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RESIDENTIAL PARKING STANDARDS REVISED  
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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED REVISED PARKING STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS.

+THESE REPRESENT A SIGNIFICANT DEPARTURE FROM PREVIOUS STANDARDS, + A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID, +AND FOR THE FIRST TIME DEVELOPERS MUST IN MOST CIRCUMSTANCES PROVIDE A MINIMUM LEVEL OF PARKING SPACES.+ PREVIOUSLY THE NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES WHICH COULD BE PROVIDED HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO CEILINGS.

THE REVISED STANDARDS, WHICH WILL FORM PART OF THE HONG KONG PLANNING STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES, WILL APPLY WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT TO ALL NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT IN THE PAST THERE HAD BEEN RIGID MAXIMUM LIMITS ON THE AMOUNT OF RESIDENTIAL PARKING, AND WITHIN THESE LIMITS ACTUAL PROVISION HAD BEEN DETERMINED ACCORDING TO THE LEVELS OF ROAD CONGESTION THAT COULD BE CAUSED BY NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

+THE CONTROL ON PARKING SPACE PROVISION HAD HELPED TO CONTAIN CAR OWNERSHIP AND THUS REDUCED TRAFFIC CONGESTION. HOWEVER, THE DISADVANTAGE HAD BEEN THAT WHERE ACTUAL CAR OWNERSHIP EXCEEDED THE LIMITED PARKING ON SITE, THE RESULT WAS ILLEGAL ON-STREET PARKING.+

FOLLOWING THE INTRODUCTION OF FISCAL MEASURES IN MAY 1982, WHICH AFFECTED CAR OWNERSHIP MORE DIRECTLY, IT WAS POSSIBLE FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER THE RELAXATION OF THE RESTRICTIVE PARKING STANDARDS AND THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW STANDARDS TO ENSURE THAT IN FUTURE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS HAVE SUFFICIENT PARKING TO MATCH THE CURRENT AND ANTICIPATED CAR OWNERSHIP OF RESIDENTS.

THE REVISED STANDARDS WERE RECOMMENDED BY A WORKING GROUP WHICH FOLLOWED TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE GUIDELINES THAT AS REGARDS PRIVATE HOUSING:

- (I) PROVISION SHOULD BE LIBERALISED;
- (II) MINIMUM PROVISION SHOULD BE SPECIFIED;
- (III) MAXIMUM PROVISION SHOULD NOT BE IMPOSED;
- (IV) ZONE 1 (THE MOST DENSELY POPULATED AREAS) PROPOSALS WOULD STILL HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED ON THEIR MERITS.

ONE OF THE MAJOR CHANGES WILL BE IN THE FRINGES OF THE URBAN AREA OR IN THE NEW TOWNS, SUCH AS SHA TIN, WHERE THE STANDARD HAS BEEN ONLY ONE PARKING SPACE FOR EVERY 250 PERSONS. THE NEW STANDARD WILL REQUIRE PROVISION OF A MINIMUM OF ONE PARKING SPACE FOR FIVE FLATS.

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DEVELOPERS WILL BE FREE TO APPLY THEIR COMMERCIAL JUDGEMENT TO WHETHER EVEN GREATER PROVISION SHOULD BE MADE. +FOR INSTANCE, FOR A DEVELOPMENT AIMED AT THE HIGHER INCOME GROUP, THEY MAY CONSIDER THAT A HIGHER RATIO OF SPACES TO FLATS MAY HELP TO SELL THE HOUSING,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN AREAS LIKE HAPPY VALLEY AND HO MAN TIN THERE WILL BE PROGRESSION TOWARDS A STANDARD OF ONE SPACE FOR EVERY FLAT OR FOR EVERY 100 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA, WHICHEVER IS THE LESSER.

IN THE MID-LEVELS AND ON THE PEAK, THE FORMER CEILING OF ONE-AND-A-HALF TO TWO SPACES PER FLAT WILL NOW BE MADE THE MINIMUM LEVEL OF PARKING PROVISION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT AS REGARDS LOWER INCOME GROUPS, TOO, IT WAS RECOGNISED THAT CAR OWNERSHIP WAS BECOMING MORE WIDESPREAD. THUS, IN HOUSING AUTHORITY AND HOUSING SOCIETY RENTAL ESTATES, A MINIMUM LEVEL OF ONE SPACE FOR 14 FLATS IS NOW SET, AND ACTUAL PROVISION MAY BE AROUND ONE SPACE FOR 10 FLATS. PREVIOUSLY THE CEILING WAS ONE SPACE FOR 10 FLATS, AND THIS MAXIMUM LEVEL WAS NOT ALWAYS PROVIDED.

ACCOUNT IS ALSO TAKEN OF THE PARKING OF GOODS VEHICLES IN HOUSING AUTHORITY AND SOCIETY DEVELOPMENTS, WHERE FIVE TO 15 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL PARKING SPACES PROVIDED MUST NOW CATER FOR SUCH VEHICLES.

THE ONLY PARKING STANDARD WHICH REMAINS UNCHANGED IS THE ONE FOR THE MAIN URBAN AREAS, SUCH AS WAN CHAI.

+HERE, BECAUSE OF THE CONGESTION IN THE SURROUNDING ROAD TRAFFIC NETWORK, EACH CASE FOR PARKING PROVISION WILL NEED TO BE CONSIDERED ON ITS MERITS,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

+IN DETERMINING THE PARKING PROVISION THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONSIDER, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE PROXIMITY OF HOUSING TO HIGH CAPACITY PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEMS, THE AVAILABILITY OF PUBLIC CAR PARKS IN THE LOCALITY, THE FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING SAFE DRIVEWAYS AND THE ROAD CAPACITY AND TRAFFIC VOLUME.+

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## REVISED RESIDENTIAL PARKING STANDARDS

Type of Development	Existing Standards	Revised Standards
(1) Housing Authority and Society Rental Estates (including aided housing schemes) e.g. Lai Tak Tsuen Housing Estate Home Ownership Housing Scheme	Maximum 1 vehicle space for 10 flats	1) Generally 1 vehicle parking space for 10 flats and minimum provision of 1 space for 14 flats dependent on the geographical location of, and the adequacy of public transport serving the estate. 2) 5-15% of the spaces should be for goods vehicles.
(2) Private Residential Zone 1 Areas e.g. Wan Chai, Yaumati, Mongkok e.g. Sha Tin New Town	1) Main Urban Area: on merits 2) Rest of Territory: 1 car space for 250 persons	1) Metropolitan Area - As determined by the Authority. 2) Non-Metropolitan Area - Minimum provision of 1 car parking space for 5 flats, or such other provision as shall be determined by the Authority.
(3) Private Residential Zone 2 Areas e.g. Happy Valley, Howantin Hill	1 to 1.5 car spaces for <sup>2</sup> each flat or every 110 m gross floor area, whichever is lesser	Minimum 1 car parking space <sup>2</sup> for each flat or every 100 m gross floor area, whichever is lesser.
(4) Private Residential Zone 3 and 4 Areas Zone 3 Mid-level, Peak, Kowloon Tong Zone 4 Detached house in N.T.	1.5 to 2 car spaces for each flat	Minimum 1.5 car parking spaces for each flat, or 2 spaces for each free-standing dwelling.
(5) Village Housing e.g. Tai Moi Chai Village Wong Chuk Hang Village	Not specified	Provision as determined by the Authority; Interim guideline 1 space for each standard NTEH (65 m <sup>2</sup> ), with 10 - 15% of provision for overnight goods vehicle parking.

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SIR PHILIP LOOKS OVER TAI PO SPORTS CENTRE  
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED THE FIRST PURPOSE-BUILT INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE IN TAI PO WHICH WILL BE READY LATER THIS MONTH.

HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH ITS VARIOUS FACILITIES, WHICH INCLUDE AN INDOOR SPORTS HALL CAPABLE OF ACCOMMODATING UP TO NINE BADMINTON COURTS, AN AIR-CONDITIONED AND FULLY-EQUIPPED DANCE STUDIO, AN AIR-CONDITIONED FITNESS CENTRE WITH THE LATEST EQUIPMENT, A 24-LANE BOWLING ALLEY, AND SAUNA FACILITIES.

THE SPORTS HALL WILL ALSO CATER FOR BASKETBALL AND VOLLEY BALL MATCHES.

THE SPORTS CENTRE IS BEING BUILT WITH \$14 MILLION RAISED BY THE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION -- A NON-PROFIT MAKING ORGANISATION FORMED IN 1980 UNDER THE ACTIVE ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO PROMOTE SPORTS AND RECREATION IN THE DISTRICT.

THE 2 700 SQUARE-METRE SPORTS CENTRE SITE IN CENTRAL TAI PO WAS GRANTED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO THE ASSOCIATION TWO YEARS AGO AT NIL PREMIUM.

SIR PHILIP ALSO INSPECTED OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND FACILITIES IN TAI PO TO UPDATE HIMSELF SINCE HIS LAST VISIT TO THE DISTRICT IN MID-1981.

HE FLEW TO THE NEW TOWN BY HELICOPTER AND WAS MET BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON, AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICKY LO.

THE PARTY FIRST CALLED AT THE SHUEN WAN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA NOW BEING OCCUPIED BY SOME 2 800 FORMER FIRE VICTIMS.

SIR PHILIP WAS BRIEFED BY MR LO AND A CHIEF HOUSING MANAGER, MR SIT DOK-SHUEN ON THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT, FACILITIES WITHIN THE THA AND OTHER SUPPORTING DISTRICT FACILITIES.

FOLLOWING A DECISION EARLY LAST YEAR TO BUILD THIS THA FOR FIRE VICTIMS, THE TAI PO DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FORMED A SPECIAL WORKING GROUP CHAIRED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER TO CO-ORDINATE THE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT.

THE PURPOSE WAS TO ENSURE THAT THE THA COULD BE BUILT QUICKLY, THAT IT WOULD INCLUDE THE NECESSARY COMMUNITY FACILITIES AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, AND THAT APPROPRIATE SUPPORTING TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE TO MINIMISE THE TRAVELLING PROBLEM.

SIR PHILIP LATER VISITED THE INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE AND THEN THE NEW KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY STATION WHICH WILL BE OPENED FOR USE BY DIESEL TRAINS BY THE END OF THIS MONTH. ELECTRIC TRAIN SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED TO TAI PO AS FROM MAY 2.

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HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE DEVELOPMENT WORKS AT THE NEW STATION, THE INTERCHANGE AREA AND OTHER SUPPORTING FACILITIES BY THE PROJECT MANAGER OF TAI PO AND FANLING, MR JEFFREY THOMAS; MR LO; AND TWO SENIOR ENGINEERS OF THE RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, MR H.B. WILLIAMS AND MR N.T. CROSS.

THE INTERCHANGE FACILITIES INCLUDE A BUS TERMINUS, MAXI-CAB AND TAXI STANDS, RESIDENTIAL COACH WAITING AREA, CYCLE PARK, OPEN CARPARK, AND THE NECESSARY ROAD AND PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS TO THE TOWN AREA.

SIR PHILIP WAS HAPPY TO LEARN THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERCHANGE PROJECT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED IN GREAT DETAIL BY BOTH THE TAI PO DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE PARTY THEN LEFT FOR A NEARBY LOOKOUT POINT WHERE MR THOMAS BRIEFED THE CHIEF SECRETARY ON THE UP-TO-DATE POSITION OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE TWO-HOUR TOUR ENDED AT 4.30 PM WHEN SIR PHILIP TOOK OFF FROM THE HELICOPTER PAD AT ISLAND HOUSE.

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NEW DIRECTOR FOR PRINCE PHILIP DENTAL HOSPITAL  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, HAS APPOINTED, ON THE NOMINATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, PROFESSOR W.I.R. DAVIES, DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF DENTISTRY AT THE UNIVERSITY, AS DIRECTOR OF THE PRINCE PHILIP DENTAL HOSPITAL FROM APRIL 6, 1983. PROFESSOR DAVIES SUCCEEDS PROFESSOR G.L. HOWE WHO HAS RESIGNED AS DIRECTOR OF THE HOSPITAL IN WHICH CAPACITY HE HAS SERVED SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT.

PROFESSOR DAVIES WAS RECENTLY ELECTED, IN SUCCESSION TO PROFESSOR HOWE, AS DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF DENTISTRY AT THE UNIVERSITY. THE CONCURRENT APPOINTMENT OF THE DEAN AS DIRECTOR IS SEEN AS FACILITATING ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE PRESENT TIME BETWEEN THE FACULTY AND THE HOSPITAL, AND MAINTAINS THE CLOSE INTER-RELATIONSHIP WHICH EXISTS BETWEEN THE TWO POSTS.

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WETTEST FEBRUARY SINCE 1884  
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LAST MONTH'S TOTAL RAINFALL WHICH AMOUNTED TO 241 MM, WAS SIX TIMES THE AVERAGE FIGURE OF 41.9 MM FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, MAKING IT THE WETTEST FEBRUARY SINCE 1884, ACCORDING TO THE MONTHLY WEATHER REVIEW PUBLISHED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THERE WAS MEASURABLE RAIN OVER 24 DAYS IN THE 28-DAY MONTH AND THIS WAS ALSO A RECORD.

AND, RAINFALL FROM JANUARY 1 TO FEBRUARY 28, TOTALLING 317.3 MM WAS YET ANOTHER RECORD FIGURE FOR A CORRESPONDING TWO-MONTH PERIOD.

FURTHERMORE, THE RAINFALL OF 121 MM RECORDED OVER THE SEVEN-DAY LUNAR NEW YEAR PERIOD MADE IT THE WETTEST LUNAR NEW YEAR IN HONG KONG SINCE 1947.

IN GENERAL, THE MONTH WAS COOLER, CLOUDIER AND MORE HUMID THAN USUAL, THE REVIEW SAID.

THE MONTH'S MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY OF 86 PER CENT WAS THE SIXTH HIGHEST ON RECORD AND THE TOTAL SUNSHINE DURATION OF 36.5 HOURS WAS THE EIGHTH LOWEST ON RECORD FOR FEBRUARY.

ON FEBRUARY 1, VERY HUMID CONDITIONS PREVAILED AND FOG WAS WIDESPREAD IN HONG KONG. THE LOWEST VISIBILITIES AT WAGLAN ISLAND AND AT CHEUNG CHAU WERE 100 AND 300 METRES RESPECTIVELY.

A TRIPLE-DECKER FERRY WITH MORE THAN 430 PASSENGERS ON BOARD RAN AGROUND OFF KAU YI CHAU IN THE EVENING. TWO PERSONS WERE HOSPITALISED.

EARLIER IN THE AFTERNOON, THE TEMPERATURE RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY REACHED 23.5 DEGREES CELSIUS, THE HIGHEST OF THE MONTH. A COLD FRONT PASSED THROUGH HONG KONG THE FOLLOWING MORNING, BRINGING STRONG NORTHERLY WINDS AND RAPID IMPROVEMENT IN VISIBILITY. GUSTS OF 40 KNOTS WERE RECORDED AT CHEUNG CHAU.

THE TEMPERATURE FELL DURING THE DAY ON FEBRUARY 2, AND ON THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 3, A MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 10.3 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED, THE LOWEST OF THE MONTH. THE WEATHER BECAME FINE AND SUNNY ON FEBRUARY 3.

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IT TURNED CLOUDY ON FEBRUARY 4 AND THERE WAS A TRACE OF RAIN IN THE EVENING. FROM FEBRUARY 5 TO 10, THE WEATHER WAS RAINY AND COOL. MISTY CONDITIONS PREVAILED DURING THE PERIOD AND THERE WAS SOME COASTAL FOG ON FEBRUARY 6 AND 7.

THE WEATHER DETERIORATED FURTHER ON FEBRUARY 11 AND 12 AND THERE WERE THUNDERSTORMS AND HEAVY SHOWERS. IT CONTINUED TO BE RAINY AND COOL DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS FROM FEBRUARY 12 TO 16, DURING WHICH PERIOD FRESH EASTERLY WINDS PREVAILED. THERE WERE ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS ON THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 15. WINDS TURNED NORTHERLY IN THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 16. WEATHER BECAME FINE, SUNNY AND DRY ON FEBRUARY 17 AND 18. A TOTAL OF 121.0 MM OF RAINFALL WAS RECORDED BETWEEN FEBRUARY 10 AND FEBRUARY 16 AND THIS MADE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR THE WETTEST SINCE 1947.

FROM FEBRUARY 19 UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH, THE WEATHER WAS CLOUDY WITH RAIN EVERY DAY.

EASTERLY WINDS FRESHENED ON FEBRUARY 19 AND THEY BECAME STRONG OFF SHORE ON THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 20. WINDS TURNED NORTHEASTERLY AND THE WEATHER BECAME COOLER ON FEBRUARY 21. WINDS REVERTED TO EASTERLY ON FEBRUARY 22.

MISTY CONDITIONS RETURNED ON FEBRUARY 23 AND FOG BECAME WIDESPREAD ON FEBRUARY 24. FERRY SERVICES WERE DISRUPTED. THE VISIBILITY AT THE HONG KONG AIRPORT WAS REDUCED TO A MINIMUM OF 300 METRES EARLY ON FEBRUARY 24.

A COLD FRONT ARRIVED IN THE AFTERNOON BRINGING NORTHERLY WINDS AND CLEARING THE FOG.

THERE WERE HEAVY SHOWERS ON FEBRUARY 25 AND SOME THUNDERSTORMS OCCURRED ON FEBRUARY 26.

RAIN BECAME LESS FREQUENT ON FEBRUARY 27 AND 28 AND THERE WERE SOME SUNNY PERIODS ON FEBRUARY 28.

SIX AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO FOG ON FEBRUARY 1 AND 7.

THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON FEBRUARY 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 24, 25 AND 26. THE YELLOW FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON FEBRUARY 3-4, 13-15, 17 AND 19 WHILE THE RED FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON FEBRUARY 17-19.

/SIGNALS HOISTED .....

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## SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>WEATHER SYSTEM</u>	<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING</u>		<u>DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING</u>	
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	FEB 2	2.10 PM	FEB 3	5.35 AM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	FEB 9	11.55 PM	FEB 10	10.00 AM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	FEB 12	10.00 PM	FEB 13	7.00 AM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	FEB 14	1.00 AM	FEB 14	2.00 PM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	FEB 15	12.15 AM	FEB 15	11.45 AM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	FEB 15	4.00 PM	FEB 16	6.30 AM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	FEB 20	10.15 PM	FEB 21	7.00 AM

## THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

SUNSHINE	36.5 HOURS	= 72.2 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
RAINFALL	241.0 MM	= 199.1 MM ABOVE NORMAL
CLOUDINESS	88 PER CENT	= 17 PER CENT MORE THAN NORMAL
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	86 PER CENT	= 8 PER CENT HIGHER THAN NORMAL
MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	16.4 DEG C	= 2.4 DEG C BELOW NORMAL
MEAN TEMPERATURE	14.8 DEG C	= 1.1 DEG C BELOW NORMAL
MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	13.1 DEG C	= 0.6 DEG C BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	12.3 DEG C	= 0.6 DEG C ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	43.7 MM	= 42.7 MM BELOW NORMAL

THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 23.5 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON FEBRUARY 1 AND THE MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 10.3 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON FEBRUARY 3.

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PRIMARY ONE CENTRAL ALLOCATION SYSTEM

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PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO FAILED TO OBTAIN A DISCRETIONARY PLACE IN THE GOVERNMENT'S PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION SYSTEM THIS YEAR ARE NOW BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE CENTRAL ALLOCATION OF PLACES.

THE PARENTS ARE BEING ADVISED BY LETTER TO GO TO A SPECIFIED DISTRIBUTION-COLLECTION CENTRE BETWEEN MARCH 27 AND 30 TO COLLECT A +CHOICE OF SCHOOLS+ FORM AND A LIST OF ALL GOVERNMENT AND AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THEIR OWN DISTRICT.

THOSE WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE LETTER BY MARCH 25 SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION UNIT (TEL. NO. 5-724383), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

AND THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY MOVED HOUSE OR ARE PLANNING TO MOVE SOON, MUST INFORM THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION UNIT SO THAT ARRANGEMENT CAN BE MADE TO ALLOCATE PLACES FOR THEIR CHILDREN IN THEIR NEW HOME DISTRICT.

DETAILS OF THE CENTRAL ALLOCATION SYSTEM WILL BE ANNOUNCED NEXT WEEK.

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION COURSES FOR TEACHERS

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A NUMBER OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION COURSES AND SEMINARS WILL BE HELD BETWEEN APRIL AND JUNE FOR TEACHERS IN SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION, THE COURSES WILL INCLUDE THE COACHING OF ATHLETICS IN SECONDARY SCHOOL, TEACHING OF CANOEING, FENCING, HANDBALL, ROWING AND SOFTBALL, TEAM TACTICS IN BASKETBALL FOR GIRLS, TEACHING OF NEW GAMES, GYMNASTICS JUDGING AND A CERTIFICATE COURSE ON BASIC SOCCER TRAINING FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS.

TWO SEMINARS, ONE ON EXPLICATION OF SWIMMING RULES AND THE OTHER ON EXPLICATION OF ATHLETICS RULES, WILL ALSO BE HELD DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

ALL TEACHERS CAN APPLY FOR ANY OF THE COURSES OR SEMINARS, BUT PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE ENGAGED IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

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PARTICIPANTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN BOTH THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL SESSIONS. A CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE WILL BE ISSUED TO TEACHERS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE COURSE SATISFACTORILY.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 7/F, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON. TEACHERS SHOULD RETURN THE COMPLETED FORMS TO THE SECTION ON MARCH 25.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE TO THE SECTION ON TEL. NO. 3-884111 EXTENSIONS 278 AND 271.

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NEW TERRITORIES RESIDENTS GIVEN LETTERS OF APPRECIATION  
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EIGHT RESIDENTS OF TWO VILLAGES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WERE TODAY (THURSDAY) PRESENTED WITH LETTERS OF APPRECIATION BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR PUBLIC SPIRITED AND BRAVE ACTIONS IN TWO RECENT FIRES.

THE PRESENTATIONS WERE MADE BY THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, NEW TERRITORIES COMMAND, MR FRED JACKSON, AT THE FANLING FIRE STATION.

ONE OF THE RECIPIENTS, MR LAU SHUN-CHOI, WAS COMMENDED FOR HIS COURAGE AND DETERMINATION IN SAVING A 12-YEAR-OLD BOY FROM A BURNING HUT AT TIN PING SHAN TSUEN, SHEUNG SHUI ON FEBRUARY 10. THE BOY'S MOTHER AND HIS FOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WERE KILLED IN THE FIRE.

THE OTHER RECIPIENTS, MESSRS YIP WONG-WING, LAM CHUN-KEE, LEE KWAI-WING, HO TIN-SANG, CHAN CHUN-HUNG, WONG YEE-WAH AND WONG YEE-CHUNG, WERE ALL MEMBERS OF A FIRE WATCH TEAM AT TZE TONG TSUEN, FANLING.

THEY WERE COMMENDED FOR THEIR HARD WORK IN BRINGING A FIRE WHICH BROKE OUT AT THEIR VILLAGE ON MARCH 3 UNDER CONTROL.

THE FIRE WAS PUT OUT WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF FIRE SERVICES PERSONNEL.

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CLASSICAL GUITAR DEMONSTRATION CONCERT

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A CLASSICAL GUITAR DEMONSTRATION CONCERT ENTITLED +ALL IN THE NOTES+ WILL BE HELD AT THE LAI KOK COMMUNITY HALL, LAI KOK ESTATE, SHAM SHUI PO, ON SATURDAY (MARCH 19) AT 8 PM.

THE CONCERT IS BEING JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE LAI KOK COMMUNITY HALL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RCD SAID THE DEMONSTRATION CONCERT IS AIMED AT INTRODUCING THE HISTORY OF GUITAR AS WELL AS ITS CLASSICAL REPERTOIRE.

+GUITAR HAS ALWAYS BEEN A POPULAR INSTRUMENT AMONG THE YOUNG AND IS EASY TO LEARN. APART FROM FOLK AND POP MUSIC, IT CAN ALSO PRODUCE BEAUTIFUL CLASSICAL MUSIC,+ HE SAID.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE WORKS FROM COMPOSERS RANGING FROM BAROQUE TO MODERN ERA SUCH AS BACH OR VILLA-LOBOS.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE WORKS ARRANGED FROM THE FOLK AND POP REPERTOIRE. THE GUITAR ENSEMBLE OF THE +BAROQUE GUITAR INSTITUTE+ WILL DEMONSTRATE IN THIS CONCERT TOGETHER WITH MR SZETO CHI-CHIU, A LOCAL CLASSICAL GUITARIST, WHO WILL INTRODUCE THE PROGRAMME AND DEMONSTRATE A FEW ITEMS.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE MONG KOK MUSIC CENTRE, CAMBRIDGE COURT, 84 WATERLOO ROAD, FIRST FLOOR; LAI KOK COMMUNITY HALL AND THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES. FOR ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CALL 3-7149255.

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KWAI YUE STREET CLOSED

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KWAI YUE STREET BETWEEN KWAI HEI STREET AND KWAI TAI ROAD IN KWAI CHUNG HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR DRAINAGE REPAIRS.

THE CLOSURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT THREE MORE MONTHS.

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**CAS TO HOLD LARGEST ADULT RECRUIT PASSING-OUT PARADE**  
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THE CIVIL AID SERVICES WILL HOLD A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF 280 ADULT RECRUITS ON SATURDAY EVENING (MARCH 19) AT THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY POLICE FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR D.G. JEAFFRESON, WILL INSPECT THE RECRUITS AT THE LARGEST ADULT PASSING-OUT PARADE TO BE HELD BY THE CAS.

AFTER THE INSPECTION, MR JEAFFRESON WILL PRESENT THE GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATIONS TO FOUR CAS VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AND COURAGE DISPLAYED ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS, INCLUDING A MUDSLIP AND A MOUNTAIN RESCUE OPERATION LAST YEAR.

HE WILL ALSO PRESENT CIVIL DEFENCE LONG SERVICE CLASPS, A CIVIL DEFENCE LONG SERVICE MEDAL AND SPECIAL CERTIFICATES TO A NUMBER OF CAS MEMBERS.

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**NOTE TO EDITORS:**

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH WILL START AT 7 PM ON SATURDAY (MARCH 19) AT THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY POLICE FORCE HEADQUARTERS, HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG.

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