ON JUNE 27 OR 28 MUST CONTACT THE SCHOOL OR THE EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT'S PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION UNIT AT 269 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST,
SECOND FLOOR, FOR ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

PARENTS WHO FAIL TO DO SO WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE GIVEN UP
THE PLACE ALLOCATED.

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SECOND PHASE OF NEW I.D. CARD SCHEME MAKES GOOD PROGRESS
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ABOUT 61 PER CENT OF THE ESTIMATED POPULATION OF MEN BORN IN 1963 HAVE APPLIED FOR NEW HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS SINCE THE SECOND PHASE OF THE NEW I.D. CARD SCHEME STARTED THREE WEEKS AGO.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (SUNDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID THAT SO FAR 37 200 MEN IN THIS AGE GROUP, OUT OF A TOTAL OF 61 000, HAD APPLIED FOR THEIR NEW CARDS.

+THIS FIGURE REPRESENTS AN AVERAGE TURN-UP RATE OF 2 650 PER DAY IN THE LAST 14 WORKING DAYS.

+WE ARE PLEASED WITH THIS RATE AND HOPE THAT THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET APPLIED WILL DO SO IN GOOD TIME,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE REMINDED THE REMAINING 39 PER CENT THAT THERE ARE ONLY 12 WORKING DAYS LEFT BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE OF JULY 9.

+THOSE WHO ARE AWAY FROM HONG KONG AND WILL NOT BE BACK BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE SHOULD APPLY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THEIR RETURN,+ HE ADDED.

MEN BORN IN 1963 FORM THE SECOND GROUP TO BE ISSUED WITH THE NEW I.D. CARDS.

THE FIRST GROUP - OF MEN BORN IN 1964 - WAS DEALT WITH IN THE PREVIOUS PHASE OF THE CAMPAIGN.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED APPLICANTS TO BRING ALONG THEIR OLD IDENTITY CARDS WHEN THEY REPORT TO ANY OF THE EIGHT NEW I.D. CARD ISSUE OFFICES IN HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+THESE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS SO THAT THOSE WHO ARE BUSY IN THE DAYTIME DURING WEEKDAYS CAN ATTEND IN THE EVENING OR AT WEEKENDS,+ HE SAID.

THE PROCESSING OF AN APPLICATION SHOULD TAKE ONLY HALF AN HOUR, HE ADDED.

APPLICANTS WILL BE INFORMED OF WHEN TO RETURN FOR THEIR NEW CARDS AND SURRENDER THEIR OLD ONES.

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED BY TELEPHONING 5-7956066 (CHINESE LANGUAGE) OR 5-7909393 (ENGLISH LANGUAGE).

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TWO DB MEETINGS ON TUESDAY

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR G.L. MORTIMER, WILL SPEAK ON HONG KONG'S ANTI-NARCOTICS POLICY AT THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON TUESDAY (JUNE 28) AFTERNOON.

MR MORTIMER WILL BRIEF BOARD MEMBERS ON THE LAW ENFORCEMENT WORK, TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMME, AND EDUCATION ASPECTS RELATING TO DRUG, AS WELL AS THE DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM IN THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT.

AT THE MEETING, A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FROM THE HOME AFFAIRS BRANCH, MRS BRENDA FUNG, WILL TALK ON THE PROPOSAL TO SET UP AN OFF-COURSE BETTING CENTRE IN LOWER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE A PILOT SCHEME TO INSTALL STREET LIGHTINGS AT GOOD HOPE VILLAGE, THE REMOVAL OF OBJECTIONABLE SIGN-BOARDS IN SAN PO KONG, AND THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR LAWRENCE MILLS, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING.

IN THE MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE EDUCATIONAL REPORT +A PERSPECTIVE ON EDUCATION IN HONG KONG+ AT THEIR MEETING.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO STUDY THE PROPOSED DECLARATION OF THE OLD TAI PO MARKET RAILWAY STATION AS A HISTORICAL LANDMARK.

BEFORE THE MEETING, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON, WILL OFFICIATE AT AN OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT'S NEW OFFICE.

THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT HAS RECENTLY BEEN MOVED TO THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE IN KWONG FUK ROAD. ITS TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ENQUIRIES IS 0-6584018 OR 0-6585018.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND (A) THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT'S NEW OFFICE OPENING CEREMONY AT 9.30 AM, FOLLOWED BY THE BOARD MEETING, ON TUESDAY (JUNE 28) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE OFFICE ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE IN KWONG FUK ROAD; AND (B) THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 2.30 PM IN THE FUNG MING HALL, SIK SIK YUEN, WONG TAI SIN.

A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE, AM 5797, WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 8.15 AM FOR TAI PO.

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DRAFT ZONING PLAN AMENDED

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR CAUSEWAY BAY HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD.

THE AMENDMENTS INVOLVE THE REALIGNMENT OF THE SECTION OF MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY BETWEEN GREAT GEORGE STREET AND HING FAT STREET AND THE RELOCATION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION FROM THE JUNCTION OF HENNESSY ROAD AND CANAL ROAD EAST TO THE JUNCTION OF YEE WOO STREET AND HENNESSY ROAD.

IN ADDITION, A SET OF NEW NOTES TO THE PLAN HAS BEEN INCORPORATED.

THE AMENDED PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN), ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE- THE DISTRICT OFFICE (EASTERN), 884-886 KING'S ROAD, GROUND AND FIRST FLOORS- AND THE TOWN PLANNING DIVISION OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD.

ANY PERSONS AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS MAY SUBMIT THEIR OBJECTIONS IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT PLAN TOGETHER WITH THE REVISED SET OF NOTES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SURVEY DIVISION, LANDS DEPARTMENT, FIFTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, AT \$10 PER UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 PER COLOURED COPY.

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WIDER ROAD FOR TUEN MUN

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A SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN PUI TO ROAD AND SAM SHING HUI IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN WILL SOON BE WIDENED TO A DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK ARE BEING INVITED BY THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE PROJECT FORMS PART OF A CONTINUING PROGRAMME TO DEVELOP THE NEW TOWN.

THE PROJECT WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND DRAINS IN THE WONG KA WAI AREA AND THE PROVISION OF A ROOF-COVER FOR THE EXISTING FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS CASTLE PEAK ROAD AT SAM SHING HUI.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START IN SEPTEMBER AND IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT 24 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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POLICE WORK OFFERING EXCELLENT PROSPECTS

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ABOUT 50 000 COPIES OF A LETTER SIGNED BY THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR. LI KWAN-HA, ARE BEING SENT TO THIS YEAR'S FORM FIVE SCHOOL-LEAVERS.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS MAILING EXERCISE IS TO INFORM YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE JOB OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE AND TO INVITE THEM TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER MAKING POLICE WORK THEIR LIFE CAREER.

MR. LI KWAN-HA, THE HIGHEST RANKING LOCAL POLICE OFFICER, POINTED OUT IN HIS LETTER THAT POLICE WORK IS A PROFESSIONAL JOB WHICH OFFERS A WIDE VARIETY OF DUTIES AND EXCELLENT CAREER PROSPECTS.

'' THE GREAT EXPANSION AND DEVELOPMENTS OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS IN THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE HAVE BROUGHT US MODERN TECHNOLOGY AND PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR OFFICERS TO SPECIALISE IN VARIOUS SPHERES OF POLICE DUTIES. ''

MR. LI NOTED THAT THE FORCE HAS VACANCIES FOR CONSTABLES IN BOTH THE LAND AND MARINE UNITS WHICH WILL BE FILLED BY YOUNG MEN OF GOOD EDUCATION AND QUALITY.

THE POLICE ARE HOPING TO RECRUIT SOME 1 200 POLICE CONSTABLES DURING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

ENCLOSED WITH THE LETTERS ARE COLOURFUL LEAFLETS AND COPIES OF FACT SHEETS GIVING FULL DETAILS ON QUALIFICATIONS, TRAINING, PROMOTION PROSPECTS, SALARY SCALES AND FRINGE BENEFITS OF THE JUNIOR POLICE OFFICER GRADE AND THE ADDRESSES OF RECRUITING CENTRES.

A POLICE RECRUITING OFFICE SPOKESMAN TODAY ADVISED THAT SECONDARY SCHOOL LEAVERS WISH TO JOIN RANKS SHOULD APPLY NOW.

'' IN FACT, THEY CAN NOW USE THEIR HKCEE ADMISSION CARDS AS PROOF OF EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS WHEN MAKING THEIR APPLICATION AND INFORM US OF THE EXAMINATION RESULTS LATER, '' HE ADDED.

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MAJOR EXHIBITION ON COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A MAJOR EXHIBITION EARLY NEXT MONTH TO PROVIDE THE PUBLIC WITH A WIDE RANGE OF INFORMATION ON HOW TO DEVELOP GOOD HEALTH HABITS.

ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT, THE EXHIBITION IS PART OF A TERRITORY-WIDE CAMPAIGN TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON THE PREVENTION OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD IN THE EXHIBITION HALL OF THE CITY HALL'S LOW BLOCK, AND WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 9 AM TO 6 PM DAILY BETWEEN JULY 1 AND JULY 6.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CAMPAIGN WERE TO ENHANCE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF TAKING EARLY PRECAUTIONS AGAINST COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND TO COMPLETE THE IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN.

+HONG KONG HAS BEEN FREE FROM MANY EPIDEMIC DISEASES FOR MANY YEARS BECAUSE OF THE STRINGENT CONTROL MEASURES TAKEN BY THE HEALTH AUTHORITIES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+HOWEVER, A FEW CASES OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, SUCH AS POLIO AND VIRAL HEPATITIS, HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN RECENT YEARS DUE MAINLY TO INCOMPLETE IMMUNISATION AND NEGLIGENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL, PERSONAL AND FOOD HYGIENE,+ HE ADDED.

THE EXHIBITION WILL FEATURE THE COMMON FORMS OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES IN HONG KONG, WITH ILLUSTRATIONS ON PREVENTIVE MEASURES AND INFORMATION ON THE TREATMENT FACILITIES AVAILABLE.

THERE WILL ALSO BE VIDEO AND SLIDE SHOWS PLUS GAMES DESIGNED TO EDUCATE PEOPLE ON THE VARIOUS FORMS OF DISEASES AND ON HOW THEY ARE TRANSMITTED AS WELL AS ON THEIR PREVENTION.

A SPECIAL ATTRACTION WILL BE A COMPUTER GAME PROGRAMMED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE CAUSES OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, IMMUNISATION FOR CHILDREN AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES.

WINNING ENTRIES FOR A POSTER DESIGN AND SLOGAN COMPETITION, AIMED AT PROMOTING PERSONAL HYGIENE AND IMMUNISATION, WILL ALSO BE ON DISPLAY AT THE EXHIBITION.

PAMPHLETS ON THE NATURE OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND IMMUNISATION PROGRAMMES FOR CHILDREN WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FREE TO VISITORS.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR PETER C. WONG WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION AND PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS OF THE COMPETITION.

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR S.F. LAM, WILL DELIVER A SPEECH AT THE CEREMONY.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 4 PM ON JUNE 30 (THURSDAY) IN THE EXHIBITION HALL, LOW BLOCK, CITY HALL.

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HEALTH SURVEY IN SHA TIN

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A HEALTH SURVEY TO EVALUATE THE HEALTH CONDITION OF RESIDENTS IN SHA TIN AND TO EDUCATE THEM ON THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD HEALTH WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE DISTRICT THIS SUMMER.

ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY MEDICINE OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY, THE SURVEY WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN THREE PHASES.

FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO THURSDAY (JUNE 30), STAFF FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT 2 000 RESIDENTS FROM 550 HOUSEHOLDS IN SAU CHUEN HOUSE, LEK YUEN ESTATE AND EXPLAIN THE SURVEY TO THEM.

IN JULY AND AUGUST, QUESTIONNAIRES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THESE 2 000 RESIDENTS WHEN THEY WILL BE ASKED OF THEIR DAILY EATING AND DRINKING HABITS, PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES, WORRIES AND HEALTH RECORDS.

IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, THEY WILL BE OFFERED FREE MEDICAL CHECK-UPS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY MEDICINE IN LEK YUEN HEALTH CENTRE.

A FULL REPORT OF THE SURVEY, WITH RECOMMENDATIONS, IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED LATER IN THE YEAR.

PROFESSOR STUART DONNAN, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE SURVEY, POINTED OUT THAT THE SURVEY WAS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN A NEW TOWN.

THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY MEDICINE PLANNED TO MAKE IT A YEARLY PROJECT FOR SHA TIN SINCE THE SURVEY REPORT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL IN PLANNING FUTURE HEALTH PROGRAMMES, HE SAID.

+THE SURVEY IS EXPECTED TO COST MORE THAN \$250 000. THOUGH THERE IS ALLOCATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY FUND, PRIVATE DONATIONS ARE WELCOME,+ HE ADDED.

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ROAD MAINTENANCE, A HERCULEAN TASK

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KEEPING HONG KONG'S EXTENSIVE PUBLIC ROAD NETWORKS IN GOOD ORDER IS A HERCULEAN PROJECT THAT COSTS THE GOVERNMENT OVER \$250 MILLION A YEAR.

APART FROM ROAD CONSTRUCTION, THE GOVERNMENT'S HIGHWAYS OFFICE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING THESE VAST NETWORKS, CURRENTLY MADE UP OF 1 200 KILOMETRES OF ROADS, 85 FLYOVERS, 154 FOOTBRIDGES AND 81 PEDESTRIAN SUBWAYS.

SOME OF THE PROBLEMS THAT ENGINEERS MUST CONTEND WITH ARE THE INADEQUATE THICKNESS OF HONG KONG'S OLDER ROADS, RAPID INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT, GROWING ROAD TRAFFIC WITH A HIGH PROPORTION OF HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLES, LIMITED WORKING SPACE AND LACK OF DIVERSION ROUTES.

EVERY MONTH, SOME 23 500 CUBIC METRES OF BITUMINOUS MATERIAL WERE USED ON ROAD RESURFACING AND REPAIR, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT, MR HAROLD BEATON, POINTED OUT.

+ANOTHER MAJOR PROBLEM IS THE BLOCKAGE OF GULLIES AND DRAINS DURING HEAVY RAINS, WHICH CAUSE SUDDEN FLOODING AND POTHoles IN OUR ROADS.

+THIS PROBLEM IS EXACERBATED BY THE HILLY TERRAIN OF HONG KONG AND THE VAST VOLUME OF INDUSTRIAL WASTE, BUILDING DEBRIS AND REFUSE FROM STREET MARKET ACTIVITIES,+ MR BEATON SAID.

INDIVIDUAL ROADS, DRAINS, HILLSIDE CATCHPITS, SAND TRAPS AND NULLAHS MUST THUS BE REGULARLY INSPECTED AND CLEANED, WHICH IS A HIGHLY LABOUR-INTENSIVE JOB.

+FOR INSTANCE, ENGINEERS AND TECHNICAL STAFF OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE WERE WORKING ON A 24-HOUR BASIS DURING THE RECENT INTENSE RAINSTORMS TO CHECK THE EXTENT OF ROAD DAMAGE AND TO ALLEVIATE ROAD FLOODING CAUSED BY THE BLOCKAGE OF ROAD DRAINAGE,+ HE SAID.

ROUND-THE-CLOCK WORK HAS BEEN GOING ON OVER THE PAST WEEK TO REPAIR THE MANY ROADS DAMAGED BY THE TORRENTIAL RAINS.

ALTHOUGH MANY ROADS SUFFERED DAMAGE, MAJOR SLIPS OCCURRED ON THE ACCESS ROAD TO THE PEAK, CHAI WAN ROAD AND VICTORIA ROAD.

THEN THERE ARE SOME 1 300 SEPARATE TRENCH OPENINGS EACH MONTH, CARRIED OUT MOSTLY BY UTILITY COMPANIES FOR UNDERGROUND SERVICE AND REPAIR WORK.

ALTHOUGH THE TRENCHES ARE FILLED BY THE CONTRACTORS OF THESE COMPANIES, PERMANENT REINSTATEMENT OF THE ROAD SURFACE IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, MR BEATON SAID.

BESIDES ROADS, INNUMERABLE BRIDGE JOINTS AND BRIDGE BEARINGS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG MUST BE PERIODICALLY EXAMINED, REPAIRED OR REPLACED.

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IN ADDITION, SOME 45 000 TRAFFIC SIGNS REQUIRE REGULAR MAINTENANCE.

THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE IS NOW USING MACHINE-LAID THERMOPLASTIC MATERIAL FOR ROAD LINE MARKINGS, WHICH IN THE PAST WERE DONE MANUALLY WITH ORDINARY WHITE PAINT.

+THERMOPLASTIC WITH ITS IMBEDDED REFLECTIVE GLASS BEADS LASTS LONGER, SHOWS UP BETTER AT NIGHT AND HAS BETTER SKID CHARACTERISTICS THAN PAINT,+ MR BEATON SAID.

BECAUSE OF THE INCREASING ENGINEERING CHALLENGES POSED BY THE MASSIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME, THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE IS ADOPTING NEW TECHNIQUES AND EQUIPMENT.

THE PRESENT +BENKELMAN BEAM+ METHOD OF TESTING ROAD STRENGTHS INVOLVES THE USE OF SPECIALLY MADE ALLOY BEAMS CARRYING SENSITIVE GAUGES.

THESE BEAMS, WHICH ARE NAMED AFTER THEIR INVENTOR, ARE PUT ON THE ROAD SURFACE IN SELECTED LOCATIONS AND MEASURE DEFLECTIONS IMPOSED BY HEAVILY LOADED LORRIES.

FROM THIS DEFLECTION INFORMATION, STRUCTURAL STRENGTHS OF THE ROADS CAN BE DETERMINED, THUS ENABLING ENGINEERS TO ESTABLISH RESURFACING AND RECONSTRUCTION PRIORITIES, MR BEATON EXPLAINED.

A BASIC FLAW IS THAT THE METHOD INVOLVES CONSIDERABLE MANUAL WORK WHICH THUS SLOWS DOWN THE DATA GATHERING PROCESS.

+SHORTLY, WE HOPE TO INTRODUCE THE DEFLECTOGRAPH METHOD OF DEFLECTION MEASUREMENTS WHICH IS USED IN SOME ADVANCED COUNTRIES.

+THIS IS A MECHANISED VERSION OF THE BENKELMAN BEAM TECHNIQUE IN WHICH THE BEAMS ARE ATTACHED TO CUSTOM-BUILT LORRIES WITH HEAVILY LOADED REAR AXLES. THE LORRIES ARE DRIVEN ALONG THE ROADS SO THAT THE DEFLECTIONS IMPOSED BY THE REAR AXLES CAN BE CONTINUOUSLY AND MORE RAPIDLY MEASURED,+ MR BEATON EXPLAINED.

THIS AND OTHER DATA GATHERED WILL BE FED INTO THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE'S RECENTLY INTRODUCED +CHART+ PROGRAMME -- AN ABBREVIATION FOR +COMPUTERISED HIGHWAY ASSESSMENT TREATMENTS+ -- FOR OVERALL PRIORITY ASSESSMENT.

AT PRESENT, ROAD MAINTENANCE IS DONE ON A DISTRICT-BY-DISTRICT BASIS, WITH EACH DISTRICT LOOKING AFTER ITS LOCAL PROBLEMS AND IDENTIFYING ITS OWN PRIORITY AREAS TO BE TACKLED.

+THE DRAWBACK HERE IS WE DON'T HAVE AN OVERALL VIEW SO THAT OPTIMUM UTILISATION OF RESOURCES IS NOT ALWAYS POSSIBLE,+ MR BEATON SAID.

+THE DEFLECTOGRAPH PROGRAMME AND THE SOPHISTICATED CHART COMPUTER SYSTEM WILL ENABLE US TO BUILD UP A VAST INVENTORY OF DATA ON ROAD CONDITIONS AND A HOST OF OTHER RELATED FACTORS.

+WITH THIS COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THE PUSH OF A BUTTON, WE CAN DETERMINE MAINTENANCE PRIORITIES ON A TERRITORY-WIDE BASIS, THEREBY OPTIMISING MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE,+ MR BEATON SAID.

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CLOSURE OF BRIDGE FOR INSPECTION

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THE TSING YI BRIDGE WILL BE PARTLY CLOSED AT NIGHT FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO AUGUST 18 EXCEPT FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS FOR INSPECTION AND TESTS.

THE CLOSURE WILL BE IMPLEMENTED EACH NIGHT FROM MIDNIGHT TO ABOUT 5.45 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

FROM JUNE 27 TO JULY 7 AND FROM JULY 25 TO 28, ONLY ONE LANE OF THE BRIDGE WILL BE OPEN FOR TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.

DURING THE OTHER NIGHTS OF THE CLOSURE, THE BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED AND OPENED ALTERNATELY, WITH EACH CLOSURE OR OPENING LASTING 15 MINUTES.

HOWEVER, THROUGHOUT THE CLOSURE, THE BRIDGE MAY BE OPENED ANY TIME FOR EMERGENCY ACCESS.

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RELOCATION OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

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THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, FORMERLY LOCATED IN OCEAN CENTRE, KOWLOON AND SUN HUNG KAI CENTRE, WAN CHAI, WILL MOVE TO THE HONG KONG TRADE CENTRE, 161-167 DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL, FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE OFFICES OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER AND THE TWO ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS, WILL BE ON THE 16TH FLOOR OF THE HK TRADE CENTRE.

THE DEPARTMENT'S ADMINISTRATION BRANCH AND ACCOUNTS OFFICE (OTHER THAN ITS REVENUE COLLECTION OFFICES WHICH WILL REMAIN IN OCEAN CENTRE AND ASIAN HOUSE) WILL BE ACCOMMODATED ON THE 14TH AND 15TH FLOORS RESPECTIVELY.

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THE COMMAND HEADQUARTERS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE, ORIGINALLY IN SUN HUNG KAI CENTRE AND THE SUPPLIES SECTION IN EMPIRE CENTRE, KOWLOON, WILL MOVE TO THE 22ND AND THE 15TH FLOORS OF THE HONG KONG TRADE CENTRE RESPECTIVELY.

OFFICE HOURS WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED AS FOLLOWS:

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| MONDAY TO FRIDAY | 8.45 AM TO 5.15 PM |
| SATURDAY | 9.00 AM TO 12.00 NOON |

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE NEW HEADQUARTERS IS 5-8521411.

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FIVE-MONTH RAINFALL HIGHEST SINCE 1889
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ACCUMULATED RAINFALL FOR THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THE YEAR, AT 1 288.9 MM, IS THE HIGHEST AMOUNT FOR THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD SINCE 1889 AND THE SECOND HIGHEST SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1884, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY REPORTS.

THE MONTH WAS ALSO CLOUDIER THAN NORMAL, AND THE 372.5 MM OF RAIN WHICH FELL IN MAY MADE IT THE FIFTH CONSECUTIVE MONTH WITH ABOVE AVERAGE RAINFALL.

THE WEATHER WAS CLOUDY WITH DRIZZLE ON MAY 1. IT RAINED AGAIN THE NEXT MORNING AS WINDS FRESHENED FROM THE EAST AND BECAME STRONG IN SOME PLACES. THERE WERE SUNNY PERIODS FROM MAY 3 TO 5 BUT ALSO SOME DRIZZLE IN THE MORNING OF MAY 4.

A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE APPROACHED FROM THE NORTH ON MAY 6, BRINGING OCCASIONAL SHOWERS.

THE WEATHER IMPROVED ON MAY 7 BUT SCATTERED SHOWERS RECURRED THE NEXT DAY.

THERE WERE MORE SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS ON MAY 9 AND MINOR FLOODING WAS REPORTED IN TSUEN WAN AND NEAR SHA TIN RACE-COURSE.

IT WAS FINE APART FROM ISOLATED SHOWERS ON MAY 10 AND 11. OCCASIONAL SHOWERS AND SCATTERED THUNDERSTORMS OCCURRED ON MAY 12 AS SOUTHWESTERLY WINDS FRESHENED.

THERE WAS FLOODING IN SOME LOW-LYING AREAS IN TAI PO AND A MUDSLIP WAS REPORTED AT CHEUNG LUNG TIN VILLAGE IN KWUN TONG WHERE TWO SQUATTER HUTS WERE AFFECTED AND MORE THAN 10 PEOPLE EVACUATED.

THERE WERE LIGHT SHOWERS ON MAY 13 AND 14.

ANOTHER TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE APPROACHED FROM THE NORTH ON MAY 15, BRINGING HEAVY SHOWERS AND WIDESPREAD THUNDERSTORMS. THE DOWNPOUR RESULTED IN TWO MUDSLIPS AND FOUR MINOR FLOODING INCIDENTS.

THE FIRST MUDSLIP WAS REPORTED AT AROUND 11 AM IN SAU MAU PING WHERE SIX WOODEN HUTS WERE AFFECTED AND MORE THAN TWENTY PEOPLE EVACUATED. THE SECOND MUDSLIP WAS REPORTED AT AROUND 1.30 PM IN LAM TIN WHERE A WOODEN HUT WAS PARTIALLY BURIED BY MUD AND A FAMILY OF SIX EVACUATED. SOME LOW-LYING AREAS IN TO KWA WAN, KOWLOON CITY, CASTLE PEAK, TUEN MUN, SHA TIN AND SAI KUNG WERE INUNDATED. IN THE EVENING THE TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE PASSED THROUGH HONG KONG, AND WINDS FRESHENED FROM THE NORTH AND FINE WEATHER SET IN.

NORTHERLY WINDS BECAME STRONG IN EXPOSED PLACES DURING THE MORNING OF MAY 16 AND THE FINE WEATHER PERSISTED UNTIL MAY 18.

THE WEATHER TURNED CLOUDY ON MAY 19 AND THERE WERE SCATTERED SHOWERS. A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE BECAME ACTIVE NEAR THE SOUTH CHINA COAST ON MAY 20 AND WIDESPREAD THUNDERSTORMS OCCURRED IN HONG KONG. GUSTS OF 47 KNOTS AND 44 KNOTS WERE RECORDED AT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND CHEUNG CHAU RESPECTIVELY AROUND 2 PM DURING THE THUNDERSTORMS. AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME, A 6-METRE TREE FELL ONTO THE ROAD AT THE JUNCTION OF OLD PEAK ROAD AND MAY ROAD, BLOCKING THE TRAFFIC FOR MORE THAN ONE HOUR.

THERE WERE ALSO OVER 30 REPORTS OF MINOR FLOODING IN VARIOUS PARTS OF HONG KONG, INCLUDING YUEN LONG, SHEUNG SHUI, KWAI CHUNG, TO KWA WAN, WANG TAU HOM, KWUN TONG, CAUSEWAY BAY, WAN CHAI AND HAPPY VALLEY. IN CHAI WAN, SEVERAL SQUATTER HUTS WERE FLOODED.

A MINOR MUDSLIP WAS ALSO REPORTED IN HOLY CROSS PATH VILLAGE IN SAI WAN HO.

THE WEATHER IMPROVED BRIEFLY IN THE MORNING OF MAY 21, BUT HEAVY SHOWERS DURING THE AFTERNOON RESULTED IN FLOODING IN TUEN MUN, KWAI CHUNG AND CHAI WAN.

THERE WAS A SHORT INTERLUDE OF FINE WEATHER ON MAY 22, BUT FROM MAY 23 TO 25, THE WEATHER WAS UNSETTLED WITH SCATTERED SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS OCCURRING FROM TIME TO TIME.

VERY LOCALISED HEAVY SHOWERS OCCURRED IN THE EARLY MORNING OF MAY 26. THE DOWNPOUR WAS CONFINED TO THE EASTERN PART OF KOWLOON AND HONG KONG ISLAND WHERE MORE THAN 100 MM OF RAINFALL WERE RECORDED BETWEEN 4 AM AND 8 AM. DURING THE SAME PERIOD, NO RAIN WAS RECORDED IN THE WESTERN PARTS OF KOWLOON AND HONG KONG ISLAND.

THERE WERE 12 REPORTS OF FLOODING. IN CHAI WAN, SERIOUS FLOODING OCCURRED IN TWO SEPARATE SQUATTER AREAS WHERE 96 PEOPLE WERE EVACUATED. IN SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST, FLOOD WATER OF 1 M DEEP TRAPPED SOME 300 PEDESTRIANS WHO HAD TO BE ESCORTED TO SAFETY BY FIREMEN.

MUDSLIPS OCCURRED IN HOLY CROSS PATH VILLAGE IN SAI WAN HO, A KUNG NGAM VILLAGE IN SHAU KEI WAN, CHEUNG LUNG TIN VILLAGE AND ANDERSON ROAD IN KWUN TONG, NUMBER ONE VILLAGE IN LAM TIN AND MOUNT PARKER ROAD IN NORTH POINT.

HEAVY SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS CONTINUED ON MAY 27 AND 28.

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ON MAY 27, MUDSLIPS WERE REPORTED AT TWO LOCATIONS IN KWUN TONG WHERE 29 PEOPLE HAD TO FLEE THEIR HUTS. ON MAY 28, THERE WERE 15 REPORTS OF FLOODING AND 12 REPORTS OF MUDSLIPS. FLOODING WAS MOST SERIOUS IN KAM TIN, TAI PO AND SHA TIN WHERE EXTENSIVE FARM LANDS WERE INUNDATED.

MUDSLIPS OCCURRED IN SEVERAL SQUATTER AREAS IN EAST KOWLOON, LEADING TO THE EVACUATION OF MORE THAN 30 PEOPLE.

ABOUT TEN TONNES OF MUD SLID DOWN A SLOPE NEAR THE 6-1/2 MILE-STONE AT CASTLE PEAK ROAD WHILE ANOTHER MUDSLIP WAS REPORTED AT THE TSUEN WAN BOUND ROUTE TWISK NEAR CHUEN LUNG. THE SLOPE OF A PLAYGROUND NEAR WARWICK ROAD IN KOWLOON TONG COLLAPSED IN THE RAIN. ANOTHER MUDSLIP OCCURRED AT A HILLSIDE NEAR SAM MUN TSAI SAN TSUEN IN TAI PO.

ALTHOUGH THERE WERE SOME THUNDERY SHOWERS ON MAY 29, SUNNY INTERVALS WERE ALSO EXPERIENCED. THE WEATHER FURTHER IMPROVED ON MAY 30 AND 31 AND SHOWERS WERE ONLY LIGHT AND ISOLATED.

DURING THE MONTH, ONE PLANE WAS DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER.

THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON MAY 6, 9, 12, 15, 20, 23, 24, AND 26 TO 29 WHILE FLOOD WARNINGS WERE IN EFFECT ON MAY 15, 20, 23, 26 AND 28. NO FIRE DANGER WARNINGS WERE ISSUED AND THE STRONG MONSOON SIGNAL WAS NOT DISPLAYED.

THERE WERE NO TROPICAL CYCLONES OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA DURING THE MONTH.

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

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| SUNSHINE | 128.5 HOURS = 34.1 HOURS BELOW NORMAL |
| RAINFALL | 372.5 MM = 74.4 MM ABOVE NORMAL |
| CLOUDINESS | 80 % = 7 % MORE THAN NORMAL |
| RELATIVE HUMIDITY | 85 % = 2 % HIGHER THAN NORMAL |
| MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE | 28 DEGREES CELSIUS = 0.9 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL |
| MEAN TEMPERATURE | 26 DEGREES CELSIUS = 0.1 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL |
| MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE | 24.2 DEGREES CELSIUS = 0.3 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL |
| MEAN DEW POINT | 23.1 DEGREES CELSIUS = 0.4 DEGREES CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL |
| TOTAL EVAPORATION | 106.1 MM = 44.1 MM BELOW NORMAL |
| MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 31 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON MAY 31 | |
| MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 21.3 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON MAY 1. | |

TREE-PLANTING DAY FOR SAI KUNG

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RESIDENTS OF SAI KUNG WILL HOLD THEIR DISTRICT-WIDE TREE-PLANTING DAY ON TUESDAY (JUNE 28) IN SUPPORT OF THIS YEAR'S MEI FA (BEAUTIFICATION) SCHEME.

THE DISTRICT IS THE EIGHTH IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO HOLD A TREE-PLANTING DAY.

THE TREE-PLANTING DAY WAS DESIGNED TO MAKE THE PUBLIC MORE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF A PLEASANT ENVIRONMENT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

TO MARK THE OCCASION, A CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE PAK KONG SOCCER PITCH IN SAI KUNG AT 10 AM WHEN A GROUP OF CIVIC-MINDED STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS WILL PLANT SOME 60 YOUNG TREES IN THE AREA.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEI FA WORKING GROUP OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG NEW TERRITORIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE, MR WILLIAM WAN, THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF SAI KUNG, MR CHAN SUI-JEUNG, AND THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF SAI KUNG, MR MA IU-KI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT TREE-PLANTING DAY TO BE HELD AT THE PAK KONG SOCCER PITCH ON TUESDAY (JUNE 28) AT 10 AM.

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TUNNEL BEING CLOSED FOR TESTS

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THE AIRPORT TUNNEL WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED AT NIGHT FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO JULY 10 FOR TESTS ON THE COMPUTER CONTROL.

DURING THE CLOSURE, WHICH WILL LAST FROM 9 PM TO 6 AM, MOTORISTS FROM THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL AND HUNG HOM HEADING FOR NGAU TAU KOK AND KWUN TONG WILL BE DIVERTED VIA EAST KOWLOON WAY, KOWLOON CITY ROAD, SUNG WONG TOI ROAD, MA TAU CHUNG ROAD, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST AND KWUN TONG ROAD.

MOTORISTS FROM WAI YIP STREET HEADING FOR HUNG HOM WILL HAVE TO USE KWUN TONG ROAD AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST.

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