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$120-MILLION MENTAL HOSPITAL TO BE OPENED

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HONG KONG'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE WILL TAKE ANOTHER BIG STEP FORWARD WHEN ITS SECOND MENTAL HOSPITAL, ON THE WESTERN PART OF THE KOWLOON PENINSULA AND COSTING $120 MILLION, IS OFFICIALLY OPENED ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 15) BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE.

THE 1 336-BED KWAI CHUNG HOSPITAL, EQUIPPED WITH ADVANCED AND SOPHISTICATED TECHNOLOGY, HAS ALREADY BEGUN ADMITTING PATIENTS.

IT IS EXPECTED TO BE FULLY OPERATIONAL BY MID-1982, THUS REDUCING OVERCROWDING AT THE EXISTING CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL.

CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL IS THE ONLY MAJOR MENTAL HOSPITAL IN HONG KONG. ORIGINALLY DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE 1 200 BEDS, IT IS NOW TREATING MORE THAN 2 000 PATIENTS.

KWAI CHUNG HOSPITAL, OCCUPYING AN AREA OF 4.45 HECTARES, IS MADE UP OF SEVEN BLOCKS OF BUILDINGS LINKED BY A SYSTEM OF SUBWAYS.

IN THE HOSPITAL COMPLEX ARE A SINGLE-STOREY ADMINISTRATIVE BLOCK= TWO MAJOR BLOCKS OF 11 AND NINE STOREYS PROVIDING 34 WARD UNITS= A FOUR-STOREY GENERAL AND SERVICES BLOCK HOUSING AN X-RAY UNITS, A LABORATORY AND AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DEPARTMENT= A TWO-STOREY BLOCK ACCOMMODATING KITCHENS AND CAR PARKS= AND A MULTI-PURPOSE HALL AND STAFF QUARTERS.

THE DESIGN OF THE WHOLE COMPLEX IS SIMILAR TO THAT OF A GENERAL HOSPITAL BUT INCORPORATING SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS.

THERE WILL BE SPACIOUS AREAS IN BETWEEN EVERY TWO WARD UNITS FOR PATIENTS TO MOVE ABOUT, AS WELL AS PLAYGROUNDS, SPORTSFIELDS AND COVERED ROOF GARDENS.

SOME OF THE WARDS WILL BE AIR-CONDITIONED. EACH GENERAL WARD, IN ADDITION TO AN OPEN DORMITORY AREA, CONTAINS FIVE SINGLE ROOMS AND A SPACIOUS DAY AREA WHERE TELEVISION AND RADIO ARE PROVIDED.

SHARED BY TWO WARDS ARE A GROUP THERAPY ROOM, A VISITORS' ROOM, A DINING ROOM AND A TREATMENT ROOM.

AS DIFFERENT PATIENTS HAVE DIFFERENT NEEDS, THERE WILL BE SEPARATE WARDS FOR CHILDREN, ADOLESCENT, OLD PEOPLE AND NEUROTIC PATIENTS.

CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION WILL BE INSTALLED IN PLACES SUCH AS THE PLAY AREA OF THE CHILDREN'S WARD, TO ENABLE OBSERVATION OF THE PATIENTS FOR DIAGNOSTIC PURPOSES.

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IN ORDER TO CREATE A +HOSPITAL WITHOUT WALLS+ ATMOSPHERE, THROUGHOUT THE BUILDINGS THERE ARE LARGE WINDOWS WHICH CAN BE OPENED UP TO 12 CM, FOR SAFETY REASONS. IN SOME PLACES, SAFETY GLASS IS FIXED TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS.

THERE WILL BE AN OPERATING THEATRE FITTED WITH LASER BEAM BI-PLANE RADIOLOGICAL EQUIPMENT FOR PSYCHO-SURGERY, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG.

THERE IS A SPACIOUS OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY UNIT WHICH PROVIDES TRAINING IN DIFFERENT TRADES THROUGH WHICH PATIENTS RECEIVE THERAPEUTIC TREATMENT AS A PART OF REHABILITATION.

PARTICULAR ATTENTION IS PAID TO THE RECREATION AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES OF THE PATIENTS, WHO ARE ENCOURAGED TO DO GARDENING AND TO TAKE PART IN OTHER ACTIVITIES.

PRESENTATIONS, SUCH AS FILMS AND CONCERTS, WILL BE STAGED REGULARLY IN THE HALL TO ENTERTAIN PATIENTS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A SOCIAL CENTRE WITH A CANTEEN AND SHOPS TO BE RUN BY PATIENTS UNDER SUPERVISION. THROUGH THIS ACTIVITY IT IS INTENDED TO SPEED UP ADAPTATION TO COMMUNITY LIFE AFTER DISCHARGE FROM HOSPITAL.

THE COMPLETION OF KWAI CHUNG HOSPITAL FORMS PART OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S EXPANSION PLAN TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF SERVICES TO PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS.

PSYCHIATRIC UNITS WILL BE INCORPORATED IN ALL FIVE NEW GENERAL HOSPITALS TO BE BUILT DURING THE 1980S AND IN THREE EXISTING HOSPITALS -- PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL 1 700 BEDS.

THE OUTPATIENT SERVICE FOR PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS WILL LIKEWISE BE STRENGTHENED. IN ADDITION TO THE SEVEN EXISTING PSYCHIATRIC OUTPATIENT CLINICS, ANOTHER SIX SUCH CLINICS ARE BEING PLANNED IN THE DECADE.

PSYCHIATRIC COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICE IS ALSO BEING INTRODUCED TO AUGMENT THE AFTER-CARE AND REHABILITATION SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AT LITTLE OR NO COST TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT 3 PM ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 AT THE HOSPITAL'S MULTI-PURPOSE HALL.

TRANSPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 1.45 PM SHARP.

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TRANSPORT CHIEF CALLS FOR EXPANSION OF REHABUS SCHEME

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THE 'REHABUS' MINIBUS SERVICE FOR THE DISABLED SHOULD BE EXPANDED +FAIRLY RAPIDLY+ TO ALL PARTS OF HONG KONG, PARTICULARLY THE NEW TOWNS, TO IMPROVE THE MOBILITY OF THE TERRITORY'S ESTIMATED 11 000 PHYSICALLY DISABLED PEOPLE.

AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES SHOULD BE EXPANDED TO MAKE TAXI DRIVERS, PUBLIC TRANSPORT EMPLOYEES AND THE MAN-IN-THE-STREET AWARE THAT THEY HAVE A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY, BY THEIR ATTITUDE AND HELPFULNESS, IN AIDING THE MOBILITY OF THE DISABLED.

THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR PETER LEEDS, PUT FORWARD THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WHEN HE ADDRESSED A MEETING OF THE HONG KONG SECTION OF THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORT, HELD IN THE MARINERS' CLUB, TSIM SHA TSUI.

MR LEEDS DESCRIBED THE REHABUS SCHEME, A SCHEDULED MINIBUS SERVICE OPERATED BY THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR REHABILITATION AND PARTIALLY SUBSIDISED BY THE GOVERNMENT, AS THE +MOST IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT+ IN THE PROVISION OF TRANSPORT FOR THE DISABLED IN HONG KONG.

THE SERVICE, WHICH PROVIDES AS NEAR AS POSSIBLE A DOOR-TO-DOOR SERVICE OPERATING ON FIXED SCHEDULES AND FAIRLY FIXED ROUTES, BEGAN IN 1977 WITH TWO SEVEN-SEATER MINI-BUSES CARRYING 17 REGULAR PASSENGERS.

BUT DEMAND SOON OUTSTRIPPED SUPPLY AND, TODAY, 12 VEHICLES CARRY 127 REGULAR PASSENGERS OPERATING ON 11 ROUTES IN THE URBAN AREA.

SEVEN OF THE VEHICLES ARE 12-SEATERS, FITTED WITH A SIMPLE HYDRAULIC LIFT AT THE REAR ENTRANCE TO HOIST A PASSENGER IN HIS WHEELCHAIR INTO THE VEHICLE, WHERE THE WHEELCHAIR IS SECURED FIRMLY AS A PASSENGER SEAT.

MR LEEDS SAID THAT ORDINARY PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES COULD ONLY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE MORE SERIOUSLY DISABLED AT ENORMOUS COST, AND HE DESCRIBED EXPERIENCE IN OTHER COUNTRIES TO ILLUSTRATE THAT SUPPORT FOR THE VIEW THAT ALL PUBLIC TRANSPORT SHOULD BE ACCESSIBLE TO WHEELCHAIR PASSENGERS WAS, IN HIS OPINION, MISDIRECTED.

A DOOR-TO-DOOR SERVICE PROVIDED BY A STANDARD PRODUCTION-TYPE VEHICLE EQUIPPED WITH A RELATIVELY CHEAP, EASILY-MAINTAINED BUT EFFECTIVE LIFT FOR WHEELCHAIRS WAS MUCH MORE COST-EFFECTIVE AND PROVIDED A BETTER SERVICE FOR THE DISABLED.

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+ALTHOUGH THE REHABUS SERVICE MEETS NEARLY ALL OF THE CRITERIA COVERING THE NEEDS OF TRANSPORT FOR THE DISABLED, IN THE ONE RESPECT IT CAN BE FAULTED,+ MR LEEDS SAID.

+THIS IS BECAUSE IT STILL SEGREGATES DISABLED PERSONS FROM OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, AND IT IS THIS SEGREGATION ARGUMENT THAT IS USED TO SUPPORT THE VIEW THAT ALL PUBLIC TRANSPORT SHOULD BE ACCESSIBLE TO DISABLED PERSONS.

+IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE SENSIBLE SOLUTION TO THIS IS NOT TO MAKE PUBLIC TRANSPORT UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE, BECAUSE IN TERMS OF COSTS THIS IS NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE, BUT TO MAKE THE SPECIAL SERVICES PROVIDED FOR DISABLED PERSONS ACCESSIBLE TO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.+

+THERE IS NO GOOD REASON WHY SPARE SEATS ON A DISABLED PERSON'S SERVICE SHOULD NOT BE OCCUPIED BY AN ABLE-BODIED PERSON WHO HAPPENS TO BE GOING THE SAME WAY.+

+THIS WOULD GIVE THE NECESSARY DE-SEGREGATION AND WOULD ALSO ADD TO REVENUE.+

+THERE ARE ALREADY SCHEDULED MAXICAB LIGHT BUS ROUTES AS PART OF OUR TRANSPORT SYSTEM AND A WIDER SPREAD OF REHABUS SERVICES OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, BUT WITH PRIORITY FOR THE DISABLED, WOULD BRING BENEFITS TO ALL,+ HE SAID.

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OUTDOOR CAMPS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

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FOUR SCHOOLS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL PROVIDE PREMISES AS OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMP-SITES FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS DURING WEEKENDS AND SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

THEY ARE TUNG CHUNG PUBLIC SCHOOL ON LANTAU, KIAO LO WAN FISHERMEN'S SCHOOL IN SAI KUNG NORTH, TAI MEI TUK PUBLIC SCHOOL IN TAI PO, AND PUI CHOI SCHOOL IN SAI KUNG.

EACH OF THE CAMP-SITES CAN ACCOMMODATE 30 CAMPERS WHO ARE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE AND COOK THEIR OWN MEALS.

+FIVE DOUBLE-SEATER AND ONE SINGLE-SEATER CANOES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE THREE SCHOOLS IN SAI KUNG AND TAI PO, AND CAMPERS WITH QUALIFIED INSTRUCTORS MAY APPLY FOR THE USE OF THESE CANOES,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

EXTRA CAMPING EQUIPMENT SUCH AS COMPASSES, RUCKSACKS, LIGHT WEIGHT TENTS AND SLEEPING BAGS ARE AVAILABLE FOR LOAN FROM THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESERVATION, SCHOOLS CAN CONTACT MR CHIU KAM-PING OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 6TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON, OR ON 3-884111 EXT. 277.

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INDUSTRIALISATION AND MENTAL HEALTH IN HK

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INTENSIVE INDUSTRIALISATION AND DEVELOPMENT, WHILE IMPROVING PEOPLE'S GENERAL LIVING STANDARD, HAVE BROUGHT ABOUT AN INCREASE OF NEUROSIS AND MENTAL ILL HEALTH.

THIS WAS POINTED OUT BY DR K.L. THONG, THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, WHEN HE ADDRESSED LOCAL AND OVERSEAS DELEGATES AT THE OPENING OF THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS CONGRESS THIS MORNING.

HE SAID HONG KONG, LIKE MANY OTHER COUNTRIES IN THEIR STATE OF RAPID DEVELOPMENT, IS FEELING THE EFFECTS OF INDUSTRIALISATION AND URBANISATION.

+WITH OUR EXTRAORDINARY DENSITY IN POPULATION, IT IS INEVITABLE THAT THE EFFECTS OF OVER-CROWDEDNESS AND POLLUTION MUST MAKE THEMSELVES FELT,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THAT IN AN INTENSELY COMPETITIVE SOCIETY, TOGETHER WITH THE BREAKDOWN OF THE TRADITIONAL FAMILY STRUCTURE AND KINSHIP, PEOPLE TEND TO BE MORE IMPERSONAL AND INDIVIDUALISTIC.

+THE HIGH PRESSURE OF ORDINARY LIVING, TOGETHER WITH A LACK OF EMOTIONAL SUPPORT, ARE PRE-DISPOSING FACTORS FOR AN INCREASE IN NEUROSIS AND MENTAL ILL HEALTH,+ HE SAID.

DR THONG SAID THAT THE CARE AND PLACEMENT OF THE AGED IS BECOMING A MAJOR PROBLEM.

+IMPROVEMENTS IN THE STANDARD OF LIVING AND MEDICAL CARE HAVE MARKEDLY INCREASED LIFE EXPECTANCY AND THE ELDERLY CONSTITUTE A GROWING PROPORTION OF THE GENERAL POPULATION.

+FURTHERMORE, RAPID SOCIAL CHANGES AND HIGH DENSITY ARE ERODING THE TRADITIONAL VIRTUES OF RESPECT AND TOLERANCE OF THE AGED, MORE OF WHOM HAVE TO RELY ON PUBLIC SUPPORT,+ HE SAID.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE YOUNG SECTOR OF THE POPULATION ALSO IMPOSED GREATER STRAIN ON SOCIETY.

THIS IS BECAUSE MORE YOUNGSTERS ARE FACING FRUSTRATION AND DISENCHANTMENT RESULTING FROM FAILURE TO ACHIEVE THEIR ASPIRATIONS WHICH ARE OFTEN SET AT AN UNREALISTICALLY HIGH LEVEL, HE SAID.

+TOGETHER WITH THE DECLINING INFLUENCE FROM THE FAMILY AND THE WIDENING OF THE GENERATION GAP, IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT THERE SHOULD BE AN INCREASE IN JUVENILE DELINQUENCY IN MANY OF THE TERRITORIES OF THIS REGION,+ HE SAID.

THE SITUATION WAS AGGRAVATED BY UNDUE AND SUDDEN INFLUX OF IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES, GIVING RISE TO MAL-ADJUSTMENT PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY WHEN THERE ARE LANGUAGE BARRIERS AND DIFFERENCE IN CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS.

DR THONG TOLD THE CONGRESS THAT THIS SITUATION POINTED TO THE NEED FOR THE MODERN PSYCHIATRISTS TO BE AWARE OF THE RISING PSYCHIATRIC MORBIDITY IN THE POPULATION AND THE WIDER RANGE OF MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS SO THAT THEY MAY BE ABLE TO RENDER BETTER QUALITY CARE FOR THEIR PATIENTS.

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SEPTEMBER WETTER THAN USUAL

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SEPTEMBER WITH ITS TOTAL RAINFALL OF 381.9 MM, WAS WETTER THAN USUAL, ACCORDING TO THE MONTHLY WEATHER SUMMARY RELEASED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY TODAY.

HOWEVER, THE TOTAL RAINFALL FROM JUNE TO SEPTEMBER AMOUNTED TO ONLY 906.7 MM, THE SEVENTH LOWEST FIGURE ON RECORD FOR THE CORRESPONDING FOUR-MONTH PERIOD.

ACCUMULATED RAINFALL FROM JANUARY 1 UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30 CAME TO 1 472.7 MM, WHICH IS 28 PER CENT BELOW THE AVERAGE FIGURE OF 2 043.5 MM.

LAST MONTH WAS ALSO CLOUDIER AND SLIGHTLY COOLER THAN USUAL. THE TOTAL DURATION OF SUNSHINE DURING THE MONTH WAS 132.3 HOURS, THE THIRD LOWEST FIGURE ON RECORD FOR SEPTEMBER.

DURING THE MONTH, FOUR TROPICAL CYCLONES DEVELOPED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA, NAMELY TYPHOONS AGNES, BILL, CLARA AND ELSIE.

IN HONG KONG, A NUMBER ONE SIGNAL WAS HOISTED FOR TYPHOON CLARA AT 9 PM ON SEPTEMBER 20, AND WAS UPGRADED TO NUMBER THREE SIGNAL THE FOLLOWING DAY. ALL SIGNALS WERE LOWERED AT 11.30 AM ON SEPTEMBER 22.

A STRONG MONSOON SIGNAL WAS ALSO HOISTED ON SEPTEMBER 30. THERE WERE THUNDERSTORMS EARLY ON SEPTEMBER 1 DUE TO A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE ASSOCIATED WITH TYPHOON AGNES OVER THE EAST CHINA SEA, BUT THE WEATHER BECAME FINE THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE TROUGH REMAINED ACTIVE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 6 AND THERE WERE MORE THUNDERSTORMS AND FREQUENT SHOWERS. A TOTAL OF 126.1 MM OF RAINFALL WAS RECORDED ON SEPTEMBER 4 AND MINOR LANDSLIPS OCCURRED ON THAT DAY AND SEPTEMBER 6.

THE WEATHER REMAINED CLOUDY WITH ISOLATED SHOWERS ON THE FOLLOWING TWO DAYS. UNTIL SEPTEMBER 13, THE WEATHER WAS FINE AND SUNNY APART FROM SOME SLIGHT SHOWERS LATE ON THE LAST DAY.

WINDS FRESHENED FROM THE EAST ON SEPTEMBER 14 AND SOME THUNDERSTORMS OCCURRED IN THE EVENING. EARLY THE FOLLOWING DAY WINDS TURNED NORTHERLY BRINGING SLIGHTLY COOLER WEATHER AND SOME LIGHT RAIN.

THE MONTH'S LOWEST TEMPERATURE OF 23.8 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED EARLY ON SEPTEMBER 16. WINDS REVERTED TO EASTERLY DURING THE DAY AND IT REMAINED CLOUDY UNTIL SEPTEMBER 18.

THE WEATHER BECAME SUNNY AND HOT FOR THE NEXT TWO DAYS AND THE TEMPERATURE ROSE TO A MAXIMUM OF 32.1 DEGREES CELSIUS ON SEPTEMBER 20, THE HIGHEST OF THE MONTH, AS TYPHOON CLARA APPROACHED FROM THE EAST-SOUTHEAST. IT TURNED CLOUDY THE FOLLOWING DAY WITH FRESHENING NORTHERLY WINDS.

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THERE WERE STRONG NORTHWESTERLY WINDS AND HEAVY SHOWERS DURING THE NIGHT BUT WINDS MODERATED RAPIDLY ON SEPTEMBER 22 AFTER CLARA MOVED INLAND NEAR SHANWEI.

THERE WERE SOME SHOWERS OVERNIGHT ON SEPTEMBER 23 AND THE WEATHER BECAME MAINLY FINE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 27.

FOLLOWING SOME ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS ON SEPTEMBER 28, MORE WIDESPREAD THUNDERSTORMS AND VIOLENT SHOWERS OCCURRED EARLY ON SEPTEMBER 29, MAKING IT THE WETTEST DAY OF THE YEAR. THE RAINFALL RECORDED ON THAT DAY WAS 128.5 MM, AND THE HEAVIEST DOWNPOUR OCCURRED BETWEEN 2 AND 4 AM, THERE WERE MANY REPORTS OF FLOODING, LANDSLIPS AND ROAD SUBSIDENCES.

A STRONG MONSOON SIGNAL WAS HOISTED ON SEPTEMBER 30. EAST-SOUTHEASTERLY WINDS WERE STRONG OFFSHORE AND THERE WERE A FEW SHOWERS.

DURING THE MONTH, TWO AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER.

THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED FROM SEPTEMBER 1 TO 6, AND ALSO ON SEPTEMBER 14 AND 29.

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE :

SUNSHINE	132.3 HOURS	= 56.2 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
RAINFALL	381.9 MM	= 61.5 MM ABOVE NORMAL
CLOUDINESS	72 %	= 10 % ABOVE NORMAL
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	81 %	= 2 % ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	29.3 DEGREE C	= 1.2 DEGREE C BELOW NORMAL
MEAN TEMPERATURE	27.2 DEGREE C	= 0.3 DEGREE C BELOW NORMAL
MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	25.4 DEGREE C	= 0.2 DEGREE C ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	23.6 DEGREE C	= 0.4 DEGREE C ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	118.5 MM	= 44.7 MM BELOW NORMAL

MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 32.1 DEGREE C WAS RECORDED ON SEPTEMBER 20.

MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 23.8 DEGREE C WAS RECORDED ON SEPTEMBER 16.

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YOUNG MUSIC MAKERS TALENT QUEST
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FOURTEEN GROUPS OF GIFTED YOUNG MUSICIANS WILL TAKE PART IN THE FINALS OF THE 1981 YOUNG MUSIC MAKERS' TALENT QUEST TO BE HELD AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL THIS SATURDAY EVENING (OCTOBER 17).

THE COMPETITION IS ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DIVISION'S MUSIC OFFICE AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, AND SPONSORED BY AIWA DRANSFIELD COMPANY.

THE FINALISTS WERE AMONG 29 GROUPS TAKING PART IN THE SEMI-FINALS YESTERDAY (SUNDAY).

IN THE FINALS, THE CONTESTANTS WILL COMPETE IN THREE TYPES OF MUSIC -- WESTERN, CHINESE AND FOLK. SIX GROUPS WILL TAKE PART IN WESTERN MUSIC, FOUR IN CHINESE MUSIC AND THE REST IN FOLK MUSIC.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUSIC OFFICE SAID THE STANDARD OF YESTERDAY'S SEMI-FINALS WAS GENERALLY SATISFACTORY, PARTICULARLY IN WESTERN AND CHINESE MUSIC.

+IT IS WORTHWHILE TO NOTE THAT MANY YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER 30 HAVE SHOWN INTEREST IN CHINESE MUSIC AND MANY OF THEIR COMPOSITIONS SHOW ORIGINALITY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

DURING THE FINAL CONTEST, ALBERT AU, A LOCAL SINGER AND THE HONG KONG CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL GIVE GUEST PERFORMANCES.

THE PANEL OF JUDGES IN THE FINALS WILL BE THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM= THE ASSISTANT MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, MR THOMAS WANG= THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF AIWA, MR KENNETH FUNG= AND WELL-KNOWN LOCAL MUSICIANS: PROFESSOR LIN SHING SHIH, DOMING LAM, DR YIP WAI HONG AND CHAN HO CHOI.

ADMISSION TICKETS AT $5 EACH FOR THE FINALS TO TAKE PLACE AT 7.30 PM ON OCTOBER 17 ARE NOW ON SALE AT ALL THE MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE AND A.C. HALL. ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE BY TELEPHONING 5-283257.

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+AN EVENING OF CHINESE MELODIES+
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+AN EVENING OF CHINESE MELODIES+ WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL ON OCTOBER 24 (SATURDAY) AT THE TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM, STARTING AT 7.30 PM.

SOPRANO BARBARA FEI, TENOR LIN SIANG-YUEN AND BARITONE CHAN KUNG-SANG WITH GABRIEL KWOK AT THE PIANO WILL APPEAR IN THIS PERFORMANCE, SINGING CHINESE FOLK AND ART SONGS.

BARBARA FEI HAS GIVEN MANY RECITALS IN HONG KONG AND HAS PERFORMED ON RADIO AND TELEVISION HERE AND IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

SHE FOUNDED THE +ALLEGRO SINGERS+ AND SERVES AS CHOIR DIRECTOR FOR SEVERAL CHURCHES AND MISSIONARY GROUPS, AND HAS BEEN A VOCAL TEACHER FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS.

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LIN SIANG-YUEN, A GRADUATE OF THE SHANGHAI CONSERVATORY, SINGS BOTH WESTERN OPERA AND CHINESE FOLK SONGS, AND HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE PROMOTION OF OPERATIC ART.

BARITONE CHAN KUNG-SANG GRADUATED FROM CHUNG CHI COLLEGE AND IS A BUSINESSMAN BY PROFESSION. HE HAS TAKEN PART IN SOLO ROLES IN MANY ORATORIO PERFORMANCES AND IS A PAST CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG ORATORIO SOCIETY.

ACCOMPANIST GABRIEL KWOK BEGAN HIS PIANO STUDIES WITH ALICE KWOK AND SUBSEQUENTLY WITH TU YUEH-SIEN. IN 1969 HE WON THE ASSOCIATED BOARD SCHOLARSHIP, ENABLING HIM TO STUDY AT THE ROYAL ACADEMY IN LONDON. HE RETURNED IN 1978 AND HAS BEEN PLAYING IN CONCERTS AS SOLOIST AND ACCOMPANIST FOR LOCAL AND VISITING ARTISTS. HE TEACHES MUSIC AT LINGNAN COLLEGE.

TICKETS FOR THE CONCERT AT $3, $5 AND $7 ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL BOX OFFICE.

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BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION OPEN TO TUEN MUN STUDENTS

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STUDENTS ATTENDING PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN TUEN MUN ARE INVITED TO ENTER A BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION.

THE EVENT IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN FESTIVAL '81 ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

THERE ARE TWO SECTIONS, ONE FOR PRIMARY AND THE OTHER FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.

DESIGNS SHOULD BE ABLE TO SHOW THE CLOSE COMMUNITY TIES AMONG THE RESIDENTS, RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES BEING HELD IN THE NEW TOWN OR THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT.

THEY SHOULD NOT HAVE MORE THAN FOUR COLOURS, AND NOT EXCEED 40 CM BY 30 CM IN SIZE.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE NEXT TUESDAY (OCTOBER 20) TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

ADJUDICATORS WILL BE INVITED FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. WINNERS, WHO WILL BE NOTIFIED BY LETTER, WILL EACH RECEIVE A MEDAL.

THE WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE PRINTED AS BOOKMARKS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO STUDENTS TO MARK THE OCCASION OF THE TUEN MUN FESTIVAL.

THE FESTIVAL, TO BE HELD BETWEEN NOVEMBER 21 AND DECEMBER 6, IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE MUSIC PERFORMANCES, SINGING, DANCING, DRAMA COMPETITIONS, EXHIBITIONS, GAME STALLS AND CARNIVALS.

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SALT WATER SUPPLY
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO SOME AREAS IN KOWLOON WILL BE CUT OFF FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) FOR ROUTINE CLEANING OF A SALT WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR.

THE AREAS TO BE AFFECTED ARE KING'S PARK AND HO MAN TIN. SUPPLY TO KING GEORGE V SCHOOL WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED.

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