



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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FEBRUARY WARMER THAN USUAL

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THE WEATHER LAST MONTH WAS WARMER, SUNNIER AND DRIER THAN USUAL WITH A TOTAL OF 35.7 MM OF RAINFALL WHICH IS 11.2 MM BELOW THE NORMAL AVERAGE FOR FEBRUARY.

DURING THE MONTH, ACCORDING TO THE MONTHLY WEATHER REPORT ISSUED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY, THERE WAS ONLY ONE MAJOR OUTBREAK OF THE WINTER MONSOON. THIS HAD CAUSED THE HOISTING OF THE STRONG MONSOON SIGNAL BETWEEN 3.20 A.M. AND 4 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 13.

THE MONTH'S WEATHER BEGAN WITH A CLOUDY AND MISTY CONDITION WHICH PERSISTED FOR ONE WEEK.

DURING THIS PERIOD, VISIBILITY AT THE AIRPORT AND IN THE APPROACHES TO THE HARBOUR WAS REDUCED TO LESS THAN 300 METRES ON MANY OCCASIONS. THE FOGGY WEATHER RESULTED IN TEN FLIGHT DIVERSIONS.

ON THE AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 7, THE FOG AND MIST WAS CLEARED BY A COLD FRONT WHICH CROSSED THE COAST OF HONG KONG.

THE COLD FRONT ALSO BROUGHT PERIODS OF RAIN WHICH PERSISTED UNTIL FEBRUARY 19, AND CAUSED THE TEMPERATURE TO DIP TO 12.4 DEGREES CELSIUS ON THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 10 - THE LOWEST TEMPERATURE RECORDED FOR THE MONTH.

WEATHER IN THE LATER HALF OF THE MONTH WAS MAINLY FINE AND DRY.

THE YELLOW OR RED FIRE DANGER WARNINGS WERE IN FORCE ON 12 DAYS OF THE MONTH.

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

NOTE TO EDITORS: A FULL REPORT ON FEBRUARY'S WEATHER PREPARED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED SEPARATELY IN THE G.I.S. PRESS BOXES LATER THIS EVENING.

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BLIND WORKSHOP WANTS MORE PUBLIC SUPPORT
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THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND APPEALED TODAY FOR MORE PUBLIC SUPPORT IN THE WAY OF REGULAR ORDERS FOR PRODUCTS WHICH ITS WORKSHOP CAN TURN OUT.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIETY, REV. K.L. STUMPF, SAID THE WORKSHOP WAS NOT JUST A HAVEN FOR THE BLIND AND DISABLED, BUT WAS PROVIDING THEM WITH EMPLOYMENT AND A CHANCE TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE WORKSHOP COULD TURN OUT A RANGE OF 33 DIFFERENT PRODUCTS FOR HOUSEHOLD, INDUSTRIAL AND GENERAL USE. THESE INCLUDED BROOMS OF VARIOUS TYPES, PACKING CASES AND BOXES, BESIDES TABLES, DESK CALENDAR STANDS AND UNIFORMS.

WOODEN DOORS ARE ALSO ONE OF THE ITEMS, REV. STUMPF NOTED AND SAID THAT THE WORKSHOP HAD RECENTLY SECURED AN ORDER FROM THE GOVERNMENT FOR DOORS FOR AN HOUSING ESTATE.

MOST OF ITS PRODUCTS ARE SOLD TO THE GOVERNMENT BUT THE SOCIETY WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE SUPPORT FROM PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS ON A LONG-TERM BASIS.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE BY REV. STUMPF WHEN THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, MR. THOMAS LEE, HANDED HIM A CHEQUE FOR \$500,000 FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND AS AN INTEREST FREE LOAN TO THE SOCIETY TO HELP IT ESTABLISH A WORKING CAPITAL FUND AND TO PAY OFF AN OVERDRAFT.

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HARBOUR MOORING BUOYS REORGANISED
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A PROGRAMME FOR THE RE-ORGANISATION OF MOORING BUOYS IS NOW BEING INTRODUCED WITHIN THE VICTORIA HARBOUR.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (MONDAY), THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE PURPOSE OF THIS RE-ORGANISATION IS TO WIDEN THE CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN FAIRWAYS TO A MINIMUM WIDTH OF 1,300 FEET.

THIS WILL ENSURE THAT AN ADEQUATE NUMBER OF MOORING BUOYS WILL BE PROVIDED OFF STONECUTTERS ISLAND FOR VESSELS UNDER REPAIR AND THAT SOME MOORINGS BE PROVIDED FOR VESSELS UP TO 900 FEET IN LENGTH. IT WILL ALSO HELP TO RATIONALISE THE NUMBERING OF MOORINGS IN THE HARBOUR.

THE RE-ORGANISATION PROGRAMME WILL EXTEND OVER A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS. THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD, NOTICES TO MARINERS WILL BE ISSUED MONTHLY, AS NECESSARY, GIVING DETAILS OF ALTERATIONS DURING THE PREVIOUS MONTH AND PROPOSED ALTERATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING MONTH.

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FUND RAISING WALK FOR HOSPITAL
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THE WONG TAI SIN CITY DISTRICT SAVE OUR LADY OF MARYKNOLL HOSPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE IS ORGANISING A FUND RAISING WALK TO BE HELD ON APRIL 20 IN SUPPORT OF THE HOSPITAL.

THE COMMITTEE WILL GIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY WALK AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON MARCH 19 (WEDNESDAY) AT 11.30 A.M. AT WONG TAI SIN C.D.O., KING FUK STREET, SAN PO KONG, KOWLOON.

THE COMMITTEE IS MADE UP OF COMMUNITY LEADERS AND PUBLIC SPIRITED CITIZENS IN WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT IN A JOINT EFFORT TO SAVE THE HOSPITAL FROM CLOSURE DUE TO INSUFFICIENT FUNDS.

THE HOSPITAL WITH 266 BEDS IS SITUATED AT SHATIN PASS ROAD IN WONG TAI SIN. IT HAS BEEN OPERATING SINCE 1960 AND PROVIDES AN EFFICIENT BUT CHEAP CLINICAL AND OUT PATIENT SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY RESIDENTS IN WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT.

NOTES TO EDITORS

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE ON WEDNESDAY.

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DISPLAY OF ANTI-DRUG COMPETITION ENTRIES
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A THREE-DAY EXHIBITION OF THE MORE INTERESTING AND NOTEWORTHY ENTRIES IN THREE ANTI-DRUG COMPETITIONS SPONSORED BY THE TAI HANG TUNG COMMUNITY CENTRE OPENS TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT TONG YAM STREET.

OPENING HOURS EACH DAY WILL BE FROM 10 A.M. TO 10 P.M. WITH A ONE-HOUR BREAK BETWEEN 6 P.M. AND 7 P.M.

ON DISPLAY WILL BE THE BEST ENTRIES IN THE ESSAY, SLOGAN AND POSTER DESIGN COMPETITIONS ORGANISED AS PART OF THE SUPPORTIVE EFFORTS FOR THE KEEP HONG KONG DRUG FREE CAMPAIGN.

THE COMPETITIONS WERE ORGANISED BY SIX SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN TAI HANG TUNG AND YAU YAT CHUEN.

ALTOGETHER 427 ENTRIES WERE RECEIVED AND 80 WERE SELECTED FOR SHOWING TO THE PUBLIC.

WINNERS IN EACH COMPETITION WILL RECEIVE THEIR PRIZES ON FRIDAY AT A CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD TO MARK THE COMMUNITY CENTRE'S NINTH ANNIVERSARY.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN PRINCE EDWARD ROAD

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 19) FOR HEAVY VEHICLES TRAVELLING ALONG PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH WATERLOO ROAD, KOWLOON, IN ORDER TO FACILITATE TRAFFIC FLOW.

FROM 10 A.M., A GROUND-LEVEL ROUTE WILL BE REINSTATED AT PRINCE EDWARD ROAD FOR WESTBOUND VEHICLES EXCEEDING FIVE TONS. DRIVERS ARE ADVISED TO WATCH FOR NEW SIGNS DIRECTING HEAVY VEHICLE TRAFFIC INTO THE NORTHERN MOST WESTBOUND LANE.

SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON WATERLOO ROAD WILL CONTINUE TO BE DIVERTED VIA EARL STREET, BUT WILL NOW CROSS TO THE SOUTH SIDE OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND THEN PROCEED WESTWARDS ALONGSIDE THE PRINCE EDWARD ROAD TEMPORARY FLYOVER TO REJOIN WATERLOO ROAD HEADING SOUTHWARDS.

MEANWHILE, MOTORISTS ARE REMINDED THAT THE WHOLE LENGTH OF TSING YI BRIDGE IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FOR A FEW HOURS IN THE MORNING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AND ON WEDNESDAY FROM 2 A.M. TO 6 A.M.

THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE IS TO ENABLE LEVELLING SURVEYS TO BE CARRIED OUT ON THE BRIDGE.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WEEKLY WATER SITUATION REPORT

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THE TOTAL WATER STORAGE IN ALL RESERVOIRS AS AT 9 A.M. TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 47,423 MILLION GALLONS, REPRESENTING 70.5 PER CENT OF THE FULL CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS. AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR THERE WERE 41,903 MILLION GALLONS.

THIS MORNING'S STORAGE AT PLOVER COVE WAS 36,388 MILLION GALLONS, COMPARED WITH 33,543 MILLION GALLONS ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR. PLOVER COVE'S PRESENT STORAGE REPRESENTS 72.1 PER CENT OF ITS FULL CAPACITY OF 50,500 MILLION GALLONS.

A TOTAL OF 7.5 MM (0.30 IN.) OF RAINFALL WAS RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS ENDING AT 9 A.M. TODAY. TOTAL RAINFALL RECORDED SO FAR THIS YEAR IS 115.8 MM (4.56 IN.).

THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY STANDS AT 103 MM (4.06 IN.).

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