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JANUARY 1 IS A STATUTORY HOLIDAY

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A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT NEW YEAR'S DAY IS ONE OF THE 10 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS APPOINTED UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING DOMESTIC SERVANTS, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS, AND ALL NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$3 500 A MONTH, ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY.

THEY MUST ALSO BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO THE EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS, OTHER THAN OVERTIME PAY, ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY. WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE OF THE DAILY EARNINGS DURING A PERIOD OF 28 DAYS PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY. PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE ON THE NORMAL PAY DAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON THE HOLIDAY, THE SPOKESMAN CONTINUED, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY.

IF THE ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GRANTED BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYER MUST NOTIFY THE EMPLOYEE 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY.

IN THE CASE WHERE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GIVEN AFTER THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYEE MUST BE NOTIFIED OF THE ARRANGEMENT AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF BOTH EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE AGREE, ANY DAY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF A STATUTORY HOLIDAY OR ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY CAN BE TAKEN BY THE EMPLOYEE AS A SUBSTITUTED HOLIDAY, HE SAID.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS CAN BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE: KOWLOON EAST 3-205638= KOWLOON WEST 3-201652= KWUN TONG 3-898520= TSUEN WAN 12-422096= TUEN MUN 12-818443, AND HONG KONG ISLAND 5-282523 EXT. 60.

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TAP MUN FISHERMEN VILLAGE JETTY BEING REBUILT

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THE GOVERNMENT IS SPENDING \$380 000 TO REBUILD A JETTY AT FISHERMEN VILLAGE ON TAP MUN, A REMOTE ISLAND AT THE ENTRANCE OF LONG HARBOUR.

THE JETTY, WHICH WAS CONSTRUCTED IN THE 1960'S FOR USE BY LOCAL FISHERMEN, ALSO SERVED AS A LANDING POINT FOR SMALLER FISHING VESSELS AND SAMPANS.

IT COLLAPSED IN AUGUST 1979, DURING TYPHOON HOPE AND THE FISHERMEN AND RESIDENTS OF TAP MUN WROTE TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE SEEKING ASSISTANCE.

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BECAUSE OF THE HIGH COST OF THE PROJECT FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVAL HAD TO BE OBTAINED.

THE WORK INCLUDES LAYING FOUNDATIONS, EXCAVATING AND DREDGING, AND BUILDING THE SUPERSTRUCTURE.

THE NEW JETTY WILL BE REINFORCED WITH HUGE STONES TO PERFORM A PROTECTIVE LAYER AGAINST STRONG SEA CURRENTS.

WORK WAS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT OWING TO THE ISLAND'S REMOTENESS, A TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TWO HUNDRED HUGE STONES, EACH WEIGHING ABOUT 2 000 KILOGRAMS, HAD TO BE TRANSPORTED BY LIGHTER AND CRANE TO THE SITE.

WORK STARTED EARLY THIS MONTH AND WILL TAKE FOUR MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE JETTY HAS BEEN DESIGNED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION ENGINEER MR RAYMONG WONG, WHO ALSO SUPERVISED THE WORK TOGETHER WITH TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF.

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MORE DEMAND FOR CAS SERVICE
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THE CIVIL AID SERVICES PERFORMED A RECORD TOTAL OF 37 110 MAN-DAYS OF DUTY IN THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR.

THE MANPOWER DEPLOYED INCREASED BY 83 PER CENT IN THE ADULT SECTION INVOLVING 31 760 MEN AND WOMEN, AND 18 PER CENT IN THE CADET CORPS, INVOLVING 5 350 YOUNGER MEMBERS.

THE 596 OPERATIONS CARRIED OUT ALMOST DOUBLED THAT OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

OF THESE, 409 WERE OPERATIONAL DUTIES AND 187 WERE COMMUNITY SERVICES.

ON 169 OCCASIONS THE CAS CARRIED OUT CROWD CONTROL DUTIES AND ASSISTED OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS IN THEIR FUNCTIONS.

OTHER DUTIES CARRIED OUT INCLUDED PUBLIC PERFORMANCES BY ITS MOTOR CYCLE AND BICYCLE TEAMS AND ITS MUSIC BAND. IN ADDITION, IT TOOK PART IN FOREST FIRE FIGHTING AND MOUNTAIN RESCUE.

BEFORE IT WAS RELEASED FROM REFUGEE DUTIES IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR, THE CAS ALSO TOOK UP 307 REFUGEE OPERATIONS.

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DONATION TO PRISONS DEPARTMENT'S WELFARE FUND

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THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT'S WELFARE FUND WAS TODAY BOOSTED BY \$50 000 - A DONATION FROM THE EXECUTORS OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE MR LO KA-CHOW, IN RECOGNITION OF THE WORK OF THE STAFF OF THE PRISON SERVICE IN HELPING TO PROTECT THE COMMUNITY.

AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY HELD IN PRISONS HEADQUARTERS, THE COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR THOMAS GARNER, RECEIVED ON BEHALF OF THE WELFARE FUND A CHEQUE FROM MRS GERALDINE LO WHO REPRESENTED THE EXECUTORS.

MR GARNER THEN PRESENTED A SOUVENIR, A BADGE OF THE DEPARTMENT, TO MRS LO IN APPRECIATION OF THE GENEROUS DONATION.

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HILL FIRE WARNING

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PICNICKERS AND HOLIDAY-MAKERS VISITING THE COUNTRYSIDE OVER THIS FESTIVE PERIOD SHOULD TAKE EXTRA PRECAUTION IN PREVENTING FIRES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID VERY OFTEN FIRES WERE STARTED AS A RESULT OF CARELESSNESS.

IN THE CURRENT FIRE SEASON AND UP TO LAST SUNDAY (DECEMBER 21), THERE WERE 498 REPORTED HILLFIRES AND MORE THAN 10 000 TREES WERE DESTROYED.

THE TOTAL AREA OF BURNT OUT LAND ADDED UP TO 257 HECTARES.

HILLFIRES HAVE BEEN THE SINGLE BIGGEST THREAT TO THE COUNTRYSIDE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

EARLY THIS MONTH, A FIRE WHICH BROKE OUT IN LEAD MINE PASS NEAR THE SHING MUN PLANTATION AREA TOOK FIRE-FIGHTERS OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES AND FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENTS MORE THAN 10 HOURS TO PUT OUT.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED PICNICKERS AND VISITORS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE TO BARBECUE ONLY IN DESIGNATED AREAS. THEY SHOULD ENSURE THAT ALL FIRES ARE EXTINGUISHED BEFORE LEAVING.

THEY SHOULD ALSO KEEP THE COUNTRYSIDE FREE OF LITTER, HE ADDED.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

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THE ACCESS ROAD LINKING SAU MAU PING ROAD AND ANDERSON ROAD
WILL BE RE-OPENED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY
(DECEMBER 28).

IN KOWLOON CITY FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 29), TRAFFIC
IN TUNG TSING ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY FROM TUNG TAU TSUEN
ROAD TO LOK SIN ROAD.

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