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CLEAR DEFINITION OF +VICE ESTABLISHMENT+ SOUGHT
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A QUESTION, SEEKING A CLEAR DEFINITION OF +VICE ESTABLISHMENTS+, SO THAT THE POLICE MAY TAKE MORE EFFECTIVE ACTION AGAINST THEM WILL BE ASKED BY THE REV THE HON JOYCE M. BENNETT AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

MISS BENNETT'S QUESTION WILL BE AMONG 14 TO BE ASKED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS, FROM THE STRENGTH OF FLYOVERS, TO RENTS FOR HOUSING AUTHORITY FACTORY ESTATES, THE TRAINING OF PEOPLE TO WORK ON COMPONENTS FOR THE COMPUTER AND ELECTRONICS INDUSTRIES, ADULT EDUCATION AND FIXED PENALTIES FOR TRAFFIC OFFENCES.

THE HON S.L. CHEN WILL ASK WHAT MEASURES ARE BEING TAKEN +TO PREVENT LANDSLIPS ON SLOPES AND HILLSIDES WHOSE STABILITY MAY BE ENDANGERED AS A RESULT OF ILLEGAL EXCAVATIONS BY SQUATTER RACKETEERS+.

A QUESTION ON THE CURRENT COST OF PRODUCING WATER THROUGH THE LOK ON PAI DESALTING PLANT AND WHETHER THE ENTIRE PLANT WILL LIKELY BE BROUGHT INTO FULL OPERATION WILL BE ASKED BY THE HON PETER C. WONG.

THE HON ANDREW SO WILL ASK WHAT MEASURES ARE BEING TAKEN TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM THE HAZARDS OF RED TIDE INFECTED FISH AND SEA FOOD.

THE HON WONG LAM WILL ASK GOVERNMENT TO MAKE A STATEMENT ON THE PRESENT POSITION OF ADULT EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

DR THE HON HARRY FANG WILL ASK IF THE GOVERNMENT IS SATISFIED THAT FLYOVERS ARE DESIGNED WITH A LOAD CAPACITY SUFFICIENT TO ALLOW A LARGE NUMBER OF HEAVY VEHICLES, SUCH AS FULLY-LOADED DOUBLE-DECKER BUSES AND CONTAINER TRUCKS, TO REMAIN STATIONARY ON THEM DURING TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

AT THE MEETING, DEBATE WILL BE RESUMED ON THE FOLLOWING TWO BILLS WHICH ARE DUE TO GO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READINGS:

AERIAL ROPEWAYS (SAFETY) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1981, AND
SUMMARY OFFENCES (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) BILL 1981.

THE FOLLOWING BILLS WILL BE READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME,

PUBLIC HOLIDAY (PRINCE OF WALES' WEDDING) BILL 1981,
LABOUR TRIBUNAL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1981 AND
MAGISTRATES (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) BILL 1981.

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DISTRICT BOARD ELECTORAL BOUNDARY MAPS PUBLISHED

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MAPS SHOWING THE ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES FOR DISTRICT BOARDS WERE PUBLISHED TODAY FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO CONSULT THE MAPS MAY DO SO AT ANY CITY DISTRICT OFFICE OR DISTRICT OFFICE, WHERE THE MAPS ARE ON DISPLAY. OFFICERS WILL BE PRESENT AT THESE OFFICES TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON THE ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES SHOWN ON THE MAPS.

THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME AS SET OUT IN A WHITE PAPER PUBLISHED IN JANUARY THIS YEAR IS BASED ON THE DIVISION OF THE TERRITORY INTO TEN DISTRICTS IN THE URBAN AREA AND EIGHT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS, THE DISTRICTS ARE DIVIDED INTO A TOTAL OF 122 CONSTITUENCIES. THERE ARE 76 CONSTITUENCIES IN THE URBAN AREA AND 46 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN THE CASE OF URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS, THE SAME TEN DISTRICTS IN THE URBAN AREA ARE DIVIDED INTO A TOTAL OF 15 CONSTITUENCIES. FIVE OF THE DISTRICTS (CENTRAL AND WESTERN, SOUTHERN, WAN CHAI, MONG KOK AND YAU MA TEI) FORM ONE CONSTITUENCY EACH. THE OTHER FIVE URBAN DISTRICTS (EASTERN, KOWLOON CITY, KWUN TONG, SHAM SHUI PO AND WONG TAI SIN) ARE DIVIDED INTO TWO CONSTITUENCIES EACH.

ELECTORS WILL VOTE IN THE CONSTITUENCY IN WHICH THEY LIVE AND WILL CAST THEIR VOTES AT DESIGNATED POLLING STATIONS IN THEIR CONSTITUENCIES. DETAILS OF REGISTRATION, BEGINNING ON AUGUST 31 AND ELECTION PROCEDURES WILL BE NOTIFIED TO THE PUBLIC AS SOON AS THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION HAS BEEN PREPARED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

COPIES OF A FULL SET OF MAPS MAY BE COLLECTED FROM THE GIS PRESS ROOM.

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SEMINAR ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION POLICY

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THE WONG TAI SIN CITY DISTRICT OFFICE WILL BE HOLDING A SEMINAR ON THURSDAY (JUNE 11) FROM 8 PM TO 9.10 PM AT THE PO LEUNG KUK CFA NO 1 COLLEGE HALL FOR MEMBERS OF THE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND AREA COMMITTEES IN TSZ WAN SHAN.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SEMINAR IS TO GIVE THE PEOPLE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION POLICY AND THE FORTHCOMING DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION.

SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE MR STEPHEN SELBY, JP, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER- MR FUNG YEE KO, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER/DISTRICT MANAGEMENT- AND MISS AMY CHOW, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DISTRICT BOARD AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE SEMINAR.

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COOLER AND WETTER MAY

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MAY WAS COOLER AND WETTER THAN USUAL, ACCORDING TO THE MONTHLY WEATHER SUMMARY RELEASED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY TODAY.

THE MONTH'S MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 25.2 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS 0.7 DEGREE BELOW NORMAL.

BOTH THE MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE AND THE MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE WERE ALSO SLIGHTLY BELOW NORMAL.

TOTAL RAINFALL WAS 336.1 MM, 38.0 MM ABOVE NORMAL. THIS BROUGHT THE ACCUMULATED RAINFALL IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THE YEAR TO 566.0 MM, SLIGHTLY ABOVE THE AVERAGE OF 561.1 MM.

THE TOTAL DURATION OF SUNSHINE OF 114.1 HOURS WAS 48.5 HOURS BELOW NORMAL, AND THE HUMIDITY WAS ALSO SLIGHTLY BELOW NORMAL.

DURING THE MONTH ONLY ONE TROPICAL CYCLONE, +HOLLY+, DEVELOPED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND DISSIPATED NEAR GUAM ON MAY 7.

THE WEATHER WAS FINE AND SUNNY IN HONG KONG ON THE FIRST TWO DAYS, BUT ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPERS IN CHINA, A VIOLENT TORNADO HIT THE LEIZHOU PENINSULA ON MAY 1 AND DESTROYED MORE THAN 700 HOUSES.

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A COLD FRONT ARRIVED ON THE MORNING OF MAY 3, BRINGING A FEW SHOWERS AND NORTHERLY WINDS. HAIL WAS REPORTED BY A PILOT FLYING AT 600 FEET OVER LEI YUE MUN GAP.

THIS LATE SURGE OF THE WINTER MONSOON BROUGHT COOLER WEATHER AND TEMPERATURES FELL TO A MINIMUM OF 18.5 DEGREES CELSIUS ON MAY 4, THE LOWEST OF THE MONTH.

IT REMAINED CLOUDY ON MAY 5 BUT THE WEATHER TURNED FINE THE NEXT DAY AND REMAINED SUNNY AND HOT UNTIL MAY 8.

AFTER SOME SHOWERS ON MAY 9, THUNDERSTORMS AND HEAVY SHOWERS OCCURRED ON MAY 10 AND 11, A TOTAL OF 178.8 MM OF RAIN WAS RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

DURING THESE TWO DAYS, LANDSLIPS WERE REPORTED IN KWUN TONG, SAU MAU PING, NORTH POINT, ABERDEEN AND IN MANY PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES. FLOODING WAS WORST IN SHA TIN AND TAI PO. A ROAD SUBSIDENCE OCCURRED ON TSING YI ISLAND.

A 29-YEAR-OLD THAI WOMAN WAS KILLED WHEN A HUGE ROCK WEIGHING ABOUT 10 TONNES CRASHED ONTO HER HILLSIDE HUT NEAR LEI YUE MUN ROAD ESTATE IN KWUN TONG. ABOUT 650 PEOPLE WERE EVACUATED FROM SQUATTER HUTS.

ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPERS IN CHINA, A WATERSPOUT OCCURRED OFF THE EAST COAST OF LEIZHOU PENINSULA ON MAY 10, KILLING 52 FISHERMEN.

WINDS TURNED NORTHERLY FOR A SHORT WHILE ON MAY 12 AND IT BECAME SLIGHTLY COOLER. THERE WAS RAIN THAT NIGHT AND IT REMAINED CLOUDY ON MAY 13.

A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE BROUGHT MORE RAIN ON MAY 14 AND SOME HEAVY SHOWERS AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS ON THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 15.

THE WEATHER WAS FINE WITH PLENTY OF SUNSHINE FROM MAY 16 TO 19.

EASTERLY WINDS FRESHENED ON MAY 20 AND THERE WERE TRACES OF LIGHT RAIN. WINDS WERE STRONG DURING THE NIGHT BUT THEY TURNED NORTHERLY ON MAY 21 AND THEN MODERATED. THERE WAS RAIN ALL DAY WITH SOME THUNDERSTORMS DURING THE AFTERNOON.

IT REMAINED CLOUDY WITH SUNNY INTERVALS ON MAY 22.

FROM MAY 23 TO 30, THE WEATHER WAS HOT BUT CLOUDY WITH ISOLATED LIGHT SHOWERS ALMOST EVERY MORNING. MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES ROSE TO 31.5 DEGREES CELSIUS ON MAY 30, THE HIGHEST OF THE MONTH.

THERE WERE SHOWERS DURING THE EVENING OF MAY 30 AS ANOTHER TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE APPROACHED FROM THE NORTH. THUNDERSTORMS AND HEAVY SHOWERS OCCURRED EARLY ON MAY 31.

FIVE SQUATTER HUTS IN YAU TONG AND ANOTHER ONE IN KWUN TONG COLLAPSED IN LANDSLIPS. OVER 100 PEOPLE WERE EVACUATED FROM THEIR HOMES. MINOR LANDSLIPS ALSO OCCURRED IN SAU MAU PING AND IN ANDERSON ROAD, KWUN TONG. A ROAD SUBSIDED IN SHA TIN.

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THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON MAY 10, 11, 15 AND 31. THE STRONG MONSOON SIGNAL WAS HOISTED ON MAY 20 AND LOWERED THE NEXT DAY.

DURING THE MONTH NO AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER, AND NO FIRE DANGER WARNINGS WERE ISSUED.

THE ONLY SIGNAL HOISTED WAS AS FOLLOWS:

<u>WEATHER SYSTEM</u>	<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING</u>	<u>DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING</u>
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	MAY 20 (9 PM)	MAY 21 (11.40 AM)

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

SUNSHINE	114.1 HOURS	: 48.5 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
RAINFALL	336.1 MM	: 38.0 MM ABOVE NORMAL
CLOUDINESS	78 PER CENT	: 5 PER CENT ABOVE NORMAL
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	81 PER CENT	: 2 PER CENT BELOW NORMAL
MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	27.8 DEGREES CELSIUS	: 1.1 DEGREES CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN TEMPERATURE	25.2 DEGREES CELSIUS	: 0.7 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	23.4 DEGREES CELSIUS	: 0.5 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	21.5 DEGREES CELSIUS	: 1.2 DEGREES CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	119.6 MM	: 33.4 MM BELOW NORMAL

MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 31.5 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON MAY 30.

MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 18.5 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON MAY 4.

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BACK TO ORIGINAL ROUTE

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BUSES OPERATING ON CMB ROUTE NO. 20, BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN AND CENTRAL, WILL RETURN TO THEIR ORIGINAL ROUTE AND TERMINATE AT POTTINGER STREET FROM JUNE 11 (THURSDAY), A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

THE CHANGE FOLLOWS THE REBUILDING OF POTTINGER STREET BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD AND DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL.

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ARGYLE STREET CLEARWAY RESTRICTION EXTENDED

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THE URBAN CLEARWAY HOURS IN EFFECT FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY ON THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF ARGYLE STREET, BETWEEN NATHAN ROAD AND PORTLAND STREET, WILL BE EXTENDED WEST TO RECLAMATION STREET FROM 10 AM ON JUNE 13 (SATURDAY).

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID ALL VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS IN THE RESTRICTED ZONE.

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FLYOVER TO BE CLOSED FOR WORK

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PRINCESS MARGARET FLYOVER, NEAR HOMANTIN, IN KOWLOON, WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FOR FIVE HOURS BETWEEN 1 AM AND 6 AM ON JUNE 11 (THURSDAY) FOR MAINTENANCE WORK ON THE FLYOVER, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

DURING THE CLOSURE PERIOD, TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED TO ALTERNATIVE ROUTES.

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SALT WATER PIPE WORK

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF AREAS IN WEST KOWLOON WILL BE CUT OFF FOR SIX HOURS, FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM, ON THURSDAY (JUNE 11) FOR WORK ON REPLACEMENT OF A PIPE.

THE AFFECTED AREAS ARE : PAK TIN ESTATE, SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE, SHAM SHUI PO, MONG KOK, BEACON HILL, UN CHAU ESTATE, CHEUNG SHA WAN, LEI CHENG UK, TAI WO PING AND BROADCAST DRIVE.

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200 CHILDREN IN SAI KUNG SWIMMING GALA
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NEARLY 200 CHILDREN FROM 20 SAI KUNG PRIMARY SCHOOLS TODAY (TUESDAY) COMPETED IN A SWIMMING GALA HELD AT SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE.

THIS ANNUAL EVENT IS ONE OF A NUMBER OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION (SAI KUNG AND HANG HAU).

THE COMPETITION WAS DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS, WITH A TOTAL OF NINE EVENTS.

SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHAN SHUI-JEUNG, THE ACTING SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER, MR KWAN KI-TAI, AND A LOCAL LEADER, MR LEE YUN-SAU, PRESENTED PRIZES TO WINNERS.

THE WINNERS WILL BE SELECTED TO TAKE PART IN A SWIMMING GALA TO BE ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION ON JUNE 19.

AT THE CEREMONY, WINNERS OF SOCCER, BASKETBALL AND TABLE-TENNIS COMPETITIONS ALSO RECEIVED PRIZES.

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