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HK OFFICIALS TO VISIT GUANGDONG
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A TEAM OF HONG KONG OFFICIALS LED BY THE POLITICAL ADVISER AND INCLUDING THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, AND THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY (OPERATIONS), WILL BE VISITING GUANGDONG ON JANUARY 25 AND 26 FOR TALKS WITH GUANGDONG OFFICIALS LED BY MR ZHANG JIANNAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE GUANGDONG PUBLIC SECURITY BUREAU.

THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WILL BE TO REVIEW THE WORK OF THE BORDER LIAISON OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE TWO SIDES TO FACILITATE COOPERATION ON CERTAIN PRACTICAL CROSS-BORDER QUESTIONS.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF BORDER LIAISON OFFICERS WERE AGREED DURING A MEETING BETWEEN HONG KONG AND GUANGDONG OFFICIALS IN MAY 1981. SINCE THEN, THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR BORDER LIAISON HAVE WORKED WELL. TWO REVIEW MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD, IN NOVEMBER 1981 AND IN JUNE 1982. THIS WILL BE THE THIRD OF THESE REGULAR REVIEW MEETINGS.

SUBJECTS LIKELY TO BE DISCUSSED DURING THE MEETING WILL INCLUDE COUNTER-MEASURES AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION, AND THE REGULAR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION RELATING TO POLICE, IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS MATTERS.

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LAST MONTH WAS ~~THE~~ THIRD DRIEST DECEMBER ON RECORD
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MINIMAL RAINFALL MADE LAST MONTH THE THIRD DRIEST DECEMBER ON RECORD, ACCORDING TO THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY'S MONTHLY REVIEW JUST PUBLISHED.

BECAUSE OF ROUGH WEATHER, THREE VESSELS CAPSIZED IN HONG KONG WATERS ON DECEMBER 26, RESULTING IN EIGHT PEOPLE BEING DROWNED.

IT WAS ALSO REPORTED THAT A COLD SPELL LAST MONTH CLAIMED THREE LIVES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

DURING ANOTHER COLD SPELL HOAR FROST WAS REPORTED ON TAI MO SHAN AND IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE REVIEW SAID THE MONTH WAS COOLER THAN NORMAL AND ONLY A TRACE OF RAINFALL WAS RECORDED.

THE WEATHER WAS GENERALLY FINE, APART FROM CLOUDY PERIODS ON THE FIRST THREE DAYS OF THE MONTH. THEN EASTERLY WINDS FRESHENED EARLY ON DECEMBER 4 AND THE WEATHER BECAME CLOUDY.

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A COLD FRONT ARRIVED ON DECEMBER 5 BRINGING SOME LIGHT RAIN, AND STRONG EASTERLY WINDS WERE EXPERIENCED IN OFF-SHORE AREAS FOR SEVERAL HOURS.

THEY GAVE WAY TO STRONG NORTHERLY WINDS AS THE COLD FRONT MOVED INTO THE SOUTH CHINA SEA EARLY ON DECEMBER 6.

THE WEATHER REMAINED CLOUDY UNTIL THE NIGHT OF DECEMBER 8.

THE WEATHER WAS FINE FROM DECEMBER 9 TO 11.

HOWEVER, ANOTHER COLD FRONT ARRIVED ON DECEMBER 11 AND WINDS BECAME FRESH TO STRONG NORTHERLY IN THE EVENING.

THE WEATHER BECAME CLOUDY WITH SOME LIGHT RAIN THE FOLLOWING MORNING WHILE TEMPERATURES DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY.

TEMPERATURES FELL TO BELOW 10 DEGREE CELSIUS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE YEAR ON DECEMBER 14 WHILE THE WEATHER TURNED FINE.

IT WAS CLOUDY ON DECEMBER 15 BUT FINE WEATHER SET IN THE FOLLOWING DAY AND PERSISTED UNTIL DECEMBER 22.

A SURGE OF THE WINTER MONSOON ARRIVED IN THE AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 16 AND NORTHERLY WINDS BECAME STRONG OFF SHORE AND IN OTHER EXPOSED LOCATIONS AROUND MIDNIGHT.

TEMPERATURES DROPPED APPRECIABLY ON THE FOLLOWING TWO DAYS AND WERE ONCE AGAIN BELOW 10 DEGREE CELSIUS ON DECEMBER 18.

THIS COLD SPELL REPORTEDLY CLAIMED THREE LIVES, ONE IN TAI WO PING AND TWO IN YUEN LONG.

THE WEATHER BECAME CLOUDY ON DECEMBER 23 WHEN WINDS FRESHENED FROM THE EAST. IT REMAINED CLOUDY WITH SUNNY INTERVALS ON DECEMBER 24 AND 25.

AN INTENSE COLD SURGE ARRIVED IN HONG KONG IN THE AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 25.

STRONG NORTHERLY WINDS WITH FREQUENT GUSTS OF OVER 40 KNOTS WERE EXPERIENCED IN EXPOSED PLACES ON THE NIGHT OF DECEMBER 25 AND IN THE EARLY HOURS OF DECEMBER 26. DURING THIS PERIOD, A CHINESE FISHING JUNK SANK IN ROUGH SEAS NEAR WAGLAN ISLAND AND A BARGE CAPSIZED NEAR TELEGRAPH BAY. IN THE AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 26 A SPEED BOAT OVERTURNED NEAR MA WAN. EIGHT PERSONS WERE DROWNED IN THESE INCIDENTS.

THE WEATHER BECAME FINE AND DRY ON DECEMBER 26.

TEMPERATURES ON DECEMBER 27 DROPPED TO 8.9 DEGREE CELSIUS, THE LOWEST FOR THE YEAR.

IT WAS COLD AT NIGHT BETWEEN DECEMBER 26 AND 29 AND HOAR FROST WAS REPORTED ON TAI MO SHAN AND IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ON DECEMBER 30 AND 31, THE WEATHER WAS CLOUDY AND MILD.

THE YELLOW FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS ISSUED ON DECEMBER 5, 11, 25, 29 AND 30 WHILE THE RED FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT FROM DECEMBER 12 TO 23 AND FROM DECEMBER 26 TO 29.

THE GAS WATER HEATER SAFETY ALERT WAS ISSUED ON DECEMBER 6, 7, 11 TO 15, 17 TO 20 AND 26 TO 28. FROST WARNINGS WERE ALSO ISSUED ON DECEMBER 12 AND 26.

SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>WEATHER SYSTEM</u>	<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING</u>	<u>DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING</u>
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	DEC 5 5.10 PM	DEC 7 6.30 AM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	DEC 11 9.15 PM	DEC 12 1 PM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	DEC 16 11.10 PM	DEC 17 12.50 PM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	DEC 25 7 PM	DEC 26 1 PM

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

SUNSHINE	176.5 HOURS	=	2.8 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
RAINFALL	TRACE	=	25.3 MM BELOW NORMAL
CLOUDINESS	47 PER CENT	=	5 PER CENT LESS THAN NORMAL
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	62 PER CENT	=	7 PER CENT LOWER THAN NORMAL
MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	19.4 DEGREE CELSIUS	=	1.4 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN TEMPERATURE	16.7 DEGREE CELSIUS	=	1.0 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	14.1 DEGREE CELSIUS	=	1.1 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	9.2 DEGREE CELSIUS	=	2.2 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	117.0 MM	=	4.0 MM BELOW NORMAL

THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 24.0 DEGREE CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON DECEMBER 25 WHILE THE MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 8.9 DEGREE CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON DECEMBER 27.

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COUNTRY PARKS POPULAR
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MORE THAN 40 000 HECTARES OF SCENIC HILL LAND IN HONG KONG HAVE NOW BEEN DESIGNATED AS COUNTRY PARKS, CONSTITUTING ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF TOTAL LAND AREA IN THE TERRITORY, AND THESE LAST YEAR ATTRACTED MORE THAN EIGHT MILLION VISITS.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED TODAY (MONDAY) BY MRS MADELEINE TANG, A MEMBER OF THE COUNTRY PARKS BOARD AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF AN EXHIBITION DISPLAYING ABOUT 200 PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN IN THE COUNTRY PARKS.

THE EXHIBITION, ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE UNITED CENTRE IN QUEENSWAY, IS BEING PRESENTED BY THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY ADMINISTERED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF HONG KONG AND ELEGANT COLOUR PHOTO CENTRE LTD.

MRS TANG SAID: +BY CO-SPONSORING THIS EXCELLENT DISPLAY OF PHOTOGRAPHS WE HOPE TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF PHOTOGRAPHY AS A VERY ATTRACTIVE HOBBY, AND VERY APPROPRIATE ACTIVITY IN COUNTRY PARKS.

+LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHY DEVELOPS IN PHOTOGRAPHER AND VISITOR ALIKE AN INTEREST IN VEGETATION, LAND FORMS AND ALL OTHER FACTORS WHICH TOGETHER MAKE AN ATTRACTIVE LANDSCAPE,+ SHE SAID.

MANY PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY VISITORS FROM OVERSEAS, THINK HONG KONG IS A HIGHLY DEVELOPED CITY WITH A POPULATION OF MORE THAN FIVE MILLION PEOPLE AND HARDLY ANY COUNTRYSIDE, SHE SAID.

+THIS IS FAR FROM THE TRUTH. IN FACT THERE ARE 40 000 HECTARES OF SCENIC HILL LAND WHICH ARE NOW DESIGNATED AS COUNTRY PARKS.

+LAST YEAR MORE THAN EIGHT MILLION VISITS WERE MADE TO THESE COUNTRY PARKS,+ SHE SAID.

SHE URGED VISITORS TO PUT THEIR LITTER INTO THE BINS PROVIDED OR ELSE TAKE IT HOME, AND TO EXTINGUISH ALL FIRES BEFORE LEAVING.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THREE ORGANISERS PRESENTED PRIZES TO THE WINNERS OF A PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION FROM WHICH THE PHOTOGRAPHS ON DISPLAY WERE CHOSEN.

THE PHOTOGRAPHS ON DISPLAY WERE CHOSEN FROM MORE THAN 5 000 ENTRIES SUBMITTED BY PHOTOGRAPHIC ENTHUSIASTS WHO WENT TO THE PARKS ON EIGHT SEPARATE OUTINGS LAST YEAR. THE EXHIBITION CLOSES ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 29).

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COMMUNICATIONS STRENGTHENED IN CNTA

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THE CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE STAFF AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN FURTHER STRENGTHENED WITH THE SETTING UP OF A DEPARTMENTAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (DCC).

SPEAKING AT AN INAUGURAL MEETING TODAY, THE SECRETARY FOR CIVIL SERVICE, MR MARTIN ROWLANDS, SAID THE DCC AIMED AT PROMOTING BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE STAFF AND MANAGEMENT THROUGH REGULAR DISCUSSIONS ON MATTERS AFFECTING THE STAFF IN CNTA.

IT WAS ALSO INTENDED THAT THE IMPROVED COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES WOULD HELP PROMOTE EFFICIENCY IN THE DEPARTMENT, HE ADDED.

SO FAR, DEPARTMENTAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN FORMED IN 41 GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, EXPRESSED SIMILAR REMARKS AND ADDED THAT HE WAS GLAD TO SEE THE BROAD STAFF REPRESENTATION AT DIFFERENT LEVELS.

TODAY'S MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR ALBERT LAM, AND ATTENDED BY FIVE MANAGEMENT MEMBERS AND 20 STAFF MEMBERS REPRESENTING 13 GRADES FROM VARIOUS DISTRICT OFFICES.

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AVIATION CHIEF OFF FOR TALKS

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MR B.D. KEEP, DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, LEFT TODAY FOR TAMPA, FLORIDA, TO ATTEND THE AIRPORT OPERATORS COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL (AOCI) BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 26 AND 27.

DISCUSSIONS WILL DEAL WITH SUCH MATTERS AS AIRPORT ENVIRONMENT, SECURITY AND ECONOMICS, AS WELL AS PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS.

DURING HIS ABSENCE, MR J.T. THORPE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, WILL ACT AS DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION.

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS OFFERED
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 29) AT 10 AM IN THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

THIRTY FIVE SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS WILL BE OFFERED FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE:

CX 550	CX 411	CX 990	CX 120	AH 3388
CX 522	CX 450	CX 1011	CX 7888	HK 323
CX 521	CX 451	CX 991	CP 595	CX 2138
CX 511	CX 903	AK 8998	CW 7832	329
CX 201	CX 902	AL 1882	AA 383	AX 1132
CX 301	CX 901	BB 8003	CW 8855	CJ 83
CX 410	CX 170	449	CX 489	CW 1

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT PAYMENT MUST BE MADE IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING, AND THAT THE REGISTRATION NUMBER WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE AUCTION WILL BE THE 81ST ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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PARTY FOR 600 OLD PEOPLE
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ABOUT 600 ELDERLY PEOPLE IN NORTH DISTRICT, NEW TERRITORIES, WILL BE TREATED TO A VEGETARIAN LUNCH AND A GARDEN PARTY TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT FUNG YIN SIN KOON, A TAOIST MONASTERY IN FAN LING.

THE PARTY, TO BE HELD FROM 1.30 PM TO 4 PM, WILL INCLUDE A VARIETY SHOW, A LUCKY DRAW AND A TOUR OF THE FUNG YIN SIN KOON.

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR ELDERLY ACTIVITIES TO PROVIDE RECREATION FOR PEOPLE AGED OVER 60.

THE PARTY HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE WITH A CONTRIBUTION OF \$17 500 FROM THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, PLUS \$3 000 EACH FROM FUNG YIN SIN KOON AND SHEK WU CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF FLYOVER
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PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER IN HO MAN TIN WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1 AM TO 6 AM ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY (JANUARY 26 AND 27) FOR MAINTENANCE WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC BETWEEN PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD AND WATERLOO ROAD WILL BE MAINTAINED ON GROUND LEVEL ROADS.

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WATER FIGURES
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 72.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 420.851 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 252.761 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 43.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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