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TWO MORE DIE FROM AIDS

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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT ANOTHER TWO PERSONS IN HONG KONG WERE TODAY (FRIDAY) CONFIRMED TO HAVE DIED FROM ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS).

THIS BRINGS TO SIX THE NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM AIDS IN THE TERRITORY.

THE DEPARTMENT ALSO RELEASED THE LATEST STATISTICS ON THE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME ON AIDS.

BETWEEN APRIL AND JUNE THIS YEAR, 9,891 PERSONS WERE TESTED FOR THE AIDS INFECTION BY THE VIRUS UNIT OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

SEVEN OF THESE WERE FOUND TO BE INFECTED, BRINGING TO 90 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS FOUND TO BE POSITIVE FOR HIV ANTIBODIES. THE SEVEN ARE THREE REFERRALS FROM GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND CLINICS, THREE REFERRALS FROM PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS AND ONE HAEMOPHILIAC.

UNDER THE AIDS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME, GROUPS WHO ARE AT RISK OF BEING INFECTED BY THE VIRUS SUCH AS SEXUALLY PROMISCUOUS PERSONS, MULTITRANSFUSED PATIENTS AND INTRAVENOUS DRUG ABUSERS ARE TESTED FOR THE INFECTION.

SINCE APRIL 1985, A TOTAL OF 56,709 PERSONS HAD BEEN TESTED AND SO FAR 90 WERE FOUND POSITIVE.

DURING THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 1987, THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE HAD ALSO CARRIED OUT HIV TESTS FOR 35,385 BLOOD DONORS AND ONE OF THEM WAS FOUND TO BE POSITIVE.

SINCE ITS MASS SCREENING PROGRAMME IN AUGUST 1985, THE NUMBER OF BLOOD DONOR UNITS TESTED BY THE RED CROSS FOR AIDS ANTIBODY TOTALLED 269,330.

UP TO NOW, FIVE BLOOD DONOR UNITS WERE FOUND TO BE INFECTED BY THE VIRUS.

SINCE THE GOVERNMENT INTENSIFIED ITS EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN ON AIDS ON APRIL 21, THE AIDS COUNSELLING SERVICE HAD RECEIVED 8,719 CALLS.

THE SERVICE WAS FIRST SET UP IN NOVEMBER 1985, AND UP TO NOW, OVER 14,082 CALLS WERE RECEIVED.

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MEANWHILE, THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT ALSO ANNOUNCED THE RESULT OF A SECOND SURVEY CONDUCTED TO FIND OUT THE CHANGE IN PEOPLE'S ATTITUDES TOWARD AIDS AFTER THE LAUNCH OF THE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN ON AIDS IN APRIL 1987.

ACCORDING TO THE FINDINGS, VIRTUALLY ALL ADULTS WERE AWARE OF AIDS, WITH A GREATER PROPORTION OF THEM CLAIMING TELEVISION AS THEIR MAIN SOURCE OF LEARNING ABOUT THE DISEASE.

THE SURVEY RESULT INDICATED THAT INCREASINGLY MORE PEOPLE RECOGNISE THAT AIDS IS AN INFECTIOUS AND FATAL DISEASE AND THAT THE MORE SEXUAL PARTNERS ONE HAS, THE MORE CHANCES OF CONTRACTING AIDS.

IT ALSO SHOWED THAT THE MESSAGE OF PREVENTING AIDS THROUGH AVOIDING HOMOSEXUAL AND PROMISCUOUS SEXUAL RELATIONS COMES THROUGH STRONGLY.

THERE HAS ALSO BEEN A RISE IN THE AWARENESS OF THE AIDS COUNSELLING SERVICE FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

THE SURVEY, COMMISSIONED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, WAS CONDUCTED BETWEEN MAY 21 AND 29, ABOUT A MONTH AND A HALF AFTER THE LAUNCH OF THE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN ON AIDS.

ATTACHED IS A LIST SHOWING THE STATISTICS ON THE AIDS BLOOD TEST RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 1987.

AIDS VIRUS (HIV) ANTIBODY TESTING
MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT
VIRUS UNIT

	APRIL 85 - MAR 87		APRIL 87 - JUN 87		TOTAL	
	NO. TESTED	NO. +VE	NO. TESTED	NO. +VE	NO. TESTED	NO. +VE
REFERRALS FROM GOVT. HOSPITALS AND CLINICS	1,873	12	719	3	2,592	15
REFERRALS FROM PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS	493	17	364	3	857	20

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ATTENDANCES AT SOCIAL HYGIENE CLINICS	42,690	9	8,643	0	51,333	9
HAEMOPHILIACS	203	45	16	1	219*	46
IV DRUG ABUSERS	1,230	0	122	0	1,352	0
REFERRALS FROM FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION	96	0	10	0	106	0
HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL	233	0	17	0	250	0

TOTAL	46,818	83	9,891	7	56,709	90

* THIS INDICATES THE NUMBER OF SPECIMENS AND NOT PERSONS AS TESTS ARE REPEATED FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.

	APRIL 85 - MAR 87		APRIL 87 - JUN 87		TOTAL	
	NO. TESTED	NO. +VE	NO. TESTED	NO. +VE	NO. TESTED	NO. +VE
HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE	232,945	4	35,385	1	269,330	5

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UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS FOR APRIL TO JUNE
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THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BETWEEN APRIL AND JUNE THIS YEAR DECLINED FURTHER WHILE THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE REMAINED STABLE AT A LOW LEVEL, COMPARED WITH THE THREE MONTHS ENDING MARCH 1987, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR APRIL - JUNE 1987 WAS 1.8 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH 2.1 PER CENT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING MARCH 1987 AND 3 PER CENT FOR THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER.

THE DECREASES OF 0.3 PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTH PERIOD AND 1.2 PERCENTAGE POINTS BELOW THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER ARE BOTH STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN APRIL - JUNE 1987 WAS ESTIMATED AT 47,800, COMPARED WITH 54,800 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING MARCH 1987 AND OF 80,600 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1986.

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR APRIL - JUNE 1987 WAS 1.1 PER CENT, WHICH COMPARES WITH 1 PER CENT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING MARCH 1987. THE RATE FOR APRIL - JUNE 1986 WAS 1.9 PER CENT. THE INCREASE OF 0.1 PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTH PERIOD IS STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT, WHILE THE DECREASE OF 0.8 PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER IS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS FOR APRIL - JUNE 1987 WAS 29,500, COMPARED WITH 25,500 FOR THE THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDING MARCH 1987 AND 52,200 FOR THE THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDING JUNE 1986.

CONSISTENT WITH THE CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO), PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK DUE TO ECONOMIC REASONS (SUCH AS SLACK WORK, MATERIAL SHORTAGE, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN AND INABILITY TO FIND FULL-TIME WORK) WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE EITHER SEEKING OR AVAILABLE FOR MORE WORK.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID THAT BECAUSE THE PROPORTION OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS (E.G. PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL) VARIES FROM MONTH TO MONTH, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES THAT HAD BEEN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE VARIATIONS IN THE NUMBER OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME.

/THE COMMISSIONER

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THE COMMISSIONER ADDED THAT, BASED ON A SYSTEM OF MANUAL EXTRACTION OF INFORMATION FROM SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES FOR THE LATEST MONTH, PROVISIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES COVERING THE LATEST THREE MONTH PERIOD COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE SURVEY. THESE PROVIDE AN EARLY INDICATION OF THE LATEST TREND IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

THE PROVISIONAL SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, FOR MAY - JULY 1987 WAS 1.8 PER CENT AND THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 1 PER CENT.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT. THIS SURVEY COVERS A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 14,000 HOUSEHOLDS OR 51,000 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG.

PERSONAL AND LABOUR FORCE DATA WERE OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AGED 15 AND ABOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED. IN THE SURVEY, THE DEFINITIONS USED IN MEASURING UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOLLOW CLOSELY THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE ILO.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR. THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 1987 SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AROUND SEPTEMBER 20, 1987 AT \$9.50 PER COPY.

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TUITION FEES FOR THE UNIVERSITIES,
THE POLYTECHNICS AND THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE
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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED RECOMMENDED FEES FOR DEGREE AND NON-DEGREE COURSES AT THE TWO UNIVERSITIES, THE TWO POLYTECHNICS AND THE BAPTIST COLLEGE FOR 1989/90 - 1993/94.

THE NEW FEES ARE:-

	DEGREE COURSES -----	NON-DEGREE COURSES -----
1989/90	\$7,500	\$5,700
1990/91	8,100	6,000
1991/92	9,050	6,550
1992/93	10,000	7,100
1993/94	10,950	7,650

FEES ALREADY DETERMINED AND ANNOUNCED FOR THE NEXT TWO ACADEMIC YEARS ARE:-

	DEGREE COURSES -----	NON-DEGREE COURSES -----
1987/88	\$5,400	\$4,200
1988/89	6,200	4,900

"THE FEE LEVELS FOR 1989/90 HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED FOR ESTIMATED FUTURE INFLATION AND OTHER COST INCREASES. THOSE FOR THE SUBSEQUENT YEARS REMAIN INDICATIVE AT PROJECTED 1988-89 PRICES AND WILL BE ADJUSTED IN SIMILAR FASHION BEFORE WE ANNOUNCE THEM FOUR YEARS IN ADVANCE," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE FIVE INSTITUTIONS HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF THE NEW FEES. THEY MAY IF THEY SO WISH MODIFY THE RECOMMENDED FEE LEVELS. BUT IF THEY CHOOSE TO ADOPT LOWER FEES, THEY WILL HAVE TO MAKE UP ANY DEFICIENCY BY EITHER REDUCING EXPENDITURE OR BY RAISING ADDITIONAL PRIVATE INCOME," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S AIM IS FOR TUITION FEES TO MEET A REASONABLE SHARE OF THE COSTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND FOR THOSE WHO CAN AFFORD IT TO PAY REASONABLE FEES.

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"BUT THE DIFFICULTY IS THAT THERE IS NO UNIVERSALLY ACCEPTED MEANS FOR DETERMINING A FEE LEVEL WHICH CAN BE REGARDED BY ALL CONCERNED AS REFLECTING A REASONABLE SHARE OF THE COSTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IN THE PRESENT CASE, THE FEES HAVE BEEN DECIDED TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE FOLLOWING MAIN FACTORS:-

- (I) PREVIOUS FEE LEVELS WHICH HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND STUDENTS, AND BY IMPLICATION, THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE AND WHICH THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT AND THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAVE CRITICISED US FOR FAILING TO MAINTAIN;
- (II) FEE LEVELS OF COMPARABLE INSTITUTIONS OVERSEAS; AND
- (III) AVAILABILITY OF ASSISTANCE UNDER THE STUDENT FINANCE SCHEME,

"THE FIVE INSTITUTIONS HAVE BEEN CONSULTED AND THEIR VIEWS WERE CONSIDERED BY GOVERNMENT BEFORE THE DECISION ON FEES WAS TAKEN," HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT COMPARED WITH THE EXISTING LEVELS, THE NEW FEES MIGHT SEEM TO REPRESENT STEEP INCREASES.

"BUT THIS IS ONLY BECAUSE PREVIOUS FEES WERE FAR TOO LOW," HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT WHAT WAS IMPORTANT WAS THAT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WOULD CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE TO NEEDY STUDENTS.

"OUR POLICY REMAINS THAT NO STUDENT WHO IS OFFERED A PLACE SHOULD BE UNABLE TO ACCEPT IT THROUGH LACK OF MEANS AND THE GRANT ELEMENT OF THE STUDENT FINANCE SCHEME WILL TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE FEE INCREASES AND WILL BE ADJUSTED EACH YEAR ACCORDINGLY," HE EXPLAINED.

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APPOINTMENT OF NEW AUXILIARY POLICE COMMANDANT

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HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR HAS APPROVED THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. CHAN TAI-WING, AS THE NEXT COMMANDANT OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY POLICE FORCE. THE APPOINTMENT WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 23 1987 WHEN THE PRESENT HOLDER OF THE POST, MR. NYLON LEONARD TS'O, RETIRES.

MR. CHAN JOINED THE HONG KONG POLICE RESERVE IN 1953 AS A CONSTABLE AND WAS PROMOTED THROUGH THE RANKS TO HIS PRESENT POSITION OF DEPUTY COMMANDANT OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY POLICE FORCE IN 1983 WITH THE RANK OF ASSISTANT COMMISSONER OF POLICE (AUXILIARY).

DURING HIS 34 YEARS OF SERVICE MR. CHAN HAS COMMANDED ALL MAJOR RHKAP FORMATIONS. HE WAS AWARDED THE COLONIAL POLICE MEDAL IN 1970 AND THE QUEEN'S POLICE MEDAL IN 1985.

MR. CHAN IS 52 YEARS OF AGE AND IS A DIRECTOR OF CALTEX OIL (HONG KONG) LIMITED. HE IS MARRIED WITH TWO CHILDREN. HIS WIFE, MRS. ANSON CHAN, IS SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES.

MR. TS'O, THE PRESENT COMMANDANT, JOINED THE HONG KONG POLICE RESERVE IN 1947 AS CONSTABLE. HE WAS APPOINTED COMMANDANT, IN SEPTEMBER 1983, TO SUCCEED MR. TREVOR BEDFORD. MR. TS'O WAS AWARDED THE COLONIAL POLICE MEDAL IN 1962 AND THE QUEEN'S POLCE MEDAL IN 1982. HE IS 60 YEARS OF AGE.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR HAS ALSO APPROVED THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. CHAN CHAM-CHIU, AS DEPUTY COMMANDANT OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY POLICE FORCE. THE APPOINTMENT WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 23 1987, ON THE PROMOTION OF MR. CHAN TAI-WING.

THE AUXILIARY POLICE WILL BID FAREWELL TO MR. TS'O AT A CEREMONIAL PARADE AT AUXILIARY POLICE HEADQUARTERS, KOWLOON BAY, ON AUGUST 22 1987 WHEN A GUARD OF HONOUR WILL BE DRAWN FROM ALL THREE LAND REGIONS.

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NEW DEVICE TO HELP PREVENT FISH KILL

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HAS SUCCESSFULLY DEVELOPED A NEW DEVICE TO HELP MARICULTURISTS IN DETECTING THE LEVEL OF DISSOLVED OXYGEN IN THE WATER OF FISH CULTURE ZONES, WITH A VIEW TO PREVENTING FISH MORTALITY CAUSED BY OXYGEN DEPLETION.

THE NEW DEVICE, AN EASY-TO-USE OXYGEN DETECTION KIT, WILL BE INTRODUCED TO FISH FARMERS THROUGH A SERIES OF SEMINARS TO BE HELD IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AT DIFFERENT LOCALITIES TO SUIT THEIR CONVENIENCE.

THE FIRST OF THE SERIES, WHICH WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 21 AT 3 PM AT THE DEPARTMENT'S ABERDEEN FISHERIES OFFICE, IS NOW OPEN FOR FREE ENROLMENT FROM MARICULTURISTS.

THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IS LIMITED TO 50. THOSE INTERESTED SHOULD TELEPHONE 5-520171 EXT. 25 DURING OFFICE HOURS FOR REGISTRATION ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS. IN THE EVENT OF OVER-SUBSCRIPTION, LATE APPLICANTS WILL BE ALLOCATED SPACE IN THE NEXT SEMINAR PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER.

THE DEPARTMENT'S FISHERIES RESEARCH OFFICER, DR. PAUL MAK, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) OXYGEN DEPLETION CAUSED TWO MAJOR FISH KILLS IN THE SHA TAU KOK AND YUNG SHUE AU FISH CULTURE ZONES IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS, RESULTING IN HEAVY LOSSES TO CULTURED STOCK.

HE SAID THE OCCURRENCE OF OXYGEN DEPLETION WAS OFTEN RELATED TO RED TIDES, ALGAL BLOOMS AND POOR WATER CIRCULATION. IN THE PREVAILING SUMMER MONTHS, AERATION DURING PERIODS OF STAGNANT TIDES OR LOW DISSOLVED OXYGEN SITUATIONS HELPS TO PREVENT OXYGEN DEPLETION.

"THE NEW DETECTION KIT IS DESIGNED TO GIVE EARLY WARNING OF THE DANGER OF OXYGEN DEFICIENCY IN THE WATER. BY IMPROVING THE OXYGEN LEVEL IN THE WATER THROUGH MECHANICAL MEANS, FISH MORTALITY CAUSED BY OXYGEN DEPLETION COULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED," DR. MAK SAID.

THE SEMINAR ALSO FEATURES TALKS ON THE CHOICE OF AERATION DEVICE AND ON SECURITY IN FISH CULTURE ZONES.

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METHODS FOR MEASURING DUST UPDATED

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METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR SAMPLING AND MEASURING DUST AND GRIT EMISSION FROM CHIMNEYS AND FLUES WILL BE UPDATED AND REVISED TO SUIT THE NEED OF THE HONG KONG ENVIRONMENT.

UNDER TWO SETS OF AIR POLLUTION CONTROL AMENDMENT REGULATIONS WHICH WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REFERENCE METHOD 5 WILL BE INTRODUCED TO REPLACE THE EXISTING METHOD FOR MEASURING DUST AND GRIT EMISSION FROM STATIONARY SOURCES.

"THIS NEW METHOD IS CONSIDERED MORE SUITABLE FOR TAKING SAMPLES FROM SMALL FLUES COMMONLY FOUND IN HONG KONG," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE AMENDMENT REGULATIONS ALSO STIPULATE THE USE OF METRIC UNITS IN THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OF THE PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS.

"UNDER THE NEW AMENDMENT, THE INSTALLATION OR ALTERNATION OF A CHIMNEY, FURNACE OR OVEN WHICH CONSUMES EITHER 35 KILOGRAMS OF SOLID FUEL, 25 LITRES OF LIQUID FUEL OR 1,150 MEGAJOULES OF GASEOUS FUEL OR MORE IN AN HOUR WILL REQUIRE PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. THE PERMISSIBLE EMISSION RATES OF DUST AND GRIT ARE ALSO METRICATED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

DETAILS OF THE AMENDMENTS ARE SET OUT IN THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL (RESTRICTION AND MEASUREMENT OF SMOKE EMISSION) REGULATIONS 1987 AND THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL (FURNACES, OVENS AND CHIMNEYS) (INSTALLATION AND ALTERNATION) REGULATIONS 1987 GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED ALL AUTHORISED PERSONS AND ENGINEERS WHO PREPARE PLANS UNDER THE REGULATIONS TO SUBMIT THEIR PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS IN S.I. UNITS AND IN THE NEW SCALES AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDMENT REGULATIONS.

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WONG TAI SIN FORUM ON GREEN PAPER

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A FORUM ON THE GREEN PAPER ON THE 1987 REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE OPEN SPACE ADJACENT TO CHOI WAN BUS TERMINUS IN WONG TAI SIN.

THE FORUM, ORGANISED BY THE CHOI WAN AREA COMMITTEE IN WONG TAI SIN, AIMS AT ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS TO EXPRESS THEIR OPINIONS ON THE GREEN PAPER.

ALL RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE FORUM AND OPINIONS COLLECTED WILL BE PASSED ON TO THE SURVEY OFFICE BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE.

APART FROM HOLDING PUBLIC FORUMS, A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES WILL ALSO BE HELD TO GATHER PEOPLE'S VIEWS ON THE GREEN PAPER.

PUBLICITY MATERIALS SUCH AS POSTERS AND LAMP POST PENNANTS HAVE BEEN PRINTED AND MOUNTED AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

A TOTAL OF 100,000 MAIL FORMS TOGETHER WITH THE GREEN PAPER WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO RESIDENTS BY THE AREA COMMITTEES AS WELL AS THE STAFF OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

RESIDENTS MAY FILL IN THE MAIL FORMS AND SEND THEM DIRECT TO THE SURVEY OFFICE.

RESIDENTS WHO WANT TO GIVE THEIR OPINIONS TO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS CAN MAKE USE OF THE MEET-THE-PUBLIC SESSIONS EVERY THURSDAY EVENING.

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VOTER REGISTRATION IN EASTERN DISTRICT STARTS

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EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG, SAID THAT DUE TO RAPID INCREASE IN POPULATION IN THE DISTRICT RECENTLY, THERE COULD BE A SIGNIFICANT GROWTH IN THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS DURING THE COMING VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE.

SPEAKING AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT VOTER REGISTRATION LAUNCHING CEREMONY TODAY (FRIDAY) AT THE CITYPLAZA, MR YEUNG SAID THERE WERE 310,000 ELIGIBLE VOTERS IN EASTERN DISTRICT, OF WHICH 46 PER CENT WERE REGISTERED VOTERS.

/MR YEUNG

MR YEUNG URGED MANAGEMENT OFFICES, OWNERS' INCORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES OF BUILDINGS AND PREMISES IN THE DISTRICT TO GIVE THEIR FULL SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION TO STAFF OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE DURING THEIR DOOR-TO-DOOR VOTER REGISTRATION VISITS.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG, POINTED OUT THAT MORE THAN 22,000 HOUSEHOLDS MOVED INTO THE DISTRICT RECENTLY AND THEY HAD TO NOTIFY REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION OF THEIR NEW ADDRESS.

MR SHUM ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND LOCAL RESIDENTS TO SUBMIT THEIR OPINION ON THE GREEN PAPER ON 1987 REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT TO THE SURVEY OFFICE, NOTING THAT THERE WAS ONLY ONE-AND-A-HALF MONTHS LEFT IN THE CONSULTATION PERIOD.

MEANWHILE, STARTING FROM AUGUST 16, VOTER REGISTRATION COUNTERS WILL BE SET UP FROM 12 NOON TO 5 PM EVERY SUNDAY AT NORTH POINT, TAIKOO, HANG FA CHUEN AND CHAI WAN MTR STATIONS.

POSTERS, PAMPHLETS, BANNERS, CINEMA SLIDES AND BROADCASTING VAN WILL ALSO BE USED TO PUBLICISE THE CAMPAIGN.

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KWUN TONG VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE

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THE ONE-AND-A-HALF-MONTH LONG VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED IN KWUN TONG TOMORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING WITH A SPECIAL 'RIBBON-CUTTING' CEREMONY.

A SPECIALLY DECORATED 'VOTER REGISTRATION' BUS WILL DRIVE THROUGH A RIBBON TO MARK THE INAUGURATION OF THE CAMPAIGN.

THE OPEN-DECK BUS, WHOSE PASSENGERS WILL INCLUDE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI AND OTHER DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, WILL TOUR THE DISTRICT TO APPEAL TO LOCAL RESIDENTS FOR THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN.

STARTING FROM THE KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE CARPARK, THE BUS WILL VISIT KWUN TONG TOWN, LAM TIN, YAU TONG, SZE SHAN, INDUSTRIAL AREA, PING SHEK/KAI YIP, NGAU TAU KOK, LOK WAH, TING HONG, SHUN LEE, SAU MAU PING AND TSUI PING.

/THE VOTER

THE VOTER REGISTRATION THEME SONG BY SINGER JACKY CHEUNG WILL BE BROADCAST DURING THE BUS PARADE AND A 15-MINUTE DRAMA PERFORMANCE SPREADING THE REGISTRATION MESSAGE WILL BE STAGED AT EACH STOP. RESIDENTS WILL ALSO BE GIVEN SOUVENIRS PUBLICISING THE REGISTRATION EXERCISE WHILE ENJOYING THE SHOW.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT VOTER REGISTRATION INAUGURAL CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 10.30 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE CARPARK IN TUNG YAN STREET.

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YMT TO LAUNCH VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE

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A COLOURFULLY-DECORATED BUS WILL TOUR YAU MA TEI DISTRICT TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO REMIND ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS TO REGISTER AS ELECTORS.

A MOBILE REGISTRATION TEAM FROM THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE WILL ACCOMPANY THE BUS TO DISTRIBUTE REGISTRATION FORMS AND HELP RESIDENTS SIGN UP.

THE BUS TOUR IS PART OF THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO PROMOTE THE VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE.

IN ADDITION TO THE TOUR, DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF WILL CARRY OUT A SERIES OF DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS DURING THE REGISTRATION DRIVE WHICH WILL LAST UNTIL THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

POSTERS, BANNERS AND LEAFLETS WITH SLOGANS URGING RESIDENTS TO SIGN UP HAVE ALSO BEEN PRINTED FOR DISPLAY AND DISTRIBUTION TO THE PUBLIC.

PRIOR TO THE BUS TOUR TOMORROW, A CEREMONY TO LAUNCH THE REGISTRATION EXERCISE WILL BE OFFICIATED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG, OUTSIDE THE NEW WORLD CENTRE. MR CHENG WILL PRESENT BANNERS TO THE CHAIRMEN OF THE DISTRICT'S FIVE AREA COMMITTEES TO ENLIST THEIR SUPPORT TO THE REGISTRATION DRIVE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) OUTSIDE THE NEW WORLD CENTRE.

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SPECIAL NIGHT TO PROMOTE VOTER REGISTRATION

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RESIDENTS OF TO KWA WAN NORTH AREA ARE BEING URGED TO REGISTER AS VOTERS AND WILL BE TREATED TO A NIGHT OF ENTERTAINMENT AT THE HOI SUM PARK TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

IN RESPONSE TO THE CURRENT VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE WILL SET UP MOBILE COUNTERS AT THE VENUES OF FUNCTIONS OF THE DISTRICT'S EIGHT AREAS TO PROVIDE MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ELIGIBLE VOTERS TO REGISTER.

PROGRAMMES OF THE TO KWA WAN NIGHT INCLUDE PERFORMANCES BY LOCAL SINGERS AND A POP GROUP.

THERE WILL ALSO BE PRESENTATION OF PRIZES AND SOUVENIRS TO WINNERS OF A 'VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN SLOGAN' COMPETITION AND THEIR WINNING SLOGANS WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE VENUE.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE ASSISTANT KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHEN CHIEH; TO KWA WAN NORTH AREA COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR LAM MING; VICE-CHAIRMAN, MR MAK KING-LUN; TREASURER, MR YIU KOK-CHUNG; AND KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR LAU CHI-SUM.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TO KWA WAN NORTH AREA COMMITTEE AND THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TO KWA WAN NORTH AREA NIGHT TO BE HELD AT 8 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE HOI SUM PARK, TO KWA WAN.

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TV STARS TO HELP VOTERS REGISTER IN SHA TIN

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FIVE ARTISTS OF TVB JADE'S CITY STORY PROGRAMME WILL HELP SHA TIN RESIDENTS REGISTER AS VOTERS IN THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 16).

THEY ARE MR TSANG KAN-WING, MISS TING YAN, MR WAN SIU-LUN, MISS LAU SUK-WAH AND MR LEUNG SEE-HO.

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THOSE WHO REGISTER AS VOTERS DURING THE CEREMONY WILL BE GIVEN SPECIALLY DESIGNED PLASTIC SUN VISORS AND SOUVENIR CERTIFICATES SIGNED BY THE TV STARS.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE STAGED IN THE MUSICAL FOUNTAIN AREA IN THE NEW TOWN PLAZA. OFFICIATING GUESTS INCLUDE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR NG CHAN-LAM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY IN SHA TIN, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 10.30 AM ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 16) IN THE MUSICAL FOUNTAIN AREA, NEW TOWN PLAZA.

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VOTER REGISTRATION DAYS IN NORTH KWAI CHUNG

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THE NORTH KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT SUB-OFFICE WILL ORGANISE A VOTER REGISTRATION PUBLICITY DRIVE THIS WEEKEND (TOMORROW AND SUNDAY) DURING WHICH COMMUNITY ORGANISERS AND VOLUNTEERS WILL CARRY OUT DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS AND SET UP MOBILE REGISTRATION COUNTERS.

RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER AS VOTERS SO THAT THEY CAN VOTE IN THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS NEXT YEAR.

MOBILE REGISTRATION COUNTERS WILL BE SET UP AT THE SITTING-OUT AREA OF PING LAI PATH (8 AM - 5 PM), SHEK YAM ROAD NO. 85 (8 AM - 2 PM), BLOCK 6 OF SHEK YAM ESTATE (2 PM - 5 PM) AND SHEK YAM COMMUNITY HALL (AT NIGHT) TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

ON SUNDAY, THE COUNTERS WILL BE SET UP AT SHEK YAM ROAD NO. 85 AND BLOCK 5 OF SHEK YAM ESTATE (BOTH FROM 8 AM TO 3 PM).

LOUDHAILERS AND POSTERS WILL BE USED TO ATTRACT RESIDENTS TO COME FORWARD TO THE REGISTRATION COUNTERS, AND BALLOONS BEARING THE SLOGAN "EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT AND REGISTER AS VOTERS" WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO RESIDENTS.

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PUBLICITY BUS TO ATTRACT VOTERS

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A COLOURFUL PUBLICITY BUS WILL APPEAR AT BUSY JUNCTIONS OF KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 16) AND ON SEPTEMBER 19 TO REMIND RESIDENTS TO REGISTER AS VOTERS.

TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN FROM AUGUST 15 AND SEPTEMBER 30, A CEREMONY WILL BE HELD OUTSIDE THE OI MAN COMMERCIAL COMPLEX ON SUNDAY MORNING.

KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALEX FONG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG, AND FOUR WINNERS OF THE MISS ASIA PACIFIC (HK) QUEST 1987 WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AND TO HELP THE PUBLIC TO FILL IN REGISTRATION FORMS ON THE SPOT.

FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY, THE PUBLICITY BUS WILL VISIT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOUSING ESTATES, COMMERCIAL COMPLEXES, FERRY CONCOURSES, AN MTR STATION, INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS AND CINEMAS WHERE CROWDS OF PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY YOUNG AND ELIGIBLE VOTERS GATHER.

MOBILE COUNTERS WILL ALSO BE SET UP AND KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF WILL HELP ELIGIBLE VOTERS TO FILL IN THE FORMS.

THE PUBLICITY BUS WILL TOUR THE DISTRICT AGAIN ON SEPTEMBER 19.

IN ADDITION TO THE PUBLICITY BUS TOURS, KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF WILL CARRY OUT DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS TO HOUSEHOLDS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT DURING THE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN PERIOD BETWEEN AUGUST 15 AND SEPTEMBER 30 TO HELP RESIDENTS REGISTER AS VOTERS.

HUGE BANNERS HAVE BEEN PUT UP AT PROMINENT LOCATIONS ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO REGISTER. ATTRACTIVE POSTERS, POSTCARDS AND LEAFLETS WITH CARTOON FIGURES WILL ALSO BE SENT TO RESIDENTS INFORMING THEM OF THE VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE.

MEANWHILE, THREE SPECIALLY DESIGNED WINDOW DISPLAYS URGING RESIDENTS TO REGISTER AS VOTERS HAVE BEEN PUT UP AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS TWO SUB-OFFICES IN HUNG HOM AND HO MAN TIN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN OPENING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 9.45 AM ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 16) OUTSIDE THE OI MAN ESTATE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX.

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JULY RAINFALL ABOVE NORMAL

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JULY 1987 WAS CHARACTERISED BY A SHOWERY START, A MID-MONTH DRY SPELL AND MOST OF ALL, BY THE EPISODE OF TORRENTIAL RAIN BETWEEN JULY 22 AND 30 WHEN FREQUENT THUNDERSTORMS OCCURRED FOR NINE CONSECUTIVE DAYS.

MOISTURE-LADEN SUMMER MONSOON, ENHANCED BY A STATIONARY TROUGH ACROSS SOUTH CHINA WAS THE MANIFEST CAUSE.

AT ITS CRESCENDO, FROM JULY 28 TO 30, THE ACTIVE MONSOON BROUGHT TO HONG KONG DAILY RAINFALL OF OVER 80 MM FOR THREE DAYS RUNNING, A RECORD FOR JULY.

THE RAIN BOOSTED THE MONTH'S TOTAL TO 618.1 MM, ALMOST TWICE THE JULY AVERAGE OF 316.8 MM. THE RAINFALL FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR TO JULY TOTALLED 1,845 MM, WHICH IS SOME 41 PER CENT ABOVE NORMAL.

THE FIRST SIX DAYS OF THE MONTH WERE BASICALLY SHOWERY BUT THERE WERE ALSO INTERMITTENT SUNSHINE DURING THIS PERIOD WITH MOIST SURFACE SOUTHERLIES THE DOMINANT WEATHER FEATURE.

BY JULY 7, SHOWERS TURNED THUNDERY RESPONDING TO AN UPPER ATMOSPHERE DISTURBANCE WHICH LASTED UNTIL JULY 9. WEATHER IMPROVED ON JULY 10 TO HERALD PROLONGED PERIODS OF SUNSHINE.

FINE, SUNNY AND HOT WEATHER PREVAILED FROM JULY 11 TO 15. TEMPERATURE ROSE TO A MAXIMUM OF 34.2 DEGREES CELSIUS ON THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 13, THE HIGHEST SO FAR THIS YEAR.

BETWEEN JULY 16 AND 19, SHOWERS RETURNED, AT TIMES THUNDERY BUT GENERALLY INTERSPERSED WITH SUNSHINE. ON JULY 20 AND 21 WEATHER TURNED MAINLY FINE.

MEANWHILE, A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE FORMED OVER CENTRAL CHINA. AS THIS TROUGH APPROACHED THE SOUTH CHINA COAST ON JULY 22, THE EFFECT OF THE ACTIVE SOUTHWEST MONSOON HEIGHTENED OVER HONG KONG.

WEATHER RAPIDLY DETERIORATED WITH OMINOUS SKIES, FREQUENT THUNDERSTORMS AND HEAVY RAIN. NEAR DELUGE CONDITIONS RESULTED IN SEVEN CASES OF FLOODING IN KOWLOON AND LANDSLIPS IN KENNEDY TOWN, DIAMOND HILL AND SAU MAU PING.

THUNDERSTORMS AND SHOWERS WERE MORE SCATTERED ON JULY 23 AND 24, BUT ONLY BRIEFLY SO, AS ANOTHER BURST OF THE SEASONABLE MONSOON ARRIVED ON JULY 25 ACCOMPANIED BY SOME VIOLENT SQUALLS.

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DURING JULY 25 TO 27, ISOLATED CASES OF FLOODING AND LANDSLIPS WERE REPORTED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF HONG KONG.

INAPPROPRIATELY, THERE WERE ALSO FOUR HOURS OF SUNSHINE ON JULY 27. HOWEVER, THAT PROVED TO BE THE SHORT RESPITE IN BETWEEN SPELLS OF HEAVY RAIN.

ON JULY 28, ANOTHER TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE FORMED ACROSS SOUTH CHINA AND REMAINED STATIONARY. IT DEVELOPED EXTENSIVELY BOTH IN COVERAGE AND UP THE ATMOSPHERE, AND FOR THE NEXT TWO DAYS, COMPLETELY OVERWHELMED OTHER WEATHER SYSTEMS IN ITS VICINITY.

STRONG SQUALLY SOUTHWEST MONSOON WAS DRAWN ACROSS THE COAST, AND THE ENTIRE SOUTH CHINA COASTAL REGION EXPERIENCED CONTINUOUS HEAVY OR TORRENTIAL RAIN FROM JULY 28 TO 30.

IN HONG KONG, THERE WERE 27 REPORTS OF FLOODING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, FOUR REPORTS OF LANDSLIPS IN MAN KAM TO, TAI PO, STANLEY AND ABERDEEN ON JULY 29.

RAIN SITUATION WORSENERD ON JULY 30, AGGRAVATING DOWNPOUR RESULTED IN 61 CASES OF FLOODING AND 42 CASES OF LANDSLIPS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

A TOTAL OF 123 HECTARES OF FARMLAND AND THREE HECTARES OF FISH-PONDS WERE INUNDATED.

THE MOST SERIOUS LANDSLIP OCCURRED IN CHO YIU CHUEN IN KWAI CHUNG, MORE THAN 1,000 RESIDENTS HAD TO BE EVACUATED.

ANOTHER LANDSLIP, WHICH OCCURRED AT THE SHA TIN ENTRANCE TO THE LION ROCK TUNNEL, LITERALLY PARALYSED TRAFFIC BETWEEN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

AFTER A FURTHER THREE MINOR LANDSLIPS IN KENNEDY TOWN ON THE MORNING OF JULY 31, WEATHER IMPROVED ON THE LAST AFTERNOON OF THE MONTH AND JULY 1987 ENDED ON A BRIGHT NOTE.

FIVE TROPICAL CYCLONES OCCURRED OVER THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AND THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC DURING THE MONTH.

DURING THE MONTH, FOUR AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER, THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON JULY 5, 7, 8, 9, 14, 16, 19 AND FROM JULY 21 TO 31. FLOOD WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON JULY 22, 28 AND 30. A LANDSLIP WARNING WAS IN EFFECT FROM JULY 30 TO 31.

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SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

WEATHER SYSTEM	SIGNAL	DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING	DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING
SUMMER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	JULY 29 8.30 AM	JULY 29 7.00 PM
SUMMER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	JULY 31 11.20 AM	JULY 31 6.30 PM

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

SUNSHINE	190.8 HOURS;	40.1 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
GLOBAL SOLAR RADIATION	15.78 MJ/SQ.M;	3.63 MJ/SQ.M BELOW NORMAL
RAINFALL	618.1 MM;	301.3MM ABOVE NORMAL
CLOUDINESS	71 PER CENT;	5 PER CENT MORE THAN NORMAL
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	82 PER CENT;	1 PER CENT HIGHER THAN NORMAL
MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	31.4 DEGREES CELSIUS;	0.2 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN TEMPERATURE	28.9 DEGREES CELSIUS;	0.3 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	26.7 DEGREES CELSIUS;	0.4 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	25.4 DEGREES CELSIUS;	0.4 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	124.3 MM;	52.4 MM BELOW NORMAL

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TRAINING CENTRES INVITE APPLICATIONS

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INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRES OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WILL OFFER ABOUT 26 ONE-YEAR TO SIX-MONTH COURSES IN THE 1987/88 ACADEMIC YEAR FOR YOUNGSTERS SEEKING A CAREER IN COMMERCE OR INDUSTRY.

SHORT COURSES LASTING FROM ONE TO 18 WEEKS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR FOR PERSONS ALREADY IN EMPLOYMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNCIL TODAY (FRIDAY) SAID CURRICULA OF ALL COURSES AT INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRES ARE PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE TO THE NEEDS OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE. EMPHASIS IS PLACED BOTH ON THEORY AND PRACTICAL TRAINING.

"THE CENTRES ARE DESIGNED TO SIMULATE REAL-LIFE INDUSTRIAL CONDITIONS. TRAINEES WILL RECEIVE PRACTICAL TRAINING IN A WORKING ENVIRONMENT SIMILAR TO ACTUAL WORKING CONDITION," HE ADDED.

UPON COMPLETION OF THEIR TRAINING, TRAINEES WILL RECEIVE CAREER COUNSELLING AND JOB PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE. MOST OF THEM WILL ENTER RELEVANT TRADES OR BECOME APPRENTICE TO RECEIVE FURTHER ON-THE-JOB TRAINING, HE SAID.

TRAINEES, ESPECIALLY THOSE TAKING ONE-YEAR OR SIX-MONTH COURSES, ARE VERY POPULAR WITH EMPLOYERS. MORE THAN 90 PER CENT OF THEM WERE EMPLOYED BEFORE GRADUATION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FULL-TIME TRAINEES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PAY ANY FEES. INSTEAD, TRAINING ALLOWANCE ARE PROVIDED.

CENTRES WHERE VACANCIES EXIST FOR THE COMING ACADEMIC YEAR INCLUDE THE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY, ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY, AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY, MACHINE SHOP AND METAL WORKING INDUSTRY, WELDING AND RELATED TRADES, JEWELLERY INDUSTRY, GAS INDUSTRY, PLASTICS INDUSTRY, PRINTING INDUSTRY, TEXTILE INDUSTRY AND THE HOTEL INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED AT ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, THE KOWLOON BAY TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX AT 46 TAI YIP STREET, KOWLOON AND THE KWAI CHUNG TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX AT 13-19 SAN KWAI STREET, KWAI CHUNG.

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REMINDER FOR MEN BORN IN 1967/68

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MEN BORN IN 1967 AND 1968 ARE REMINDED TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS BEFORE AUGUST 29.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) SAID THAT UP TO AUGUST 12, THE EIGHT NEW I.D. CARD ISSUE OFFICES HAD RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 60,559 APPLICATIONS.

"IN THE REMAINING TWO WEEKS, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 34,400 MORE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED," HE SAID.

HE ADDED: "TO AVOID LAST MINUTE RUSH, MEN IN THIS AGE GROUP ARE ADVISED TO COME EARLY."

HE POINTED OUT THAT FAILURE TO APPLY FOR NEW I.D. CARD WITHIN THE PERIOD SPECIFIED IS AN OFFENCE AND THE DEFAULTERS WOULD BE PROSECUTED AND LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$3,000.

APPLICANTS ARE WELCOMED TO USE THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICE OF THEIR CHOICE.

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

HONG KONG	: BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI. TEL. NO. 5-747070
EAST KOWLOON	: AMOY GARDEN PLAZA, 2ND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD. TEL. NO. 3-7553679
WEST KOWLOON	: CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2ND FLOOR, 393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI. TEL. NO. 3-7232424
TSUEN WAN	: EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, 29-37 TSUEN FU STREET. TEL. NO. 0-4981259
SHA TIN	: SHATIN CENTRE, PODIUM FLOOR, 2-16 WANG POK STREET. TEL. NO. 0-6059108
YUEN LONG	: HOP YICK CENTRE, 2ND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD. TEL. NO. 0-793291
TUEN MUN	: CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, CHI LOK FA YUEN. TEL. NO. 0-4580862
SHEUNG SHUI	: TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR, 82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI. TEL. NO. 0-927155

/THESE OFFICES

THESE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "THE APPLICANTS NEED TO BRING ALONG THEIR EXISTING I.D. CARDS NORMALLY IF THEIR CARDS WERE FIRST REGISTERED NOT LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS AGO AND BEAR THE *** SYMBOL.

"HOWEVER, IF A PERSON'S I.D. CARD WAS FIRST REGISTERED LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS AGO OR DOES NOT HAVE THE *** SYMBOL, HE IS REQUIRED TO FURNISH MORE PERSONAL PROOFS. IN ADDITION TO PRODUCING HIS EXISTING I.D. CARD, HE MUST PRODUCE HIS TRAVEL DOCUMENT AND EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING (IF ANY) - HONG KONG BIRTH CERTIFICATE, HONG KONG NATURALISATION CERTIFICATE OR HONG KONG REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE.

"IN SOME CASES, APPLICANTS MAY BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THEIR CLAIM TO HAVE THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THEY WILL BE ADVISED INDIVIDUALLY."

HE REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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KOWLOON ILLEGAL STRUCTURES FACE DEMOLITION

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AN ORDER IS TO BE SOUGHT IN HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON OCTOBER 15 TO CLOSE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON THE ROOF OF FLAT C ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF 4 - 6 TAK HING STREET, KOWLOON.

THE BUILDING AUTHORITY WANTS TO CLOSE THE STRUCTURES SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED AFTERWARDS WITHOUT ENDANGERING EITHER THE OCCUPANTS OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

A SPOKESMAN SAID DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURES WAS ORDERED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE MORE THAN TWO YEARS AGO, BUT HAD NEVER BEEN CARRIED OUT.

HE SAID NOTICES INFORMING THE OCCUPANTS OF THE IMPENDING DEMOLITION WERE POSTED ON CONSPICUOUS PARTS OF THE STRUCTURES THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING.

HE SAID IT WAS THE USUAL PRACTICE TO DEMOLISH ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE COURT HAD MADE THE CLOSURE ORDER.

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DREDGING OF MARINE SAND PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING TO CARRY OUT DREDGING WORK NEAR LANTAU AND TSING YI TO EXTRACT MARINE SAND TO PROVIDE FILL FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE RECLAMATIONS.

THE WORK WILL BE UNDERTAKEN WITHIN TWO AREAS OF APPROXIMATELY 847.4 AND 748.9 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED NORTH OF LANTAU ISLAND AND SOUTH OF TSING YI.

THE EXTENT OF THE AFFECTED AREAS HAS BEEN DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

WRITTEN OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED WORK SHOULD BE SENT TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS BY OCTOBER 13.

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PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY FOR A KUNG NGAM VILLAGE ROAD

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AN ADDITIONAL PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY IS PROPOSED TO BE CONSTRUCTED ACROSS THE ROADS UNDER THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR NEAR A KUNG NGAM VILLAGE ROAD IN SHAU KEI WAN.

ALSO SUGGESTED IS THE SLIGHT REALIGNMENT OF THE PROPOSED EXTENSION TO A KUNG NGAM VILLAGE ROAD.

A NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY WRITTEN OBJECTIONS SHOULD REACH THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT BY NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 13.

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CLEAN BEACH LAUNCH IN NEW TERRITORIES

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THE "CLEAN BEACH" PHASE ACTIVITIES OF THIS YEAR'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN WILL BE EXTENDED TO THE BEACHES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WITH AN ENTERTAINMENT SHOW TAKING PLACE TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE CAFETERIA OLD BEACH, TUEN MUN, AT 1.30 PM.

THE DAY'S PROGRAMME BEGINS WITH A BRIEF CEREMONY TO BE OFFICIATED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE, MR CARLOS CHEUNG. URBAN COUNCILLOR DR RONALD LEUNG WILL ALSO ATTEND THE CEREMONY.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, SINGERS CHIANG LAI-PING, NG KWOK-KING AND WANG MAN-WAH WILL PERFORM AT THE ENTERTAINMENT SHOW. OTHER PROGRAMMES OF THE SHOW INCLUDE A SHORT DRAMA AND GAMES FOR THE BEACH-GOERS. THE SHOW WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE BY THE COMMERCIAL RADIO CHANNEL II.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE FUNCTION. A VAN (RC4633) FOR THE PRESS WILL DEPART TOMORROW AT 12 NOON FROM KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, TSIM SHA TSUI. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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MERCHANDISE ITEMS FOR SPEEDPOST TO FRANCE

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SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO FRANCE WILL BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE MERCHANDISE ITEMS FROM MONDAY (AUGUST 17), THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

AT PRESENT, THE SERVICE TO FRANCE IS RESTRICTED TO BUSINESS PAPERS AND SAMPLES.

THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE IS A FAST AND RELIABLE MEANS FOR FORWARDING BUSINESS DOCUMENTS, SAMPLES, MERCHANDISE OVERSEAS AND A FREE PICK-UP SERVICE IS AVAILABLE.

CUSTOMERS REQUIRING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE CAN CONTACT THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-8471108.

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39 LONG SERVING STAFF RETIRE

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STAFF OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND THE FISH AND VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATIONS TODAY (FRIDAY) BADE FAREWELL TO 39 RETIRING COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE ACCUMULATED BETWEEN THEM SOME 1,025 YEARS OF SERVICE.

THE RETIRING EMPLOYEES, COMPRISING 14 FROM THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION AND 25 FROM THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION, HAVE EACH SERVED AN AVERAGE OF 26 YEARS. SIX OF THEM HAVE WORKED FOR 39 YEARS AND ANOTHER EIGHT FOR OVER 30 YEARS.

AT A BRIEF CEREMONY HELD AT THE CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE MARKET, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR TONY BENNETT, PRESENTED THEM WITH RETIREMENT SOUVENIRS AND PRAISED THEM FOR THEIR LOYALTY AND SUPPORT OVER THE YEARS.

MR BENNETT SAID: "MANY DEVELOPMENTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE ORGANISATIONS OVER THE PAST YEARS TO MEET THE CHANGING NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY.

"THOSE WHO ARE RETIRING TODAY CAN TAKE PRIDE IN KNOWING THAT THROUGH THEIR HARD WORK AND DEVOTION TO DUTY, THEY HAVE CONTRIBUTED IN NO SMALL MEASURE TOWARDS THE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF BOTH THE FISH AND VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATIONS."

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TWO JP'S DISMISSED

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THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE ACTING GOVERNOR HAS EXERCISED HIS POWERS UNDER ARTICLE XVI OF THE LETTERS PATENT TO DISMISS MR YANG YUAN-LOONG AND MR PETER OSWALD SCALES AS NON-OFFICIAL JUSTICES OF THE PEACE FOR HONG KONG WITH EFFECT FROM AUGUST 2.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ON FORTRESS HILL ROAD

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THE EXISTING BAN UNDER WHICH VEHICLES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT FROM THE ACCESS ROADS OF METRO FORTRESS GARDEN AND FORTRESS GARDEN ON TO FORTRESS HILL ROAD WILL BE LIFTED FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 17).

HOWEVER, VEHICLES ON SOUTHBOUND FORTRESS HILL ROAD WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING RIGHT TO THE ACCESS ROADS OF METRO FORTRESS AND FORTRESS GARDENS.

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VEHICULAR ACCESS TO TUEN MUN FERRY PIER CLOSED

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THE VEHICULAR ACCESS TO THE ABANDONED TUEN MUN FERRY PIER IN AREA 16, TUEN MUN, WILL BE CLOSED OFF AS A RECLAMATION WORK AREA FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 17).

THE GREEN MINIBUS STAND THERE FOR GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 45 WILL BE RELOCATED TO THE ADJACENT NEW ROAD 16E.

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