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COLDEST NOVEMBER ON RECORD

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THE MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 19.1 DEGREES CELSIUS LAST MONTH MADE IT THE COLDEST NOVEMBER SINCE RECORD BEGAN IN 1884.

THE MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 22.2 DEGREES CELSIUS AND THE MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 16.6 DEGREES CELSIUS ALSO RESPECTIVELY RANKED THE SECOND AND THE THIRD LOWEST ON RECORD FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER.

ON THE WHOLE, THE MONTH WAS DRIER AND SUNNIER THAN USUAL WITH RAINFALL AMOUNTING TO ONLY 0.8 MM WHICH WAS TWO PER CENT OF THE AVERAGE FIGURE. HOWEVER, THE ACCUMULATED RAINFALL SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR WAS STILL TWO PER CENT ABOVE AVERAGE.

APART FROM ONE OR TWO LIGHT RAIN PATCHES ON NOVEMBER 1, THE WEATHER FOR THE FIRST FOUR DAYS OF THE MONTH WAS MAINLY FINE, SUNNY AND WARM.

ON NOVEMBER 4, THE TEMPERATURE ROSE TO A MAXIMUM OF 27.7 DEGREES CELSIUS, THE HIGHEST RECORDED IN THE MONTH.

A COLD FRONT PASSED THROUGH HONG KONG EARLY ON NOVEMBER 5, AND CONDITIONS BECAME CLOUDY WITH LIGHT RAIN PATCHES. PRACTICALLY ALL THE MONTH'S RAIN FELL ON THIS DAY. THE WEATHER IMPROVED GRADUALLY ON NOVEMBER 7 AND BECAME FINE, SUNNY AND MILD DURING THE NEXT THREE DAYS.

ANOTHER COLD FRONT ARRIVED FROM THE NORTH EARLY ON NOVEMBER 11, BRINGING A SPELL OF COLD AND DRY CONDITIONS WHICH LASTED UNTIL NOVEMBER 18. THE AIR TEMPERATURE FELL SLIGHTLY AT FIRST BUT MORE RAPIDLY LATER, WITH THE MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF THE MONTH - 11.8 DEGREES CELSIUS - RECORDED EARLY ON NOVEMBER 15.

DURING THE MONTH UNDER REVIEW, THE STRONG MONSOON SIGNAL WAS HOISTED ON THREE OCCASIONS AND FIRE DANGER WARNINGS WERE PRACTICALLY IN FORCE THROUGHOUT THE MONTH DUE TO THE EXCEPTIONALLY DRY CONDITIONS.

NO AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS DURING THE MONTH AND NO THUNDERSTORM OR HEAVY RAIN WARNINGS WERE ISSUED.

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SOCIAL STUDIES SEMINAR OPENS

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A GOOD TEXTBOOK ON SOCIAL STUDIES HAS BEEN PRODUCED AND WILL BE PLACED ON THE MARKET FOR SCHOOLS' USE IN SEPTEMBER 1977, THE DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS, MR. A.J. REEVE, SAID TODAY.

IN HIS OPENING ADDRESS TO THE SOCIAL STUDIES SEMINAR AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING, HE SAID TEACHERS INVOLVED IN THE TEACHING OF SOCIAL STUDIES FOR THE FIRST TIME HAVE HAD TO DO A GREAT DEAL OF WORK INDEPENDENT OF ANY TEXT-BOOK.

THOUGH SOME HELP HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE IN THE FORM OF SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS AND NEWSLETTERS, HE POINTED OUT THAT A GOOD TEXTBOOK WOULD STILL BE A VERY USEFUL AID.

+IN NO WAY AM I WISHING TO EXPRESS BIAS IN FAVOUR OF A PARTICULAR TEXTBOOK BUT THE ONE THAT I HAVE SEEN IS, I THINK, IDEAL AND DISPLAYS GREAT IMAGINATION AND CAREFUL PLANNING AND THOUGHT BY THE TWO AUTHORS,+ HE STRESSED.

MR. REEVE CALLED ON TEACHERS TO MAKE A REALISTIC APPRAISAL OF THE VALUE OF THE NEW SUBJECT AND ITS EFFECTS UPON PUPILS.

HE SAID EDUCATION SHOULD AIM AT ENRICHING THE PUPILS' MINDS BY GIVING THEM AN INTEREST IN ACADEMIC STUDIES WHICH WOULD BE A LASTING INTEREST, AND THAT +ONE SHOULD AIM TO PRODUCE PUPILS WELL-INFORMED, ABLE TO THINK LOGICALLY AND TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES PRECISELY AND RELEVANTLY+.

+HOWEVER, NOT EVERY PUPIL IS CAPABLE OF FOLLOWING A STRICTLY ACADEMIC COURSE AND BESIDES THERE IS MUCH TO BE SAID FOR MAKING THE CONTENT OF A YOUNG PERSON'S STUDIES MORE RELEVANT TO HIS OR HER FUTURE LIFE AND ENVIRONMENT AND TO MAKE IT MORE INTERESTING,+ HE SAID.

THE INCLUSION OF SUCH SOCIAL STUDIES SUBJECTS AS HOUSING, TRANSPORT AND POPULATION GROWTH PROBLEMS, HE ADDED, COULD BE USED TO MAKE PUPILS THINK FOR THEMSELVES ABOUT MATTERS THAT AFFECT THEIR DAILY LIFE AND INTRODUCE WORTHWHILE DISCUSSIONS AND DEBATES.

AT THE SAME TIME, MR. REEVE STRESSED THAT ONE MUST NOT NEGLECT THE ACADEMIC ASPECT, AND FELT THAT A GOOD TEACHER WOULD HAVE THE ABILITY TO WHET A PUPIL'S APPETITE FOR, AND STIMULATE HIS INTEREST IN, SUCH SEPARATE SUBJECTS AS HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY AND E.P.A. BY TEACHING WELL THE RELEVANT TOPICS IN THE SOCIAL STUDIES SYLLABUS.

+BUT I WOULD STRESS THE NEED ON THE PART OF TEACHERS TO SET HIGH STANDARDS OF LEARNING FOR THEIR PUPILS AND TO GIVE THEM ASSIGNMENTS WHICH WILL TEST THEIR PUPILS' ABILITY NOT ONLY TO MEMORISE BUT ALSO TO THINK AND EXERCISE THEIR POWERS OF JUDGEMENT AND REASONING,+ HE ADDED.

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SEWERS AND SUBMARINE OUTFALL
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WORK WILL BEGIN NEXT MONTH ON A SERIES OF SEWERS AND SUBMARINE OUTFALL IN HUNG HOM, AP LEI CHAU AND CHAI WAN TO STRENGTHEN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

IN HUNG HOM, A NETWORK OF SOME 800 METRES OF SEWAGE PIPELINES WILL BE LAID BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN WINSLOW STREET AND CHATHAM ROAD OUTSIDE THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

MR. CHAN YAN, CHIEF P.W.D. ENGINEERS OF THE DRAINAGE WORKS DIVISION SAID TODAY THE SYSTEM WAS DESIGNED TO CARRY SEWAGE FROM THE HUNG HOM AREA TO THE EXISTING SCREENING PLANT NEAR THE JUNCTION OF SALISBURY ROAD AND CHATHAM ROAD.

+THERE THE SEWAGE WILL BE SCREENED TO REMOVE SOLID WASTES AND THE EFFLUENT DISCHARGED INTO THE HARBOUR THROUGH A SUBMARINE PIPELINE SO THAT IT CAN BE EFFECTIVELY DISPERSED BY THE SEA WATER,+ HE SAID.

+THE SYSTEM WILL PROVIDE BETTER ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR THE AREA, AND HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO COPE WITH FUTURE NEEDS ARISING FROM THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EASTERN PART OF TSIM SHA TSUI,+ HE ADDED.

AT AP LEI CHAU, A 650-METRE INTERCEPTING SEWER AND A STORM-WATER DRAIN WILL BE BUILT ON THE WESTERN PART OF THE ISLAND.

MR. CHAN SAID THIS WOULD FORM PART OF A MAJOR SEWERAGE SCHEME TO INTERCEPT AND CONVEY SEWAGE FROM THE DISTRICT FOR PROPER TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL AT A NEW SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS SOON TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON THE SOUTHWEST SIDE OF THE ISLAND.

+THE STORMWATER DRAIN, WHICH IS OF ABOUT THE SAME SIZE AND LENGTH AS THE SEWER, IS DESIGNED TO REPLACE THE TEMPORARY SURFACE CHANNELS CURRENTLY IN USE AND PROVIDE A PERMANENT DRAINAGE OUTLET FOR THE CATCHMENT AREA,+ HE SAID.

IN CHAI WAN, TWO PARALLEL PIPELINES, EACH ABOUT 600 METRES LONG, WILL BE LAID ON THE SEABED OFF THE RECLAMATION AT SUN YIP STREET TO CONVEY SEWAGE FROM THE AREA TO DEEP WATER WHERE IT CAN BE EFFECTIVELY DILUTED AND DISPERSED.

TENDERS FOR THESE PROJECTS ARE BEING INVITED AND WORK WILL BEGIN NEXT MONTH.

THESE NEW SEWERAGE SYSTEMS AT HUNG HOM AND AP LEI CHAU SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR, WHILE THAT AT CHAI WAN WILL TAKE SOME 20 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

ALL THREE PROJECTS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED BY THE DRAINAGE WORKS DIVISION OF THE P.W.D.'S CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE WHICH WILL SUPERVISE THE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

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THIRD HOME FOR THE AGED IN TWO MONTHS
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, TODAY OPENED ANOTHER HOME FOR THE AGED - THE THIRD IN TWO MONTHS.

TOGETHER WITH THE CARE AND ATTENTION HOME IN FANLING, OF WHICH HE LAID THE FOUNDATION STONE ON THURSDAY, THE FOUR HOMES WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION FOR MORE THAN 260 ELDERLY PEOPLE.

AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SELF CARE UNIT OF THE YAU TONG HOSTEL FOR THE ELDERLY THIS MORNING, MR. LEE COMMENDED THE SALVATION ARMY FOR ESTABLISHING A CHAIN OF HOMES PROVIDING DIFFERENT TYPES OF RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES SUITABLE TO MEET THE VARIOUS NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY.

+THEY RESPECT THE AGED RESIDENTS, FEEL RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR WELL-BEING, ADOPT A PRACTICAL APPROACH TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS AND ORGANISE REGULAR ACTIVITIES FOR THEIR PLEASURE,+ HE ADDED.

THE YAU TONG HOSTEL WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1973 WITH A GRANT FROM THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND. IT OFFERS ACCOMMODATION TO 60 ELDERLY PERSONS WHO ARE SLIGHTLY HANDICAPPED.

THE OPENING OF THE SELF CARE UNIT, WHICH HAS ALSO BEEN GIVEN A GRANT OF \$100,000 FROM THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR EQUIPMENT, WILL EXTEND SERVICES TO ANOTHER 31 OLD PEOPLE WHO ARE ENTIRELY INDEPENDENT AND CAPABLE OF SELF CARE. THEY CAN DO THEIR OWN MARKETING, COOKING, LAUNDRY AND OTHER HOUSEHOLD CHORES.

IN NOVEMBER, MR. LEE OPENED THE LEK YUEN HOSTAL, A HOME FOR SOME 140 ELDERLY WOMEN OPERATED BY THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS. EARLIER THIS MONTH, HE OPENED THE CHAM SHAN TZ'U TE HOME FOR THE AGED WHICH PROVIDES RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FOR 72 OLD PEOPLE AT TAI O MUN ON CLEARWATER BAY ROAD.

THE BUDDHIST PO CHING CARE AND ATTENTION HOME IN FANLING WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE ABOUT 120 ELDERLY PEOPLE WHEN FINISHED.

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VOLUNTEER SCHOOL STUDENTS BUILD PLAYING AREA

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HUNDREDS OF KWAI CHUNG YOUNGSTERS WILL SOON BE ENJOYING THE FACILITIES OF A NEW PLAYING FIELD - BY COURTESY OF A JOINT EFFORT BY THE GOVERNMENT, THE ARMY AND LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN.

A VOLUNTEER WORKING PARTY OF STUDENTS FROM ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S SCHOOL IN TSUEN WAN IN RECENT WEEKS HAVE GIVEN UP THEIR WEEKENDS AND AFTER-SCHOOL RECREATION TO PREPARE A BASKETBALL PITCH ON A PIECE OF LAND GRANTED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT SPORTS FEDERATION.

THE LAND IS AT THE JUNCTION OF KWAI CHUNG ROAD AND HING FONG ROAD.

APART FROM THE BASKETBALL PITCH, THE AREA WILL ALSO HAVE A FOOTBALL PITCH TO BE USED BY LOCAL YOUTH TEAMS.

ALL THE MATERIALS AND THE SUPERVISORY EXPERTISE FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING SUPPLIED BY THE 10TH PRINCESS MARGARET'S OWN GURKHA RIFLES.

TODAY, TSUEN WAN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. BENJAMIN TANG, AND MAJOR P.N. COOKE, OF THE REGIMENT, TOOK A FIRST HAND LOOK AT THE PROGRESS ON THE WORK.

SAID MR. TANG: +IT LOOKS AS IF WE WILL MEET THE DECEMBER 31 COMPLETION DEADLINE.

+IT IS HEARTENING TO SEE SUCH ENTHUSIASM FROM THE LOCAL PEOPLE AND THE ARMY IN PROVIDING FACILITIES WHICH THE LOCAL YOUNGSTERS CAN ENJOY.+

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SAI YING PUN

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A NUMBER OF TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN SAI YING PUN ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 20) TO FACILITATE MAIN-LAYING WORKS OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

STARTING FROM 10 A.M. ON THAT DAY, THE SECTION OF CENTRE STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC AND THE PARKING SPACES IN THAT AREA WILL BE SUSPENDED.

IN ADDITION, THE SECTION OF EASTERN STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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