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GROUP LEAVING FOR UK
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UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, TOGETHER WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR MICHAEL THOMAS, AND THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MR PETER TSAO WILL LEAVE FOR LONDON TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THEY WILL JOIN THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, IN LONDON AND WILL BE MEETING THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS ON SEPTEMBER 19 AS PART OF THE PROCESS OF CONSULTATIONS WITH MINISTERS ON THE NEGOTIATION IN PEKING ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

THE GROUP WILL BE TRAVELLING ON FLIGHT CX 201, ETD 10.50 PM.

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YOUTHS URGED TO STAY AWAY FROM DRUGS
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YOUNG PEOPLE WERE URGED TODAY (SUNDAY) TO JOIN HEALTHY ACTIVITIES AND TO STAY AWAY FROM DRUGS.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE BY THE PRINCIPAL INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, MR HANDRICK NG, AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE ANTI-NARCOTICS SWIMMING GALA 1984 HELD AT THE KWAI SHING SWIMMING POOL IN KWAI CHUNG.

THE GALA WAS ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) YOUTH VOLUNTEER GROUP TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN HEALTHY PURSUITS AND TO STAY CLEAR OF DRUGS.

EIGHTY YOUNG PARTICIPANTS FROM FACTORIES AND FIRMS WERE DIVIDED INTO EIGHT TEAMS TO COMPETE IN SPECIALLY DESIGNED TELEMATCH GAMES WITH AN ANTI-NARCOTICS THEME.

MR NG PRAISED THE ACAN YOUTH VOLUNTEERS FOR USING THEIR SPARE TIME TO SPREAD ANTI-DRUG MESSAGES TO OTHER YOUTH.

+THEIR DEVOTION TO SERVICE, INITIATIVE AND HIGH STANDARD OF RESOURCEFULNESS HAVE CONTRIBUTED MUCH TO THE SUCCESS OF MANY PROGRAMMES ORGANISED BOTH BY THE NARCOTICS DIVISION AND THEMSELVES,+ HE ADDED.

THE ACAN YOUTH VOLUNTEER GROUP'S MAIN FUNCTION IS TO ASSIST IN IMPLEMENTING ANTI-NARCOTICS EDUCATION OR PUBLICITY PROJECTS ORGANISED BY ACAN.

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THE GROUP HAS 50 MEMBERS WHO COME FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE.

SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1981, THE GROUP HAS PARTICIPATED IN SOME 90 ANTI-NARCOTICS PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, NARCOTICS DIVISION, MISS ELIZABETH TSE, AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER (DRUG EDUCATION), MR BOB TONG.

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GOOD RESPONSE TO VOTER DRIVE
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MORE THAN 30 000 RESIDENTS IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT HAVE REGISTERED AS VOTERS DURING THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN.

DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LUI HAU-TUEN TODAY (SUNDAY) SAID THIS WAS GOOD PROGRESS AND THAT IT HAD BOOSTED THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE DISTRICT TO ABOUT 130 000, REPRESENTING MORE THAN 40 PER CENT OF THE POTENTIAL ELECTORATE.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE +DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION GALA+ AT THE TAIKOO SHING CITY PLAZA.

THE EVENT IS THE HIGHLIGHT OF DISTRICT ACTIVITIES PUBLICISING THE VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE AND NEXT YEAR'S DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

+THE CAMPAIGN IS NOW IN FULL SWING AND APART FROM DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS, DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF WILL, IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, VISIT SHOP OPERATORS, COMPANIES, FACTORIES, AND OTHER LOCAL ORGANISATIONS,+ MR LUI SAID.

+MOBILE REGISTRATION UNITS WILL ALSO BE SET UP AT BUSY THOROUGHFARES SUCH AS BUS TERMINUS, FERRY PIERS, THEATRES, AND COMMERCIAL COMPLEXES, WHERE OUR STAFF WILL HELP PEOPLE REGISTER,+ HE SAID.

MR LUI ALSO CALLED ON VISITORS AND RESIDENTS AT TAIKOO SHING TO SUPPORT NEXT YEAR'S DB ELECTIONS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE DISTRICT BOARD HAD PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS, AND HAD DONE MUCH IN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS, AND PROMOTING RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS MAKING CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS ON VARIOUS OTHER MATTERS.

/+IN ORDER

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+IN ORDER TO HAVE A MORE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT BOARD, RESIDENTS SHOULD EXERCISE THEIR CIVIC RIGHTS BY REGISTERING AS VOTERS AND TAKING PART IN NEXT YEAR'S DB ELECTIONS SO THAT THEY CAN VOTE FOR THEIR OWN IDEAL CANDIDATES,+ HE SAID.

MR LUI REMINDED RESIDENTS THAT THOSE WHO HAD ALREADY REGISTERED AS VOTERS NEED NOT DO SO AGAIN. ANYONE WHO CANNOT FIND TIME TO GET REGISTRATION FORMS CAN CALL THE VOTER REGISTRATION HOTLINE (3-688062) AND ASK FOR FORMS TO BE MAILED TO THEM.

TODAY'S PROGRAMME INCLUDED PERFORMANCES BY A SCHOOL VIOLIN BAND, ICE-SKATING DEMONSTRATION, DANCES, A KUNG-FU DEMONSTRATION BY TV ARTISTS, AND A PHOTO SESSION FREE FOR NEWLY REGISTERED VOTERS.

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EARLY FIGHT AGAINST RUBELLA GOES ON
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MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT INNOCULATORS WILL BE VISITING SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY IN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS TO VACCINATE PRIMARY 6 GIRLS AGAINST GERMAN MEASLES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT TODAY CALLED ON PARENTS OF THESE GIRLS TO SUPPORT THE ANNUAL ANTI-RUBELLA CAMPAIGN BY GIVING THEIR CONSENT.

RUBELLA, COMMONLY CALLED GERMAN MEASLES, IS A VIRUS INFECTION. WOMEN AFFECTED BY THE DISEASE IN EARLY PREGNANCY MAY GIVE BIRTH TO BABIES WITH CONGENITAL ABNORMALITIES, SUCH AS DEAFNESS, BLINDNESS, HEART AND BRAIN DEFECTS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE ANNUAL CAMPAIGN IS AIMED AT GIVING GIRLS LONG TERM PROTECTION AGAINST RUBELLA.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT INNOCULATION AT AN EARLY AGE WAS DESIRABLE TO PRODUCE THE MAXIMUM PREVENTIVE EFFECT.

+BY THE TIME THE GIRLS REACH THE REPRODUCTIVE AGE, THEY WILL HAVE DEVELOPED IMMUNITY AGAINST THE DISEASE,+ HE EXPLAINED.

THE ANTI-RUBELLA CAMPAIGN WAS STARTED IN 1978 AND HAS RECEIVED GOOD SUPPORT FROM PARENTS AND SCHOOL AUTHORITIES. DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS, OVER 64 147 GIRLS HAVE BEEN INNOCULATED UNDER THE PROGRAMME.

PARENTS WHO HAVE QUERIES MAY CONTACT THE HEALTH SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT ON 5-7219250 EXT. 241.

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NEW PUMPING STATIONS AT PLOVER COVE RESERVOIR
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FROM PRE-QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO MAJOR PUMPING STATIONS AT PLOVER COVE RESERVOIR IN TAI PO.

THESE INSTALLATIONS, ONE AT TAI MEI TUK AND THE OTHER ON HARBOUR ISLAND, ARE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PACKAGE OF PROJECTS DESIGNED TO MEET FUTURE INCREASES IN WATER SUPPLY FROM CHINA.

THE TAI MEI TUK 'B' PUMPING STATION WILL BE CONSTRUCTED IN THE RESERVOIR SOME 300 METRES OFF-SHORE, WITH AN ACCESS BRIDGE WHICH WILL ALSO CARRY WATER DELIVERY MAINS TO THE SHORE.

IT WILL HAVE A CAPACITY OF 0.85 MILLION CUBIC METRES A DAY AND WILL SUPPLEMENT THE EXISTING TAI MEI TUK 'A' PUMPING STATION TO PROVIDE A COMBINED DAILY OUTPUT OF 1.6 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

WATER WILL BE PUMPED FROM THESE TWO STATIONS THROUGH THE EXISTING SUPPLY TUNNEL TO TAI PO TAU TO SUPPLEMENT THE DELIVERY OF CHINESE WATER TO SHA TIN TREATMENT WORKS AND TAI PO TAU TREATMENT WORKS.

DURING THE ANNUAL SHUTDOWN OF SUPPLY FROM CHINA, THE TWO PUMPING STATIONS WILL DELIVER WATER TO THESE TREATMENT WORKS AS WELL AS THOSE IN WESTERN NEW TERRITORIES.

THE PRESENT CONTROL HOUSE WILL BE EXTENDED AND A NEW SUB-STATION AND SWITCH-GEAR HOUSE WILL BE CONSTRUCTED IN THE EXISTING COMPOUND.

MOST OF THE CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT OVER THE WATER INSIDE PLOVER COVE RESERVOIR NEAR TAI MEI TUK. CABLE LAYING ALONG THE PLOVER COVE RESERVOIR DAM CREST WILL ALSO BE NECESSARY.

THE HARBOUR ISLAND PUMPING STATION WILL BE CONSTRUCTED IN THE SOUTH-EASTERN CORNER OF HARBOUR ISLAND.

THE INTAKE TO THE PUMPING STATION WILL BE IN THE FORM OF A TOWER AND INTAKE SHAFT WHICH WILL BE CONSTRUCTED IN THE RESERVOIR SOME 180 METRES OFF THE NORTHERN SHORE OF HARBOUR ISLAND.

THE INTAKE AND THE PUMPING STATION WILL BE LINKED BY AN 800-METRE-LONG INTAKE TUNNEL OF THREE METRES IN DIAMETER.

THIS STATION'S DAILY PUMPING CAPACITY WILL BE 0.682 MILLION CUBIC METRES INITIALLY AND WILL BE INCREASED TO 1.182 MILLION CUBIC METRES A DAY IN THE FINAL STAGE.

IT WILL SUPPLY WATER THROUGH A NEW AQUEDUCT TO THE FUTURE PAK KONG TREATMENT WORKS TO AUGMENT THE SUPPLY OF WATER TO THE SAI KUNG PENINSULA, JUNK BAY, EAST KOWLOON AND NORTH-EAST HONG KONG ISLAND.

/A SPOKESMAN

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT WARNED THAT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, PLOVER COVE DAM CREST ROAD, WHICH IS A POPULAR GROUND FOR CYCLING, WILL BE CLOSED EXCEPT FOR SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, TO ALLOW FREE ACCESS FOR CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC.

HE SAID SERIOUS CONSIDERATION HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD ON THE LACK OF CYCLING GROUNDS IN THE TAI MEI TUK AREA.

+THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES HAS THEREFORE DECIDED THAT DESPITE THE NEED TO USE THE DAM CREST ROAD FOR CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES, IT WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

+ON ALL OTHER DAYS IT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION WORKS AND COMPLETELY CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC,+ HE SAID.

DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, THERE WILL BE NO THROUGH-ROUTE AROUND THE RESERVOIR AS ALMOST THE WHOLE ISLAND WILL BECOME A CONSTRUCTION SITE.

HE REMINDED HIKERS NOT TO PLAN THEIR ROUTE AROUND THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF THE RESERVOIR.

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DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FOR TAI PO

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THE TAI PO AND FANLING NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR ANOTHER PROJECT AS PART OF ITS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR TAI PO.

THE PROJECT COMPRISES THE FORMATION OF ABOUT FOUR HECTARES OF LAND IN SHUI WAI FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE TRAINING OF ABOUT 700 METRES OF LOWER LAM TSUEN RIVER BETWEEN SHUI WAI VILLAGE AND MUI SHUE HANG.

IN ADDITION, ASSOCIATED ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS PLUS THREE FOOTBRIDGES AND RIVERSIDE FOOTPATHS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN DECEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

TENDERS MUST BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD, AND PLACED IN THE SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX LOCATED IN THE LOBBY OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE NOON ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12.

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AUGUST LESS SUNNY

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AUGUST 1984 WAS LESS SUNNY THAN NORMAL, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY REPORTS.

FOLLOWING THE SUNNIEST JULY ON RECORD, ONLY 162.7 HOURS OF BRIGHT SUNSHINE WERE RECORDED LAST MONTH, 43.3 HOURS SHORT OF THE NORMAL AMOUNT FOR AUGUST.

THE MONTH'S RAINFALL, 348.8 MM, WAS ALSO ABOUT 16 PER CENT BELOW NORMAL. AND THE MONTHLY MEAN ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE OF 1 001.9 MILLIBARS WAS THE FOURTH LOWEST ON RECORD FOR AUGUST.

DURING THE MONTH, TWO TROPICAL CYCLONES - GERALD AND JUNE - AFFECTED HONG KONG AND TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SIGNALS WERE HOISTED.

ON THE FIRST THREE DAYS OF THE MONTH, THE WEATHER WAS FINE APART FROM A FEW ISOLATED SHOWERS. IT DETERIORATED IN THE EARLY MORNING OF AUGUST 4, AND THERE WERE WIDESPREAD THUNDERY SHOWERS, DUE TO AN ACTIVE TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE TO THE SOUTH OF HONG KONG.

MINOR FLOODINGS WERE REPORTED IN MANY PLACES ON HONG KONG ISLAND INCLUDING SHAU KEI WAN, CAUSEWAY BAY, WAN CHAI AND CENTRAL DISTRICT.

THE WEATHER REMAINED UNSETTLED WITH OCCASIONAL SHOWERS UNTIL AUGUST 6, BUT BECAME FINE ON THE FOLLOWING TWO DAYS.

IT WAS FINE AND SUNNY ON AUGUST 9 DURING THE DAY, BUT SCATTERED SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS DEVELOPED LATER AT NIGHT AS ANOTHER TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE FORMED TO THE SOUTH OF HONG KONG. THE SHOWERS BECAME MORE FREQUENT AND WERE HEAVY AT TIMES FOR THE NEXT THREE DAYS.

THERE WERE 11 REPORTS OF FLOODING ON AUGUST 11 WITH NINE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND TWO IN KOWLOON. MINOR LANDSLIPS OCCURRED IN CHAI WAN, NORTH POINT, AND YAU TONG WHERE 20 PEOPLE HAD TO BE EVACUATED. ON AUGUST 12, A LANDSLIP IN SAU MAU PING LED TO THE EVACUATION OF 12 PEOPLE.

THE WEATHER IMPROVED LATE ON AUGUST 12 AND BECAME FINE THE FOLLOWING DAY APART FROM A FEW ISOLATED SHOWERS. SCATTERED SHOWERS, THUNDERY AND SQUALLY AT TIMES, OCCURRED FROM AUGUST 14 TO 17 BUT THERE WERE ALSO SUNNY PERIODS.

AS SEVERE TROPICAL STORM GERALD MOVED WESTWARDS ACROSS THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA TO THE SOUTH OF HONG KONG, WINDS FRESHENED FROM THE NORTHEAST EARLY ON AUGUST 18 AND BECAME STRONG OFFSHORE LATER DURING THE DAY. THEY MODERATED IN THE MORNING OF AUGUST 19 AS GERALD MOVED FURTHER WEST.

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HOWEVER, WINDS BECAME FRESH TO STRONG AGAIN ON AUGUST 20 AS GERALD ALTERED ITS COURSE AND APPROACHED HONG KONG FROM THE SOUTHWEST. WINDS DID NOT MODERATE UNTIL THEY BECAME WEST TO SOUTHWEST AFTER GERALD CROSSED THE SOUTH CHINA COAST TO THE EAST OF HONG KONG IN THE AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 21.

APART FROM A FEW LIGHT SHOWERS, IT WAS FINE ON AUGUST 18 AND 19. HOWEVER, SHOWERS BECAME MORE FREQUENT AND WERE HEAVY AT TIMES ON THE FOLLOWING TWO DAYS.

THE WEATHER WAS FINE FROM AUGUST 22 TO 25 WITH SOME ISOLATED SHOWERS ON THE LAST TWO DAYS. IT BECAME CLOUDY WITH A FEW THUNDERY SHOWERS ON AUGUST 26 AND 27 AND WAS FINE AGAIN ON AUGUST 28.

AS SEVERE TROPICAL STORM JUNE ENTERED THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA ON AUGUST 29, THE WEATHER BECAME VERY HOT AND THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE REACHED 34.4 DEGREES CELSIUS WHICH WAS THE HIGHEST OF THE MONTH. FROM THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 29 TO THE END OF THE MONTH, THE WEATHER WAS CLOUDY WITH SCATTERED SHOWERS.

DURING THE MONTH, NO AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER.

THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON AUGUST 1, 4, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 26 AND 27.

FLOOD WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON AUGUST 4, 11 AND 21.

DURING THE MONTH EIGHT TROPICAL CYCLONES OCCURRED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA.

TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SIGNALS HOISTED IN HONG KONG 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>
SEVERE TROPICAL STORM GERALD	1	AUGUST 16 3.45 PM	AUGUST 18 4.15 PM
	3	AUGUST 18 4.15 PM	AUGUST 19 7.30 AM
	1	AUGUST 19 7.30 AM	AUGUST 20 2 PM
	3	AUGUST 20 2 PM	AUGUST 21 4 PM
SEVERE TROPICAL STORM JUNE	1	AUGUST 29 3.10 PM	AUGUST 31 9.30 AM

/THE MONTH'S

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THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

SUNSHINE	162.7 HOURS = 43.3 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
RAINFALL	348.8 MM = 64.6 MM BELOW NORMAL
CLOUDINESS	75 % = 9 % MORE THAN NORMAL
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	81 % = 2 % LOWER THAN NORMAL
MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	30.9 DEG C = 0.3 DEG C BELOW NORMAL
MEAN TEMPERATURE	28.2 DEG C = NORMAL
MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	26.4 DEG C = 0.5 DEG C ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	24.6 DEG C = 0.2 DEG C BELOW NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	141.4 MM = 22.9 MM BELOW NORMAL

MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 34.4 DEG C WAS RECORDED ON AUGUST 29

MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 23.0 DEG C WAS RECORDED ON AUGUST 15

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IMAGINATIVE EQUIPMENT FOR UC PLAYGROUNDS * * * * *

A HEALTHY AND HAPPY HONG KONG IS THE AIM OF THE URBAN COUNCIL.

AND EACH YEAR IT ALLOCATES CONSIDERABLE RESOURCES TO THE PROVISION OF PASSIVE AND ACTIVE RECREATION FACILITIES FOR THE YOUNG AND OLD TO SPEND THEIR LEISURE HOURS IN THE EVENINGS, DURING WEEKENDS AND ON HOLIDAYS.

AT THE COUNCIL'S LATEST MEETING OF ITS TENDER BOARD PANEL, SEVERAL TENDERS TOTALLING \$991 000 WERE AGREED FOR THE PURCHASE OF A WIDE RANGE OF TRADITIONAL AND MODERN-DESIGN PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT TO REPLACE THOSE OUTDATED ONES AS PART OF THE NORMAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME.

OF THE PLAY EQUIPMENT TO BE PURCHASED, THE MOST EXPENSIVE ONES ARE PLAY STRUCTURE WITH SLIDE POLE AND PLASTIC SPIRAL SLIDE (AT \$68 000 A UNIT), LOG CABIN SHELTER AND SLIDE WITH RUN-OUT AND HANDRAIL (AT \$26 500 A UNIT), WUM CLIMBER (AT \$20 000 A UNIT) AND APOLLO WHIRLS (AT \$15 500 A UNIT).

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IN FACT, SOME OF THESE EQUIPMENT ARE BUILT OF NEARLY INDESTRUCTIBLE PLASTIC WHICH HAS CONTRIBUTED TO SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS IN MAINTENANCE COST, MR NG CHI-HING, ASSISTANT STAFF OFFICER (RECREATION) OF THE CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IN THE SELECTION OF NEW OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT, DUE CONSIDERATIONS ARE GIVEN TO THEIR SAFETY, PLAY VALUE, ATTRACTIVENESS TO CHILDREN AND DURABILITY.

+THOUGHT IS ALSO GIVEN TO PROVIDE A GREATER VARIETY OF EQUIPMENT IN THE ENTIRE SET UP OF A PARTICULAR PLAYGROUND,+ MR NG SAID.

+AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, THE MATERIAL OF THE EQUIPMENT IS CHOSEN FOR ITS COMPATIBILITY WITH ITS IMMEDIATE SURROUNDINGS.

+FOR EXAMPLE, WE TRY TO AVOID INSTALLING EQUIPMENT MADE FROM METAL IN PLAYGROUNDS NEAR SEA WATER AS THE SALTY ATMOSPHERE WILL EASILY CORRODE THE MATERIAL.

+ON SAFETY SIDE, AN INCREASING NUMBER OF PLAYGROUNDS IS BEING PAVED WITH SYNTHETIC MATTING, WHICH CUSHIONS A CHILD IN A FALL AND THUS PREVENTS SERIOUS INJURY. SUCH SYNTHETIC SURFACES ARE NOW A STANDARD ITEM IN NEWLY-COMPLETED CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS,+ MR NG ADDED.

AT PRESENT THE COUNCIL MANAGES 186 CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND EQUIPPED WITH MORE THAN 870 PIECES OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF EQUIPMENT.

OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, AND DESPITE ITS PROBLEMS WITH FINANCE AND LAND RESOURCES, THE COUNCIL IS PLANNING TO PROVIDE 85 MORE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR.

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BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER
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GOVERNMENT POLICY AIMED AT PROMOTING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES THROUGH NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN PRIORITY LOCATIONS, INCLUDING TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE CARITAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AT YUEN CHAU KOK TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA IN SHA TIN, HE SAID THE RESIDENTS HAD COME FROM DIFFERENT AREAS, AND NEEDED TO GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER.

THERE WERE 36 SUCH PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE GOVERNMENT, PROVIDING VARIOUS SERVICES TO RESIDENTS.

HE WAS PLEASED THAT CARITAS HAD SET UP A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE IN THE YUEN CHAU KOK TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, SERVING ITS 12 000 RESIDENTS.

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DANCERS TO SHOW SKILL
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DANCE ENTHUSIASTS WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO SHOW OFF THEIR SKILLS IN THE 14TH OPEN DANCE CONTEST.

THE CONTEST IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE AND THE KWUN TONG CULTURE AND RECREATION PROMOTION ASSOCIATION.

+THE CONTEST IS DIVIDED INTO THREE DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS AND THE ONLY RULE IS THAT PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE PARTNERS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID TODAY.

+THE FINALS WILL BE HELD IN DECEMBER AND THE WINNING GROUPS WILL BE ASKED TO PERFORM AT A SPECIAL EVENT AT THE CITY HALL IN JANUARY,+ HE ADDED.

+LAST YEAR, MORE THAN 180 DANCE GROUPS JOINED THE CONTEST AND WE EXPECT A GOOD RESPONSE THIS YEAR,+ HE SAID.

ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND AT THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE UNTIL OCTOBER 21. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE BY CALLING 3-416315 OR 3-436123.

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MINI-SOCCER TOURNAMENT ENTERS FINALS
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THE FINAL MATCH OF A TERRITORY-WIDE MINI-SOCCER TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND IN SHAM SHUI PO AT 7 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE AGE GROUP MINI-SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP, NOW IN ITS FOURTH YEAR, IS INTENDED TO PROMOTE THE SPORT AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE.

IT WAS ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG MINIATURE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION AND THE KOWLOON MINIATURE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

MORE THAN 900 YOUNGSTERS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 14 AND 19 HAVE PARTICIPATED IN 80 MATCHES HELD AT VICTORIA PARK AND CHEUNG SHA WAN PLAYGROUND DURING THE PAST TWO MONTHS.

/A PRIZE-PRESENTATION

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A PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AFTER THE FINAL MATCH.

TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE REGIONAL CHAMPIONS TOMORROW EVENING BY THE CHIEF RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER, MR RAYMOND CHAN.

PRIZES WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNERS OF THE KOWLOON REGION AND HONG KONG REGION MATCHES BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE KOWLOON MINIATURE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION, MR CHU SUK-TAT, AND THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG MINIATURE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION, MR FUNG KAM-TAI.

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MARKET STALLS FOR LEASE

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TEN MARKET STALLS AND THREE COOKED FOOD STALLS AT THE RECENTLY OPENED SHAM TSENG TEMPORARY MARKET, WILL BE PUT UP FOR LEASE BY AUCTION ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 18).

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT THE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF TSUEN WAN MARKET STARTING 10 AM, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE STALLS ARE FOR SALE OF POULTRY, FISH, VEGETABLES, HABERDASHERY, AND DRY GOODS. THE UPSET MONTHLY RENTAL RANGES FROM \$2 000 TO \$5 000.

THERE WILL ALSO BE THREE COOKED FOOD STALLS FOR LEASE, AT MONTHLY RENTAL RANGING FROM \$5 500 TO \$5 750.

THE LEASES ARE FOR THREE YEARS, STARTING ON OCTOBER 1.

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TRAFFIC MEASURES FOR KOWLOON CITY
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THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN KOWLOON CITY FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 18):

- * SA PO ROAD EXTENSION WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.
- * CARPENTER ROAD BETWEEN SA PO ROAD AND KAI TAK ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.
- * KAI TAK ROAD BETWEEN CARPENTER ROAD AND LOK SIN ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.
- * LOK SIN ROAD BETWEEN KAI TAK ROAD AND SA PO ROAD EXTENSION WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.

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SALT WATER MAINS WORK
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO KWUN TONG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 AM TO 4 PM ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 19) FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE AREAS AFFECTED ARE LAM TIN, SAU MAU PING, CHOI WAN, SHUN LEE, SHUN TIN, SHUN ON AND PART OF KWUN TONG INCLUDING HONG LEE ROAD, HONG NING ROAD AND KUNG LOK ROAD.

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