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UNLICENSED DANGEROUS GOODS CARRIERS FACE LEGAL ACTION

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OPERATORS OF DANGEROUS GOODS LORRIES ARE URGED TO APPLY TO THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR ANNUAL LICENCES FOR THEIR VEHICLES.

LETTERS TO THIS EFFECT WITH APPLICATION FORMS ATTACHED HAVE BEEN SENT TO ALL OPERATORS REGISTERED WITH THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU WHO HAVE NOT APPLIED SO FAR.

THE BUREAU HAS A TOTAL OF 1,696 AUTHORISED VEHICLES ON RECORD BUT APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED IN RESPECT OF ONLY 394 OF THEM.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ONCE OPERATORS HAD COMPLETED THE APPLICATION FORMS AND SUBMITTED THEM TO THE BUREAU, THEY WERE THEN AUTHORISED TO CONTINUE USING THEIR VEHICLES TO CARRY DANGEROUS GOODS UNTIL ISSUED WITH AN ANNUAL LICENCE.

+THE DEPARTMENT THEREFORE URGES ALL OPERATORS WHO HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO TO APPLY IMMEDIATELY,+ HE ADDED.

ANNUAL LICENSING OF VEHICLES PREVIOUSLY AUTHORISED BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO CARRY COMPRESSED OR LIQUIFIED GASES AND FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS BECAME LAW IN 1973, AND WAS ENFORCED FROM APRIL 1 THIS YEAR.

ALL REGISTERED OPERATORS WERE SENT A LETTER SEVERAL MONTHS IN ADVANCE ADVISING THEM OF THE DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW LAW AND REQUESTING THEM TO APPLY TO THE BUREAU FOR LICENCES. APPLICATION FORMS WERE ALSO ATTACHED TO THIS LETTER.

HE SAID THAT ONE OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NEW LICENSING ARRANGEMENT WAS THAT THE VEHICLE HAD TO BE INSPECTED BY FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU STAFF AT HARBOUR ROAD FIRE STATION TO ENSURE THAT IT CONFORMED WITH STIPULATED SAFETY STANDARDS.

BEFORE THIS INSPECTION CAN TAKE PLACE, HOWEVER, A CURRENT CERTIFICATE OF ROAD-WORTHINESS MUST HAVE BEEN ISSUED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

THE LETTER TO OPERATORS STATES THAT THEY WILL BE GIVEN 14 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE LETTER TO GET THEIR APPLICATION FORMS TO THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU, FAILING WHICH, LEGAL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN IF THEY ARE FOUND USING A VEHICLE IN CONTRAVENTION OF REGULATIONS.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE PURPOSE OF ANNUAL LICENSING WAS TO ENSURE THE MAINTENANCE OF HIGH SAFETY STANDARDS ON VEHICLES USED FOR CARRYING DANGEROUS GOODS IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

THE PENALTY FOR CARRYING COMPRESSED OR LIQUIFIED GASES AND FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS ON A VEHICLE WITHOUT A LICENCE CAN BE A FINE OF $8,000 AND SIX MONTHS IMPRISONMENT.

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JULY WEATHER ROUNDUP

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LAST MONTH'S WEATHER WAS SUNNIER AND DRIER THAN USUAL WITH SUNSHINE 15.9 HOURS ADOVE NORMAL AND RAINFALL 79.3 MM DELOW NORMAL.

JULY WAS THE FIRST MONTH SINCE FEDRUARY THIS YEAR WITH BELOW AVERAGE RAINFALL. TOTAL RAINFALL RECORDED AMOUNTED TO 292.4 MM WHICH REPRESENTED ADOUT 79 PER CENT OF THE AVERAGE FOR JULY.

DESPITE THE BELOW-AVERAGE RAINFALL DURING THE MONTH, THE ACCUMULATED RAINFALL SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR WAS STILL 44 PER CENT MORE THAN THE AVERAGE FOR THE SAME PERIOD.

THE WEATHER DURING THE FIRST ELEVEN DAYS OF THE MONTH WAS MAINLY HOT AND FINE, APART FROM SOME DRIEF MORNING SHOWERS, AND ON THE TENTH DAY THE AIR TEMPERATURE ROSE TO A MAXIMUM OF 32.7 DEGREES CELSIUS - THE HIGHEST RECORDED FOR THE MONTH.

HEAVY SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS WERE EXPERIENCED FROM JULY 12 TO 16 AS A SERIES OF UPPER AIR DISTURBANCES MOVED ACROSS SOUTH CHINA FROM EAST TO WEST. DURING THESE FIVE DAYS, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY RECORDED 240.7 MM OF RAINFALL, MORE THAN 80 PER CENT OF THE MONTH'S TOTAL FIGURE.

THE HEAVY DOWNPOUR CAUSED SOME FLOODING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND TWO PERSONS WERE WASHED AWAY INTO A STREAM. COMPARATIVELY COOLER CONDITIONS WERE EXPERIENCED DURING THIS PERIOD AND THE MONTH'S LOWEST TEMPERATURE OF 23.5 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON JULY 13.

ON JULY 17 AND 18, THE WEATHER IMPROVED TEMPORARILY AS A RIDGE OF HIGH PRESSURE FROM THE PACIFIC ANTICYCLONE EXTENDED WESTWARDS TO COVER SOUTH CHINA. HOWEVER, CLOUDY WEATHER SOON RETURNED ON JULY 19 WITH SHOWERS REPORTED DURING THE FOLLOWING FIVE DAYS.

ON JULY 25, THE SOUTHWEST MONSOON OVER THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA WEAKENED AND THE WEATHER IN HONG KONG BECAME FINE AND SUNNY UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH.

TWO TROPICAL CYCLONES WERE REPORTED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC DURING THE MONTH. NO AIRCRAFT WAS DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND NO FIRE DANGER WARNINGS WERE ISSUED.

DURING THE MONTH, A TOTAL OF 18 THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS AND THREE THUNDERSTORM AND HEAVY RAIN WARNINGS WERE ISSUED.

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HOLDER OF TICKET NO. 165349.
WINS $494,400
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THE LUCKY HOLDER OF TICKET NUMBER 165349 TODAY WON THE FIRST PRIZE OF $494,400 AT THE DRAW OF THE SIXTH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

THE WINNING NUMBER FOR THE SECOND PRIZE OF $49,440 IS 202242 WHILE THE THIRD PRIZE OF $4,944 WENT TO THE HOLDER OF TICKET NUMBER 159581.

THE THREE PRIZES WERE DRAWN BY FIVE 1975 MISS HONG KONG CONTESTANTS -- MISS MARY CHEUNG, MISS TERESA CHU TSUI-KUEN, MISS CONNY KWAN SHUK-FAN, MISS LUCIA SZETO LING-CHI AND MISS CAROL KWOK LAI-YEE THIS MORNING.

WINNING NUMBERS OF THE 50 SPECIAL PRIZES OF $1,236 EACH ARE: -

394	133619	297479	416064	483522
1398	157882	312894	418194	489123
13094	159907	313626	422904	493077
35196	188815	327993	429352	514849
55750	196571	329848	444225	545465
65615	200863	344310	454606	556731
72765	215180	371321	455464	578656
98531	216733	389107	458737	586428
115238	233332	389155	460780	592491
125937	278878	390457	480125	604592

THERE ARE ALSO 212 CONSOLATION PRIZES OF $618 EACH AWARDED TO HOLDERS OF THE TWO CONSECUTIVE NUMBERS IMMEDIATELY ABOVE OR BELOW A WINNING NUMBER DRAWN IN THE LOTTERY.

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GOVERNOR TO VISIT GARMENT FACTORY

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL BE PAYING A VISIT TO A GARMENT FACTORY IN KOWLOON ON MONDAY (AUGUST 18).

THE FACTORY, THE JAN SIN MEE GARMENTS MANUFACTURING COMPANY, IS SITUATED AT 17-19 LUK HOP STREET, SAN PO KONG. IT PRODUCES A WIDE RANGE OF PRODUCTS INCLUDING BLOUSES, SHIRTS, DRESSES, SKIRTS, JEANS, PYJAMAS, NIGHTGOWNS AND OVERALLS.

SIR MURRAY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. ROY PORTER.

THE GARMENT INDUSTRY IS THE LARGEST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG. IT ACCOUNTS FOR OVER 38 PER CENT OF THE LOCAL DOMESTIC EXPORT AND PROVIDES EMPLOYMENT FOR MORE THAN 173,000 WORKERS IN MORE THAN 4,100 FACTORIES.

HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF GARMENTS LAST YEAR AMOUNTED TO HK$8,752 MILLION REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 17.4 PER CENT OVER 1973'S FIGURE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENT. THE GOVERNOR WILL ARRIVE AT THE FACTORY, AT 17-19 LUK HOP STREET, SAN PO KONG, AT 2.45 P.M. HE WILL SPEND MORE THAN AN HOUR AT THE FACTORY BEFORE LEAVING AT 4.00 P.M.

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LEARNER-DRIVERS BANNED FROM USING GIN DRINKERS BAY ROAD

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MOTOR VEHICLES DRIVEN BY LEARNER-DRIVERS UNDERGOING DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER GIN DRINKERS BAY ROAD IN KWAI CHUNG AS FROM 10 A.M. NEXT MONDAY (AUGUST 18).

THE ARRANGEMENT IS INTENDED TO MINIMISE TRAFFIC CONGESTION WHILE ROADWORKS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT ON THAT ROAD. APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO INDICATE THE PROHIBITION.

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EXHIBITION OF RARE STALACTITES IN YUEN LONG

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A COLLECTION OF RARE STALACTITES TAKEN FROM MOUNTAIN CAVES IN CHINA WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.

THE COLLECTION CONSISTS OF SEVERAL HUNDRED RARE STALACTITES REMOVED FROM CAVES IN KWEILIN AND KWANGSI. THEY ARE SAID TO BE A FEW THOUSAND YEARS OLD AND HAVE A VARIETY OF DAZZLING COLOURS.

THEIR NATURAL SHAPES, UNTOUCHED BY ANY OTHER ARTIFICIAL PROCESS, RESEMBLE VARIOUS INTERESTING FORMS SUCH AS AN EAGLE IN FLIGHT OR A TOWERING CLIFF.

THE COLLECTION WILL GO ON DISPLAY FOR NINE DAYS, AFTER WHICH IT WILL BE SHOWN ELSEWHERE IN SOUTH EAST ASIA.

DURING THE EXHIBITION, THERE WILL ALSO BE A DISPLAY OF FLOWERS AND POTTED PLANTS.

ADMISSION TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE AT THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL AT $1 EACH AND 50 CENTS FOR CHILDREN. PART OF THE PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE TOWN HALL.

THE EXHIBITION JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, YUEN LONG TOWN HALL AND A HONG KONG FLORAL COMPANY, WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE WIFE OF THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MRS. DAVID AKERS-JONES, ON AUGUST 29 AT 5.30 P.M.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY ON AUGUST 29.

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URBAN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN WESTERN
AMPLE TIME FOR TENANTS TO MOVE

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TENANTS OF A FOUR-STOREY BUILDING IN QUEEN'S ROAD WEST WHICH IS TO BE RESUMED FOR A HOUSING SOCIETY URBAN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ARE UNLIKELY TO BE REQUIRED TO MOVE OUT BEFORE APRIL NEXT YEAR, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

HE WAS COMMENTING ON REPORTS THAT TENANTS WERE COMPLAINING THAT THE THREE MONTHS NOTICE GIVEN YESTERDAY OF THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO RESUME THE PROPERTY GAVE THEM IN SUFFICIENT TIME TO MOVE.

THE BUILDING, AT NOS. 489-499 QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, IS IN POOR CONDITION AND IS OVERCROWDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE END OF THE PERIOD OF NOTICE WAS NOT THE DATE ON WHICH TENANTS WOULD HAVE TO LEAVE. IT WAS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAND REVERTS TO THE CROWN. +IT IS NOT TRUE THEREFORE,+ HE SAID, +THAT TENANTS WILL HAVE TO QUIT THE BUILDING IN THREE MONTHS.+

THE HOSUING SOCIETY IS NOW CONTACTING ALL OCCUPANTS AND COMMERCIAL TENANTS OF THE BUILDING. THE POSITION WILL BE EXPLAINED TO THEM AND FULL INVESTIGATIONS WILL BE MADE OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS REGARDING RE-HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS.

THIS WILL INVOLVE THE OFFER OF A FLAT IN AN ADJOINING BUILDING, MEI SUN LAU,WHICH RESIDENTS CAN PURCHASE ON ATTRACTIVE TERMS. +THIS MEANS THOSE AFFECTED WILL BE OFFERED BETTER HOUSING WITHOUT HAVING TO MOVE OUT OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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