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EXTERNAL TRADE PERFORMANCE IN DEC AND IN 1989

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN DECEMBER 1989, AT \$96,947 MILLION, DECREASED BY 3 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1988, ACCORDING TO THE DETAILED FIGURES ON THE VALUE OF TRADE IN DECEMBER RELEASED TODAY (SUNDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECREASED BY 6 PER CENT TO \$19,915 MILLION IN DECEMBER 1989. HOWEVER, RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 5 PER CENT TO \$29,586 MILLION, THUS BRINGING TOTAL EXPORTS IN DECEMBER 1989 TO \$49,502 MILLION, WHICH SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE OVER DECEMBER 1988.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, IMPORTS DECREASED BY 5 PER CENT TO \$47,445 MILLION.

TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN THE YEAR 1989, AT \$1,133,291 MILLION, INCREASED BY 14 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE YEAR 1988.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 3 PER CENT TO \$224,104 MILLION, WHILE RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 26 PER CENT TO \$346,405 MILLION.

THUS, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 16 PER CENT TO \$570,509 MILLION. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 13 PER CENT TO \$562,781 MILLION.

COMPARING DECEMBER 1989 WITH DECEMBER 1988, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO MOST MAJOR MARKETS DECREASED, PARTICULARLY THOSE TO THE USA (-14 PER CENT), AUSTRALIA (-13 PER CENT), THE UNITED KINGDOM (-12 PER CENT), CANADA (11 PER CENT) AND JANPAN (-6 PER CENT). THOSE TO CHINA DROPPED BY 2 PER CENT.

HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE RECORDED FOR VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO TAIWAN AND THE NETHERLANDS, BY 53 PER CENT AND 7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, IMPORTS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, JAPAN, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND ITALY DECREASED BY 26 PER CENT, 24 PER CENT, 17 PER CENT, 14 PER CENT, AND 11 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VALUE TERMS.

HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM SWITZERLAND, CHINA AND SINGAPORE INCREASED BY 19 PER CENT, 9 PER CENT AND 7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

RE-EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, CANADA, THE USA, SINGAPORE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS IN DECEMBER 1989 OVER DECEMBER 1988, BY 38 PER CENT, 36 PER CENT, 23 PER CENT, 22 PER CENT AND 17 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA AND AUSTRALIA DECREASED BY 17 PER CENT AND 7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING THE YEAR 1989 WITH THE YEAR 1988, THE MARKETS WITH SIGNIFICANT GROWTH IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCLUDED TAIWAN (+29 PER CENT), JAPAN (+14 PER CENT), CHINA (+14 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (+11 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, THOSE TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE NETHERLANDS, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE USA DECREASED BY 6 PER CENT, 3 PER CENT, 3 PER CENT AND 1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

IMPORTS IN THE YEAR 1989 FROM MOST MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS COMPARED WITH THOSE IN THE YEAR 1988. SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN IMPORTS FROM CHINA (+26 PER CENT), ITALY (+23 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+20 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+16 PER CENT) AND THE USA (+12 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, IMPORTS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA DECREASED BY 3 PER CENT, WHILE THOSE FROM JAPAN AND THE UNITED KINGDOM SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, RE-EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE USA, CANADA, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AUSTRALIA, JAPAN AND SINGAPORE INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS, BY 52 PER CENT, 46 PER CENT, 45 PER CENT, 39 PER CENT, 29 PER CENT, 28 PER CENT AND 27 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

INCREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED FOR VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND CHINA, BY 17 PER CENT, 13 PER CENT AND 9 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

ALL TRADE STATISTICS PRESENTED HERE ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON. A SEPARATE ANALYSIS OF THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN DECEMBER 1989 WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY MARCH.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

COMPARING THE YEAR 1989 WITH THE YEAR 1988, INCREASES IN VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$4,566 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$1,567 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT); TEXTILES (BY \$1,263 MILLION OR 8 PER CENT) AND ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$969 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$2,043 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT) AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$1,223 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT).

TABLE 2 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

COMPARING THE YEAR 1989 WITH THE YEAR 1988, INCREASES IN VALUE OF IMPORTS WERE RECORDED IN ALL MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS. THE MORE NOTABLE ONES WERE CLOTHING (BY \$12,440 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT); TEXTILES (BY \$9,485 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$8,784 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT) AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$6,695 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$2,174 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT) AND ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$1,714 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT).

TABLE 4 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

COMPARING THE YEAR 1989 WITH THE YEAR 1988, NOTABLE INCREASES IN VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$14,035 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT); CLOTHING (BY \$12,584 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT); TEXTILES (BY \$8,154 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT) AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$7,694 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$1,209 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT) AND ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$722 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT).

TABLE 6 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

DETAILED STATISTICS ON TRADE VALUE BY COMMODITY AND BY COUNTRY ARE PUBLISHED IN TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS. THE DECEMBER 1989 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS SUMMARY" WILL BE ON SALE AROUND FEBRUARY 15 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AT \$9.50 PER COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE", WITH DETAILED ANALYSIS ON IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN DECEMBER 1989 WILL BE AVAILABLE AROUND FEBRUARY 20 AT \$17.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG (TEL. NO.: 8428802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE STATISTICS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO.: 8234915).

TABLE 1: DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	DEC 1989 (HKD MN.)	DEC 89 OVER DEC 88 (%)	JAN-DEC 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 89 OVER JAN-DEC 88 (%)
U.S.A.	6,215	- 14	72,162	- 1
CHINA	3,549	- 2	43,272	+ 14
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,756	*	15,689	- 3
U.K.	1,405	- 12	14,638	- 6
JAPAN	1,058	- 6	13,028	+ 14
CANADA	553	- 11	6,299	+ 5
SINGAPORE	478	- 1	5,804	+ 11
NETHERLANDS	547	+ 7	4,756	- 3
TAIWAN	465	+ 53	4,460	+ 29
AUSTRALIA	354	- 13	4,198	+ 1

* DENOTES LESS THAN 0.5 PER CENT

TABLE 2: DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	DEC 1989 (HKD MN.)	DEC 89 OVER DEC 88 (%)	JAN-DEC 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 89 OVER JAN-DEC 88 (%)
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	7,451	- 3	71,874	+ 7
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	1,949	- 17	27,867	- 7

PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,703	- 7	19,602	+ 1
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	1,417	- 5	17,888	+ 2
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	1,497	+ 1	16,814	+ 8
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	1,287	- 15	16,096	- 7

TABLE 3: IMPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS

MAJOR SUPPLIER	DEC 1989 (HKD MN.)	DEC 89 OVER DEC 88 (%)	JAN-DEC 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 89 OVER JAN-DEC 88 (%)
CHINA	17,966	+ 9	196,676	+ 26
JAPAN	7,448	- 24	93,202	*
TAIWAN	4,302	- 4	51,587	+ 16
U.S.A.	3,595	- 4	46,234	+ 12
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1,960	- 26	25,465	- 3
SINGAPORE	1,815	+ 7	22,244	+ 20
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,066	- 17	13,591	+ 4
U.K.	1,012	- 14	12,965	*
ITALY	681	- 11	9,901	+ 23
SWITZERLAND	970	+ 19	9,696	+ 6

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TABLE 4: IMPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	DEC 1989 (HKD MN.)	DEC 89 OVER DEC 88 (%)	JAN-DEC 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 89 OVER JAN-DEC 88 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	6,267	*	72,454	+ 15
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	4,575	- 11	56,862	+ 8
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	4,026	+ 20	44,461	+ 39
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	3,194	- 12	39,567	+ 20
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	3,163	+ 20	37,522	+ 31
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	2,896	- 3	29,757	+ 8

* DENOTES LESS THAN 0.5 PER CENT

TABLE 5: RE-EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	DEC 1989 (HKD MN.)	DEC 89 OVER DEC 88 (%)	JAN-DEC 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 89 OVER JAN-DEC 88 (%)
CHINA	8,554	- 17	103,492	+ 9
U.S.A.	6,043	+ 23	72,033	+ 46
			/JAPAN	1,737

JAPAN	1,737	+ 4	22,268	+ 28
TAIWAN	1,483	*	16,478	+ 17
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1,014	+ 2	13,279	+ 13
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,354	+ 38	13,121	+ 52
SINGAPORE	1,048	+ 22	11,029	+ 27
U.K.	739	+ 17	8,918	+ 39
AUSTRALIA	461	- 7	5,760	+ 29
CANADA	478	+ 36	5,413	+ 45

* DENOTES LESS THAN 0.5 PER CENT

TABLE 6: RE-EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	DEC 1989 (HKD MN.)	DEC 89 OVER DEC 88 (%)	JAN-DEC 1989 (HKD MN.)	JAN-DEC 89 OVER JAN-DEC 88 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	3,561	+ 6	42,529	+ 24
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	3,376	+ 36	42,359	+ 50
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	3,211	+ 27	37,281	+ 51
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	2,945	+ 2	33,550	+ 17
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	2,475	+ 8	27,552	+ 39
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,316	+ 14	13,485	+ 27

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CLOUDY AND HUMID IN JANUARY

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JANUARY 1990 WAS GENERALLY CLOUDY AND HUMID, ACCORDING TO THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY'S MONTHLY REPORT RELEASED TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE MONTHLY MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY WAS 82 PER CENT WHICH WAS THE EIGHTH HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR JANUARY.

THERE WERE ONLY SEVEN DAYS IN THE MONTH WITH NO RAIN RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY. THE TOTAL RAINFALL FOR THE MONTH AMOUNTED TO 47.5 MILLIMETRES WHICH WAS 77 PER CENT ABOVE THE NORMAL JANUARY FIGURE OF 26.9 MILLIMETRES.

THE NEW YEAR BEGAN WITH SOME LIGHT RAIN ON THE MORNING OF JANUARY 1. MORE RAIN FELL ON THE MORNING OF JANUARY 2 AS THE NORTHERLY WINDS FRESHENED.

THE RAIN STOPPED FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS BUT CONDITIONS REMAINED CLOUDY AND COOL AS FRESH EASTERLIES REPLACED THE NORTHERLIES. SOME DRIZZLE RETURNED FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE NIGHTS ON JANUARY 5 AND 6 BUT THERE WERE ALSO PERIODS OF SUNSHINE DURING THE DAY.

THE CLOUDS BROKE ON JANUARY 7, AND GENERALLY FINE WEATHER PERSISTED TILL JANUARY 12. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS OCCASIONAL FRESHENING OF THE EASTERLIES, RELATIVELY WARM CONDITIONS PREVAILED AND THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 22.1 DEGREES ON JANUARY 10 MADE IT THE WARMEST DAY OF THE MONTH.

AT TIMES, FRESHENING EASTERLIES MIXED WITH MOIST AIR FROM THE SOUTH GAVE RISE TO PATCHES OF MIST OFFSHORE.

VISIBILITY WAS WORST ON THE AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 10 WITH FOG REPORTED AT WAGLAN ISLAND, AND MIST WAS MOST WIDESPREAD ON THE MORNING OF JANUARY 12.

THE CLOUDS ASSOCIATED WITH AN APPROACHING TROUGH BROUGHT AN END TO THE FINE SPELL ON JANUARY 13.

FROM THEN, THE WEATHER WAS DOMINATED BY THE WINTER MONSOON. CONDITIONS WERE GENERALLY CLOUDY WITH LIGHT RAIN OCCURRING MAINLY AT NIGHT AND IN THE MORNING.

A COLD FRONT CROSSED THE SOUTH CHINA COAST DURING THE DAY ON JANUARY 15 AND BROUGHT STRONG NORTHERLY WINDS. THIS COLD SURGE WAS FOLLOWED BY A REPLENISHMENT ON THE MORNING OF JANUARY 19.

ON BOTH OCCASIONS, THE ARRIVAL OF COLD AIR WAS ACCOMPANIED BY RAIN. TEMPERATURES WERE BROUGHT TO A LOWER LEVEL WITH EACH COLD SNAP.

A MORE INTENSE REPLENISHMENT ARRIVED EARLY ON JANUARY 22. FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF THE NORTHERLIES DURING THE NIGHT CAUSED THE TEMPERATURE TO PLUNGE BELOW 10 DEGREES FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS WINTER ON THE MORNING OF JANUARY 23.

/THE NORTHERLIES

THE NORTHERLIES WERE REPLACED BY FRESH EASTERLIES ON JANUARY 24. ON THE FOLLOWING DAY, THERE WERE PERIODS OF SUNSHINE IN THE AFTERNOON AFTER SOME RAIN IN THE MORNING.

TEMPERATURES ROSE GRADUALLY OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS IN THE ABSENCE OF FURTHER COLD SURGES FROM THE NORTH.

ON JANUARY 27, LUNAR NEW YEAR'S DAY, A BRIEF LULL IN THE EASTERLIES RESULTED IN BRILLIANTLY FINE WEATHER AND THIS TURNED OUT TO BE THE ONLY RAIN-FREE DAY IN A LONG SPELL OF DULL AND DREARY WEATHER.

CLOUDS RETURNED EARLY ON JANUARY 28 AND RAIN FROM THE OFFSHORE WATERS DRIFTED IN TO AFFECT THE COASTAL AREAS AT NIGHT. THE RAIN GOT HEAVIER ON JANUARY 30 AFTER THE WINDS FRESHENED FROM THE EAST THE PREVIOUS EVENING.

MEANWHILE, AN INTENSE SURGE OF THE WINTER MONSOON WAS ADVANCING SOUTHWARDS OVER GUANGDONG. THE ASSOCIATED COLD FRONT CROSSED THE COAST ON THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 30.

BESIDES SOME LIGHT RAIN, IT BROUGHT EVEN COLDER WEATHER TO THE COASTAL AREAS. TEMPERATURES AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DROPPED BY MORE THAN EIGHT DEGREES WITHIN 24 HOURS.

BY THE EVENING OF JANUARY 31, THE TEMPERATURE FELL TO EIGHT DEGREES, THE LOWEST FOR THE MONTH AND THE COLDEST SO FAR THIS WINTER.

OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA, THERE WAS ONLY ONE TROPICAL CYCLONE, KORYN.

DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY, NO AIRCRAFT WAS DIVERTED DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER. THE ONLY FIRE DANGER WARNING ISSUED WAS A YELLOW WARNING ON JANUARY 16. SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

WEATHER SYSTEM	SIGNAL	DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING	DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	JANUARY 15 5.30 PM	JANUARY 16 7.15 AM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	JANUARY 22 11 PM	JANUARY 23 10 AM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	JANUARY 31 6.20 PM	FEBRUARY 1 8.45 AM

/THE MONTH'S

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THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

TOTAL BRIGHT SUNSHINE	87.2 HOURS	:	66.3 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DAILY GLOBAL SOLAR RADIATION	8.08 MJ/SQ. METRE	:	3.85 MJ/SQ. METRE BELOW NORMAL
TOTAL RAINFALL	47.5 MM	:	20.6 MM ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN AMOUNT OF CLOUD	79 PER CENT	:	20 PER CENT MORE THAN NORMAL
MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY	82 PER CENT	:	11 PER CENT HIGHER THAN NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	17.8 DEGREES CELSIUS	:	0.9 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN AIR TEMPERATURE	15.9 DEGREES CELSIUS	:	0.3 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MINIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	14.1 DEGREES CELSIUS	:	0.9 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	12.7 DEGREES CELSIUS	:	2.9 DEGREES CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	53.3 MM	:	49.4 MM BELOW NORMAL

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UK CONSULTANT TO CONDUCT STUDY ON POST-BASIC NURSE TRAINING

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THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS INVITED A NURSING ADVISER FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM, PROFESSOR CHRISTINE CHAPMAN, TO COME TO HONG KONG TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE POST-BASIC TRAINING NEEDS OF THE NURSING STAFF IN THE DEPARTMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT PROF CHAPMAN, WHO ARRIVED IN HONG KONG AT THE END OF JANUARY, WILL REVIEW THE EXISTING DEPARTMENTAL PLANS FOR POST-BASIC TRAINING FOR NURSING STAFF.

THE EXISTING PLANS WERE DRAWN UP BASING ON RECENT STUDIES ON THE MANAGEMENT TRAINING NEEDS OF AND POST-BASIC CLINICAL TRAINING FOR THE NURSING GRADES, AS WELL AS ON RECENT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE MANAGEMENT AND THE STAFF SIDE IN THE NURSING AND ALLIED GRADES REVIEW COMMITTEE AND THE WORKING GROUP ON TRAINING.

"FOCUS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE SETTING OF STANDARDS AND CONTROL MEASURES OF THESE PROGRAMMES," THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT.

/IN ADDITION

IN ADDITION, PROF CHAPMAN WILL IDENTIFY TRAINING NEEDS, INCLUDING POST-BASIC TERTIARY EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS; AND ASSESS AND ADVISE ON THE POST-BASIC TRAINING NEEDS OF NURSING STAFF IN THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NURSING SERVICE, AND THE NEED TO MAINTAIN PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS.

"SHE WILL ALSO ADVISE ON AND ASSIST IN THE INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRAINING PROPOSALS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

DURING HER STAY IN HONG KONG, PROF CHAPMAN WILL VISIT HOSPITALS AND NURSING, SCHOOLS AND MEET WITH THE OFFICERS CONCERNED. SHE WILL SUBMIT A REPORT WITH RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT LATER IN THE YEAR.

PROF CHAPMAN IS THE VISITING PROFESSOR IN NURSING EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON. SHE HAS RECENTLY RETIRED FROM THE POSTS OF PROFESSOR OF NURSING EDUCATION AND DEAN OF NURSING STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WALES COLLEGE OF MEDICINE.

PROF CHAPMAN, WHO HAS A MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON STUDYING SOCIOLOGY AND NURSING, HAS WIDE EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE IN THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF NURSES.

PROF CHAPMAN IS A FELLOW OF THE UK ROYAL COLLEGE OF NURSING. HER OTHER PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENTS INCLUDE:

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE UNITED KINGDOM CENTRAL COUNCIL FOR NURSING, MIDWIFERY AND HEALTH VISITING (1980-1985); CHAIRMAN OF THE EXPERT COMMITTEE ON POST-BASIC NURSING EDUCATION, COUNCIL OF EUROPE (1981-1983); CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, UK ROYAL COLLEGE OF NURSING (1976-1989); AND CHAIRMAN OF THE WELSH NATIONAL BOARD FOR NURSING, MIDWIFERY AND HEALTH VISITING (SINCE 1985).

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MOVEMENT OF NT POLICE FORMATIONS INTO NEW ACCOMMODATION BEGINS

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THE BIG MOVEMENT OF NEW TERRITORIES POLICE FORMATIONS INTO NEW AND PURPOSE BUILT ACCOMMODATION HAS BEGUN WITH THE TRANSFER OF UNITS FROM OUTDATED AND OPERATIONALLY UNSUITABLE HEADQUARTERS IN SHA TIN TO A NEW 11-STORY NEW TERRITORIES HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IN TAI PO.

HEADQUARTERS UNITS, CRIME DETACHMENTS AND POLICE TACTICAL UNIT ARE ALREADY MOVING INTO THE SPACIOUS NEW BUILDING, WHICH OCCUPIES A COMMANDING SITE NEAR THE CENTRE OF TAI PO NEW TOWN. TRAFFIC UNITS ARE DUE TO FOLLOW.

THE NEW HEADQUARTERS WILL BECOME HEADQUARTERS OF NEW TERRITORIES NORTH REGION WHEN THE REGION IS SPLIT INTO NORTH AND SOUTH REGIONS IN 1993.

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ALSO INCLUDED IN THE NEW HEADQUARTERS WILL BE AN INDOOR RANGE AND MINI RANGES, A NEW FACILITY FOR THE TRAINING OF FORCE CATERING PERSONNEL, A PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY AND THE NEW TERRITORIES COMMAND AND CONTROL CENTRE.

ALTHOUGH THE OLD NEW TERRITORIES HEADQUARTERS AT SHA TIN WILL BE RETAINED, THE MOVE WILL ALLOW TEMPORARY FACILITIES IN THE REGION TO BE RELINQUISHED.

"WE ARE MOVING INTO A BIG NEW BUILDING WHICH WILL BE OPERATIONALLY MORE EFFICIENT AND AT THE SAME TIME ACHIEVING CONSIDERABLE ECONOMIES IN THE USE OF ACCOMMODATION," THE NEW TERRITORIES REGIONAL COMMANDER, MR RICHARD SMALLSHAW, SAID. "IT IS AN EXERCISE IN GOOD HOUSE-KEEPING."

THE OLD HEADQUARTERS AT TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD, SHA TIN, WILL BE USED AS A JUNIOR POLICE CALL CLUB HOUSE, AS A HEADQUARTERS FOR A POLICE SCOUT GROUP FOR SHA TIN WAYWARD CHILDREN AND AS A CONTINUATION TRAINING CENTRE PENDING ITS TEMPORARY USE AS NEW TERRITORIES SOUTH REGION HEADQUARTERS.

THE SOUTH REGION WILL EVENTUALLY BE BASED AT TSUEN WAN.

TWO UNITS, THE REGIONAL CRIME PREVENTION OFFICE AND THE REGIONAL SPECIAL DUTIES SQUAD, WILL BE BASED AT THE OLD TAI PO POLICE STATION.

ALTHOUGH NEW TERRITORIES TRAFFIC HEADQUARTERS WILL BE CENTRED AT THE NEW HEADQUARTERS, TRAFFIC SECTIONS WILL BE RETAINED AT ALL DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS.

"ONLY TRAFFIC HEADQUARTERS ELEMENTS ARE TO MOVE HERE," MR SMALLSHAW EXPLAINED, "BECAUSE OF THE LARGE GEOGRAPHICAL LAYOUT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES."

THE OLD NEW TERRITORIES TRAFFIC HEADQUARTERS AT TSUEN WAN WILL BE RETAINED TO HOUSE ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT AND CONTROL UNITS FROM KWAI CHUNG AND TSUEN WAN.

THE TRANSFER OF UNITS TO A MORE CENTRALISED SYSTEM WILL ENABLE THE FORCE TO GIVE UP TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION AT KOWLOON AND CANTON RAILWAY HOUSE, AND AT THE OLD COTTAGE HUT AND CLERKS' QUARTERS AT TAI PO.

ACCOMMODATION IS ALSO EARMARKED FOR AN EMERGENCY UNIT AT THE NEW HEADQUARTERS WHEN THE NEW TERRITORIES IS SPLIT INTO SOUTH AND NORTH REGIONS.

MR SMALLSHAW ENTHUSED ABOUT THE NEW FACILITIES AT THE HEADQUARTERS FOR SHOOTING COURSES AND TRAINING AND FOR CATERING.

"THERE IS A VERY BIG CANTEEN WHICH WILL ALSO BE USED AS A CATERING TRAINING UNIT FOR COOKS FORCE-WIDE.

/"THE INDOOR

"THE INDOOR FIRING RANGE WILL OFFER GREAT ADVANTAGES. IT IS COMPUTER-CONTROLLED AND WE WILL BE ABLE TO PUT FAR MORE PEOPLE THROUGH IT THAN WE CAN AT PRESENT AT THE OPEN AIR RANGE NEAR THE BORDER.

"IT HAS COME AT A GOOD TIME FOR THE INCREASED NEEDS OF TRAINING AND COURSES."

THE INDOOR RANGE IS DUE TO OPEN IN APRIL WITH EIGHT MINI RANGES FOLLOWING SOON AFTER.

THE HEADQUARTERS ALSO INCLUDES FITNESS ROOM, BRIEFING ROOM, AN ASSEMBLY HALL, CIVILIAN STAFF CLUB, OFFICERS AND NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS MESSES AND BARRACK ACCOMMODATION.

MR SMALLSHAW ADDED: "THE FORCE WILL BENEFIT GREATLY BY HAVING HEADQUARTERS UNITS TOGETHER AND IT WILL ALLOW BETTER LIAISON BETWEEN THEM. IT IS WELL LOCATED IN TERMS OF COMMUNICATIONS BY BOTH ROAD AND RAIL IN ALL DIRECTIONS.

"IT ALSO MEANS THAT WE WILL BE BASED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN PURPOSE BUILT ACCOMMODATION, RATHER THAN IN UNSUITABLE TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION IN TERMS OF BOTH SIZE AND LOCALITY.

"IT MEANS THAT OTHER ACCOMMODATION CAN BE USED BY OTHER UNITS IN SHA TIN AND TAI PO, ALLOWING THEM MORE SPACE TO WORK.

"THERE HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT RAISING OF MORALE AMONG STAFF WHO ARE NOW WORKING IN GOOD SURROUNDINGS AFTER MANY YEARS IN SUB-STANDARD ACCOMMODATION.

"WE DO NOT FEEL NOSTALGIC ABOUT THE OLD BUILDING. IT HAD A NICE GARDEN, BUT AS A HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IT WAS HOPELESS AND WE ARE NOT SORRY TO LOSE IT."

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1,280 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN JANUARY

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A TOTAL OF 1,562 CASUALTIES WAS REPORTED IN 1,280 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS WHICH OCCURRED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY LAST MONTH (JANUARY).

A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT 286 OF THESE ACCIDENTS OCCURRED ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 700 IN KOWLOON AND 294 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR JANUARY SHOWED THAT 31 PERSONS WERE KILLED, 353 PEOPLE WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED AND 1,178 SLIGHTLY INJURED IN THESE ACCIDENTS.

THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS AND CASUALTIES REPRESENTED A DECREASE OF 12.4 PER CENT AND 18.1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

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THOUSANDS PARTICIPATE IN ANTI-DRUG ACTIVITIES

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YOUTH HAS BECOME THE MAIN TARGET OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-NARCOTICS PUBLICITY FOLLOWING A SLIGHT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF YOUNG ABUSERS LAST YEAR OVER 1988.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN), DR GERALD CHOA, SAID THIS TODAY (SUNDAY) AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "CENTRAL AND WESTERN ANTI-NARCOTICS DAY" HELD AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT.

DR CHOA SAID ANTI-DRUG MESSAGES WOULD BE PUT ACROSS TO TARGET GROUPS THROUGH SHORT PUBLICITY FILMS, POSTERS, AND SCHOOL TALKS AS WELL AS TERRITORY-WIDE AND DISTRICT ACTIVITIES.

"WE HOPE THAT BY ORGANISING DISTRICT EVENTS, LIKE THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN ACTIVITY, YOUNGSTERS WILL BE DISSUADED FROM TAKING ANY KIND OF DRUGS," HE SAID.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN FISHER, SAID THERE WAS ENCOURAGING SUPPORT FOR ANTI-DRUG EVENTS IN HIS DISTRICT, WITH OVER 400 ENTRIES RECEIVED FOR THE NOVEMBER ANTI-DRUG BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION.

THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS TOOK PART IN TWO SETS OF ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE DISTRICT'S "ANTI-NARCOTICS DAY".

AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT, RESIDENTS WERE TREATED TO A POP CONCERT FEATURING SINGERS ROMAN TAM, MARIA CORDERO, YOLINDA YAN, SHIRLEY KWAN AND THE GROUP, GRASSHOPPERS.

HOSTED BY DISC JOCKEYS CHRIS WONG AND VIVIAN CHOW, THE CONCERT WAS BROADCAST LIVE ON RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG'S RADIO 2 BETWEEN 2 PM AND 4 PM.

A LARGE CROWD, MOSTLY CHILDREN, PARTICIPATED IN THE "WESTERN ANTI-DRUG VITALITY SHOW" AT THE FORBES STREET PLAYGROUND IN KENNEDY TOWN. WINNERS OF THE NOVEMBER BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION WERE AWARDED PRIZES AT THE VENUE.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE FUNCTIONS WERE THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC) CHAIRMAN, MR WU CHOR-NAM; HEAD OF RTHK'S RADIO 2, MR CHEUNG MAN-SUN; DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS MR CHAN TAK-CHOR AND MISS YIP SAU-WAH; AS WELL AS COMMUNITY LEADERS MR NGAI WAI-MING AND MR CHOW YIN-SUM.

TODAY'S TWO PUBLICITY EVENTS WERE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ACAN, THE DFCC AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE. OTHER CO-ORGANISERS INCLUDED RTHK, THE COUNCIL OF DISTRICT SCHOOL HEADS, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE HONG KONG YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

TRIBUTE TO SOUTHERN DFCC

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE HAS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN ENCOURAGING CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE POLICE AND RESIDENTS, AND IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME IN THE DISTRICT, THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS MAUREEN CHAN, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT A "FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL" ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE, MRS CHAN POINTED OUT THAT THE COMMITTEE HAD SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT THE 1989-90 SOUTHERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN TO GET ACROSS THE ANTI-TRIAD, ANTI-JUVENILE CRIMES AND HOME SAFETY THEMES LAID DOWN BY THE CENTRAL FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

ACTIVITIES IN THE CAMPAIGN INCLUDED SCHOOL VISITS TO SPREAD THE ANTI-TRIAD MESSAGES, AN INTER-SCHOOL ANTI-CRIME QUIZ, A SEMINAR ON JUVENILE PROBLEMS FOR STUDENTS' PARENTS, AN ANTI-BEACH-CRIME PUBLICITY DRIVE AND A HOME SAFETY SEMINAR.

MRS CHAN NOTED THAT RESPONSE TO THESE ACTIVITIES WAS VERY ENCOURAGING, AND THAT THE COMMITTEE HAD SUCCEEDED IN DRIVING HOME THE ANTI-CRIME MESSAGES.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MR KAN MAN-LEE, ATTRIBUTED THE SUCCESS OF THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN TO THE SUPPORT OF THE POLICE, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

THE FUN-FILLED CARNIVAL, WHICH MARKED THE CONCLUSION OF THE CAMPAIGN, WAS HELD AT THE AP LEI CHAU ESTATE, FEATURING ABOUT 20 GAME STALLS ON VARIOUS ANTI-CRIME MESSAGES.

IT ATTRACTED HUNDREDS OF RESIDENTS WHO WERE TREATED TO PERFORMANCES BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHOIR, WESTERN JUNIOR POLICE CALL, THE MAGIC CLUB OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, WINNERS OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT SINGING CONTEST AS WELL AS A POPULAR SINGER AND A DISC JOCKEY.

OTHER GUESTS OFFICIATING AT THE CARNIVAL AND THE CLOSING CEREMONY FOR THE CAMPAIGN INCLUDED DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HUI YUNG-CHUNG; POLICE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR R.C. TOAL; POLICE ABERDEEN DIVISION COMMANDER, MR TSE CHAN-FAI; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CAMPAIGN'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR CHAN YAU-YUE.

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REVIEW OF DB VETTING GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA
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THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL REVIEW AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY) THE GUIDELINES AND THE VETTING CRITERIA FOR LOCAL ORGANISATIONS' APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR CARRYING OUT COMMUNITY PROJECTS.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO VET AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FOR IMPLEMENTING A SOCIAL SERVICE FUNCTION FOR FAMILIES WITH HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, AND CONSIDER NOMINATING CANDIDATES FROM THE DISTRICT FOR THE YOUNG DISTRICT LEADERS AWARD 1990.

A MEMBER IS EXPECTED TO PROPOSE THAT THE GOVERNMENT SET UP A MEDICAL CLINIC IN WAH FU OR WAH KWAI ESTATE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, 7-11 NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN CENTRE. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

PLEASE NOTE THAT PART OF THE MEETING, INCLUDING THE PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR DB FUNDS, WILL BE HELD IN CAMERA.

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SLIDE PRODUCTION PUBLICISES MONG KOK
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A 10-MINUTE AUDIO-VISUAL SLIDE PRODUCTION ON MONG KOK AND THE WORK OF ITS DISTRICT BOARD IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR LOAN TO ORGANISATIONS.

PART OF THE PUBLICITY PROGRAMME OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT FESTIVAL 1989-90, THE PRODUCTION INTRODUCES, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DISTRICT, AND THE OPERATIONS, STRUCTURE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

IT CAN BE SHOWN WITH A TWO-PROJECTOR DISSOLVE UNIT OR AN ORDINARY PROJECTOR, AND IT HAS ALSO BEEN DUBBED IN VIDEO FOR TELEVISION VIEWING.

ORGANISATIONS INTERESTED IN OBTAINING IT FOR VIEWING CAN CONTACT THE SECRETARIAT OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD ON TEL. 3815291.

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BADGE DESIGN COMPETITION ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT

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ENTRIES ARE BEING INVITED FOR A BADGE DESIGN COMPETITION TO PROMOTE A "GREEN PLANT PROJECT" IN WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT.

THE COMPETITION HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY A WORKING GROUP FORMED UNDER THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

"THE DESIGN OF THE BADGE SHOULD CARRY THE THEMES OF CARING FOR PLANTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, AND BUILDING A 'GREEN' COMMUNITY," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP SAID.

"THERE IS NO LIMIT TO THE USE OF COLOUR AND MATERIALS FOR THE DESIGN," HE ADDED.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS -- PRIMARY STUDENTS, SECONDARY STUDENTS AND OPEN. ENTRIES IN THE STUDENT SECTIONS ARE LIMITED TO STUDENTS FROM THE DISTRICT'S SCHOOLS.

THREE WINNERS WILL BE NAMED AND OUTSTANDING AWARDS MADE IN EACH SECTION.

THE FIRST THREE WINNERS IN THE STUDENT SECTIONS WILL BE AWARDED A TROPHY AND BOOK COUPONS WHILE THOSE WHO SUBMIT OUTSTANDING ENTRIES WILL RECEIVE BOOK COUPONS.

IN ADDITION TO TROPHIES AND COUPONS, WINNERS IN THE OPEN SECTION WILL BE GIVEN DRAWING EQUIPMENT.

ENTRANTS MUST WRITE THEIR NAMES, SECTION ENTERED FOR, NAMES OF SCHOOLS, CLASS, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER ON THE BACK OF THEIR DESIGNS.

THERE IS NO LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES EACH PERSON MAY MAKE.

ENTRIES MUST REACH THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, FOURTH FLOOR, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KING FUK STREET, BEFORE MARCH 5.

PAMPHLETS ON THE COMPETITION ARE AVAILABLE AT THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 3222261, EXT. 321.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME FUNDS

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ORGANISATIONS IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN ARE BEING INVITED TO APPLY FOR FUNDS FROM THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR ORGANISING ACTIVITIES THIS SUMMER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED SIX TO 25.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE ACTIVITIES SHOULD ENABLE YOUNGSTERS TO DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL AND GAIN MORE SOCIAL EXPERIENCE, CULTIVATE WHOLESOME HOBBIES AND ENHANCE THEIR SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY.

PRIORITY WOULD BE GIVEN TO EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SOCIAL SERVICE PROJECTS.

APPLICATION FORMS AND GUIDELINES ON FUNDING ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 11TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE BEFORE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO MISS PATSY TANG ON TEL. 8523462.

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MUSIC OFFICE ANNUAL GALA NEXT MONTH

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MORE THAN 500 YOUNG MUSICIANS WILL PERFORM AT THE MUSIC OFFICE'S ANNUAL GALA TO BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE CONCERT HALL ON MARCH 11. THE CONCERT WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM.

THE ANNUAL GALA IS THE FIRST MAJOR MUSICAL ACTIVITY ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE IN THE YEAR OF THE HORSE DURING WHICH THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF ITS TRAINEES UNDER THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SCHEME IN THE PAST YEAR CAN BE REVIEWED.

A MUSIC OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE EVENT WOULD PROVIDE THE TRAINEES WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO PERFORM IN PUBLIC BEFORE THEIR PARENTS, TEACHERS AND FRIENDS.

"PARENTS, WHEN WATCHING THEIR CHILDREN PERFORM ON STAGE AND PARTICULARLY BEFORE A LARGE AUDIENCE, WOULD FEEL PROUD OF THE YOUNGSTERS' ACHIEVEMENTS," HE SAID.

SOME OF THE TRAINEES PARTICIPATING IN THE CONCERT WERE WINNERS IN THE SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL OR HONG KONG'S REPRESENTATIVES TO INTERNATIONAL MUSIC CAMPS IN THE UNITED STATES AND AUSTRALIA IN THE PAST YEARS.

/THEIR OUTSTANDING

THEIR OUTSTANDING PLAYING TECHNIQUE WILL SURELY GIVE THE AUDIENCE AN AFTERNOON OF GOOD MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT.

PERFORMING IN THE CONCERT WILL BE THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY BAND, HONG KONG YOUTH STRINGS, HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA, HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND THE MUSIC OFFICE YOUTH CHOIR.

THEY WILL PRESENT PIECES SUCH AS POPS MARCH "WONDERFUL DAY", AMERICAN FOLK SONG "HOME ON THE RANGE", WEBER'S "DER FREISHUTZ OVERTURE", AND THE CHINESE TRADITIONAL "HAPPY SPRING EVENING".

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS, MR HELMUT SOHMEN, WILL OFFICIATE AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY. OUTSTANDING TRAINEES, ORCHESTRAL, CHOIR AND BAND MEMBERS WILL BE PRESENTED CERTIFICATES OF MERIT OR AWARDS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENT.

TICKETS FOR THE ANNUAL GALA, AT \$20 AND \$30 EACH, ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL URBIX OUTLETS. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 8235314.

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NEW UC COMPLEX FOR NORTH POINT

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CONSTRUCTION WORK OF A FIVE-STOREY URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEX IN NORTH POINT WILL START THIS WEEK.

THE \$90 MILLION-WORTH JAVA ROAD COMPLEX PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN EARLY 1992.

THE COMPLEX WILL HOUSE MARKET STALLS, COOKED FOOD STALLS, AN INDOOR GAMES HALL, SQUASH COURTS AND A DANCE ROOM.

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