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PARKING CHARGES INTRODUCED TO HONG KONG STADIUM

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Parking charges are to be introduced at the Hong Kong Stadium car parks whenever a function is held in the stadium. The new arrangement will come into force on Wednesday (November 22).

The Manager of the stadium, Mr. G. Rees, said today the fee for a parking space will be $5 for a half day between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. For a whole day, from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., the charge will be $10.

Parking tickets will be on sale at the shroff's office of the Star Ferry Car Park three days in advance of any function.

"If a function is cancelled, the fee paid for a parking space will be reimbursed," he said.

For the football match to be held on Wednesday, parking tickets will be on sale between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. from Monday (November 20) for Car Park Nos. 1, 2 and 5.

Mr. Rees added that attendants will be on duty in the car parks to assist motorists.

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BUSY LINES

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Hong Kong's international telephone service has been making substantial progress with an ever increasing number of overseas calls originating from Hong Kong.

Statistics show that the number of calls in 1971 exceeded that of the previous year by more than 23 per cent.

The total duration of overseas telephone calls last year reached nearly 12 million minutes, indicating a closer link between Hong Kong and various parts of the world both in terms of private and commercial communications.

At present, overseas telephone services in Hong Kong are provided jointly by the Hong Kong Telephone Co. Ltd. and Cable and Wireless Ltd. Local operators have direct dialling access to overseas subscribers in 19 countries.

At the same time, the domestic telephone network has continued to expand rapidly.

More than 713,100 telephones were in service at the end of March this year -- an increase of 105,700 over the figure a year ago.

This represented a penetration factor of about 17.5 telephones per 100 population -- the highest in Asia after Japan.

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MORE PEOPLE IMMUNISED AGAINST DIPHTHERIA AND TETANUS

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During the week ending on November 11, a total of 11,989 doses of the combined anti-diphtheria and tetanus vaccine was administered, according to statistics released today by the Medical and Health Department.

Of these, 982 doses were administered on the Island, 2,947 in Kowloon, and 8,060 in the New Territories.

In the five weeks since this routine campaign began on October 9, a total of 76,521 doses has been administered.

The campaign will continue for the rest of the year. Free vaccine is available at all government maternal and child health centres and clinics.

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TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS IN KENNEDY TOWN

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In a move to improve the flow of traffic in Kennedy Town a number of streets will be re-routed from 10 a.m. on Monday (November 20).

Holland Street will be re-routed one-way northbound, Sai Cheung Street one-way southbound, Collinson Street one-way northbound and Queen's Road West between Kennedy Town Praya and Belcher's Street will be turned into a two-way thoroughfare.

Traffic signs will be placed to guide motorists.

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THE WEATHER FOR OCTOBER

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The weather during last month was warmer and drier than usual and the mean maximum temperature of 28.6°C was the fifth highest on record for October. The total rainfall for the month was 63 per cent below average.

The weather in Hong Kong was generally fine at the beginning of the month. On October 1, tropical depression Lorna developed in the South China Sea about 330 miles south of Hong Kong and intensified rapidly to a tropical storm on the same day.

It moved rapidly west-northwestwards and brought scattered showers on October 2. Lorna crossed Hainan Island that evening and dissipated over North Vietnam the following day.

On October 3, pressure rose over China and a cold front passed through Hong Kong in the morning, resulting in a freshening of winds from the north.

The Strong Monsoon Signal was hoisted at 9.00 p.m. on the same day and lowered at 6.30 a.m. the next morning. On October 4 the relative humidity fell to 36 per cent , the minimum recorded for the month.

From October 4 to 9, the weather was fine and warm but another surge of cold air arrived from the north early on October 11, causing cooler conditions and light rain during the next three days.

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There was some temporary improvement on October 15 as a ridge of high pressure from the Pacific extended westwards across south China. However, the skies became cloudy again on October 16 as an upper-air disturbance moved from west to east across Hong Kong and showers were reported until October 17.

During the period October 18 to 21, Hong Kong was under the influence of an easterly airstream from the Pacific and conditions were sunny and humid with slowly rising temperatures. The hottest day of the month occurred on October 20 when a maximum temperature of 30.9°C was recorded.

On October 21, a cold front passed through Hong Kong and the air temperature fell rapidly to a minimum of 21.1°C during the following night. The relative humidity also dropped to below 65 per cent and a Yellow Fire Warning was issued on October 21.

This was the first warning issued since the introduction of the new fire warning system earlier in the month.

Winds over Hong Kong were fresh to strong and the Strong Monsoon Signal was hoisted at 7.15 p.m. on October 21 and lowered at 1.30 p.m. the next day. The weather improved after the passage of the cold front and the last six days of the month were fine with long periods of sunshine.

During the month, severe tropical storm 'Kathy', typhoon 'Marie', typhoon 'Nancy' and typhoon 'Olga' reported over the Pacific but they did not affect Hong Kong.

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The month's figures and departures from normal were:

Sunshine	188.6 hours; 30.3 hours below normal
Rainfall	36.4 mm; 62.8 mm below normal
Cloudiness	56 %; 5% above normal
Relative Humidity	78%; 6% above normal
Mean Maximum Temperature	28.6 °C; 1.3 °C above normal
Mean Temperature	25.6 °C; 1.0 °C above normal
Mean Minimum Temperature	23.7 °C; 1.2 °C above normal
Mean Dew Point	21.2 °C; 1.9 °C above normal
Total Evaporation	136.5 mm; 43.1 mm below normal

Maximum Temperature of 30.9 °C was recorded on October 20.

Minimum Temperature of 21.1 °C was recorded on October 22.

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Note to Editors: There will be an issue of the Daily Information Bulletin tomorrow (Sunday). Two photographs will be issued at the same time.

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