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TOTAL BAN ON FIRES IN TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK AND TAI PO KAU
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A COMPLETE BAN ON THE LIGHTING OF FIRES FOR ANY PURPOSE IN ONE COUNTRY PARK AND A NATURE RESERVE AREA IN THE NEW TERRITORIES HAS BEEN IMPOSED, BEGINNING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE TOTAL BAN ON FIRES WILL BE APPLIED IN THE PAT HEUNG AREA AND THE CAMP SITES OF TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK AND THE TAI PO KAU NATURE RESERVE. THE BAN WILL REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY SAID THE BAN IS NECESSARY WITH THE PREVAILING DRY AND WINDY WEATHER CONDITIONS WHICH PLACE THE COUNTRYSIDE IN GREAT DANGER FROM HILLFIRES.

+AGGRAVATING THE SITUATION IS THE FACT THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO MEASURABLE RAINFALL FOR MORE THAN 30 DAYS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PLANNING TO PICNIC IN ANY OF THE COUNTRY PARKS TO TAKE SANDWICHES OR PRE-COOKED FOOD WITH THEM.

+AT THIS TIME OF YEAR, PEOPLE SHOULD ALSO AVOID LIGHTING FIRES ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE FOR ANY PURPOSE WHATSOEVER,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +AND IN PARTICULAR, VISITORS SHOULD BE VERY CAREFUL OVER SMOKING FOR CARELESS DISPOSAL OF CIGARETTE ENDS IS A MAJOR CAUSE OF FIRES.+

FIRE IS THE BIGGEST SINGLE THREAT TO THE COUNTRYSIDE AND NO ONE SHOULD UNDERESTIMATE THE VULNERABILITY OF LARGE AREAS OF HONG KONG TO CARELESSNESS BY PERSONS VISITING THE COUNTRYSIDE.

THE SPOKESMAN APPEALED FOR THE FULLEST COOPERATION FROM ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY DURING THIS CRITICAL PERIOD.

HE REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT ILLEGAL USE OF FIRES IN COUNTRY PARKS COULD RESULT IN A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 WHILE THE MAXIMUM FINE FOR ILLEGAL USE OF FIRES ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE BUT OUTSIDE COUNTRY PARKS IS \$2 000.

HE ADDED THAT 178 PEOPLE HAD BEEN PROSECUTED AND CONVICTED FOR THIS OFFENCE SINCE APRIL LAST YEAR.

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1980 : A YEAR OF WEATHER RECORDS

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1980 WILL BE REMEMBERED AS THE YEAR IN WHICH THERE WERE THUNDERSTORMS AND HAILSTORMS IN FEBRUARY, A LONG HOT DRY SPELL IN JUNE, AND STRONG DESTRUCTIVE TYPHOONS WHICH FORTUNATELY DID NOT COME CLOSE TO HONG KONG TO CAUSE SERIOUS DAMAGE.

ACCORDING TO THE 1980 WEATHER SUMMARY ISSUED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY TODAY, THUNDERSTORMS IN FEBRUARY ARE RARE IN HONG KONG AND HAVE NOT OCCURRED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY SINCE 1966.

HOWEVER THERE WERE SUCH STORMS ON FOUR OF THE LAST SIX DAYS OF FEBRUARY LAST YEAR.

THE STORMS ON THE EARLY MORNING OF FEBRUARY 27 WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THE ARRIVAL OF A COLD FRONT COUPLED WITH PERTURBATIONS IN THE UPPER WESTERLY WINDS. THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY VIOLENT NORTHWESTERLY SQUALLS. A CHINESE PASSENGER FERRY, THE SHUGUANG NO. 401, CAPSIZED ON THE RIVER TAN JIANG ABOUT 80 NAUTICAL MILES WEST OF HONG KONG.

ON THE SAME DAY, HAIL, WHICH HAS NEVER BEEN RECORDED IN FEBRUARY BEFORE, WAS REPORTED BY A NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE KWAI CHUNG AND REPULSE BAY AREAS.

HAIL WAS AGAIN REPORTED ON MARCH 5 AND 6. THIS SET A NEW RECORD OF THREE HAILSTORMS IN NINE DAYS.

ON MARCH 5, RESIDENTS IN YUEN LONG, KAM TIN, TUEN MUN, TSUEN WAN, TAI MO SHAN AND TAI PO REPORTED HAIL BETWEEN 12.05 PM AND 12.45 PM. THE BIGGEST HAILSTONES MEASURED ABOUT 30 MM IN DIAMETER. ABOUT 400 HECTARES OF CROPS, REPRESENTING 12 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL VEGETABLE PRODUCTION, WERE DAMAGED BY THE HAIL. IT WAS REPORTED AGAIN SHORTLY AFTER 5 AM ON MARCH 6 AT KAM TIN, LAM TSUEN AND YUEN CHAU TSAI.

THE HOT SPELL IN JUNE WAS UNPRECEDENTED SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1884: MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES WERE ABOVE 33.0 DEGREES CELSIUS EVERY DAY BETWEEN JUNE 17 AND 24 AND ABOVE 34.0 DEGREES CELSIUS BETWEEN JUNE 19 AND 22.

THE HOTTEST DAY OF THE MONTH WAS JUNE 22 WHEN THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE REACHED 34.8 DEGREES CELSIUS -- THE SECOND HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR THE MONTH, THE HIGHEST BEING 35.6 DEGREES RECORDED ON JUNE 1, 1963.

JUNE SET ANOTHER RECORD -- ONLY 12 DAYS WITH MEASURABLE RAIN AMOUNTING TO ONLY 150.9 MM, 306.6 MM SHORT OF NORMAL.

TROPICAL CYCLONES BEGAN TO AFFECT THE WEATHER OF HONG KONG IN MAY WITH SEVERE TROPICAL STORM GEORGIA PASSING ABOUT 90 NAUTICAL MILES TO THE EAST-SOUTHEAST ON MAY 23. GALES WERE EXPERIENCED OFFSHORE AND ON HILL TOPS BUT GEORGIA DID NOT BRING MUCH RAIN.

SEVERE TROPICAL STORM HERBERT WAS THE ONLY TROPICAL CYCLONE OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA DURING JUNE. HERBERT PASSED ABOUT 300 NAUTICAL MILES FROM HONG KONG ON JUNE 28 AND ONLY BROUGHT SOME SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS.

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THERE WERE FOUR TROPICAL CYCLONES IN JULY FOR WHICH LOCAL WARNING SIGNALS WERE HOISTED. SEVERE TROPICAL STORM IDA WAS CLOSEST ON JULY 11 AND BROUGHT A TOTAL OF 190.8 MM OF RAIN. AN UNNAMED STORM SOUTH OF HONG KONG CAUSED STRONG WINDS ON JULY 18. TYPHOON KIM DEVASTATED THE NORTHERN PHILIPPINES ON JULY 25 AND WAS CLOSEST TO HONG KONG ON JULY 27, CAUSING SLIGHT DAMAGE.

THE ONLY GALE OR STORM SIGNALS OF THE YEAR WERE HOISTED FOR 13 HOURS 25 MINUTES FOR TYPHOON JOE WHICH PASSED ABOUT 190 NAUTICAL MILES TO THE SOUTH-SOUTHWEST ON JULY 22.

JOE CLAIMED TWO LIVES IN AN ACCIDENT ON A CONSTRUCTION SITE IN KWAI CHUNG AND SANK A JUNK OFF ABERDEEN WITH ONE PERSON MISSING. IN ADDITION IT CAUSED INJURIES TO 59 PERSONS AND BROKE LOOSE THREE OCEAN-GOING VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR. ACCORDING TO CHINESE REPORTS, THE TYPHOON -- WHICH PASSED OVER THE LEIZHOU (LUICHOW) PENINSULA -- WAS THE STRONGEST OVER THE REGION IN 26 YEARS.

IN AUGUST ONLY A TROPICAL DEPRESSION PASSED TO THE SOUTHWEST ON THE 18TH WITHOUT CAUSING ANY DAMAGE TO HONG KONG.

IN THE FOLLOWING MONTH, SEVEN CYCLONES DEVELOPED BUT NONE CAME VERY CLOSE TO HONG KONG. TYPHOON RUTH STRUCK HAINAN DAO (HAINAN ISLAND) ON SEPTEMBER 15 AND REACHED THE COAST OF VIETNAM NEAR HANOI ON SEPTEMBER 16. IT WAS THE WORST TYPHOON TO HIT THANH HOA PROVINCE IN 30 YEARS. TYPHOON PERCY CROSSED THE SOUTHERN TIP OF TAIWAN CLOSE TO HENGCHUN ON SEPTEMBER 18 AND LANDED NEAR SHANTOU (SWATOW).

THE LAST TROPICAL CYCLONE OF THE YEAR, TROPICAL STORM CARY, MOVED ACROSS THE SOUTH CHINA SEA BETWEEN OCTOBER 29 AND NOVEMBER 2 BUT DID NOT AFFECT HONG KONG.

ON THE WHOLE, 1980 WAS GENERALLY A HOT DRY YEAR. RAINFALL WAS ONLY 1710.6 MM COMPARED TO A NORMAL 2246.4 MM. MOST OF THIS DEFICIT OCCURRED IN JUNE. THE NUMBER OF TROPICAL CYCLONES IN THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND CHINA SEAS WAS NEARLY NORMAL AND SIGNALS WERE HOISTED ON TEN OCCASIONS INCLUDING SEVEN ON WEEKENDS.

THE WINTER WAS EXCEPTIONALLY DRY. THE TOTAL RAINFALL FOR THE FOUR MONTHS OCTOBER 1979 TO JANUARY 1980 AMOUNTED TO ONLY 15.7 MM, MAKING IT THE DRIEST FOUR-MONTH PERIOD EVER RECORDED.

A MONTH-BY-MONTH WEATHER SUMMARY FOR 1980 FOLLOWS:

JANUARY:

ALTHOUGH IT WAS VERY COLD AT THE END OF THE MONTH, JANUARY AS A WHOLE WAS Milder THAN USUAL. AN INTENSE COLD FRONT ON JANUARY 29 CLEARED THE MIST AND FOG AND CAUSED AN EXTREMELY SHARP DROP IN TEMPERATURE OF MORE THAN 19 DEGREES CELSIUS IN 40 HOURS. ON THE MORNING OF JANUARY 31, FROST WAS REPORTED AT TAI MO SHAN WHERE A MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF -3.7 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS REPORTED.

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FEBRUARY:

ALTHOUGH THE MEAN TEMPERATURE FOR THE MONTH WAS ONLY 1.9 DEGREES CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL, THE FIRST 10 DAYS WERE VERY COLD WITH DAILY MINIMUM TEMPERATURES RANGING FROM 5.5 TO 11.4 DEGREES CELSIUS. THE MEAN TEMPERATURE FOR THIS PERIOD WAS 9.9 DEGREES CELSIUS MAKING IT THE COLDEST 12-DAY PERIOD SINCE JANUARY 1900. FEBRUARY 9 WAS THE COLDEST DAY OF THE YEAR WHEN THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY RECORDED 5.5 DEGREES CELSIUS WHICH WAS THE LOWEST SINCE DECEMBER 14, 1975. THUNDERSTORMS WERE RECORDED ON FOUR OF THE LAST SIX DAYS OF THE MONTH AND A HAILSTORM WAS REPORTED ON FEBRUARY 27.

MARCH:

MARCH WAS WARMER, CLOUDIER AND MORE HUMID THAN USUAL. APART FROM THE HAILSTORMS ON MARCH 5 AND 6, THERE WAS COASTAL FOG FROM MARCH 1 TO 9. THIS WAS THE LONGEST PERIOD OF CONSECUTIVE FOGGY DAYS AT WAGLAN ISLAND SINCE 1953. FOG WAS REPORTED INSIDE THE HARBOUR ON SIX OF THESE DAYS.

APRIL:

APRIL WAS LESS SUNNY AND CLOUDIER THAN USUAL. WIDESPREAD THUNDERSTORMS AND HEAVY SHOWERS OCCURRED ON APRIL 13. MIST AND FOG DEVELOPED BETWEEN APRIL 19 AND 22. THE STRONG MONSOON SIGNAL WAS HOISTED ON FIVE OCCASIONS.

MAY:

THE MONTH WAS COOLER WITH LESS SUNSHINE THAN USUAL. THE SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS ON THE FIRST 11 DAYS BROUGHT 224.3 MM OF RAIN WHICH REPRESENTED MORE THAN 80 PER CENT OF THE MONTH'S TOTAL RAINFALL.

JUNE:

DURING MOST OF JUNE, HONG KONG WAS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A PRONOUNCED AND PERSISTENT RIDGE OF HIGH PRESSURE FROM THE PACIFIC ANTICYCLONE AND AS A RESULT THE MONTH WAS MUCH SUNNIER AND HOTTER THAN USUAL. THE MONTH'S TOTAL RAINFALL OF 150.9 MM RANKS 10TH LOWEST ON RECORD FOR JUNE.

JULY:

JULY WAS HOTTER AND WETTER THAN USUAL. THE MONTH'S TOTAL RAINFALL OF 454.4 MM WAS 42 PER CENT ABOVE NORMAL. THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 35.0 DEGREES CELSIUS RECORDED ON JULY 10 WAS THE HIGHEST TEMPERATURE OF THE YEAR. THERE WERE FOUR TROPICAL CYCLONES FOR WHICH LOCAL WARNING SIGNALS WERE HOISTED.

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AUGUST WAS HOTTER AND DRIER THAN USUAL. THE MEAN TEMPERATURE, 28.8 DEGREES CELSIUS, WAS THE FOURTH HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR THE MONTH AND THE TOTAL RAINFALL OF 250.0 MM WAS 170.2 MM BELOW AVERAGE. THUNDERSTORMS AND HEAVY RAIN ON AUGUST 7 LED TO SERIOUS FLOODINGS IN TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG.

SEPTEMBER:

SEPTEMBER WAS DRIER AND CLOUDIER THAN USUAL. SEVEN TROPICAL CYCLONES DEVELOPED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA BUT NONE OF THEM CAME VERY CLOSE TO HONG KONG.

OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER:

THE LAST THREE MONTHS OF THE YEAR WERE ALL SUNNIER, DRIER AND WARMER THAN NORMAL. THERE WAS A PROLONGED FINE SPELL FROM SEPTEMBER 29 TO OCTOBER 17. NOVEMBER'S MEAN TEMPERAURE OF 22.3 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS THE SEVENTH HIGHEST SINCE 1884. THE CONTINENTAL ANTICYCLONE DOMINATED CHINA THROUGHOUT THE MONTH, LEADING TO GENERALLY FINE AND SUNNY WEATHER IN HONG KONG. THERE WAS ONLY ONE DAY, DECEMBER 7, WITH MEASURABLE RAIN IN DECEMBER AND THE MONTH'S TOTAL RAINFALL WAS ONLY 0.7 MM.

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MORE ATTENTION PAID TO NT RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

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THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW DEVOTING MORE ATTENTION TO THE PROVISION OF OTHER SERVICES AND FACILITIES ON TOP OF BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

THIS WAS STATED BY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY AT THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING FOR THE TUEN MUN TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND.

THE PROJECT COST IS \$6.5 MILLION, OF WHICH SIR SHIU KIN TANG DONATED \$2 MILLION.

IT IS BEING BUILT NEAR TAI HING ESTATE ON A FOUR HECTARE SITE. THE FIRST PHASE, COMPRISING A STANDARD GRASS SOCCER PITCH, A 400-METRE RUNNING TRACK AND FACILITIES FOR FIELD AND TRACK EVENTS, WILL BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER.

+NOW THAT THE BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE OF TUEN MUN IS ESTABLISHED AND AN IMPRESSIVE BUILDING PROGRAMME OF HOUSING ESTATES AND FACTORIES IS A CLEAR REALITY, WE MUST DEVOTE MORE ATTENTION TO THE PROVISION OF OTHER SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AND THIS WE ARE NOW DOING,+ MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

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THE COMPLETION OF THE SPORTS GROUND IN 10 MONTHS' TIME WILL PROVIDE THE TOWN WITH A VENUE FOR DISTRICT SPORTS DAYS, ATHLETIC MEETS, LOCAL FESTIVALS AND INTER-DISTRICT EVENTS.

THEREAFTER, TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD AND DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WILL ENSURE THAT THE FACILITIES ARE FULLY AND WISELY USED.

MR AKERS-JONES THANKED SIR SHIU KIN TANG FOR HIS GENEROUS DONATION WITHOUT WHICH, HE SAID, THE WORK WOULD NOT HAVE GOT OFF TO SUCH AN EARLY START.

+SIR SHIU KIN TANG HAS DEMONSTRATED, ONCE AGAIN, HIS GREAT INTEREST IN PROVIDING SPORTS AND RECREATION FACILITIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+THE SQUASH COURTS IN YUEN LONG, THE HOLIDAY CENTRE, THE SEA CADET CENTRE AND SAI KUNG SPORTS GROUND ARE ALL EXAMPLES OF HIS HELP AND GENEROSITY.+

MR AKERS-JONES ALSO THANKED ALL THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT, PARTICULARLY THE PROJECT MANAGER OF TUEN MUN, MR STANLEY BARDEN, WHO HAD DONE SO MUCH TO GET THE PROJECT QUICKLY OFF THE GROUND AND TO ENSURE ITS EARLY COMPLETION.

SPEAKING OF PROMOTION OF SPORTS ACTIVITIES, HE SAID AN INFORMAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE, WHICH WAS FORMED TWO MONTHS AGO, WAS ORGANISING INTER-DISTRICT FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, VOLLEY BALL, BADMINTON, TABLE TENNIS AND TENNIS TOURNAMENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, AND THE SOCCER LEAGUE HAD ALREADY GOT OFF TO A GOOD START.

+THERE HAS BEEN ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS AND THE TIME MAY HAVE BEEN REACHED WHEN A MORE PERMANENT CENTRAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE IS NEEDED TO COORDINATE AND PROMOTE EVERY KIND OF SPORTING ACTIVITY.+

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BILLY LAM, AND SIR SHIU KIN TANG.

SIR SHIU KIN TANG SAID: +MY LONG YEARS OF SERVICE TO THIS COMMUNITY HAVE CONVINCED ME THAT THE PROSPERITY OF OUR SOCIETY DEPENDS SUBSTANTIALLY ON THE MUTUAL TRUST AND CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN RESIDENTS AND GOVERNMENT.+

ASSURING NEW TERRITORIES RESIDENTS OF HIS CONTINUOUS STRONG SUPPORT FOR ALL WORTHWHILE PROJECTS IN THE FUTURE, HE SAID IT HAD ALWAYS BEEN HIS SINCERE WISH TO RENDER WHATEVER ASSISTANCE HE COULD TO THE GOVERNMENT IN PROVIDING ALL KINDS OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FACILITIES TO MEET THE RISING EXPECTATION OF THE PEOPLE.

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IF YOU HAVE A TAX COMPLAINT
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TAXPAYERS ARE REMINDED TODAY THAT IF THEY ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE SERVICES GIVEN TO THEM BY THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, ITS COMPLAINTS OFFICER IS THERE TO HELP THEM.

MR FUNG YUN-CHI, THE COMPLAINTS OFFICER, CAN BE CONTACTED AT THE DEPARTMENT ON THE 26TH FLOOR OF WINDSOR HOUSE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG, BY TELEPHONE (5-79595656), OR BY WRITING TO GPO BOX 11234, HONG KONG.

TAXPAYERS ARE URGED TO APPROACH MR FUNG DIRECT IF THEIR INITIAL ENQUIRIES WITH THE OFFICERS HANDLING THEIR CASE HAVE NOT RESOLVED THEIR PROBLEMS.

MR FUNG HANDLES ALL COMPLAINTS EXCEPT THOSE CONCERNING THE CORRECTNESS OF AN ASSESSMENT OR THE TAX LAW ITSELF.

+THERE ARE ALREADY ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS, BOTH LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE, TO ENSURE THAT OBJECTIONS AGAINST ASSESSMENTS ARE PROPERLY PROCESSED UNTIL EITHER THE OBJECTION IS WITHDRAWN OR A FORMAL DECISION IS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE, + A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT.

LAST YEAR, THE SPECIAL COMPLAINTS SECTION RECEIVED ABOUT 1 200 TAX COMPLAINTS AND ENQUIRIES, 95 PER CENT OF WHICH WERE RECEIVED OVER THE TELEPHONE, WHILE THE REMAINING 5 PER CENT COMPRISED LETTERS AND PERSONAL INTERVIEWS.

OF THE TOTAL NUMBER, MORE THAN HALF, OR 55 PER CENT, WERE RELATED TO SALARIES TAX AND PERSONAL ASSESSMENT. OTHER COMPLAINTS AND ENQUIRIES AROSE FROM PROPERTY TAX, TAX COLLECTION, AND PROFITS TAX.

REPORTS ON SUSPECTED TAX EVASION WERE ALSO RECEIVED WHICH WERE REFERRED TO OTHER SECTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR INVESTIGATION.

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SQUATTERS RECEIVE PROPER ELECTRICITY SUPPLY
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RESIDENTS OF YET ANOTHER SQUATTER AREA WILL NO LONGER HAVE TO LIVE WITH SERIOUS FIRE HAZARDS AND THE INCONVENIENCE OF POWER FAILURES FROM THIS SUNDAY (JANUARY 18) WHEN A PROPER ELECTRICITY SUPPLY IS CONNECTED TO THEIR VILLAGE.

THE EVENT WILL BE CELEBRATED BY THE RESIDENTS, AT CHUNG LUEN CHUEN IN SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT, WITH A SWITCH-ON CEREMONY TO BE OFFICIATED BY THE DISTRICT'S CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, MR STEPHEN IP.

DISTRICT ENGINEER OF CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY,
MR P.G. WILLIAMSON WILL BE THE GUEST OF HONOUR.

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CHUNG LUEN CHUEN COMPRISES MORE THAN 120 STRUCTURES LIVING SOME 700 PEOPLE.

ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT A VERY LARGE SQUATTER AREA, THE RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO COOPERATE AND ORGANISE A MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE WITH THE HELP OF THE CDO TO WORK FOR THE INSTALLATION OF LEGAL ELECTRICITY SUPPLY.

THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND SHEK KIP MEI POLICE STATION HAVE ALSO HELPED THEM IN THEIR EFFORTS. TOGETHER WITH THE CDO AND THE POWER COMPANY, THEY WILL RECEIVE SOUVENIR PENNANTS FROM THE RESIDENTS AT THE SWITCH-ON CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE SWITCH-ON CEREMONY FOR THE ELECTRIFICATION SCHEME AT CHUNG LUEN CHUEN, 3-1/2 MILE TAI PO ROAD. TRANSPORT TO THE VILLAGE WILL BE PROVIDED AND WILL LEAVE SHAM SHUI PO CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT 299 LAI CHI KOK ROAD AT 10.30 AM. THOSE GOING BY THEMSELVES ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT 10.45 AM AT THE FOOTHILL ENTRANCE WHERE THEY WILL BE CONDUCTED BY CDO STAFF TO THE VILLAGE OPEN SPACE FOR THE CEREMONY AT 11 AM.

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UK INSPECTOR TO ADVISE ON TECHNICAL EDUCATION

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AN INSPECTOR FROM BRITAIN IS CURRENTLY IN HONG KONG ON A THREE-WEEK VISIT TO ADVISE THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

HE IS MR JOHN SWAIN, SENIOR STAFF OF HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTORATE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AS PART OF GENERAL EDUCATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE MAIN AIM OF HIS VISIT IS TO REAPPRAISE THE DEVELOPMENT OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS OF CRAFT, DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY AND OTHER ASSOCIATED SUBJECTS SUCH AS TECHNICAL DRAWING, WOODWORK, ELECTRONICS AND ELECTRICITY, IN RELATION TO THE POLICIES OUTLINED IN THE 1974 AND 1978 EDUCATION WHITE PAPERS.

MR SWAIN IS EXAMINING THE INITIAL AND IN-SERVICE TRAINING FOR TECHNICAL TEACHERS IN RELATION TO PROJECTED POLICIES- THE ROLE AND FUNCTION OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE'S TECHNICAL SUBJECTS SECTION- AND THE TEACHING OF TECHNICAL SUBJECTS AT JUNIOR SECONDARY AND SENIOR SECONDARY LEVELS IN A SELECTION OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF SCHOOLS, INCLUDING PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

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IN ADDITION, HE WILL BE GIVING A LECTURE ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 17) TO TECHNICAL TEACHERS ON +TRENDS IN TECHNICAL EDUCATION AS PART OF GENERAL EDUCATION+.

IT WILL BE HELD AT 9.30 AM IN THE LECTURE THEATRE OF LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE IN KOWLOON TONG, AND ALL TECHNICAL TEACHERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE SEMINAR WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 9.30 AM ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 17 AT THE LECTURE THEATRE OF LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, 30 RENFREW ROAD, KOWLOON TONG.

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FANLING SWIMMING POOL TO CLOSE

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THE FANLING SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) FOR ANNUAL MAINTENANCE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID THE POOL WOULD BE RE-OPENED ON APRIL 1.

+THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IT IS CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE SINCE ITS OPENING IN OCTOBER 1978,+ HE SAID.

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MAXICAB ROUTE CHANGES

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TWO MAXICAB ROUTES TO CAUSEWAY BAY AND ONE TO SAI WAN HO ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL CHANGE TERMINUS THIS MONTH.

ROUTE NO. 28, SERVING BAGUIO VILLAS (NORTH), WILL MOVE ITS CAUSEWAY BAY TERMINUS TO YUN PING ROAD SOUTH OF PAK SHA ROAD.

ROUTE NO. 19, FROM O PUI LUNG, WILL END IN SAI WAN HO AT TAI SHEK STREET EAST OF SHING ON STREET.

THESE TWO CHANGES WILL BEGIN THIS SUNDAY (JANUARY 18).

FOR ROUTE NO. 5, BETWEEN ABERDEEN AND CAUSEWAY BAY, ITS TERMINI AT EITHER END WILL CHANGE FROM THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY (JANUARY 25). THE ROUTE WILL END AT THE NORTH SECTION OF NAM NING STREET AT ABERDEEN CENTRE, AND AT PAK SHA ROAD IN CAUSEWAY BAY.

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