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JUNE RAINFALL NEAR NORMAL

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JUNE 1991 WAS THE SEVENTH WARMEST JUNE ON RECORD CONSIDERING THE MONTH'S MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 28.4 DEGREES AND THE MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 26.4 DEGREES, ACCORDING TO THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY'S MONTHLY WEATHER REPORT RELEASED TODAY (SATURDAY).

THOUGH LESS SPECTACULAR BUT MORE SIGNIFICANT, HOWEVER, WAS ITS NEAR-NORMAL RAINFALL FOLLOWING A SUBSTANTIAL DEFICIT IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THE YEAR.

THE MUCH NEEDED RAIN TOTALLED 371.7 MILLIMETRES IN THE MONTH AND REPRESENTED ABOUT 99 PER CENT OF THE JUNE NORMAL OF 376 MILLIMETRES.

NEVERTHELESS, THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR WAS STILL MUCH DRIER THAN NORMAL, RANKING THE FIFTH DRIEST ON RECORD. THE TOTAL RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 AMOUNTED TO 555.7 MILLIMETRES, ONLY 56 PER CENT OF THE NORMAL OF 992.5 MILLIMETRES FOR THE SAME PERIOD.

UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A STRONG RIDGE OF HIGH PRESSURE WHICH EXTENDED OVER SOUTHERN CHINA FROM THE PACIFIC, THE FINE SPELL IN LATE MAY CONTINUED INTO JUNE AND PERSISTED FOR THE FIRST SEVEN DAYS IN THE MONTH.

WITH LONG PERIODS OF SUNSHINE, THE INTENSE HEAT REACHED A CLIMAX ON JUNE 4. NOT ONLY WAS IT THE HOTTEST DAY OF THE YEAR SO FAR, ITS DAILY MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 34.4 DEGREES ALSO RENDERED IT THE THIRD HOTTEST DAY ON RECORD FOR JUNE.

THE WEATHER DETERIORATED ON JUNE 8 WITH THE ONSET OF THE FIRST MAJOR RAINY EPISODE OF THE YEAR. CONVECTIVE DEVELOPMENT TRIGGERED BY ACTIVE SOUTHWEST MONSOON OVER THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA KEPT SPREADING TOWARDS THE SOUTH CHINA COASTAL AREAS.

RAINFALL RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DURING THE FOUR-DAY PERIOD FROM JUNE 8 TO 11 AMOUNTED TO ABOUT 250 MILLIMETRES WHICH WAS 36 PER CENT MORE THAN THAT RECORDED OVER THE WHOLE PERIOD FROM JANUARY TO MAY. THE HEAVIEST DOWNPOUR OCCURRED DURING THE DAY ON JUNE 9.

THERE WERE ALSO FREQUENT AND WIDESPREAD THUNDERSTORMS WITH LIGHTNING AND SQUALLS. THE SQUALLS WERE MOST SEVERE IN THE EARLY HOURS OF JUNE 10 WHEN GUSTS OF 72 AND 96 KILOMETRES PER HOUR WERE REPORTED INSHORE AND OFFSHORE RESPECTIVELY.

AS A RESULT OF THE STORMY WEATHER, TREES WERE TOPPLED, MINOR FLOODING OCCURRED OVER VARIOUS PARTS OF THE TERRITORY AND A MUDSLIDE WAS REPORTED IN HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE WEATHER BECAME MORE SETTLED ON JUNE 12. AS THE MONSOON SUBSIDED AND THE PACIFIC RIDGE BECAME RE-ESTABLISHED OVER SOUTHERN CHINA, MAINLY FINE CONDITIONS PREVAILED TILL JUNE 18.

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HOWEVER, UNLIKE THE FINE SPELL EARLIER IN THE MONTH, THERE WERE SOME SHOWERS AROUND. THE SHOWERS WERE MOSTLY BRIEF AND LOCALISED DURING THE PERIOD, EXCEPT ON THE MORNING OF JUNE 18 WHEN THUNDERSTORMS WERE REPORTED.

THE WEATHER TURNED FOR THE WORSE ON JUNE 19 AS A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE DEVELOPED OVER GUANGDONG. THE TROUGH SUBSEQUENTLY LINGERED FOR DAYS NEAR THE SOUTH CHINA COAST, MAINTAINING A PROLONGED PERIOD OF RAINY WEATHER WHICH LASTED TILL JUNE 27.

THUNDERY ACTIVITY WAS MOST RAMPANT FROM JUNE 19 TO 22. TORRENTIAL RAIN OVER THE WESTERN PART OF THE TERRITORY ON JUNE 21 CAUSED WIDESPREAD FLOODING AND PARALYSED ROAD TRAFFIC IN TSUEN WAN DURING THE EVENING RUSH HOURS.

ENHANCED CONVECTIVE ACTIVITY ASSOCIATED WITH AN AREA OF LOW PRESSURE ALONG THE TROUGH TO THE EAST OF HONG KONG CAUSED A MOMENTARY STRENGTHENING OF THE NORTHEASTERLIES LATER ON JUNE 24.

AS A RESULT, COOLER AND DRIER AIR FROM INLAND AREAS WAS DRAWN IN, LEADING TO THE MONTH'S LOWEST TEMPERATURE OF 22.8 DEGREES ON THE DAY AND A CLEARANCE OF CLOUDS THE NEXT MORNING.

THE SUNNY SKY WAS, HOWEVER, SHORT-LIVED AS RAIN CLOUDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TROUGH SOON RETURNED. THE TROUGH, THOUGH WEAKENING AT THE TIME, BROUGHT A DAY OF NEARLY CONTINUOUS RAIN ON JUNE 26.

THE TROUGH EVENTUALLY DISSIPATED AND THE WEATHER BEGAN TO IMPROVE ON JUNE 28. SUNNY AND HOT CONDITIONS THEN PREVAILED FOR THE REST OF THE MONTH.

DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE, ONLY ONE TROPICAL CYCLONE, NAMELY TYPHOON YUNYA, OCCURRED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA.

THERE WERE TWO AIRCRAFT DIVERSIONS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER IN JUNE.

THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON JUNE 8, 9, 10, 11, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, AND 23. FLOOD WARNINGS WERE IN EFFECT ON JUNE 8, 9, 20, AND 22.

NO TROPICAL CYCLONE OR STRONG MONSOON SIGNALS WERE HOISTED DURING THE MONTH.

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

TOTAL BRIGHT SUNSHINE	163.9 HOURS ; 2.8 HOURS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DAILY GLOBAL SOLAR RADIATION	14.52 MJ/SQ.M. ; 2.03 MJ/SQ.M. BELOW NORMAL
TOTAL RAINFALL	371.7 MM ; 4.3 MM BELOW NORMAL
MEAN AMOUNT OF CLOUD	74 PER CENT ; ONE PER CENT LESS THAN NORMAL

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MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY	81 PER CENT ;	TWO PER CENT LOWER THAN NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	31.0 DEGREES CELSIUS ;	0.7 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN AIR TEMPERATURE	28.4 DEGREES CELSIUS ;	0.6 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MINIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	26.4 DEGREES CELSIUS ;	0.5 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	24.6 DEGREES CELSIUS ;	0.2 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	107.4 MM ;	36.5 MM BELOW NORMAL

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PLANNING GUIDELINES FOR GREEN BELT ZONE APPROVED

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD HAS APPROVED GUIDELINES FOR PLANNING APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT WITHIN AN AREA ZONED FOR GREEN BELT ON STATUTORY TOWN PLANS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THE GREEN BELT ZONE WAS PRIMARILY INTENDED TO PROMOTE CONSERVATION OF THE NATURAL LANDSCAPE WHICH PROVIDES A BACKDROP AND A BUFFER TO URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

"THE MAIN PURPOSES OF THIS ZONE ON STATUTORY TOWN PLANS (OUTLINE ZONING PLANS AND DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA PLANS) ARE TO PRESERVE NATURAL LANDSCAPE FEATURES AND AREAS OF HIGH VISUAL AMENITY, AND TO MAINTAIN A BUFFER BETWEEN URBAN AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT," HE SAID.

"SOME GREEN BELT ZONES COMPLETE WITH EXTENSIVE WALKING TRAILS ARE ALSO POPULAR OUTLETS FOR PASSIVE RECREATION ACTIVITIES."

THE SPOKESMAN DESCRIBED THE APPROVAL OF THE NEW GUIDELINES AS TIMELY, SINCE THE 30 DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA PLANS PUBLISHED YESTERDAY (FRIDAY) ADDED OVER 3,000 HECTARES OF GREEN BELT ZONE TO AREAS COVERED BY STATUTORY PLANS.

THERE IS A GENERAL PRESUMPTION AGAINST DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THIS ZONE. DEVELOPMENTS WHICH SERVE ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS ARE, HOWEVER, PERMITTED PROVIDED THEY DO NOT CREATE AN ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECT.

SOME DEVELOPMENTS PERMITTED WITHIN GREEN BELT ZONE SUCH AS TEMPLES AND SITTING-OUT AREAS HAVE PROVED TO BE POPULAR SPOTS FOR THE PUBLIC.

THERE IS ALSO A TREMENDOUS PRESSURE FOR DEVELOPMENT WITHIN GREEN BELT ZONES BECAUSE OF THE SCARCITY OF LAND FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE TERRITORY.

IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, THERE WERE 46 APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT WITHIN GREEN BELT AND SO FAR THIS YEAR THE BOARD HAS RECEIVED 32 APPLICATIONS. PROMULGATION OF THE GUIDELINES WILL PROVIDE A CLEAR GUIDE TO THE PLANNING INTENTION FOR THE GREEN BELT ZONE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE GUIDELINES FOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS WITHIN GREEN BELT ZONE EMPHASISED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SCALE AND INTENSITY OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS THAT SHOULD BE COMPATIBLE TO THE GENERAL SURROUNDING.

"THE IMPACT OF THE DEVELOPMENTS ON THE NATURAL LANDSCAPE, TOPOGRAPHY AND MATURE TREES WILL BE A CRUCIAL FACTOR IN DETERMINING THE ACCEPTABILITY OF AN APPLICATION," HE SAID.

"THE DESIGN AND LAYOUT OF THE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME AND LANDSCAPE TREATMENT PROPOSALS ARE ALSO ESSENTIAL FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION.

"USES SUCH AS PASSIVE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, PUBLIC UTILITY AND COMMUNITY USES AND THE NEW TERRITORIES EXEMPTED HOUSES (SMALL HOUSES FOR INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS) MAY BE GIVEN SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD."

COPIES OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE GREEN BELT ZONE UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE AT THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE PLANNING INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL ADMINISTRATION UNIT OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 848 2402.

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SPECIAL REVIEW ON 1989/90 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE
SURVEY AND CPI REBASING

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THE MAY 1991 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS CONTAINS A SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE ON "THE 1989/90 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY AND THE REBASING OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES".

THE HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY (HES) IS CONDUCTED ONCE EVERY FIVE YEARS TO COLLECT UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG FOR REBASING THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI).

THE 1989/90 HES WAS CONDUCTED JOINTLY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AND THE HANG SENG BANK LTD FROM OCTOBER 1989 TO SEPTEMBER 1990.

DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD, A HOUSEHOLD SPENT \$5,250 A FORTNIGHT ON THE AVERAGE ON FOODSTUFFS, HOUSING AND OTHER CONSUMER GOODS AND SERVICES.

THIS REPRESENTED A 52 PER CENT INCREASE IN MONEY TERMS AND ABOUT NINE PER CENT INCREASE IN REAL TERMS COMPARED TO THE AVERAGE BIWEEKLY HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE IN 1984/85.

BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THE 1989/90 HES, THE EXPENDITURE BRACKETS AND EXPENDITURE PATTERNS FOR CPI(A), CPI(B) AND THE HANG SENG CPI HAVE BEEN UPDATED. THE BASE PERIOD FOR THE INDEXES HAVE ALSO BEEN SHIFTED FROM 1984/85 TO 1989/90.

THE OBJECTIVES, SURVEY METHODS AND SUMMARY FINDINGS OF THE 1989/90 HES, AND SALIENT FEATURES OF THE REBASED CPI SERIES ARE GIVEN IN THE SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE.

THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS IS NOW ON SALE AT \$48 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AND THE PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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YOUTH CENTRES IMPORTANT FOR YOUTHS

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YOUTH CENTRES PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN SERVING AND TRAINING YOUNG PEOPLE, AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR ALEXANDER FUNG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

MR FUNG, SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF DIOCESAN WELFARE COUNCIL'S SHEUNG SHUI SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE, SAID AN EQUALLY IMPORTANT JOB IS TO HELP YOUNGSTERS TO FACE THE CHALLENGES AND SHOULDER THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE 90'S.

HE SAID: "ON THIS FRONTIER, YOUTH CENTRES HAVE BEEN PLAYING AN IMPORTANT ROLE. BEFORE THE YOUNGSTERS COULD FACE THE CHALLENGES AND TAKE UP MORE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY, THEY SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED TRAININGS AT THE CENTRES."

THE YOUTH CENTRES COULD HELP THEM DEVELOP FURTHER THEIR ABILITIES, FOSTER THEIR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND ESTABLISH THEIR CONFIDENCE, MR FUNG EXPLAINED.

HE NOTED THAT DIOCESAN WELFARE COUNCIL WAS CURRENTLY LAUNCHING A COMMUNITY CARE CAMPAIGN, AIMING AT ENCOURAGING THE PUBLIC TO ACTIVELY TAKE UP THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES IN A FAMILY AND IN A COMMUNITY.

"IT IS ALSO ENCOURAGING THAT SERVICES BEING OFFERED BY THE SHEUNG SHUI SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE, WHICH CAME INTO OPERATION IN 1989, HAVE BEEN WELL ACCEPTED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS," HE ADDED.

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ALL 361 REDUNDANT TEACHERS FOUND JOBS

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ALL 361 REDUNDANT TEACHERS IN AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS WHO HAD REGISTERED WITH THE PLACEMENT SERVICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY PLACED IN VARIOUS SCHOOLS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

"THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO THE SPONSORING BODIES AND SCHOOL AUTHORITIES FOR THEIR FULL SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION IN ACCEPTING THE REDUNDANT TEACHERS REFERRED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO FILL THEIR VACANCIES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN THE MEANTIME, WRITTEN ADVICE IS BEING SENT TO ALL AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS INFORMING THEM THAT THEY CAN NOW EMPLOY TRAINED TEACHERS.

THE PLACEMENT SERVICE WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1975 TO ASSIST REDUNDANT TEACHERS IN AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS SEEKING ALTERNATIVE JOBS AS A RESULT OF A DROP IN THE POPULATION OF PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN AND A POPULATION SHIFT FROM URBAN AREAS TO THE NEW TOWNS.

"ABOUT 6,300 TEACHERS HAVE BEEN HELPED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO SECURE ALTERNATIVE POSTS BETWEEN 1975 AND THIS YEAR," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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YOUTH AMBASSADORS TO VISIT SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA

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A GROUP OF 20 YOUTH AMBASSADORS FROM KWAI TSING WILL LEAVE HONG KONG TOMORROW (SUNDAY) TO VISIT SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA.

LED BY THE PRINCIPAL OF THE COTTON SPINNERS ASSOCIATION PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, MR WAN HING-YUEN, THE GROUP WILL VISIT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE, THE PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION, AND A COMMUNITY CLUB.

THE YOUNGSTERS WERE SELECTED AFTER WINNING AN INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE COMPETITION AND ESSAY COMPETITIONS.

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CSD GIRL GUIDES CELEBRATE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY

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GIRL GUIDE ACTIVITIES ARE WIDELY RECOGNISED AS INSTRUMENTAL IN DEVELOPING THE POTENTIALS OF YOUNGSTERS. BUT FOR AH MAY, AN 18-YEAR-OLD INMATE OF THE TAI TAM GAP CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION (TGCI), GUIDING MEANS SOMETHING MORE.

A MEMBER OF THE 141ST ISLAND RANGER GUIDE SERVICE UNIT ESTABLISHED BY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (CSD), AH MAY SAID SHE FOUND GUIDING ACTIVITIES EXTREMELY ESSENTIAL TO HER ENDEAVOUR TO TURN OVER A NEW LEAF.

SHE SAID GUIDING NOT ONLY ENABLED HER TO ENJOY A WIDE RANGE OF INTERESTING RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES BUT ALSO GAVE HER THE "RARE" OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

CURRENTLY, CSD'S GIRL GUIDES PROVIDE SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE AGED AND CHILDREN ON SUNDAYS.

AH MAY NOTED THAT BEFORE BEING SENTENCED TO TGCI, SHE HAD NEVER THOUGHT OF CARING FOR ANYBODY EXCEPT HERSELF.

BUT THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY SERVICES, SHE NOW HAS GREAT SYMPATHY FOR NEEDY PEOPLE AND IS ALWAYS PREPARED TO OFFER HELP.

"I AM PARTICULARLY SYMPATHETIC TOWARDS OLD PEOPLE, MANY OF WHOM ARE SO LONELY AND HELPLESS," SHE SAID.

"SOMETIMES, I WOULD ASK MYSELF WHY I SHOULD HAVE WASTED SO MUCH TIME FOOLING AROUND INSTEAD OF DOING SOMETHING MORE MEANINGFUL AND BENEFICIAL TO THE COMMUNITY," SHE ADDED.

ANOTHER CSD GIRL GUIDE, 16-YEAR-OLD AH LING, SAID GUIDING ACTIVITIES HAD HELPED BUILD UP HER SELF-CONFIDENCE.

SHE IS A MEMBER OF THE GUIDE'S BAND UNIT AND HAS TAKEN PART IN A NUMBER OF PUBLIC PERFORMANCES, INCLUDING THE "BEATING RETREAT" SHOW IN AUGUST LAST YEAR.

AH LING SAID BEFORE JOINING THE GIRL GUIDE, SHE DID NOT KNOW OF HER POTENTIAL IN MUSIC AND NEITHER DID SHE BELIEVE SHE WOULD HAVE THE COURAGE TO PERFORM BEFORE SUCH A LARGE AUDIENCE.

"IT'S REALLY HARD TO DESCRIBE THE SENSE OF SATISFACTION AND ACHIEVEMENT WHEN SO MANY PEOPLE CLAP THEIR HANDS TO SHOW THEIR APPRECIATION OF YOUR EFFORT.

"SUCH APPRECIATION IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO ME AS WHAT I DID IN THE PAST OFTEN MET ONLY WITH SCOLDING AND REPRIMANDS FROM PEOPLE AROUND ME," SHE SAID.

NINETEEN-YEAR-OLD AH KUEN SAID GUIDING HAD MADE HER APPRECIATE THE MEANING OF DISCIPLINE AND TEAMWORK SPIRIT.

"I NOW REALLY ENJOY WORKING AND CO-OPERATING WITH OTHER PEOPLE, AND THEREFORE I WOULD BE MOST UNWILLING TO DO ANYTHING IN FUTURE WHICH WOULD TURN PEOPLE AWAY FROM ME," SHE SAID.

SHE ALSO NOTED THAT SINCE GUIDING ACTIVITIES HAD ENRICHED HER LIFE, SHE WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE TO BE A GIRL GUIDE AFTER RELEASE.

AH MAY, AH LING AND AH KUEN ARE AMONG THE 30 GIRL GUIDES WHO ATTENDED A CEREMONY IN TGCI THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON TO CELEBRATE THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 141ST ISLAND RANGER GUIDE SERVICE UNIT AND BAND.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WAS MRS DONNA HUI, A SPONSOR OF THE GIRL GUIDE UNIT SINCE ITS INAUGURATION IN 1987.

THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT OF TGCI, MISS CHUNG MEI-KUEN, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY, SAID GIRL GUIDE ACTIVITIES FORMED AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE INSTITUTION'S CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMME FOR YOUNG INMATES.

SHE SAID THE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE GAINED THROUGH GUIDING WOULD HELP THEM COPE WITH THE CHALLENGES OF LIFE WHEN THEY WERE RELEASED.

MISS CHUNG NOTED THAT AS COMPARED WITH OTHERS, GIRLS WHO HAD TAKEN PART IN GUIDING ACTIVITIES WERE GENERALLY LESS LIKELY TO COMMIT CRIMES AFTER RELEASE.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 10 TGCI STAFF WHO TAKE UP THE JOB AS GIRL GUIDE LEADERS DURING THEIR SPARE TIME TO ORGANISE ACTIVITIES FOR THE GIRLS.

THE STAFF HAVE UNDERGONE A TRAINING COURSE ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION FOR GUIDERS.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	12.7.91	530*
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	13.7.91	NEUTRAL
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		NEUTRAL

* INCLUDES 50 MN O/N ASSISTANCE
TO BE REVERSED ON JULY 15

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