



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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LESS SUNSHINE IN JULY YET WARMER, DRIER THAN USUAL

JULY HAD LESS SUNSHINE THAN USUAL, BUT IT WAS WARMER AND DRIER THAN NORMAL.

THE MONTHLY TOTAL OF 276.1 MM WAS ABOUT 26 PER CENT BELOW AVERAGE WHILE THE ACCUMULATED RAINFALL DURING THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS AMOUNTED TO 904.6 MM WHICH WAS 33 PER CENT BELOW AVERAGE AND RANKED THE NINTH LOWEST ON RECORD FOR THE SAME PERIOD SINCE 1884.

DURING THE MONTH, TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SIGNALS WERE HOISTED FOR THREE OF THE FOUR TROPICAL CYCLONES THAT WERE REPORTED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE CHINA SEAS.

APART FROM SOME CLOUDY PERIODS AND A FEW ISOLATED SHOWERS, CONDITIONS DURING THE FIRST FOUR DAYS OF THE MONTH WERE FINE AND SUNNY. AND WHEN A TROPICAL DEPRESSION PASSED HONG KONG ON JULY 5 AND 6, STRONG WINDS FROM THE EAST WITH MAXIMUM GUSTS OF 49 KNOTS BLEW FOR 20 HOURS IN THE HARBOUR.

FROM JULY 5 TO 7, THE WEATHER WAS CLOUDY WITH SQUALLY SHOWERS. THE MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 24.7 DEGREES CELSIUS RECORDED DURING THE SHOWERS ON THE MORNING OF JULY 7 WAS THE LOWEST OF THE MONTH. ONE AIRCRAFT WAS DIVERTED FROM THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON JULY 5 AS A RESULT OF ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS.

DURING THE PERIOD FROM JULY 8 TO 18, SUNNY AND HOT CONDITIONS PREVAILED.

TYPHOON SARAH HAD BROUGHT HEAVY SQUALLY SHOWERS AND SCATTERED THUNDERSTORMS TO HONG KONG FROM JULY 19 TO 21.

CONDITIONS FROM JULY 22 TO 25 WERE FINE, SUNNY AND HOT WITH A MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 33.8 DEGREES CELSIUS RECORDED ON THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 25, WHICH WAS THE HIGHEST OF THE MONTH.

TOWARDS THE END OF THE MONTH, THE WEATHER TURNED CLOUDY WITH A FEW ISOLATED SHOWERS AND SUNNY PERIODS.

DURING THE MONTH NO FIRE DANGER WARNINGS WERE ISSUED WHILE THUNDERSTORM AND HEAVY RAIN WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON 10 DIFFERENT DAYS.

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REDUCED SAILINGS OF HYF WAN CHAI/HUNG HOM SERVICE
ON WEEKENDS
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS AUTHORISED THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY TO WITHDRAW ONE FERRY FROM THE WAN CHAI TO HUNG HOM SERVICE ON WEEKENDS ON A TRIAL BASIS FOR AUGUST.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THIS WOULD MEAN REDUCING THE BASIC FREQUENCY OF THE SERVICE TO EVERY 30 MINUTES AFTER 10 A.M. ON SATURDAYS AND THROUGHOUT THE DAY ON SUNDAYS.

HE SAID THAT THE FERRY WITHDRAWN FROM THIS ROUTE WAS BEING USED TO SUPPLEMENT AN EXCURSION SERVICE BETWEEN TAI PO KAU AND PING CHAU.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE MOVE WAS AIMED AT MEETING THE HEAVY WEEKEND DEMAND ON THE EXCURSION SERVICE BETWEEN TAI PO KAU AND PING CHAU.

HE SAID: +THIS MOVE IS JUST FOR THIS MONTH BUT IF IT PROVES SUCCESSFUL WE MAY ALLOW THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY TO RETAIN THIS CHANGE.+

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PREVIEW OF AIRPORT TERMINAL EXTENSION
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A PRESS PREVIEW OF THE NEW EXTENSION OF THE KAITAK AIRPORT PASSENGER TERMINAL, HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM NOT LATER THAN 2 P.M. WHERE MR. H.L. KO, PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE PRESENT TO ASSIST.

AFTER A BRIEFING BY MR. R.A. SIEGEL, ASSISTANT AIRPORT GENERAL MANAGER (ADMINISTRATION), THE PRESS PARTY WILL BE CONDUCTED ON A TOUR OF THE NEW DEPARTURES AREA AND THE BASEMENT WHERE A COMPUTERISED PASSENGERS' BAGGAGE SORTING SYSTEM IS INSTALLED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PASSING OUT PARADE OF PRISON OFFICERS

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A PASSING OUT PARADE OF 79 OFFICERS OF THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT WILL BE HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 13).

THE INSPECTOR OF PRISONS, MR. D. HAMPTON, WILL INSPECT THE PARADE WHICH BEGINS AT 11 A.M.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE OCCASION.

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TRAFFIC REROUTING IN KWAI CHUNG STREETS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT MAN FONG STREET AND KWONG FAI CIRCUIT WILL BE REROUTED ONE WAY IN A CLOCKWISE DIRECTION WITH EFFECT FROM 10 A.M. NEXT MONDAY (AUGUST 15) TO IMPROVE THE EXISTING TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN THESE STREETS.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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