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WET AND WARM MARCH SETS NEW RECORD

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WITH A MEAN MONTHLY TEMPERATURE OF 21.3 DEGREES CELSIUS, MARCH 1987 WAS THE WARMEST MARCH ON RECORD, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE THREE PRECEDING MONTHS WERE ALSO WARMER THAN USUAL AND THE MEAN TEMPERATURE FOR THE FOUR CONSECUTIVE MONTHS ENDING MARCH, 18.7 DEGREES CELSIUS, WAS THE HIGHEST ON RECORD.

MARCH WAS ALSO VERY WET WITH A TOTAL RAINFALL OF 234.0 MILLIMETRES, MORE THAN FOUR TIMES THE NORMAL AMOUNT.

THE TORRENTIAL THUNDERSTORMS FROM MARCH 16 TO 18 RESULTED IN 194.7 MM OF RAINFALL, THE HIGHEST RECORDED FOR ANY THREE-DAY PERIOD IN MARCH. ON MARCH 18, HAIL WAS REPORTED IN NORTHERN KOWLOON AND THE EASTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE FIRST THREE DAYS OF MARCH WAS COOL AND DRY WITH PLENTY OF SUNSHINE ON MARCH 2. WARMER AND HUMID CONDITIONS SET IN ON MARCH 4. MORNING MIST WAS REPORTED ON MARCH 5 BUT IT WAS SUNNY AND WARM IN THE AFTERNOON.

A SOUTHERLY AIRSTREAM BROUGHT WARM AND CLOUDY WEATHER WITH SOME RAIN OVER THE NEXT FOUR DAYS. ON MARCH 10, THE WEATHER WAS MAINLY FINE APART FROM MIST AND FOG DURING THE MORNING.

ON MARCH 11 AND 12, FRESH WINDS FROM THE EAST GAVE RISE TO CLOUDY AND FOGGY WEATHER WITH DRIZZLE.

OVER THE NEXT TWO DAYS, SOUTHWESTERLY WINDS SET IN AND THE WEATHER IMPROVED WITH SUNNY PERIODS DURING THE DAY. ON MARCH 14, IT WAS VERY WARM WITH A MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 27.0 DEGREES CELSIUS, THE HIGHEST RECORDED SO FAR THIS YEAR.

ON THE MORNING OF MARCH 15, THE WINTER MONSOON ARRIVED FROM THE EAST BRINGING MIST AND LIGHT RAIN AGAIN. TEMPERATURES FELL TO A MINIMUM OF 19.5 DEGREES CELSIUS IN THE EVENING.

WITH A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE AT THE SURFACE JUST TO THE NORTH OF HONG KONG AND VERY ACTIVE MOISTURE-LADEN SOUTHWESTERLIES ALOFT, WIDESPREAD SQUALLY THUNDERSTORMS BROKE OUT AROUND DAWN ON MARCH 16 AND CONTINUED FOR MOST OF THE DAY.

SQUALLS WITH GUSTS UP TO 62 KILOMETRES PER HOUR FELL A 10-METRE TREE IN HO MAN TIN AND BLEW DOWN A SCAFFOLDING IN CHEUNG SHA WAN, DAMAGING A LORRY AND A TAXI.

HEAVY AND THUNDERY SHOWERS CONTINUED THE NEXT DAY. THEY WERE PARTICULARLY INTENSE BETWEEN 9 AM AND 10 AM RESULTING IN 50.1 MM OF RAINFALL, THE HIGHEST HOURLY RAINFALL RECORDED FOR MARCH. THE RAINFALL OF 126.4 MM FOR THE DAY ALSO BROKE THE DAILY RECORD FOR MARCH.

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THE TORRENTIAL DOWNPOUR RESULTED IN 116 CASES OF FLOODING AND FOUR CASES OF MINOR MUDSLIPS. IN THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, 49 HECTARES OF VEGETABLE FIELD WERE INUNDATED. ROAD SUBSIDENCE ALSO OCCURRED IN KWUN TONG AND SHA TIN.

THUNDERSTORMS RETURNED ON THE MORNING OF MARCH 18 WITH HAIL OCCURRING BETWEEN 8 AM TO 8.45 AM. ACCORDING TO THE 32 REPORTS RECEIVED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY, HAIL WAS OBSERVED IN SAI KUNG, SHA TIN AND THE NORTHERN PART OF KOWLOON.

THE WEATHER IMPROVED MARKEDLY WITH SOME SUNNY INTERVALS ON THE AFTERNOON OF MARCH 18. APART FROM SOME MORNING MIST, THERE WERE SUNNY PERIODS DURING THE NEXT DAY.

IT WAS WARM AND CLOUDY WITH MIST AND DRIZZLE FROM MARCH 20 TO 24. HOWEVER, SCATTERED THUNDERSTORMS WERE AGAIN REPORTED ON MARCH 21.

AN INTENSE SURGE OF THE WINTER MONSOON ACCOMPANIED BY SQUALLY THUNDERSTORMS AND STRONG WINDS ARRIVED DURING THE SMALL HOURS OF MARCH 25. THE WEATHER REMAINED RAINY AND WINDY THROUGHOUT THE DAY WHILE TEMPERATURES CONTINUED TO DROP TO A MINIMUM OF 13.0 DEGREES CELSIUS ON THE EARLY MORNING OF MARCH 26. THIS WAS THE LOWEST TEMPERATURE RECORDED FOR THE MONTH.

ON THE AFTERNOON OF MARCH 25, A FISHING VESSEL SANK IN STRONG WINDS OFF BASALT ISLAND NEAR SAI KUNG AND A MAN WAS REPORTED MISSING.

ON MARCH 26, IT WAS MAINLY CLOUDY AND WINDY. WINDS MODERATED ON THE AFTERNOON OF MARCH 27 BUT THERE WAS DRIZZLE WHICH CONTINUED INTO THE NEXT DAY.

FROM MARCH 29 TO 31, THE WEATHER WAS WARMER WITH FOG AFFECTING HONG KONG WATERS. IT WAS PARTICULARLY FOGGY ON THE MORNING OF MARCH 31 WHEN VISIBILITIES WERE REDUCED TO 50 METRES AT KOWLOON BAY AND 100 METRES AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY, CHEUNG CHAU AND WAGLAN ISLAND. THERE WERE MIST PATCHES AND DRIZZLE FOR THE REST OF THE DAY WHEN WINDS STRENGTHENED FROM THE EAST AGAIN.

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

IN MARCH, A TOTAL OF 10 AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER.

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THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON MARCH 16 TO 18, 21 AND 25. FLOOD WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON MARCH 17, 18 AND 25.

THE RED FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT FROM MARCH 1 TO 2. THE YELLOW FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT FROM MARCH 2 TO 3.

SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE:

<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	MARCH 25 5.05 AM	MARCH 26 7.00 AM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	MARCH 26 5.00 PM	MARCH 27 2.55 PM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	MARCH 31 11.00 PM	APRIL 1 6.05 AM

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

SUNSHINE	62.8 HOURS = 38.6 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
GLOBAL SOLAR RADIATION	8.07 MJ/M ² = 3.47 MJ/M ² BELOW NORMAL
RAINFALL	234.0 MM = 179.2 MM ABOVE NORMAL
CLOUDINESS	84 % = 8 % MORE THAN NORMAL
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	86 % = 4 % HIGHER THAN NORMAL
MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	23.5 DEGREES C = 2.2 DEGREES C ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN TEMPERATURE	21.3 DEGREES C = 2.8 DEGREES C ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	19.7 DEGREES C = 3.4 DEGREES C ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	18.8 DEGREES C = 3.8 DEGREES C ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	57.3 MM = 40.0 MM BELOW NORMAL

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CENTRAL AND WESTERN DB VISITING CHINA
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A CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD DELEGATION LEFT FOR CHINA THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING ON A NINE-DAY STUDY TOUR.

TOUR LEADER AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR CHOW YIN-SUM, SAID THIS WAS THE FIRST VISIT TO CHINA BY DISTRICT BOARDS.

DURING THE TOUR, MEMBERS WILL VISIT FOUR CITIES - PEKING, HANGZHOU, SUZHOU AND SHANGHAI.

THEY WILL MEET OFFICIALS OF THE STATE COUNCIL AS WELL AS MUNICIPAL AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON URBAN MANAGEMENT AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION.

THE DELEGATION INCLUDES THE BOARD'S SECRETARY, SEVEN BOARD MEMBERS, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG, AND SEVEN AREA COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES.

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ENQUIRIES AND COMPLAINTS MADE EASY
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A LEAFLET OF TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE LANDS AND WORKS GROUP OF DEPARTMENTS HAS BEEN PRODUCED TO FACILITATE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN REFERRING THEIR ENQUIRIES AND COMPLAINTS TO THE APPROPRIATE OFFICES FOR PROMPT ACTION.

FOR EASE OF REFERENCE, THE PAMPHLET ALSO INCLUDES SOME OF THE MORE COMMON SUBJECTS OF ENQUIRIES AND COMPLAINTS UNDER THE RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENTS.

+FOR EXAMPLE, ENQUIRIES AND COMPLAINTS CONCERNING MANHOLE COVERS, CRASH BARRIERS, CARRIAGEWAYS AND FOOTPATHS ARE LISTED UNDER HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT= SEWERS, OVERFLOWING MANHOLES AND FLOODING UNDER CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT= LEAKING FIRE HYDRANTS, BURST WATERMAINS AND LEAKING WATERMAINS UNDER WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT= UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES, DANGEROUS SIGNBOARDS AND DANGEROUS BUILDINGS UNDER BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT,+ A BRANCH SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BRANCH ALSO HAS JURISDICTION OVER THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

COPIES OF THE PAMPHLET ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES, THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING AND THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S MARKETING OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF BASKERVILLE HOUSE, 22 ICE HOUSE STREET, CENTRAL.

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FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEME AT TIN SHUI WAI

A \$4-MILLION CONTRACT HAS BEEN AWARDED FOR THE INSTALLATION OF 10 SCREW PUMPS AT FOUR PUMPING STATIONS NEAR TIN SHUI WAI IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AS PART OF A FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEME IN THE AREA.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, WHICH AWARDED THE CONTRACT, SAID THE WORK INCLUDED THE DESIGN, MANUFACTURE, SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF THE SCREW PUMPS, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY FITTINGS AND ACCESSORIES.

+IT WILL ENABLE WATER ACCUMULATED IN FLOOD PONDS IN LO UK TSUEN, SIK KONG TSUEN, SIK KONG WAI AND KIU TAU WAI TO DISCHARGE INTO DRAINAGE CHANNELS, THUS PROTECTING THE FOUR LOW-LYING VILLAGES FROM FLOODING,+ HE ADDED.

THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE 22 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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FRIDAY VOCAL MUSIC LECTURES

THE MUSIC OFFICE IS ORGANISING A SERIES OF LECTURE DEMONSTRATIONS ON VOCAL MUSIC BY ANNA CHENG AT TSUEN WAN MUSIC CENTRE ON THREE CONSECUTIVE FRIDAYS FROM 7.30 PM TO 9.30 PM STARTING APRIL 24.

A RECIPIENT OF VARIOUS AWARDS, MISS CHENG GRADUATED WITH A BA MUSIC DEGREE FROM THE MARYLHURST COLLEGE IN OREGON, UNDER SISTER CLAUDIA FOLTZ. SHE FURTHERED HER VOCAL STUDIES WITH GLADYS WHITEHEAD IN CANADA AND GORDON CLINTON OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC IN LONDON.

SHE HAS GIVEN RECITALS AND MADE TELEVISION AND RADIO APPEARANCES IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA AND HAS APPEARED WITH THE CBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA IN WINNIPEG.

SINCE RETURNING TO HONG KONG IN 1976, MISS CHENG HAS BEEN A FACULTY MEMBER OF THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT OF HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE.

THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE LECTURE DEMONSTRATIONS AND ADMISSION IS FREE. FOR ENQUIRIES CALL 0-4928127.

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CANDIDATES SOUGHT FOR TENDER FAMILY ELECTION

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SAI KUNG RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES OR TAKE PART THEMSELVES IN A TENDER FAMILY ELECTION, ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE DISTRICT'S CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.

TO PROMOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITHIN THE FAMILY, THE ELECTION IS AIMED AT HIGHLIGHTING RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF THEIR ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY IN THEIR OWN FAMILIES.

ALL FAMILIES IN THE DISTRICT ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PART OR NOMINATE A TENDER FAMILY FOR ELECTION.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED BY A 10-MEMBER ADJUDICATION PANEL WHICH WILL VISIT THE FAMILIES TO OBTAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR LIFE.

PRIZES AND SOUVENIRS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE 10 MOST OUTSTANDING FAMILIES, THEIR NOMINATORS AND ALL OTHER PARTICIPANTS.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATION IS MAY 10. NOMINATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE, SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT YOUTH AND COMMUNITY OFFICE (SAI KUNG), JUNK BAY MEDICAL RELIEF COUNCIL AND THE RENNIE'S MILL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE. FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-2814455 EXTENSION 26.

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MORAL EDUCATION SEMINAR FOR TEACHERS ORGANISED

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS INVITING PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS TO ATTEND TWO IDENTICAL HALF-DAY SEMINARS ON MORAL EDUCATION.

THE SEMINARS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE TEACHING CENTRE OF THE DEPARTMENT ON 5TH FLOOR, 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, ON MAY 19 (TUESDAY).

AIMED TO UPDATE TEACHERS WITH THE NEW APPROACH IN TEACHING MORAL EDUCATION, THE SEMINARS WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PARTICIPANTS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT.

PRIMARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS WISHING TO NOMINATE TEACHERS TO ATTEND THE SEMINARS ARE ADVISED TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE RELIGIOUS/ETHICAL EDUCATION SECTION, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, BEFORE MAY 1 (FRIDAY).

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TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT CHANGES FOR TIN HAU FESTIVAL
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN YUEN LONG AND KWUN TONG NEXT MONDAY (APRIL 20) FOR THE TIN HAU FESTIVAL.

IN YUEN LONG, FROM 9 AM UNTIL THE PROCESSION IN CELEBRATION OF THE FESTIVAL IS COMPLETED, FUNG KAM STREET, FUNG YAU STREET SOUTH, FUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND HOP YICK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

FROM 10 AM, TAI TONG ROAD, KAU YUK ROAD, TAI YUK ROAD, MA TIN ROAD AND THE UNNAMED NULLAH-BUND ROAD WILL ALSO BE CLOSED.

FROM 7 AM ON APRIL 19 TO 10 PM ON APRIL 21, THE NORTHERN NULLAH-BUND ROAD FROM TAI KEI LENG TO TAI SHU HA WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND, WHILE THE SOUTHERN NULLAH-BUND ROAD WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

DURING THIS PERIOD, NEW TERRITORIES GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 73 WILL BE REROUTED VIA THE SOUTHERN NULLAH-BUND ROAD ON JOURNEYS TO YUEN LONG TOWN.

TO TIE IN WITH TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS, A NUMBER OF BUS AND GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES WILL BE DIVERTED FROM 9 AM ON APRIL 20 UNTIL THE PROCESSION IS OVER.

BUS ROUTE 56 WILL OPERATE ON A SHORT-WORKING ROUTE FROM WONG NAI TUN VIA TAI TONG ROAD TO FRASER VILLAGE WHERE A TEMPORARY STOP WILL BE PROVIDED.

NT GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 31 AND 32 WILL BE DIVERTED. MEANWHILE, GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 39 WILL OPERATE ON A SHORT-WORKING ROUTE BETWEEN KUNG OM AND LUNG TIN TSUEN WHERE A TEMPORARY STOP WILL BE PROVIDED. ROUTE 73 WILL ALSO OPERATE ON A SHORT-WORKING ROUTE FROM TONG YUEN TO TAI KEI LENG.

IN ADDITION, A NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 8 AM UNTIL THE PROCESSION IS OVER. THESE PARKING SPACES ARE LOCATED AT TAI YUK ROAD, FUNG CHEUNG ROAD, KAU YUK ROAD, MA TIN ROAD AND TAI TONG ROAD.

IN KWUN TONG, CHA KWO LING ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH WING FOOK STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 900 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 8 AM TO 6 PM ON THE SAME DAY. MOTORISTS ON WAI YIP STREET HEADING FOR YAU TONG WILL BE DIVERTED TO HOI YUEN ROAD, KWUN TONG ROAD AND LEI YUE MUN ROAD.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ROAD CLOSURE, THE U-TURN MOVEMENT FROM CHA KWO LING ROAD WESTBOUND TO CHA KWO LING ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE PERMITTED.

MEANWHILE, THE GREEN MINIBUS STAND FOR ROUTES 23 AND 23A OUTSIDE HOUSE NO. 175-193 CHA KWO LING ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED.

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PERMANENT CLOSURE OF SHEUNG TAK STREET PROPOSED
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A PORTION OF SHEUNG TAK STREET IN LOWER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE, KOWLOON, IS PROPOSED TO BE CLOSED PERMANENTLY TO MAKE WAY FOR FURTHER REDEVELOPMENT OF THE ESTATE.

THE CLOSURE OF THE PORTION OF THE STREET, WHICH IS BETWEEN FORMER BLOCKS 2 AND 3 OF THE ESTATE, IS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH CONSTRUCTION OF THREE TRIDENT BLOCKS UNDER PHASE VII OF A REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME.

THE REMAINING SECTION OF SHEUNG TAK STREET SOUTH OF TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD AND THE TEMPORARY ACCESS ROAD TO BE CONSTRUCTED WILL BECOME A TWO-WAY ROAD.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED CLOSURE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSAL MUST REACH THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT BY JUNE 15.

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