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REORGANISATION IN MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
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THE HIERARCHY OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS BEING REORGANISED IN RECOGNITION OF THE INCREASED LEVEL OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOLLOWING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGIONALISATION SCHEME.

THE REORGANISATION INVOLVES THE CREATION OF A NUMBER OF SENIOR POSTS, INCLUDING FOUR SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTORS, ONE NURSING DIRECTOR AND ONE PRINCIPAL HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT THE REORGANISATION IS THE FINAL PHASE OF THE REGIONALISATION PLAN WHICH BEGAN IN 1977 UNDER WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES WAS DECENTRALISED AND DELEGATED TO THE REGIONAL LEVEL.

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CHANGES IN THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE DIRECTORATE GRADE IS THE APPOINTMENT OF A NURSING DIRECTOR WHO, AS HEAD OF OVER 7 000 NURSING PERSONNEL, WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE WHOLE GOVERNMENT NURSING SERVICE.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS, SOME 2 000 ADDITIONAL NURSING STAFF WILL BE REQUIRED FOR NEW HOSPITALS AND CLINICS AS WELL AS FOR EXISTING SERVICE.

+THE GROWTH IN THE SIZE AND SCOPE OF THE NURSING SERVICE HAS RESULTED NOT ONLY IN INCREASED ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE HEAD OF THE NURSING SERVICE, BUT ALSO IN MORE COMPLEX STAFF MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS,+ HE SAID.

THE APPOINTMENT OF A NURSING DIRECTOR IS IN LINE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NURSING SERVICE AND THE INCREASED MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES, HE ADDED.

WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF THIS POST, ALL NURSING MATTERS WILL, IN FUTURE, BE DEALT WITH IN THE NURSING HEADQUARTERS WHICH WILL ALSO COMPRISE CHIEF NURSING OFFICERS, ONE EACH TO BE APPOINTED IN THE THREE REGIONS -- HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE NURSING DIRECTOR WILL ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LIAISING WITH THE MEDICAL HEADQUARTERS ON THE MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NURSING GRADES AND CONSIDERING MEANS OF OVERCOMING THE IDENTIFIED SHORTFALL, FORMULATING TRAINING POLICIES TO IMPROVE NURSING STANDARDS AND THE CAREER DEVELOPMENT OF NURSES, AND REVIEWING REGULARLY THE PROVISION OR DEPLOYMENT OF NURSES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE SERVICE.

OF THE FOUR SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR POSTS, THREE WILL BE AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL AND THE FOURTH WILL BE IN THE HEADQUARTERS TO STRENGTHEN THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION.

THE THREE REGIONAL DIRECTORS, AS THEY ARE CALLED, WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OPERATIONAL MATTERS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGION WITH DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEAL WITH THESE MATTERS AS FAR AS POSSIBLE WITHOUT REFERENCE TO MEDICAL HEADQUARTERS.

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SPECIFICALLY, THE REGIONAL DIRECTORS WILL NOW BE RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- (A) COORDINATING THE WORK OF SPECIALIST UNITS TO ACHIEVE FULL INTEGRATION OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS-
- (B) ENSURING THE MOST EFFECTIVE USE OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH FACILITIES IN BOTH GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED INSTITUTIONS-
- (C) IDENTIFYING REGIONAL MEDICAL AND HEALTH NEEDS AND PURSUING MEANS TO MEET DEMAND FOR SERVICES BY IMMEDIATE REDEPLOYMENT OR LONGER TERM PROVISION- AND
- (D) EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF GOVERNMENT AND DEPARTMENTAL POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES ON THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY MEDICAL SERVICES AS FAR AS THEY ARE RELATED TO THE REGIONS AND ADVISING THE HEADQUARTERS ACCORDINGLY.

EACH REGIONAL DIRECTOR WILL BE SUPPORTED BY A CABINET OF SENIOR MEDICAL, NURSING, PARAMEDICAL AND CLERICAL STAFF.

IN EACH REGION, THERE WILL BE TWO PRINCIPAL MEDICAL AND HEALTH OFFICERS, EACH IN CHARGE OF A GEOGRAPHICAL AREA IN THE REGION, WHO WILL REPRESENT THE REGION IN THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND DISTRICT BOARD.

THERE WILL ALSO BE REGIONAL NURSING OFFICERS, CHIEF HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS, AND OTHER GRADES OF STAFF TO ASSIST THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR IN THE DAY-TO-DAY ADMINISTRATION OF THE REGION.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT CHANGE OF THE REORGANISATION IS THE APPOINTMENT OF A PRINCIPAL HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR, WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LAY ADMINISTRATION OF ALL GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS, THE PLANNING AND COMMISSIONING OF NEW HOSPITALS AND CLINICS, AND THE CONTROL OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE POSTS OF THE FOUR SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTORS, THE NURSING DIRECTOR AS WELL AS THE PRINCIPAL HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR HAVE ALREADY BEEN FILLED, AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE OTHER POSTS IN EACH OF THE REGIONS WILL BE FILLED IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

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GOVERNOR INDISPOSED  
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HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IS AFFECTED BY A VIRUS AND IS CONFINED TO BED. UNDER HIS DOCTOR'S INSTRUCTION, HE HAS TO CANCEL ALL HIS PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS UNTIL SUNDAY (JANUARY 17).

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### CHIEF SECRETARY VISITS FACTORIES

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED A COMPUTER COMPONENTS MANUFACTURER AND AN OPTICAL FACTORY IN KWUN TONG.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR BILL DORWARD, SIR PHILIP ARRIVED AT DATAPRODUCTS (HK) LTD. IN HOW MING STREET WHERE HE WAS MET BY THE VICE-PRESIDENT AND MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY, MR HOWARD ROSE.

THE COMPANY, OWNED BY DATAPRODUCTS CORPORATION OF THE UNITED STATES, WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1970, AND PRODUCES COMPUTER PRINTERS COMPONENTS AND MEMORY SYSTEMS FOR EXPORT TO THE UNITED STATES, EUROPE AND JAPAN.

SIR PHILIP ALSO VISITED UNIVERSAL OPTICAL INDUSTRIES LTD. AT HOI BUN ROAD, WHERE HE WAS GREETED BY THE COMPANY'S PRESIDENT, MR MASAKAZU SHIMIZU.

SET UP IN 1967, UNIVERSAL OPTICAL INDUSTRIES LTD. IS A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF YASHICA CO. LTD. OF JAPAN. ITS PRODUCTS - CAMERAS AND FLASH LIGHTS - ARE EXPORTED TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, WEST GERMANY, EUROPE, BRITAIN AND SOUTH EAST ASIA.

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### NOMINATION OF ELECTION CANDIDATES

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NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT BOARDS WILL BEGIN TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AND WILL END ON FEBRUARY 9. ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 4.

THE EIGHT NT DISTRICTS WHICH WILL HAVE ELECTED MEMBERS ARE ISLANDS, NORTH, SAI KUNG, SHA TIN, TAI PO, TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG. SEATS WILL BE HELD FOR 46 CONSTITUENCIES.

GENERALLY, THERE ARE ONLY TWO QUALIFICATIONS FOR SOMEONE TO STAND AS CANDIDATE: HE MUST BE A REGISTERED ELECTOR HIMSELF AND MUST HAVE ORDINARILY RESIDED IN HONG KONG FOR 10 OR MORE YEARS.

A CANDIDATE WILL HAVE TO BE NOMINATED BY 10 ELECTORS, INCLUDING A PROPOSER AND A SECONDER, IN THE CONSTITUENCY FOR WHICH HE SEEKS ELECTION. HOWEVER IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR HIM TO LIVE IN THE SAME CONSTITUENCY.

THE CANDIDATE WILL ALSO HAVE TO MAKE A DEPOSIT OF \$1 000 WHICH WILL BE FORFEITED IF HE FAILED TO GET ELECTED AND HAD LESS THAN ONE-EIGHTH OF THE VOTES CAST.

FORMS TO MAKE NOMINATION AND TO DECLARE ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION WILL BE OBTAINABLE AT ANY NT OR CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AND FROM THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE ON THE 18TH FLOOR OF NEW MERCURY HOUSE, 22 FENWICK STREET, WAN CHAI.

AN EXPLANATORY LEAFLET CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED AT THESE PLACES AND A DETAILED BRIEFING WILL BE ARRANGED FOR CANDIDATES BY THE RETURNING OFFICER AFTER THE CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS.

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MORE REMEDIAL TEACHERS FOR SCHOOLS  
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UP TO FIVE MORE TEACHERS PER STANDARD-SIZED SECONDARY SCHOOL HAD BEEN APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT, MR COLVYN HAYE, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) AT THE SPEECH DAY OF ST PAUL'S CO-EDUCATIONAL COLLEGE.

LAST YEAR, GOVERNMENT HAD ACCEPTED THAT TWO ADDITIONAL TEACHERS WERE REQUIRED FOR REMEDIAL TEACHING IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE AS PART OF THE LANGUAGE PACKAGE. IT HAS NOW ACCEPTED A FURTHER COMMITMENT TO REMEDIAL WORK IN OTHER AREAS, COUNSELLING AND GUIDANCE (INCLUDING CAREER ADVICE), AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES WHICH COMPLEMENT AND REINFORCE THE FORMAL CURRICULUM.

AS FROM SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, TWO GRADUATE TEACHERS MAY BE EMPLOYED FOR LANGUAGE WORK, ONE MORE GRADUATE CAN BE RECRUITED FOR SEPTEMBER, 1983 TO IMPROVE OTHER SERVICES AND TWO ADDITIONAL NON-GRADUATES +AS SOON AS SUFFICIENT NON-GRADUATE TEACHERS HAVE BEEN TRAINED BY THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION.+

PRIMARY SCHOOLS, OF COURSE, WILL BE STAFFED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE IMPROVED TEACHER-TO-CLASS RATIO OF 1.2 : 1 ANNOUNCED WITH THE WHITE PAPER ON PRIMARY EDUCATION AND PRE-PRIMARY SERVICES IN JULY 1981. ADDITIONAL TEACHERS RECRUITED FROM SEPTEMBER 1982 WILL BE EXPECTED TO UNDERTAKE REMEDIAL TEACHING TO IMPROVE STANDARDS IN PRIMARY EDUCATION.

THE PHASED INTRODUCTION OF ADDITIONAL STAFF, MR HAYE SAID, DEMONSTRATED GOVERNMENT'S ACCEPTANCE THAT TEACHERS' RESPONSIBILITIES AND RANGE OF DUTIES HAD SO INCREASED DUE TO A NUMBER OF FACTORS, INCLUDING THE EXPANSION OF FREE AND COMPULSORY EDUCATION UP TO FORM THREE, THE INCREASING PRESSURES PLACED ON STUDENTS BY A CHANGING SOCIETY AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF MORE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

+THE ADDITIONAL TEACHERS WILL NOT CHANGE THE CURRENT RATIO OF GRADUATES TO NON-GRADUATES IN OUR SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AND THE USE OF THE TEACHERS WILL BE MONITORED. I SHOULD ADD THAT SCHOOLS WILL BE FREE TO DEPLOY THEIR STAFF AS THEY SEE FIT, SO LONG AS FUNCTIONS ARE COVERED,+ MR HAYE SAID.

A CIRCULAR WOULD SHORTLY BE ISSUED TO ALL SCHOOLS DESCRIBING THESE VERY SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS IN STAFF AS WELL AS SEPARATE GUIDELINES ON REMEDIAL TEACHING, HE SAID.

MR HAYE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE COLLEGE AND OTHER FAMOUS INSTITUTIONS WHICH HAD THROWN OPEN THEIR DOORS TO MORE AND MORE CHILDREN FROM HUMBLE HOMES WITH THE ADVENT OF FREE, UNIVERSAL AND COMPULSORY JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION, THOUGH HE ADMITTED THIS HAD BROUGHT WITH IT SOME PROBLEMS.

/MR HAYE .....

MR HAYE SAID HE WAS DELIGHTED TO HEAR THAT THE SCHOOL SHOWED A GREAT INTEREST IN COMPUTER EDUCATION AND HAD TWO MICRO-COMPUTERS.

HE COMMENDED THE PRINCIPAL, DR B.M. KOTEWALL, AND HER STAFF FOR BEING SO FAR-SEEING AND SAID:

+I CAN SAFELY SAY THAT THE WORLD OF THE FUTURE WILL BE DOMINATED BY COMPUTERS. BUT COMPUTERS WILL ALWAYS BE DIRECTED BY PEOPLE, AND HERE IS YET ANOTHER CHANCE FOR THE GRADUATES OF ST PAUL'S CO-EDUCATIONAL COLLEGE TO TAKE THE LEAD.+

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NEED FOR COMPASSION STRESSED  
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TO BE ABLE TO PUT ONESELF IN OTHERS' SHOES, TO ANTICIPATE OTHERS' FEELINGS AND NEEDS, AND TO CARE FOR OTHERS ARE NOT EASY CONCEPTS TO IMPLEMENT, BUT THEY ARE ESSENTIAL FOR OUR SOCIETY TO FUNCTION, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE, SAID THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE SECOND INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT CULTURAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE.

MR ALLEYNE NOTED THAT DURING ITS LAST TERM OF OFFICE, THE COMMITTEE HAD CHOSEN +REVERENCE FOR THE ELDERS, RESPECT FOR TEACHERS AND PIETY FOR PARENTS+ AS ITS THEME OF WORK.

THIS WAS A FORMIDABLE TASK, BUT THE COMMITTEE PERSISTED IN ITS OBJECT IN GETTING THE MESSAGE ACROSS TO OUR CITIZENS, ESPECIALLY THE YOUNG.

+ALTHOUGH THE RESULTS MAY NOT BE IMMEDIATELY VISIBLE, I'M SURE THE CAMPAIGN MADE A LASTING IMPACT ON THE THINKING OF OUR COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

MR ALLEYNE SAID HE WAS GLAD TO LEARN THAT THE THEME FOR THE COMMITTEE'S NEW TERM OF OFFICE WOULD BE +COMPASSION+.

+I THINK 'COMPASSION' IS AN IDEA WHICH EMBRACES CONSIDERATION, CONCERN AND SELFLESSNESS,+ HE SAID.

MR ALLEYNE SAID THAT TRADITIONAL VALUES PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN ACTING AS +A STABILISING AGENT AND PROVIDING A SENSE OF DIRECTION FOR YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE+.

HE URGED THE COMMITTEE TO UPHOLD ITS CONVICTION TO PROPAGATE THESE GREAT CHINESE VALUES.

THE COMMITTEE, FORMED MORE THAN 13 YEARS AGO, IS A STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE. IT HAS 81 MEMBER INSTITUTIONS AS WELL AS INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS AS HONORARY MEMBERS.

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CONTINUED EFFORT FOR DISABLED URGED

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HONG KONG SHOULD CONTINUE TO SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS AND 1981 COULD ONLY BE REGARDED AS A BEGINNING, THE PRESIDENT OF REHABILITATION INTERNATIONAL, DR HARRY FANG, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A JOINT REHABILITATION DAY ORGANISED BY 16 REHABILITATION CENTRES RUN BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN KWUN TONG.

+WE SHOULD GAIN FURTHER UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEEDS OF THE DISABLED AND PROVIDE BETTER SERVICES FOR THEM,+ HE SAID.

DR FANG SAID THE REHABILITATION DAY WAS ORGANISED TO PROVIDE SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMES FOR THE DISABLED, TO SHOW THAT THEY COULD TAKE PART IN SUCH ACTIVITIES.

THE FUNCTION WAS ALSO DESIGNED TO INCREASE CO-OPERATION AND CONTACTS AMONG REHABILITATION CENTRES IN PROVIDING SERVICES IN KWUN TONG.

SOME 1 000 TRAINEES, SHELTERED WORKERS AND STUDENTS OF THE REHABILITATION INSTITUTIONS AS WELL AS THE PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY HANDICAPPED TOOK PART IN THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES, WHICH INCLUDED A SPORTS PROGRAMME.

APART FROM DR FANG, OTHER GUESTS OF HONOUR WERE THE KWUN TONG CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, MR DAVID TSUI, THE EAST KOWLOON REGIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MR ALEXANDER FUNG, AND THE SPONSOR OF THE REHABILITATION DAY, MR YEUNG CHUN-KAM.

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1981 WEATHER ROUNDUP

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LAST YEAR WAS THE ELEVENTH DRIEST YEAR ON RECORD. RAINFALL AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY WAS ONLY 1 659.5 MM COMPARED TO A NORMAL OF 2 224.7 MM WITH THE DEFICIT MOSTLY OCCURRING IN JUNE AND AUGUST. IT IS INTERESTING THAT GUANGZHOU RECORDED 2 220 MM WHICH IS ABOUT 30 PER CENT ABOVE NORMAL WHILE YANGJIANG WHICH IS ONLY ABOUT 100 NAUTICAL MILES WEST OF MACAU HAD A REMARKABLE 3 098 MM.

1981 WAS ALSO A GENERALLY HOT YEAR IN HONG KONG. THE MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 21.2 DEGREES CELSIUS AND THE MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 23.1 DEGREES CELSIUS ARE THE SECOND AND THE FIFTH HIGHEST ON RECORD RESPECTIVELY.

THE NUMBER OF TROPICAL CYCLONES IN THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND CHINA SEAS WAS NEAR NORMAL AND TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SIGNALS WERE HOISTED IN HONG KONG ON FIVE OCCASIONS. SEVERE TROPICAL STORM LYNN WAS THE ONLY TROPICAL CYCLONE THAT CAME CLOSE ENOUGH TO CAUSE GALES IN HONG KONG.

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THERE WAS NO MEASURABLE RAINFALL DURING JANUARY AS IN FOUR PREVIOUS DRY JANUARIES OF 1884, 1914, 1932 AND 1966. THE TOTAL RAINFALL DURING DECEMBER 1980 AND JANUARY 1981 AMOUNTED TO ONLY 0.7 MM WHICH IS THE LOWEST ON RECORD FOR THE TWO-MONTH PERIOD. A SUNNY SPELL STARTED ON JANUARY 9 AND LASTED UNTIL JANUARY 20.

THE WINTER WAS QUITE MILD AND THE MEAN TEMPERATURE FROM DECEMBER 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1981 WAS 17.3 DEGREES CELSIUS WHICH IS THE SIXTH HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR THIS PERIOD. FEBRUARY WAS MORE HUMID WITH 17 MISTY DAYS, ON NINE OF WHICH COASTAL FOG WAS REPORTED. THE MISTY SPELL PERSISTED FROM FEBRUARY 13 TO 25. FOG WAS WIDESPREAD ON FEBRUARY 14 AND A THREE-DECKER FERRY WITH 564 PASSENGERS RAN AGROUND ON GREEN ISLAND AROUND 9 AM BUT THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES. AN INTENSE COLD FRONT PASSED HONG KONG ON FEBRUARY 24 AND THE MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 9.5 DEGREES CELSIUS RECORDED ON FEBRUARY 27 WAS THE LOWEST IN THE YEAR.

MARCH WAS WETTER AND WARMER THAN USUAL. THE MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 20.6 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS THE THIRD HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR MARCH. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT WEATHER EVENT IN MARCH WAS THE HAILSTORM ON MARCH 19. THIS MADE 1981 THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR WITH HAIL RECORDED IN HONG KONG BUT ONLY THE SEVENTH SINCE 1940. FOLLOWING AN OBSERVATION OF A FUNNEL CLOUD OVER THE SEA TO THE SOUTH OF CHEUNG CHAU AROUND NOON, HAIL WAS REPORTED FROM 5.35 PM TO 6 PM OVER KOWLOON AND AGAIN FROM 9.43 PM TO 11.10 PM OVER HONG KONG ISLAND AND PARTS OF LANTAU ISLAND. THIS WAS THE MOST WIDESPREAD HAILSTORM OVER THE URBAN AREAS SINCE 1940. SOME OF THE HAILSTONES WERE REPORTED TO BE AS BROAD AS THE RIM OF A RICE BOWL, ABOUT 10 CENTIMETRES IN DIAMETER. CORRUGATED PLASTIC SHELTERS IN CAR PARKS AND ON ROOF-TOPS WERE PUNCTURED. ALTHOUGH CHINESE NEWSPAPERS REPORTED HAILSTONES THE SIZE OF WASHBASINS KILLING SEVEN PEOPLE AND VARIOUS LIVESTOCK IN GUANGDONG, NO HAIL DAMAGE WAS REPORTED BY FARMERS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES. THERE WERE ALSO SIX DAYS WITH THUNDERSTORMS IN MARCH WHICH IS THE HIGHEST NUMBER ON RECORD FOR MARCH IN POST-WAR YEARS. SQUALLY THUNDERSTORMS ACCOMPANIED THE PASSAGE OF A COLD FRONT AROUND 3.30 AM ON MARCH 15. GUSTS REACHED 64 KNOTS AT CHEUNG CHAU AND A 16-YEAR-OLD GIRL WAS DROWNED WHEN A JUNK CAPSIZED OFF CHI MA WAN.

APRIL WAS HOTTER AND DRIER THAN USUAL. THE MONTH'S MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 24.2 DEGREES CELSIUS IS THE HIGHEST ON RECORD AND EQUALLED THOSE IN 1975 AND 1977. APRIL WAS THE SEVENTH CONSECUTIVE MONTH WITH ABOVE NORMAL TEMPERATURES AND THERE WERE EIGHT DAYS WITH THUNDERSTORMS DURING THE MONTH.

MAY WAS COOLER AND WETTER THAN USUAL. A COLD FRONT ARRIVED ON THE MORNING OF MAY 3 WITH NORTHERLY WINDS AND HAIL REPORTED BY A PILOT FLYING ABOUT 200 METRES OVER LEI YUE MUN GAP AT 2.35 PM. THUNDERSTORMS AND HEAVY SHOWERS OCCURRED ON MAY 10-11 AND MAY 31. THERE WERE NUMEROUS LANDSLIPS AND FLOODING WAS REPORTED IN SHA TIN AND TAI PO.

JUNE 1981 WAS THE THIRD DRIEST JUNE SINCE RECORDS BEGAN. THE MONTH'S TOTAL RAINFALL OF 106.4 MM WAS 325.4 MM BELOW NORMAL. NEVERTHELESS HEAVY SHOWERS ON JUNE 5 CAUSED A LANDSLIP ON KING'S ROAD, KILLING ONE PERSON. SEVERE TROPICAL STORM IKE RECURVED NEAR HAINAN AND STRUCK TAIWAN ON JUNE 13. A FUNNEL CLOUD WAS SIGHTED AT YUNG SHUE WAN, LAMMA ISLAND, AROUND 8.40 AM ON JUNE 27.

JULY WAS CLOUDIER AND SLIGHTLY COOLER THAN USUAL. WINDS WERE STRONG ON JULY 3 AS TYPHOON KELLY CROSSED THE SOUTH CHINA SEA. THE ONLY GALE OR STORM SIGNALS OF THE YEAR WERE HOISTED FOR 28 HOURS 45 MINUTES FOR SEVERE TROPICAL STORM LYNN WHICH PASSED ABOUT 80 NAUTICAL MILES TO THE SOUTHWEST ON JULY 7. THIRTY-TWO PEOPLE WERE INJURED MOSTLY BY FALLING OBJECTS. IN WESTERN GUANGDONG, FIVE PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE. A SUNNY SPELL LASTED FROM JULY 9 UNTIL JULY 17. THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 33.3 DEGREES CELSIUS ON JULY 17 WAS THE HIGHEST OF THE YEAR. THERE WERE THUNDERSTORMS ON JULY 22 AND 23 AS THE REMNANT OF SEVERE TROPICAL STORM MAURY MOVED ALONG THE SOUTH CHINA COAST AFTER HITTING TAIBEI. MORE THUNDERSTORMS OCCURRED ON JULY 27 CAUSING FLOODING AND MINOR LANDSLIPS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF HONG KONG. IN SICHUAN, VIOLENT RAINSTORMS BETWEEN JULY 9 AND 14 CAUSED THE PROVINCE'S WORST FLOODS OF THE CENTURY. ABOUT 750 PEOPLE WERE DROWNED AND 1.5 MILLION PEOPLE MADE HOMELESS. THERE WERE ALSO SERIOUS FLOODS IN THE NORTHERN PART OF INDIA AND ABOUT 15 MILLION PEOPLE WERE AFFECTED.

AUGUST 1981 WAS THE FOURTH DRIEST AUGUST ON RECORD. HOWEVER, SERIOUS FLOODS AFFECTED NORTHERN THAILAND, BURMA, JAPAN, KOREA AND ALSO THE SHAANXI, SICHUAN AND LIAONING PROVINCES OF CHINA. AUGUST 1981 WAS ALSO THE SECOND HOTTEST AUGUST ON RECORD WITH A MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 29.1 DEGREES CELSIUS. NINE TROPICAL CYCLONES DEVELOPED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA DURING THE MONTH. WINDS FRESHENED ON AUGUST 8 AS TROPICAL STORM ROY CROSSED THE SOUTH CHINA SEA. TEMPERATURES ROSE TO A MAXIMUM OF 33.3 DEGREES CELSIUS ON AUGUST 21 AND 26, WHICH WAS THE SAME AS ON JULY 17 AND THE HIGHEST OF THE YEAR.

SEPTEMBER WAS WETTER, CLOUDIER AND SLIGHTLY COOLER THAN USUAL. THE TOTAL DURATION OF SUNSHINE DURING THE MONTH WAS 132.3 HOURS, WHICH IS THE THIRD LOWEST ON RECORD FOR SEPTEMBER. A FISHING JUNK FOUNDERED IN SQUALLY THUNDERSTORMS ABOUT 50 NAUTICAL MILES WEST-SOUTHWEST OF HONG KONG ON SEPTEMBER 3. THE FISHERMEN WERE ALL SAVED. TYPHOON CLARA CAUSED A PERIOD OF STRONG NORTHWESTERLY WINDS DURING THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 21. IT CROSSED THE CHINA COAST NEAR SHANWEI ON SEPTEMBER 22 CAUSING THE DEATH OF 62 PEOPLE IN SOUTH CHINA. ANOTHER JUNK CAPSIZED IN SQUALLY THUNDERSTORMS ABOUT 40 NAUTICAL MILES EAST OF HONG KONG ON SEPTEMBER 24. THREE PEOPLE WERE DROWNED. WIDESPREAD THUNDERSTORMS AND VIOLENT SHOWERS OCCURRED EARLY ON SEPTEMBER 29, MAKING IT THE WETTEST DAY THIS YEAR. THE HEAVIEST DOWNPOUR OCCURRED BETWEEN 2 AM AND 4 AM WHEN 182.0 MM OF RAINFALL WERE RECORDED AT HONG KONG AIRPORT. THERE WERE NUMEROUS REPORTS OF FLOODING, LANDSLIPS AND ROAD SUBSIDENCES. THREE PEOPLE WERE KILLED.

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OCTOBER WAS SLIGHTLY COOLER AND CLOUDIER THAN USUAL. THE TOTAL RAINFALL FROM JUNE TO OCTOBER AMOUNTED TO ONLY 1 018.3 MM, WHICH IS THE SEVENTH LOWEST ON RECORD. THE STRONG MONSOON SIGNAL WAS HOISTED ON FOUR OCCASIONS DURING THE MONTH. A CHINESE FREIGHTER RAN AGROUND AND SANK OFF MIRS BAY LATE ON OCTOBER 4. THE CREW OF 29 WERE ALL SAVED. HEAVY SHOWERS ON OCTOBER 5 RESULTED IN A 5-TONNE BOULDER ROLLING DOWN A HILLSIDE ADJOINING CHING CHEUNG ROAD AND MAKING A 7-SQUARE METRE HOLE IN A CLASSROOM WALL. NOBODY WAS HURT. AN INTENSE COLD FRONT ARRIVED ON OCTOBER 22 AND THE MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 14.8 DEGREES CELSIUS REACHED ON OCTOBER 24 IS THE THIRD LOWEST ON RECORD FOR OCTOBER.

NOVEMBER WAS COOLER AND CLOUDIER THAN USUAL. THE STRONG MONSOON SIGNAL WAS HOISTED ON FOUR OCCASIONS DURING THE MONTH. A COLD FRONT BROUGHT HEAVY RAIN ON NOVEMBER 2. NORTHERLY WINDS ON NOVEMBER 30 RESULTED IN A CHINESE JUNK SINKING IN ROUGH SEAS ABOUT 20 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTHEAST OF HONG KONG WITH 13 CREWMEN REPORTED MISSING.

DECEMBER WAS DRIER AND SUNNIER BUT COOLER THAN USUAL. THE CONTINENTAL ANTICYCLONE DOMINATED CHINA THROUGHOUT THE MONTH AND THE MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRESSURE OF 1 022.6 MILLIBARS IN HONG KONG IS THE SECOND HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR DECEMBER. A FINE AND SUNNY SPELL PERSISTED FROM DECEMBER 10-27. SOME FROST WAS REPORTED AT TAI LUNG FARM ON DECEMBER 3 AND 20. THE MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 9.5 DEGREES CELSIUS AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY ON DECEMBER 20, AS ON FEBRUARY 27, WAS THE LOWEST OF THE YEAR. ON TAI MO SHAN, TEMPERATURES DROPPED TO 0.0 DEGREES CELSIUS. FIRE DANGER WARNINGS WERE IN EFFECT DURING 29 DAYS OF THE MONTH. SOME 30 000 PEOPLE WERE REPORTEDLY MADE HOMELESS BY A SUCCESSION OF DISASTROUS FIRES MOSTLY IN SQUATTER AREAS.

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#### BIG CLEAN-UP IN KWUN TONG \* \* \* \*

A SERIES OF +YEAR-END CLEAN-UP+ CAMPAIGNS WILL BE LAUNCHED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND AREA COMMITTEES IN LAM TIN, NGAU TAU KOK, SHUN LEE AND SHUN ON ESTATES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CITY-WIDE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

CLEAN-UPS WILL BE CARRIED OUT ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 17) IN LAM TIN AND NGAU TAU KOK ESTATES WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF VOLUNTARY WORKERS, MEMBERS OF RELEVANT AREA COMMITTEES, TOGETHER WITH STAFF FROM HOUSING AND URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENTS TAKING PART.

IN SHUN LEE AND SHUN ON ESTATES, A WEEK-LONG CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN WILL START THIS WEEKEND.

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THIRD INTER-DEPARTMENTAL RACE  
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THE THIRD INTER-DEPARTMENTAL RACE, ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WILL BE HELD AT THE SHING MUN COUNTRY PARK ON SATURDAY MORNING (JANUARY 16).

ABOUT 300 MEN AND 100 WOMEN DISTANCE RUNNERS FROM 23 GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL TAKE PART IN THE EVENT, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NTSD.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, WILL START THE RACE AND PRESENT THE SIR DENYS ROBERTS SHIELD AND OTHER INDIVIDUAL TROPHIES TO WINNING RUNNERS AT THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY.

THE MEN WILL RUN ABOUT 10 KILOMETRES, WHILE THE WOMEN WILL COMPETE OVER A SEVEN-KILOMETRE COURSE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT, TO BE HELD AT THE SHING MUN MAIN DAM OF SHING MUN COUNTRY PARK NEAR KMB ROUTE 32 TERMINAL AT 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 16).

THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT ABOUT 11 AM.

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CANTONESE DRAMA ABOUT SHANGHAI IN THE 1930'S  
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+SUNRISE+, ONE OF THE MANY FAMOUS PLAYS WRITTEN BY THE LEADING CHINESE WRITER CAO YU, WILL BE STAGED AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM FOR TWO PERFORMANCES DURING THE FOURTH TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL.

THIS CANTONESE DRAMA WILL BE DIRECTED BY LEUNG SZE-KIT, AND PERFORMED BY MEMBERS OF THE TSUEN WAN YOUTH DRAMA CLUB ON JANUARY 31 (SUNDAY) AT 2.30 PM AND 7.30 PM.

THE SETTING OF THE PLAY IS IN SHANGHAI IN THE LATE 1930'S, AND CAN BE SEEN AS DEPICTING SOME SOCIAL PHENOMENA IN HONG KONG.

TICKETS AT \$15, \$10, \$5 AND \$3 (STUDENT TICKETS) ARE NOW ON SALE AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL BOX OFFICE.

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FIRMS INVITED TO ATTEND SEMINAR

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FACTORY AND COMPANY OWNERS IN HONG KONG ARE BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A ONE-DAY UNITED NATIONS-FUNDED SEMINAR TO HELP IMPROVE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF EMPLOYEES AND ACHIEVE BETTER PRODUCTION.

ENTITLED 'POPULATION AND FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION FOR EMPLOYERS IN HONG KONG', IT WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 5 AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL STARTING AT 12 NOON.

IT IS BEING ORGANISED BY TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S INDUSTRIAL SUB-COMMITTEE AND THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION. THE UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR POPULATION ACTIVITIES IS FINANCING THE SEMINAR.

THE PROJECT OFFICER FOR THE SEMINAR, MR PAUL LEE, SAID THE SEMINAR WOULD INTRODUCE TO FACTORY OWNERS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION AMONG WORKERS.

+IT WILL HELP BOTH EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES BY IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF WORKERS AND EVENTUALLY LEAD TO OVERALL GROWTH OF THE ECONOMY,+ HE SAID.

EXPERIENCED SPEAKERS WILL GIVE TALKS AND THERE WILL ALSO BE FILM AND SLIDE SHOWS.

EMPLOYERS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING SHOULD NOTIFY TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE BEFORE JANUARY 23.

THE SEMINAR IS THE EIGHTH ORGANISED SINCE SEPTEMBER, 1980, UNDER THE POPULATION AND FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PROGRAMME. THIS IS A JOINT PROJECT OF THE CMA, THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION AND THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION.

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TRAM SERVICES

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TRAM SERVICES TO HAPPY VALLEY WILL BE CURTAILED ON SATURDAY NIGHT (JANUARY 16) FOR ROAD WORKS IN TIN LOK LANE.

THE LAST DEPARTURES FROM SHAU KEI WAN AND KENNEDY TOWN WILL BE AT 9.10 PM AND 9.05 PM RESPECTIVELY.

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PRINCE EDWARD ROAD CLOSURE  
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A SECTION OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH EMBANKMENT ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM FROM SATURDAY TO MONDAY (JANUARY 18) FOR WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT ON RECONSTRUCTION OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY BRIDGE.

DURING THE CLOSURE, EASTBOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SAI YEE STREET AND BOUNDARY STREET AND WESTBOUND TRAFFIC MAY USE EMBANKMENT ROAD AND BOUNDARY STREET.

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