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NUMBER OF PRIVATE CARS DOUBLES IN DECADE, PASSES 200 000

THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED PRIVATE CARS IN HONG KONG HAS PASSED THE 200 000 MARK - DOUBLE THE FIGURE OF JUST UNDER 10 YEARS AGO.

STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SHOW THAT 201 240 PRIVATE CARS WERE REGISTERED AT JUNE 30, 1981, COMPARED WITH 100 336 AT JULY 31, 1971.

THIS MEANS THAT PRIVATE CARS NOW REPRESENT ALMOST TWO OUT OF EVERY THREE OF THE 315 642 VEHICLES REGISTERED.

A SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED PRIVATE CARS WAS RUNNING ABOUT SEVEN PER CENT AHEAD OF PROJECTIONS FOR THE UNRESTRAINED GROWTH OF PRIVATE CAR OWNERSHIP FORECAST IN THE HONG KONG COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORT STUDY, COMPLETED IN 1976 BY AN INTERNATIONAL FIRM OF CONSULTING ENGINEERS AND PLANNERS.

SOME 2 731 NEW PRIVATE CARS WERE REGISTERED IN JUNE, WHILE THE NUMBER OF LAPSED REGISTRATIONS TOTALLED 1 081.

THIS HELPED PRODUCE A NET INCREASE OF ALMOST 25 000 PRIVATE CARS OR 14 PER CENT IN THE 12 MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30.

HOWEVER, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT, OF THE 201 240 PRIVATE CARS REGISTERED, ONLY 181 204 OR 90 PER CENT WERE LICENSED TO BE ON THE ROADS.

SIMILARLY, OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VEHICLES REGISTERED -- 315 642 -- ONLY 280 428 OR 88 PER CENT WERE LICENSED.

+THIS GIVES A DENSITY OF 240 VEHICLES FOR EACH OF THE 1 164 KILOMETRES OF ROAD IN THE TERRITORY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+AND IT FURTHER REINFORCES THE 1981 GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS' CLAIM THAT HONG KONG HAS THE HIGHEST TRAFFIC DENSITY IN THE WORLD.+

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CAR PARK AND FLYOVER FOR TSUEN WAN
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A 12-STOREY CAR PARK AND TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE AS WELL AS A FLYOVER, TWO FOOTBRIDGES AND ASSOCIATED ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS WILL SHORTLY BE BUILT IN TSUEN WAN.

DISCUSSING THE FLYOVER PROJECT, A PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IT FORMS PART OF A MAJOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME AT THE JUNCTION OF TAI HO ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

THE FLYOVER WILL LINK TAI HO ROAD TO THE NEW MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION AS WELL AS THE RECENTLY DIVERTED ROUTE TWISK.

THE FOOTBRIDGES, TO BE BUILT ACROSS CASTLE PEAK ROAD, WILL ENABLE PEDESTRIANS TO CROSS THE BUSY ROAD SAFELY TO THE MTR STATION AND THE NEW BUS TERMINUS BUILDING NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

THE EXISTING SIGNAL-CONTROLLED JUNCTION WILL BE MODIFIED TO INCLUDE LANDSCAPED TRAFFIC ISLANDS, AND A NEW ROAD, TO BE NAMED SAI LAU KOK ROAD, WILL BE BUILT PARALLEL TO CASTLE PEAK ROAD TO SERVE BOTH BUS AND MTR USERS.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT WILL BE THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO SECTIONS OF TWIN-CELL BOX CULVERT FROM THE MTR STATION FRONTAGE TO THE JUNCTION OF TSUEN WAN MARKET STREET AND TAI HO ROAD TO LINK UP WITH THE EXISTING SYSTEM.

WORK ON THE PROJECT, TENDERS FOR WHICH ARE BEING INVITED, WILL START IN AUGUST AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 26 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

MEANWHILE, THE PWD WILL ALSO BUILD A 12-STOREY CAR PARK AND TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE AT A 5 490-SQUARE-METRE SITE ADJACENT TO THE FOU WAH CENTRE IN CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

THE PROJECT, TENDERS FOR WHICH ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE WILL INCLUDE A GROUND FLOOR TERMINUS FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND TAXIS, FOUR FLOORS OF COMMERCIAL AND OFFICE ACCOMMODATION AND SEVEN FLOORS OF PARKING SPACES FOR A TOTAL OF ABOUT 600 VEHICLES.

THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR RAIL AND ROAD INTERCHANGE AND SHORT AND LONG-TERM PARKING IN LINE WITH THE COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA FOLLOWING THE OPENING OF THE MTR TSUEN WAN EXTENSION.

WORK ON THE CAR PARK WILL BEGIN IN OCTOBER AND TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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\$35M PAID UNDER +NO FAULT+ TRAFFIC ACCIDENT PLAN
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS PAID OUT ABOUT \$35 MILLION AS QUICK CASH RELIEF TO 8 598 CASES UNDER THE +NO FAULT+ TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE (TAVA) SCHEME.

MR SIU KING-CHIU, HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT'S TAVA SECTION, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) A SUM OF \$474 300 AUTHORISED FOR PAYMENT TO 195 CASES NOW AWAITS COLLECTION.

GRANTS ALREADY MADE WERE PAID TO 779 CASES INVOLVING DEATH, AND TO 7 819 CASES INVOLVING INJURIES WHICH HAD CAUSED AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS' LOSS OF EARNING CAPACITY.

PAYMENTS FOR DEATH GRANTS AMOUNTED TO \$6.1 MILLION, WHILE PAYMENTS FOR INJURY TOTALLED \$28.6 MILLION, OF WHICH \$7.4 MILLION WERE PAID AS FURTHER GRANTS TO THOSE WHO SUBSEQUENTLY REQUIRED EXTENDED SICK LEAVE.

THE HIGHEST PAYMENT SO FAR WAS \$26 100 IN ONE FATAL CASE, WHILE OTHER PAYMENTS RANGED FROM \$800 TO \$25 040.

+AT PRESENT, 309 APPLICATIONS ARE BEING PROCESSED AND THE APPLICANTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS SHORTLY,+ MR SIU SAID.

THE TAVA SCHEME IS NON-MEANS TESTED AND PROVIDES QUICK CASH RELIEF FOR TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS OR THEIR DEPENDANTS REGARDLESS OF WHO IS AT FAULT IN CAUSING THE ACCIDENT.

UNDER THE SCHEME, INTRODUCED IN MAY 1979, TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS MUST HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO THE POLICE.

PEOPLE INVOLVED CAN APPLY WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF THE ACCIDENT AT THE DEPARTMENT'S TAVA SECTION ON THE 14TH FLOOR, WORLD TRADE CENTRE, AT 280 GLOUCESTER ROAD, HONG KONG (TEL. NOS. 5-779421 AND 5-7903650).

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ALERT AGAINST BANNED 'PYRAMID SELLING'
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SINCE THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ARE BEGINNING, THE GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED TO ALERT SCHOOL LEAVERS AND JOB SEEKERS TO THE DANGERS ARISING FROM PEOPLE TRYING TO RECRUIT THEM INTO PYRAMID SELLING SCHEMES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

PYRAMID SELLING IS BANNED IN HONG KONG UNDER A NEW LAW ADOPTED LAST YEAR.

ALTHOUGH INDIVIDUAL SCHEMES VARY, THERE ARE SOME COMMON FEATURES.

A PARTICIPANT, HAVING FIRST PAID TO JOIN AND HAVING BOUGHT A FIXED AMOUNT OF GOODS TO SELL, IS GIVEN A PAYMENT FOR EACH NEW PARTICIPANT HE RECRUITS, A COMMISSION ON THE GOODS WHICH THESE NEW PARTICIPANTS BUY FROM THE COMPANY, AND SOMETIMES A COMMISSION ON ENTRY FEES PAID BY FURTHER PERSONS RECRUITED BY THESE PARTICIPANTS.

THE GOODS BOUGHT BY THEM TO RE-SELL ARE MORE OFTEN THAN NOT UNSALEABLE EITHER BECAUSE THEY ARE OVER-PRICED OR BECAUSE IN THE END THERE ARE TOO MANY PARTICIPANTS SELLING THE SAME GOODS IN A LIMITED MARKET.

AT THE TIME THE NEW LEGISLATION WAS INTRODUCED LAST YEAR, IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT PYRAMID SELLING SCHEMES WERE OBJECTIONABLE FOR TWO REASONS:

- * THEY SERVED NO ECONOMIC PURPOSE BECAUSE THE GOODS TENDED TO ACCUMULATE UNSOLD IN THE POSSESSION OF UNSUCCESSFUL PARTICIPANTS WHO TURNED INSTEAD TO RECRUITING FURTHER PARTICIPANTS TO RECOVER ANY SUM THEY HAD PAID TO JOIN=
- * PARTICIPANTS WERE OFTEN GULLIBLE YOUNG PEOPLE LURED INTO SUCH SCHEMES BY EMPTY PROMISES OF LARGE REWARDS. ON BALANCE IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT THESE YOUNG PEOPLE, WHO HAD JUST LEFT SCHOOL AND LACKED THE MATURITY TO SEE THE PITFALLS, COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO PROTECT THEMSELVES.

FURTHERMORE, ORGANISERS OF SUCH SCHEMES WERE WELL VERSED IN SOPHISTICATED HIGH PRESSURE RECRUITMENT TECHNIQUES AND IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR INEXPERIENCED OR YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE PARTICULARLY ALERT.

ANYBODY WHO SUSPECTS THAT HE IS BEING RECRUITED INTO SUCH AN UNLAWFUL SCHEME OR OTHERWISE COMES ACROSS ONE SHOULD REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO THE POLICE.

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UNREGISTERED MEDICINES SEIZED
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FORENSIC PHARMACISTS OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SEIZED A LARGE QUANTITY OF UNREGISTERED MEDICINES IN A RECENT RAID OF AN UNLICENSED PHARMACEUTICAL WHOLESALER IN CENTRAL.

THE RAID WAS CARRIED OUT AFTER INTENSIVE INVESTIGATIONS BASED ON INFORMATION THAT SOME MEDICINES HAD BEEN ILLEGALLY IMPORTED BY DEALERS FOR LOCAL DISTRIBUTION.

THE SEIZURE OF UNREGISTERED MEDICINES, VALUED AT MORE THAN \$200 000, IS BY FAR THE LARGEST MADE BY FORENSIC PHARMACISTS UNDER THE PHARMACY AND POISONS ORDINANCE, WHICH REQUIRES ALL PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE THEY CAN BE SOLD.

SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THIS REQUIREMENT IN JULY 1978, THE FORENSIC PHARMACY SECTION HAS INCREASED ITS MANPOWER TO COPE WITH THE EXTRA WORK.

MEDICINE DEALERS WERE REMINDED BY A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT THAT ALL PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS AND MEDICINES ON SALE MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE PHARMACY AND POISONS BOARD.

+DEALERS FOUND SELLING UNREGISTERED PRODUCTS WILL BE PROSECUTED AND THE PRODUCTS SEIZED,+ HE WARNED.

UNDER THE PHARMACY AND POISONS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1980, PERSONS IMPORTING OR EXPORTING PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS OR MEDICINES FROM JULY 1, 1981 ARE REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE BOARD, HE POINTED OUT.

+THEY ARE URGED TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS IMPORTER/EXPORTERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF THEY HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO,+ HE ADDED.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PHARMACEUTICALS REGISTRATION SECTION OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AT CENTRE POINT BUILDING, 181-185 GLOUCESTER ROAD.

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KEEP SAFE DURING TROPICAL CYCLONES

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HONG KONG RESIDENTS ARE ALL TOO FAMILIAR WITH THE DESTRUCTIVE POWER OF TROPICAL CYCLONES WHICH RIP ACROSS LAND AND SEA AT THIS TIME OF YEAR, OFTEN BRINGING DEATH AND DESTRUCTION.

THANKFULLY, LOSSES IN RECENT YEARS HAVE BEEN RELATIVELY LIGHT, DUE IN NO SMALL MEASURE TO SENSIBLE PRECAUTIONS TAKEN FOLLOWING ADVANCE WARNINGS AND ADVICE FROM THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

+COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS+ HAS LONG BEEN THE MOTTO OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY. IT IS THE KEYSTONE FOR MINIMISING DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, INJURIES AND LOSS OF LIFE WHICH CAN RESULT FROM TROPICAL CYCLONES.

IT IS VITAL THEREFORE THAT EVERYONE IN HONG KONG IS FAMILIAR WITH TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SIGNALS AND WHAT PRECAUTIONS THEY SHOULD TAKE IN THE EVENT A TROPICAL CYCLONE SIGNAL IS HOISTED.

HONG KONG'S TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SIGNALS FOLLOW A NUMBER SYSTEM. FOR EASY REFERENCE, THE VARIOUS SIGNALS AND THEIR MEANING ARE GIVEN BELOW, TOGETHER WITH GUIDELINES OF WHAT TO DO WHEN A PARTICULAR SIGNAL IS UP.

SIGNAL 1 - THIS IS A STAND BY SIGNAL WHICH INDICATES THAT A TROPICAL CYCLONE IS CENTRED WITHIN ABOUT 400 NAUTICAL MILES OF HONG KONG AND MAY LATER AFFECT THE TERRITORY. THE STAND BY SIGNAL IS AN ADVISORY SIGNAL INDICATING THE POSSIBILITY OF DESTRUCTIVE WINDS OCCURRING IN HONG KONG.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

LISTEN TO WEATHER BROADCASTS. SOME PRELIMINARY PRECAUTIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN, SUCH AS CLEARING GUTTERS AND DRAINS OF OBSTRUCTIONS. HINGES, BOLTS, LOCKS AND SHUTTERS OF WINDOWS AND DOORS SHOULD BE CHECKED. MAKE SURE WATER, CANDLES, TORCHES, ADHESIVE TAPE AND FIRST-AID AND OTHER NECESSARY EQUIPMENT ARE AVAILABLE. REMEMBER THAT DETERIORATING WEATHER MAY AFFECT YOUR ACTIVITIES OUTDOORS.

SIGNAL 3 - THIS IS A STRONG WIND SIGNAL WHICH INDICATES THAT STRONG WINDS WITH SUSTAINED SPEED OF 22-33 KNOTS ARE EXPECTED. GUSTS MAY EXCEED 60 KNOTS IN EXPOSED AREAS. THE TIMING OF THE HOISTING OF THIS SIGNAL IS AIMED TO GIVE ABOUT 12 HOURS ADVANCE WARNING OF A STRONG WIND IN VICTORIA HARBOUR BUT THE WARNING PERIOD MAY BE SHORTER FOR MORE EXPOSED WATERS.

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WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

TAKE ALL NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS NOW. SECURE ALL LOOSE OBJECTS, PARTICULARLY ON BALCONIES AND ROOF TOPS. SECURE HOARDINGS, SCAFFOLDING AND TEMPORARY STRUCTURES. CLEAR GUTTERS AND DRAINS. TAKE FULL PRECAUTIONS FOR THE SAFETY OF BOATS. SHIPS IN PORT NORMALLY LEAVE FOR TYPHOON ANCHORAGES OR BUOYS. REMEMBER THAT FERRY SERVICES MAY SOON BE AFFECTED BY WIND OR WAVES. EVEN AT THIS STAGE HEAVY RAIN ACCOMPANIED BY VIOLENT SQUALLS MAY OCCUR.

SIGNAL 8NW, 8SW, 8NE, 8SE - THESE ARE GALE OR STORM SIGNALS WHICH INDICATE THAT GALE OR STORM WINDS WITH A SUSTAINED SPEED OF 34-63 KNOTS ARE EXPECTED OR BLOWING FROM THE QUARTER INDICATED. GUSTS MAY EXCEED 100 KNOTS. THE TIMING OF THE REPLACEMENT OF THE STRONG WIND SIGNAL NO. 3, BY THE APPROPRIATE ONE OF THESE FOUR SIGNALS IS AIMED TO GIVE ABOUT 12 HOURS ADVANCE WARNING OF A GALE IN VICTORIA HARBOUR BUT THE SUSTAINED WIND SPEED MAY REACH 34 KNOTS WITHIN A SHORTER PERIOD OVER MORE EXPOSED WATERS. EXPECTED CHANGES IN THE DIRECTION OF WINDS WILL BE INDICATED BY CORRESPONDING CHANGES OF THESE SIGNALS.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

COMPLETE ALL PRECAUTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IT IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS TO DELAY PRECAUTIONS UNTIL THE HOISTING OF NO. 9 OR NO. 10 SIGNAL AS THE LATTER ARE SIGNALS OF GREAT URGENCY. WINDOWS AND DOORS SHOULD BE BOLTED AND SHUTTERED.

STAY INDOORS WHEN THE WINDS INCREASE TO AVOID FLYING DEBRIS BUT IF YOU MUST GO OUT KEEP WELL CLEAR OF OVERHEAD WIRES AND HOARDINGS. ALL SCHOOLS AND LAW COURTS CLOSE AND FERRIES WILL PROBABLY STOP RUNNING AT SHORT NOTICE.

THE SEA LEVEL WILL PROBABLY BE HIGHER THAN NORMAL PARTICULARLY IN NARROW INLETS. IF THIS HAPPENS NEAR THE TIME OF NORMAL HIGH TIDE THEN LOW LYING AREAS MAY HAVE TO BE EVACUATED VERY QUICKLY. HEAVY RAIN MAY CAUSE FLOODING, ROCKFALLS AND MUDSLIPS.

SIGNAL 9 - THIS SIGNAL MEANS THAT GALE OR STORM FORCE WINDS ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY IN STRENGTH. THIS SIGNAL WILL BE HOISTED WHEN THE SUSTAINED WIND SPEED IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE AND COME WITHIN THE RANGE 48-63 KNOTS DURING THE NEXT FEW HOURS.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

STAY WHERE YOU ARE IF YOU ARE REASONABLY PROTECTED. STAY AWAY FROM EXPOSED WINDOWS AND DOORS.

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SIGNAL 10 - THIS IS THE HIGHEST SIGNAL AND MEANS THAT HURRICANE FORCE WINDS ARE EXPECTED OR BLOWING WITH SUSTAINED SPEED REACHING UPWARDS FROM 64 KNOTS. GUSTS MAY EXCEED 120 KNOTS. THIS SIGNAL IS HOISTED AS SOON AS THERE ARE DEFINITE INDICATIONS THAT THE SUSTAINED WIND SPEED ANYWHERE NEAR SEA LEVEL IN HONG KONG IS LIKELY TO EXCEED 63 KNOTS.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

AS WHEN NO. 9 IS UP, STAY WHERE YOU ARE WELL PROTECTED. BOTH SIGNALS 9 AND 10 IMPLY THAT THE CENTRE OF A SEVERE TROPICAL STORM OR A TYPHOON WILL COME CLOSE TO HONG KONG. IF THE EYE PASSES OVER THERE WILL BE A LULL LASTING FROM A FEW MINUTES TO SOME HOURS BUT BE PREPARED FOR A SUDDEN RESUMPTION OF DESTRUCTIVE WINDS FROM A DIFFERENT DIRECTION.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO REALISE THAT WHILST THE TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SIGNALS GIVE WARNINGS OF WINDS EXPECTED OR BLOWING NEAR SEA LEVEL OVER OPEN WATER AND SIMILARLY EXPOSED AREAS, THEY DO NOT SPECIFICALLY WARN OF OTHER DANGERS WHICH MAY RESULT FROM THE TROPICAL CYCLONE. THESE INCLUDE FLOODING IN LOW LYING AREAS AS A RESULT OF A STORM SURGE WHICH MAY CAUSE THE SEA LEVEL TO RISE CONSIDERABLY HIGHER THAN IS NORMAL, AND THE DESTRUCTIVE EFFECTS OF VERY HEAVY RAIN WHICH USUALLY ACCOMPANIES TROPICAL CYCLONES. THIS RAIN CAN CAUSE FLOODING, LANDSLIPS AND GROUND SUBSIDENCE. SMALL STREAMS CAN TURN INTO RAGING TORRENTS WITHIN A SHORT PERIOD BRINGING DANGER TO ANYONE WITHIN THEIR VICINITY. ROCKS MAY DISLodge FROM HILLSIDES AND THERE MAY BE MUDSLIPS.

IT IS THEREFORE OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC LISTEN TO BROADCAST WEATHER BULLETINS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON ALL EXPECTED ADVERSE WEATHER SO THAT THEY MAY TAKE APPROPRIATE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST VIOLENT WIND, HEAVY RAIN AND STORM SURGES.

TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING BULLETINS ARE BROADCAST EVERY HALF HOUR AND AT TWO MINUTES TO THE HOUR WHEN ANY OF THE SIGNALS 8 TO 10 IS DISPLAYED.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO LISTEN TO WEATHER BROADCASTS AND NOT TO TELEPHONE THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DURING TROPICAL CYCLONE CONDITIONS AS THE TELEPHONE LINES MUST BE KEPT OPEN FOR THE DISSEMINATION OF WARNINGS AND OTHER URGENT OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS. INSTEAD, THEY SHOULD, IF REQUIRED, CALL 5-456381 WHICH IS OPERATED ROUND THE CLOCK BY THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT DURING TROPICAL CYCLONE CONDITIONS.

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REMINDER ON SCHOLARSHIPS

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APPLICANTS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS AND INTEREST-FREE LOANS UNDER TWO FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT ARE REMINDED THAT THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY (JULY 17), AND THAT THEY SHOULD RETURN THEIR FORMS EARLY.

THE TWO FUNDS ARE THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND THE MARINE FISH SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

THESE AWARDS, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL REVIEW, WILL BE TENABLE AT A UNIVERSITY IN HONG KONG OR THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC OR A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE. THEY ARE ALSO TENABLE AT AN ACCEPTABLE OVERSEAS ACADEMIC OR TECHNOLOGICAL OR POST-GRADUATE INSTITUTION.

CANDIDATES SHOULD BE STUDENTS WHO MAY BE EXPECTED TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO EITHER AGRICULTURE OR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT MARKET INDUSTRIES, OR MARINE FISHERIES OR FISH MARKETING INDUSTRIES IN HONG KONG.

THESE STUDENTS SHOULD NORMALLY STUDY AGRICULTURE, VETERINARY SCIENCE, BOTANY, ZOOLOGY OR ANY APPLIED SCIENCES THAT ARE RELEVANT TO HONG KONG, OR ZOOLOGY, FISHERY, BIOLOGY, MARINE BIOLOGY, FOOD TECHNOLOGY, ECONOMICS, MANAGEMENT OR ADMINISTRATIVE STUDIES, MARINE ENGINEERING, NAVAL ARCHITECTURE OR ANY APPLIED SCIENCE RELEVANT TO LOCAL MARINE FISHERIES OR FISH MARKETING INDUSTRIES.

APPLICATIONS ARE ALSO OPEN TO PEOPLE EMPLOYED IN AGRICULTURE AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT MARKETING INDUSTRIES OR MARINE FISHERIES AND FISH MARKETING INDUSTRIES IN HONG KONG.

CANDIDATES SHOULD BE HONG KONG RESIDENTS AND ADMITTED BY A RELEVANT ACADEMIC INSTITUTION, UNDER 30 AND PREFERABLY 18 AND 25 YEARS OF AGE.

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DANGERS OF ROPE LADDERS STRESSED

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BUILDING CONTRACTORS ARE URGED TO REFRAIN FROM USING ROPE LADDERS AS MEANS OF ACCESS TO HIGH LEVELS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES.

MAKING THE PLEA TODAY (SUNDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT STRESSED THAT IF ROPE LADDERS MUST BE USED, ADEQUATE PRECAUTION SHOULD BE TAKEN BY THE USE OF SAFETY NETS OR SAFETY HARNESSSES WITH FALL-ARREST DEVICES WHICH SLIDE UP AND DOWN THE LIFE-LINE AND ONLY LOCK WHEN TENSION IS EXERTED.

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HE POINTED OUT THAT THE DRAWBACKS OF A ROPE LADDER ARE LACK OF RIGIDITY AND STABILITY AND DIFFICULTY IN PROVIDING SAFETY BACK LOOPS.

HE RECOMMENDED THE USE OF PASSENGER HOISTS, SUSPENDED SCAFFOLDS, STAIRS OR SUITABLY DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED LADDERS INSTEAD OF ROPE LADDERS.

A WORKER WAS RECENTLY KILLED IN A FALL FROM ROPE LADDER AT A CONSTRUCTION SITE, THE SPOKESMAN RECALLED.

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ALL ABOUT TENT CAMP SITES

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A FULL-COLOUR, BILINGUAL INFORMATION LEAFLET ON THE LOCATION OF TENT CAMP SITES IN COUNTRY PARKS HAS BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY.

THE LEAFLET IS NOW AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FREE OF CHARGE FROM A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT CENTRES.

IT WAS DESIGNED BY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AND SPONSORED BY KODAK (FAR EAST) LTD. AS A COMMUNITY SERVICE.

THE LEAFLET INCORPORATES A GENERAL MAP OF HONG KONG, DETAILING THE LOCATION OF THE CAMP SITES IN SEVEN OF THE 21 COUNTRY PARKS — LANTAU, TAI LAM, TAI MO SHAN, PAT SIN LENG, SHING MUN, MA ON SHAN AND SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARKS.

IN ADDITION, 10 SMALLER MAPS INDICATING THE LOCATION OF THESE SITES TOGETHER WITH GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD ARE ALSO PRINTED. THESE CARTOGRAPHIC MAPS WERE PREPARED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

CAMPERS WILL ALSO FIND IN THE LEAFLET A RESERVOIR OF INFORMATION AND ADVICE ON THE REQUIREMENTS FOR AN ENJOYABLE OUTING.

THE LEAFLET MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS ON THE 12TH FLOOR OF CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES— THE MARKETING SECTION OF GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF BASKERVILLE HOUSE IN ICE HOUSE STREET, CENTRAL— VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES IN THE ABERDEEN AND TAI MEI TUK COUNTRY PARKS AND MANAGEMENT CENTRES AT TAI LAM, HOK TAU, SHING MUN, MA ON SHAN, KEI LING, HOI HA, PAK TAM, MAN YEE, NAM SHAN AND TUNG CHUNG AU.

IT IS ALSO AVAILABLE AT CITY DISTRICT OFFICES AND DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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SAI KUNG CROSS HARBOUR SWIM
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THE THIRD SAI KUNG CROSS HARBOUR SWIM, WHICH ATTRACTED MORE PARTICIPANTS THAN LAST YEAR, WAS TODAY (SUNDAY) LAUNCHED BY THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS CARRIE TSANG.

ORGANISED BY SAI KUNG SPORTS ASSOCIATION WITH FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD, THE EVENT INVOLVED 183 ENTRANTS IN THE MEN'S SECTION AND 33 IN THE WOMEN'S SECTION.

THE OLDEST PARTICIPANT WAS 78 AND THE YOUNGEST 11.

LAST YEAR, 200 PEOPLE ENTERED.

FOLLOWING THE START OF THE RACE, ALL CONTESTANTS COMPETED IN A 1 300-METRE COURSE WHICH STARTED AT PAK SHA CHAU AND FINISHED AT SAI KUNG RECLAMATION PIER.

WINNER OF THE MEN'S SECTION WAS MR CHEUNG WAN CHI WHO FINISHED IN A TIME OF 17 MINUTES 13 SECONDS. THE WOMEN'S SECTION WINNER WAS MISS LAI WAI, WHOSE TIME WAS 20 MINUTES FOUR SECONDS.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S PRIZE PRESENTATION WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF SAI KUNG RURAL COMMITTEE, MR CHUNG POON.

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WORK ON WATER MAINS
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR 11 HOURS FROM 9 PM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 15) TO 8 AM OF THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER MAINS.

AFFECTED PREMISES ARE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- (A) FROM KWAI CHUNG ROAD EXTENDING SOUTHWARD TOWARDS CASTLE PEAK ROAD, BOUNDED BY KWAI WING ROAD AND TAI LIN PAI ROAD.
- (B) FROM KWAI CHUNG ROAD WESTWARD TO SHEUNG KOK STREET, BOUNDED BY KWAI FOOK ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD.
- (C) FROM LEI MUK ROAD NORTHWARD TO CHEONG WING ROAD, BOUNDED BY WO YI HOP ROAD, AND KWOK SHUI ROAD.
- (D) ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD, FROM THE JUNCTION OF LEI MUK ROAD TO THE END OF YIP SHING STREET.

MEANWHILE, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN YUEN LONG WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 15) FOR WATER MAIN CONNECTION.

AFFECTED AREAS INCLUDE ALL PREMISES AND VILLAGES ALONG SAN TIN ROAD BETWEEN FAIRVIEW PARK APPROACH ROAD AND SAN TIN POST OFFICE.

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