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## ROYAL OBSERVATORY AMONG THE BEST

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THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY HAS NOW SOME OF THE MOST ADVANCED METEOROLOGICAL EQUIPMENT AND ITS SERVICE COMPARES WITH THE BEST IN THE ASIAN REGION.

BUT ALONG WITH ITS INCREASED SOPHISTICATION, THE OBSERVATORY'S RESPONSIBILITIES HAVE ALSO BROADENED TO ENCOMPASS WORK THAT WEATHERMEN ONLY A FEW YEARS BACK COULD NOT POSSIBLY HAVE IMAGINED, ITS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS AND METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES, MR PETER LI SAID.

+FOR INSTANCE, THE OBSERVATORY, IN ADDITION TO ITS 'TRADITIONAL' WORK OF WEATHER FORECASTING, HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN AN AIRPORT SITE PLANNING STUDY AT CHEK LAP KOK, + ADDED MR LI, WHO HAS MORE THAN 15 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN METEOROLOGICAL OPERATIONS.

TO HELP GATHER THE NECESSARY DATA, THE OBSERVATORY HAS PURCHASED TWO DOPPLER ACOUSTIC RADAR SYSTEMS, COSTING A TOTAL OF \$3 MILLION. ONE OF THEM HAS ALREADY BEEN INSTALLED AT THE SITE.

MR H.K. LAM, SENIOR SCIENTIFIC OFFICER OF THE OPERATIONS DIVISION, EXPLAINED THE FUNCTIONS OF THESE RADARS : +EACH RADAR HAS THREE ANTENNAE - ONE VERTICAL, THE SECOND INCLINED TOWARDS THE NORTH AND THIRD INCLINED TOWARDS THE EAST. HIGH ENERGY SOUND PULSES ARE TRANSMITTED REGULARLY BY THESE ANTENNAE. THE RADAR DETECTS THE AMPLITUDE AND FREQUENCY SHIFT OF THE ECHOES DUE TO TEMPERATURE DISCONTINUITIES IN THE LOWER LEVELS OF THE ATMOSPHERE.

+A MICROPROCESSOR IN THE RADAR COMPUTES THE THREE DIMENSIONAL WIND DIRECTION AND SPEED AND GIVES AN INDICATION OF THE HEIGHTS OF THE TEMPERATURE DISCONTINUITIES ON A CHART RECORDER.+

+THE SYSTEM IS NOW PROVIDING VALUABLE DATA ON WIND SHEAR (CHANGES IN WIND VELOCITY AT DIFFERENT LEVELS) AND TURBULENCE WHICH ARE IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PILOTS DURING AIRCRAFT LANDING OR TAKE-OFF,+ MR LAM ADDED.

THESE RADAR ARE BASED ON A NEW GENERATION OF TECHNOLOGY WHICH HAS BEEN DEVELOPED ONLY IN THE LAST TWO OR THREE YEARS AND HAVE MANY OTHER POTENTIAL USES.

ANOTHER NEWLY-ACQUIRED METEOROLOGICAL DATA GATHERING SYSTEM WHICH TYPIFIES THE OBSERVATORY'S CONTINUOUS EFFORT TO UPGRADE ITS SERVICES IS THE CORA UPPER AIR SOUNDING SYSTEM. INTRODUCED IN JANUARY THIS YEAR, THIS SYSTEM HAS MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS OVER THE OLD MANUAL SYSTEM IN USE SINCE 1951.

A RADIOSONDE SUSPENDED FROM A LARGE HYDROGEN-FILLED BALLOON IS RELEASED INTO THE ATMOSPHERE. THE RADIOSONDE CONSTANTLY TRANSMITS ELECTRONIC SIGNALS BEARING INFORMATION ON THE HUMIDITY, TEMPERATURE AND PRESSURE AS IT ASCENDS TO 30 000 METRES. UPPER AIR WIND SPEEDS AND DIRECTIONS ARE DETERMINED FROM THE POSITIONS OF THE RADIOSONDE WHICH IS LOCATED USING OMEGA NAVIGATIONAL SIGNALS.

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THE CORA SYSTEM COMPUTES, DECODES AND ANALYSES THE DATA AUTOMATICALLY AND THE RESULT IS FED INTO THE MAIN COMPUTER AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY'S HEADQUARTERS FOR IMMEDIATE DISSEMINATION.

THIS INSTANTANEOUS MONITORING OF UPPER AIR ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS CONTRASTS SHARPLY WITH THE TWO HOURS REQUIRED FOR MANUAL COMPUTATION AND ANALYSIS OF SIMILAR DATA WHICH WERE ALSO GATHERED WITH A RADIOSONDE UNDER THE OLD SYSTEM.

FURTHERMORE, IT USED TO TAKE FOUR TECHNICIANS TO RELEASE AND MONITOR ONE RADIOSONDE-BALLOON RELEASED ONCE EVERY SIX HOURS, NOW IT REQUIRES ONLY TWO, ACCORDING TO MR Y.H. WOO, CHIEF EXPERIMENTAL OFFICER (UPPER AIR) AT THE METEOROLOGICAL STATION IN KING'S PARK.

BETWEEN 1921 AND 1950, A BALLOON WITH NO ATTACHMENTS WAS RELEASED TWICE DAILY BY THE OBSERVATORY AND TRACKED BY A THEODOLITE MOUNTED ON A TRIPOD. THIS METHOD, HOWEVER, GIVES ONLY WIND DIRECTION AND SPEED UP TO THE CLOUD BASE WHEREAS THE RADIOSONDE SOUNDINGS, STARTED AT THE OBSERVATORY'S STATION IN KING'S PARK IN 1951, HAVE A VERTICAL RANGE OF UP TO 30 000 METRES, MR WOO SAID.

DATA THUS COLLECTED COMBINED WITH THOSE PROVIDED DAILY BY THE OBSERVATORY'S COUNTERPARTS IN BEIJING, TOKYO AND BANGKOK AND OTHER INFORMATION COLLECTED FROM MANY OTHER SOURCES OVER A WIDE AREA - INCLUDING SHIPS, AIRCRAFT, LAND STATIONS AND PICTURES TRANSMITTED BY WEATHER SATELLITES - ENABLED THE OBSERVATORY TO MAKE WEATHER FORECASTS UP TO THREE DAYS AND TO TRACK TROPICAL CYCLONES IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA.

THE OBSERVATORY HAS COME A LONG WAY SINCE IT WAS FOUNDED IN 1883 PRIMARILY TO ASSIST THE NAVIGATION OF SHIPPING IN THE REGION BY PROVIDING MAGNETIC MEASUREMENTS, METEOROLOGICAL DATA AND AN ACCURATE TIME SERVICE BASED ON ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATIONS. PREDICTING WEATHER CONDITIONS IN THOSE DAYS WAS VERY MUCH A +HIT-OR-MISS+ AFFAIR. YET, ITS EARLIEST TYPHOON-WARNING SYSTEM - A CANNON FIRED AT THE TSIM SHA TSUI POLICE STATION - PROVED TO BE QUITE EFFECTIVE IN ITS DAY, IN VIEW OF THE SCARCITY OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICES AT THE TIME.

THE CANNON, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN MUZZLED SINCE 1939. SINCE THEN THE OBSERVATORY HAD NOT STOPPED STRIVING FOR CONSTANT IMPROVEMENT.

+IN FACT, WE HAVE MADE MAJOR ADVANCES IN NEARLY ALL ASPECTS OF OUR OPERATIONS AS A RESULT OF OUR ACQUISITION OF BETTER EQUIPMENT. THE UPGRADING OF SERVICE AND BETTER MANPOWER MANAGEMENT THROUGH THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW TECHNOLOGY HAS BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE TREND FOR THE OBSERVATORY,+ MR LI SAID.

SPEAKING OF ITS LESS +TRADITIONAL+ RESPONSIBILITIES, MR LI SAID THESE NOW ALSO INCLUDED STUDIES ON STORM SURGE EFFECTS BY COMPUTER SIMULATION OF STORM-DRIVEN CURRENTS FROM THE OPEN SEA TO THE COASTAL WATERS AND THE MONITORING OF RADIOACTIVITY OF THE ATMOSPHERE.

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THE FORMER PROVIDES IMPORTANT GUIDANCE TO ENGINEERS IN THE DESIGN OF OPTIMAL RECLAMATION LEVELS WHILE THE LATTER GIVES AN ACCURATE READING ON HARMFUL RADIOACTIVE FALLOUTS FROM ATOMIC TESTS - A NEW PERIL OF +SCIENTIFIC PROGRESS+, MR LI NOTED.

WITH REGARD TO ITS MORE +TRADITIONAL+ RESPONSIBILITIES, THE OBSERVATORY KEEPS PRECIPITATION RECORDS THROUGH ITS 95 RAINFALL STATIONS AND THE HONG KONG TIME BASED ON A CAESIUM BEAM ATOMIC CLOCK.

THROUGH ITS CENTRAL FORECASTING OFFICE, THE OBSERVATORY MAINTAINS A CONTINUOUS WATCH ON THE WEATHER IN THE REGION AND BROADCAST WARNINGS OF TROPICAL CYCLONES, THUNDERSTORMS, ICING, SEVERE TURBULENCE OR ANY OTHER HAZARDS FOR AIRCRAFT AND SHIPS IN THE VICINITY.

IRONICALLY, AS ONE OF THE OLDEST GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS - IT STARTED LIFE KNOWN SIMPLY AS THE HONG KONG OBSERVATORY IN 1883 WHEN HONG KONG WAS LITTLE MORE THAN A SLEEPY FISHING VILLAGE AND TRADING OUTPOST TO CHINA - IT REMAINS ALSO AS ONE OF THE SMALLEST.

ITS ENTIRE STAFF TOTALLED A MERE 238 AT THE END OF 1981.

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#### CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL AT YAU OI ESTATE

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A CARNIVAL TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WAS HELD AT YAU OI ESTATE, TUEN MUN, TODAY (SUNDAY).

IT WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION TUEN MUN OFFICE, THE ESTATE OFFICE OF YAU OI ESTATE, AND THE ESTATE'S FIVE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES.

A CEREMONY TO MARK THE CARNIVAL OPENING WAS HELD AT 1.30 PM. OFFICIATING WERE TUEN MUN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS SARAH WU- THE PRESIDENT OF YUEN LONG JAYCEES, MR TSO SIU-WAI- THE HOUSING MANAGER OF YAU OI ESTATE, MR CHENG CHU- THE POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER TUEN MUN, MISS CHAN LAI-TING- AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE YWCA TUEN MUN OFFICE, MRS LEE HUEN SAU-PING.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDED A VARIETY SHOW, A PERFORMANCE BY TAI HING CHILDREN'S CHOIR, DANCING BY TUEN MUN ARTS PROMOTION ASSOCIATION AND YWCA DANCE GROUPS, A KUNG-FU DEMONSTRATION BY THE LADY MACLEHOSE CENTRE AND MAGIC AND ACROBATIC SHOWS. THERE WERE ALSO 27 GAMES STALLS AND A PUPPET PERFORMANCE BY THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION.

SANTA CLAUS DISTRIBUTED PRESENTS TO CHILDREN.

THE CARNIVAL, HELD AT THE OPEN SPACE NEXT TO THE ISLAMIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, WAS ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 7 000 PEOPLE.

IT WAS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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TWO NEW COOKED FOOD CENTRES FOR SHA TIN WORKERS

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TWO COOKED FOOD STALLS WILL BE OPENED IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR, PROVIDING WORKERS AT FO TAN INDUSTRIAL AREA IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN WITH EASIER ACCESS TO PROPER EATING-OUT PLACES NEAR THEIR FACTORIES.

WITH COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION WORK, THE FO TAN EAST COOKED FOOD CENTRE AND THE FO TAN WEST COOKED FOOD CENTRE WILL BE OPENED IN FEBRUARY, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

BUILT AT A COST OF \$2 200 000 AND SITUATED AT THE HEART OF THE INDUSTRIAL AREA, THE COOKED FOOD CENTRES OCCUPY SITES OF 700 AND 800 SQUARE METRES AND PROVIDE 24 AND 15 STALLS. EACH STALL IS EQUIPPED WITH ITS OWN WORKING AREA WITH THE PROVISION OF WATER TAP, SINK AND BASIN.

A LARGE AREA OF OPEN SPACE BETWEEN THE TWO CENTRES HAS BEEN RESERVED FOR AMENITY PURPOSE.

APART FROM GOOD VENTILATION INSIDE THE CENTRES, THERE ARE COMMUNAL MECHANICAL EXHAUST SYSTEMS WITH GREASE FILTERS TO INDIVIDUAL HOODS FOR DRAWING COOKING FUMES.

FOR EASIER CLEANING, ALL PARTITION WALLS AND FLOOR SURFACES ARE PAVED WITH GLAZED AND MOSAIC TILES.

MEANWHILE, THE FO TAN TEMPORARY COOKED FOOD CENTRE AT WO LIU HANG IS SCHEDULED TO BE CLOSED IN MARCH THIS YEAR TO MAKE WAY FOR REDEVELOPMENT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE 18 OPERATORS AT THE CENTRE WILL BE INVITED TO BID FOR NEW STALLS AT THE FO TAN EAST COOKED FOOD CENTRE IN A RESTRICTED AUCTION TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 11.

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WILL BE ABLE TO START OPERATING BUSINESS ON FEBRUARY 1, 1982 FOR A CONTRACT PERIOD OF THREE YEARS.

THE REMAINING STALLS AT THE TWO CENTRES WILL BE LEASED OUT AT A SEPARATE PUBLIC AUCTION TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

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WINTER CAMP FOR FORM 3 STUDENTS

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A +WINTER CAMP+ DESIGNED TO HELP FORM III STUDENTS MAKE A CORRECT CHOICE OF CONTINUING THEIR STUDIES OR ENTERING THE WORLD OF WORK WILL BE HELD IN THE WU KAI SHA YOUTH CAMP, SHA TIN, ON JANUARY 29 AND 30, NEXT YEAR.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWONG FUK OFFICE OF THE ICAC, THE WO CHE COMMUNITY HALL OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE UNITED YOUTH VOLUNTEERS' GROUP AND THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, THE TWO-DAY CAMP IS OPEN TO FORM III STUDENTS STUDYING OR LIVING IN SHA TIN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE EXPLAINED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE PURPOSES OF THE CAMP ARE MULTIPLE.

+IT WILL PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH INFORMATION ON CAREERS SO THAT THEY CAN MAKE A CORRECT CHOICE OF CONTINUING THEIR STUDIES OR FINDING EMPLOYMENT.

+ANOTHER AIM IS TO ENABLE THEM TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR INTERESTS AND APTITUDES AS WELL AS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF STAYING AWAY FROM CORRUPTION AND TO INSTILL AMONG THEM A SENSE OF CIVIC RESPONSIBILITIES AND A CORRECT ATTITUDE TOWARDS WORK,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE PROGRAMME WOULD BE BOTH EDUCATIONAL AND ENTERTAINING. APART FROM LECTURES TO BE GIVEN BY OFFICIALS FROM THE THREE DEPARTMENTS, SEMINARS AND SHOWING OF SLIDES, THERE WOULD BE GAMES AND VARIETY SHOWS.

EACH PARTICIPANT WILL BE GIVEN AN INFORMATION BOOKLET ON CAREERS AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE DEADLINE FOR ENROLMENT IS JANUARY 14, AND THE ENROLMENT FEE IS \$10 WHICH WILL COVER BOARD AND LODGING AS WELL AS TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

OWING TO THE LIMITED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS THAT CAN BE ACCOMMODATED, ENROLMENT SHOULD BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT STUDENTS STUDYING IN SHA TIN CAN OBTAIN ENROLMENT FORMS FROM THEIR OWN SCHOOLS WHILE THOSE LIVING IN SHA TIN CAN APPROACH THE WO CHE COMMUNITY HALL (TEL NO. 0-6041861) OR THE ICAC KWONG FUK OFFICE (0-672277).

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### VOLUNTEER SCOUT LEADERS COMMENDED

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THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, MR ERIC HO TODAY COMMENDED THE EFFORTS OF VOLUNTEER SCOUT LEADERS WHO HAVE PROMOTED SCOUTING FOR HANDICAPPED YOUTHS IN HONG KONG.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF AN INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON SCOUTING FOR DISABLED PERSONS AT THE LADY MACLEHOSE CENTRE, MR HO SAID SCOUTING PROVIDES EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YOUTHS TO SET THEIR GOALS, TO STRIVE AFTER THEM, AND TO ACHIEVE THEM, IN COMMON WITH THEIR COMRADES WHO ARE ABLE-BODIED.

+MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT PROVIDES AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH DISABLED YOUTHS ARE HELPED TO ACHIEVE NOT ONLY FULL PARTICIPATION IN BUT ALSO FULL INTEGRATION WITH THE REST OF THE COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

THIS, HE ADDED, IS BOTH THE THEME OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND HONG KONG'S OWN THEME FOR THIS INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS.

HE NOTED THAT THE FIRST TEAM OF VOLUNTARY LEADERS OF HANDICAPPED SCOUTS WAS ALREADY IN EXISTENCE IN HONG KONG SOME 25 YEARS AGO.

THE FIRST SCOUT GROUP FOR THE DISABLED WAS ESTABLISHED AT THE HAY LING CHAU LEPROSARIUM WHICH BECAME DEFUNCT WHEN THAT INSTITUTION WAS NO LONGER REQUIRED. THE SECOND GROUP, FORMED IN 1956 AT THE HONG KONG SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, HAS REMAINED ACTIVE RIGHT UP TO THE PRESENT.

THE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS MADE SINCE THEN WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE PERSEVERANCE, HARD WORK AND SACRIFICE OF THE VOLUNTEER LEADERS OF THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, MR HO SAID.

HE WELCOMED THE DELEGATES TO THE SEMINAR, WHICH HE SAID,+HAS BEEN ORGANISED TO SHARE EXPERIENCE WITH OUR FRIENDS FROM NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES, TO FOSTER CLOSER CO-OPERATION AND, NOT LEAST, FOR US TO CONSIDER THE DIRECTION AND EMPHASIS OF OUR FUTURE EFFORTS+.

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### BUDDHA STATUE TO BE BUILT AT PO LIN MONASTERY

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY (NEW TERRITORIES), MR IAN MACPHERSON, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE EARTH-BREAKING CEREMONY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BUDDHA STATUE AT PO LIN MONASTERY, NGONG PING, LANTAU, ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 29) AT 10 AM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF TO COVER THE CEREMONY. THE MARINE LAUNCH, +CLEMENTI+, WILL LEAVE THE MARINE DEPARTMENT PIER, NEXT TO THE OUTLYING ISLANDS PIER, AT 7.15 AM. TRANSPORT TO THE MONASTERY WILL BE PROVIDED.

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR MONG KOK

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN MONG KOK FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 29) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

THE ARRANGEMENTS INCLUDE :

- \* THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LAI CHI KOK ROAD BETWEEN PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND CANTON ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED AS BUS-ONLY LANE FROM 7 AM TO 11 PM DAILY.
- \* THE EXISTING BUS-ONLY LANE ON THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LAI CHI KOK ROAD BETWEEN SHANGHAI STREET AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WILL BE RESCINDED.
- \* THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF NATHAN ROAD BETWEEN MONG KOK ROAD AND LAI CHI KOK ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED AS AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.
- \* THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LAI CHI KOK ROAD BETWEEN NATHAN ROAD AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED AS AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.
- \* THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF NATHAN ROAD BETWEEN MONG KOK ROAD AND LAI CHI KOK ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 12 MIDNIGHT DAILY.

TRAFFIC SIGNS AND ROAD MARKINGS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES

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THE CARRIAGEWAYS OF CHING CHEUNG ROAD BETWEEN BUTTERFLY VALLEY INTERCHANGE AND KWAI CHUNG ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC IN TURNS ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 29) AND WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 30) MORNINGS FOR THE DISMANTLING OF A PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGE.

THE EASTBOUND OR KWUN TONG-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM ON DECEMBER 29.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA KWAI CHUNG ROAD, LAI CHI KOK BRIDGE, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, BUTTERFLY VALLEY INTERCHANGE AND CHING CHEUNG ROAD.

THE WESTBOUND OR KWAI CHUNG-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM ON DECEMBER 30.

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DURING THAT PERIOD, TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA BUTTERFLY VALLEY ROAD, LAI CHI KOK ROAD, CHEUNG LAI STREET, CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, LAI CHI KOK BRIDGE AND KWAI CHUNG ROAD.

MEANWHILE, MORE TAXI PARKING SPACES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE ADMIRALTY MTR STATION FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY.

THE CAPACITY OF THE TAXI RANK IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE BY 50 PER CENT WITH AN ADDITIONAL ISLAND PLATFORM. THIS FOLLOWS THE DECISION TO RESITE THE ORIGINAL PLB MAXICAB TERMINUS FOR ROUTE 24 AND 25 TO A PRIVATE CAR LAYBY ON THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY IN DRAKE STREET NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH TAMAR STREET.

ALSO FROM TUESDAY, A 100-METRE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY IN DRAKE STREET EXTENDING WESTWARD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH RODNEY STREET NEAR THE ADMIRALTY MTR STATION WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A 24-HOUR CLEARWAY.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS WITHIN THIS CLEARWAY.

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#### TAI HING RESIDENTS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

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ABOUT 200 RESIDENTS OF TAI HING ESTATE GATHERED AT THE COMMUNITY HALL THIS AFTERNOON (SUNDAY) TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS.

THE PARTY WAS ORGANISED BY THE YIN NGAI SOCIETY, A NEWLY-INAUGURATED ORGANISATION FOR WOMEN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

TUEN MUN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS SARAH WU, AND THE SOCIETY'S CHAIRWOMAN, MRS CHAK LO MAN-CHEE, WERE PRESENT.

THE SOCIETY, SET UP WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF DEVELOPING WOMEN'S POTENTIAL AND IMPROVING FAMILY LIFE, NOW HAS 100 MEMBERS IN THE ESTATE.

DURING THE PAST YEAR, THE 12-MEMBER COMMITTEE HAS ORGANISED OUTINGS AND TALKS ON HOME SAFETY AND TAKING CARE OF CHILDREN.

ANY WOMAN, AGED OVER 18 AND WHO LIVES OR WORKS IN THE ESTATE, IS WELCOME TO JOIN THE SOCIETY. THE FEE IS \$2.

SIMILAR SOCIETIES HAVE BEEN SET UP IN LEI MUK SHUE ESTATE, TSUEN WAN, AND WO CHE AND LEK YUEN ESTATES, SHA TIN.

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LEADING EUROPEAN ORCHESTRA AT TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL

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THE ZURICH TONHALLE ORCHESTRA, ONE OF EUROPE'S OLDEST AND MOST DISTINGUISHED ORCHESTRAS, WILL PAY ITS FIRST VISIT TO HONG KONG DURING THE FOURTH TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL.

THE FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD BETWEEN JANUARY 22 AND FEBRUARY 13, 1982.

THE ORCHESTRA'S RICH HISTORY DATES BACK TO 1868, WHEN JOHANNES BRAHMS CONDUCTED THE COMPANY'S OPENING PERFORMANCE AT THE NEW ZURICH TONHALLE.

IT FREQUENTLY MAKES CONCERT TOURS AROUND THE WORLD AND IS WELL-RECEIVED BY AUDIENCES.

THE ORCHESTRA WILL GIVE ONE PERFORMANCE AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM ON FEBRUARY 6, 1982 AT 8 PM.

THE CONCERT, WHICH IS A CONTRIBUTION PROGRAMME FROM THE HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL SOCIETY, WILL BE CONDUCTED BY FERDINAND LEITNER.

VIOLIN SOLOIST WILL BE MIRIAM FRIED, THE FIRST WOMAN TO WIN FIRST PRIZE IN THE COVETED QUEEN ELIZABETH OF BELGIUM COMPETITION.

PROGRAMME FOR THE EVENING WILL INCLUDE WORKS BY BEETHOVEN, HUBER AND HAYDN.

TICKETS AT \$10, \$20 AND \$30 ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AND CITY HALL BOX OFFICES, SPACE MUSEUM ASTRONOMY BOOKSHOP, AS WELL AS THE NEW TERRITORIES MOBILE LIBRARY.

THE TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL DIARIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL, THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, THE MUSIC OFFICE, THE BRITISH COUNCIL, ALLIANCE FRANCAISE, GOETHE INSTITUT, NEW TERRITORIES PUBLIC LIBRARIES, ALL DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES.

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