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ACHIEVEMENTS OF DISABLED RECOGNISED

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IT WAS A PROUD MOMENT FOR 21 DISABLED PERSONS THIS EVENING (MONDAY) WHEN THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, PRESENTED THEM WITH AWARDS AND PRIZES IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE YEAR.

THEY WERE THE 10 WINNERS OF THE OUTSTANDING DISABLED PERSONS OF THE YEAR AWARD AND THE 12 WINNERS OF THE +1981 INDUSTRIAL SKILLS CONTEST+ OR +ABILYMPICS+. ONE OF THEM HAS WON BOTH AWARDS.

THE RECIPIENTS WERE AMONG THE WINNERS OF VARIOUS EVENTS FOR THE DISABLED HELD LOCALLY AND ABROAD TO MARK THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE DISABLED PERSONS.

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION IN GOVERNMENT HOUSE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS (CCCIYDP), DR HARRY FANG, SAID THAT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE YEAR, HIS COMMITTEE WAS SERIOUSLY CONTEMPLATING WHETHER OR NOT TO STAGE A GRAND FINALE TO MARK THE END OF THIS SPECIAL YEAR.

+AFTER CONSIDERABLE DEBATE, THE COMMITTEE CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT IT SHOULD NOT. THIS IS BECAUSE TO DO SO WOULD CREATE THE WRONG IMPRESSIONS THAT THE PUBLIC AWARENESS AND INVALUABLE ACTIVITIES GENERATED IN THE YEAR WOULD COME TO AN END.

+THIS AS ALL OF YOU KNOW IS FAR FROM THE TRUTH.

+INDEED, YOUR EXCELLENCY HAS REMINDED ALL OF US AT THE RECENT OPENING SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL THAT THE PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN STARTED IN THE YEAR MUST CONTINUE,+ HE SAID.

THE PRESENTATION WAS ATTENDED BY SOME 200 INVITED GUESTS ENGAGED IN REHABILITATION WORK AND SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS INCLUDING THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, MR ERIC HO, AND THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR REHABILITATION, MR KEVIN MAK, WHO IS ALSO THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE CCCIYDP.

SPEAKING OF THE UNPRECEDENTED GROWTH IN REHABILITATION SERVICES IN HONG KONG, DR FANG SAID, +SUCH UNPRECEDENTED GROWTH WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED BUT FOR THE UNFAILING SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT FROM YOUR EXCELLENCY AND A GOVERNMENT PERSONIFIED IN THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES TOTALLY COMMITTED TO THE CAUSE OF REHABILITATION.+

HE CONTINUED: +HONG KONG'S PERFORMANCE IS PROBABLY BETTER GAUGED AGAINST THE TARGETS FOR ACTION MADE IN THE REHABILITATION INTERNATIONAL'S CHARTER FOR THE 80'S. OUT OF 34 RECOMMENDATIONS MADE AS TARGETS AT THE COMMUNITY AND NATIONAL LEVEL, 25 OR 75 PERCENT HAVE BEEN OR ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED.+

THIS IS AN IMPRESSIVE RECORD BY ANY STANDARD, HE STRESSED.

DR FANG FORECAST THAT THE 1980S' WOULD ALSO BE AN IMPORTANT DECADE. HE SAID THAT THE UNITED NATIONS' ACTION PLAN CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION IS EXPECTED TO BE ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY EARLY NEXT YEAR.

/+IN HONG KONG, +

+IN HONG KONG,+ HE WENT ON, +OUR OWN COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE REHABILITATION PROGRAMME PLAN WHICH HAS JUST CONCLUDED WITH NO LESS THAN 140 RECOMMENDATIONS IS REINFORCING OUR COMMITMENT TO FURTHER PROGRESS.

+AS STATED IN OUR 1977 WHITE PAPER ON REHABILITATION, IT HAS GOT TO BE A CONTINUING UNITED EFFORT FROM ALL CONCERNED, MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE ORDINARY PEOPLE IN THE STREET.

+BECAUSE IT IS THEIR VIEWS, THEIR AWARENESS AND THEIR INVOLVEMENT THAT WILL MAKE THE GREATEST IMPACT AND PROGRESS,+ HE ADDED.

DR FANG EXPECTED HONG KONG'S DISABLED PEOPLE TO PLAY AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE PROCESS BY DEMONSTRATING TO SOCIETY THEIR DETERMINATION TO BECOME EQUAL AND USEFUL MEMBERS, GIVEN THE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE TO OVERCOME THEIR DISABILITIES.

+AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, I HAVE WITNESSED THE EMERGENCE OF SUCH DETERMINATION AND SELF-RELIANCE IN THE VARIOUS EVENTS HELD DURING THE YEAR.

+IT IS IMPORTANT FOR OUR DISABLED FRIENDS TO STRIVE IN THIS NEW IDENTITY THEY HAVE CREATED FOR THEMSELVES,+ HE ADDED.

THE 10 RECIPIENTS OF THE OUTSTANDING DISABLED PERSONS OF THE YEAR AWARD WERE MR CHAN FOOK-SHING= MISS LUCY CHING= MR HA SEE-HUNG= MR KAN KWOK-WING= MR LAM SHUI-SEE= MRS HUNG LEUNG WAI-CHING= MR LI KIN-HENG= MR SIU SUN-FAT= MR TSE TSUN-HIM= AND MISS YIU KIT-LING.

THE 12 WINNERS OF THE '1981 ABILYMPICS' WHO ALSO REPRESENTED HONG KONG IN THE INTERNATIONAL ABILYMPICS HELD IN JAPAN IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR WERE MR CHAN WAI-CHEUNG= MR CHEUNG OR-SHING= MR CHIU KIN-CHUEN= MR HUI CHI-KEUNG= MR KWOK WAI-KEUNG= MR LAI HONG= MR LEE HOR-KEUNG= MR LI KIN-HENG= MISS NG MUN-WAI= MISS NG MUI-BING= MR TAM FU-KEUNG= AND MR YAU HON-MING.

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WATER FIGURES * * *

WATER STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 46.2 PER CENT OR 267.224 MILLION CUBIC METRES, WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO 222 DAYS' CONSUMPTION.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 323.101 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 55.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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HOLIDAY WATER HOURS

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WATER RESTRICTIONS ARE TO BE RELAXED DURING THE COMING WINTER SOLSTICE FESTIVAL AND THE CHRISTMAS AND LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR WILLIAM TUCKER, ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY).

+WITH THE POSITIVE RESULTS ACHIEVED BY THE EFFORTS OF EVERYONE IN CONSERVING WATER, IT IS FELT THAT THE RESTRICTIONS CAN BE RELAXED DURING THE COMING FESTIVE OCCASIONS WITHOUT SERIOUSLY REDUCING STORAGE LEVELS,+ HE SAID.

DETAILS OF THE SUPPLY HOURS DURING THE COMING FESTIVE OCCASIONS ARE:

- * WINTER SOLSTICE FESTIVAL - TAPS WILL BE TURNED ON FROM 6 AM ON WINTER SOLSTICE FESTIVAL DAY (DECEMBER 22, 1981) TO 10 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY (DECEMBER 23, 1981),
- * CHRISTMAS - SUPPLY WILL BE TURNED ON FROM 6 AM ON DECEMBER 24, 1981 TO 10 AM ON DECEMBER 26, 1981.
- * LUNAR NEW YEAR - TAPS WILL BE TURNED ON FROM 6 AM ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S EVE (JANUARY 24, 1982) TO 10 AM ON JANUARY 28, 1982.

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FULL EDUCATION SUPPORT PROMISED IN CANCER FIGHT

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SCHOOLS AND EDUCATORS WILL GIVE EVERY SUPPORT TO THE MEDICAL PROFESSION IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

IN HIS OPENING ADDRESS AT THE WORKSHOP ON CANCER EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS FOR THE ASIAN REGION, MR HAYE STRESSED THAT TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC IN ACQUIRING A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS THIS DISEASE, A START MUST BE MADE WITH THE SCHOOL POPULATION THROUGH THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WAS FULLY AWARE OF THE VITAL ROLE SCHOOLS COULD PLAY IN THE WORTHWHILE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER AND IN CANCER EDUCATION.

+IN THIS CONNECTION THE SOCIAL STUDIES SYLLABUS RECOMMENDED FOR USE IN SCHOOLS BY THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE INCLUDES TOPICS ON HEALTH EDUCATION WITH EMPHASIS ON THE PREVENTION AND EARLY DETECTION OF DISEASES INCLUDING CANCER,+ THE DIRECTOR SAID.

MR HAYE REFERRED IN PARTICULAR TO THE ANTI-SMOKING TEACHING KIT, JOINTLY PRODUCED FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND THE ANTI-SMOKING PROGRAMME OF THE EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION SERVICE, WHICH AIMED AT PROVIDING CHILDREN WITH BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE CAUSES AND DANGERS OF SMOKING, INCLUDING THAT MAJOR KILLER CANCER.

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1982 CRIME VICTIMISATION SURVEY
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A SURVEY AIMED AT ASSISTING THE AUTHORITIES IN IMPROVING CRIME PREVENTION PLANNING WILL BE CARRIED OUT BETWEEN JANUARY 4 AND 18 NEXT YEAR BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

ABOUT 20 000 HOUSEHOLDS, CHOSEN AT RANDOM, WILL BE INTERVIEWED IN THE SPECIAL STUDY KNOWN AS THE 1982 CRIME VICTIMISATION SURVEY ABOUT CRIMINAL ACTS WHICH AFFECTED THEM DURING THE 1981 CALENDAR YEAR.

THE 1982 SURVEY, WHICH IS DESIGNED IN EXACTLY THE SAME WAY AS THE FIRST CRIME VICTIMISATION SURVEY CONDUCTED IN 1979, IS EXPECTED TO PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED DATA ON THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF CRIME AND FOR PLOTTING THE TREND IN CHANGES IN CRIME REPORTING BEHAVIOUR.

THE DATA COLLECTED IN THE 1979 SURVEY WERE A GREAT HELP TO THE POLICE AND ALL THOSE ENGAGED IN ASSESSING CRIME AND PURSUING THE FIGHT AGAINST IT, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

EACH HOUSEHOLD SELECTED FOR INCLUSION IN THE SURVEY WOULD RECEIVE, AT THE END OF THIS MONTH, A LETTER SEEKING THEIR CO-OPERATION IN PARTICIPATING. THEIR SUPPORT WAS VITAL IN MAKING THE SECOND SURVEY A SUCCESS, HE SAID.

AN ADULT, USUALLY THE HOUSEHOLD HEAD, WOULD BE DESIGNATED AS THE MAIN RESPONDENT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS AND CRIMES THAT MIGHT HAVE AFFECTED THE HOUSEHOLD AS A UNIT.

INFORMATION ABOUT CRIMES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS OF ANY VICTIM WILL BE OBTAINED FROM INDIVIDUAL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS AGED 12 AND ABOVE.

ALL INFORMATION OBTAINED DURING THE SURVEY WILL BE HELD IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE AND WILL NOT BE DISCLOSED TO ANY PERSON OR BODY OUTSIDE THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

EACH ENUMERATOR IN THE SURVEY WILL CARRY AN OFFICIAL IDENTITY CARD BEARING HIS PHOTOGRAPH ISSUED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE IN DOUBT ABOUT THE IDENTITY OF AN ENUMERATOR SHOULD TELEPHONE THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT FOR ADVICE AT 5-452586 OR 5-439189.

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KWUN TONG BOARD'S +MEET-THE-PUBLIC+ PLAN

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KWUN TONG RESIDENTS WILL HAVE AN AVENUE TO REFLECT THEIR VIEWS ON PUBLIC POLICIES AND TO SUGGEST SOLUTIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT THROUGH A NEW +MEET-THE-PUBLIC+ SCHEME WHICH WAS DISCUSSED AT THE SEVENTH KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TODAY (MONDAY).

THE SCHEME IS AIMED AT ENABLING AS MANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AS POSSIBLE TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH THEIR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND THE WORK OF THE BOARD.

THREE CENTRES IN THE DISTRICT WILL LATER BE SET UP FOR UNOFFICIAL BOARD MEMBERS TO RECEIVE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

IN ADDITION, UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL GO OUT TO VISIT LOCAL RESIDENTS, ASSOCIATIONS, SCHOOLS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

THE SCHEME IS SET UP ALONG LINES OF A SYSTEM IN USE IN SINGAPORE. MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD HAD VISITED SINGAPORE ON A STUDY TOUR LAST AUGUST.

MR PETER WILLIAMS, COMMISSIONER OF ICAC, ALSO ATTENDED TODAY'S MEETING TO DISCUSS THE WORK OF ICAC IN KWUN TONG.

THE BOARD ALSO DISCUSSED A WIDE RANGE OF OTHER MATTERS, INCLUDING THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OFF-COURSE BETTING CENTRE IN KWUN TONG INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.

IN THE AREA OF WATER SUPPLIES TO SQUATTER AREAS IN KWUN TONG, THE WORKS PROJECTS SUB-COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT INDIVIDUAL SUPPLY BE GIVEN TO ALL SQUATTERS TO PREVENT RACKETEERS FROM OPERATING.

THE BOARD ALSO APPROVED A BUDGET OF \$2.2 MILLION FOR VARIOUS COMMUNITY PROJECTS IN NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR.

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AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT INSPECTED

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MEMBERS OF THE AVIATION ADVISORY BOARD TODAY (MONDAY) CONDUCTED AN ON-THE-SPOT STUDY OF HONG KONG AIRPORT ON THE COMPLETION OF ITS \$600 MILLION STAGE-FOUR DEVELOPMENT.

IN THE GROUP WERE MR D.K. NEWBIGGING, MR D.R.Y. BLUCK, MR DENNIS TING AND MR D.G. JEAFFRESON.

ACCOMPANIED BY MR B.D. KEEP, DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, THEY INSPECTED THE MAJOR PROJECT COMPLETED RECENTLY UNDER THE MASSIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

THE MEMBERS SHOWED SPECIAL INTEREST IN THE SHOPPING MALL ARRANGEMENT AND THE NEW TRANSFER DESK. THESE ARE AMONG THE MANY NEW FACILITIES MADE AVAILABLE UNDER THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME SINCE THE MEMBERS VISITED THE AIRPORT LAST DECEMBER.

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DISABLED COULD DO GOOD JOB, EMPLOYERS TOLD

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THE SUCCESS OF THE SELECTIVE PLACEMENT SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT VERY MUCH DEPENDS ON EMPLOYERS ACCEPTING DISABLED PEOPLE WITHOUT PREJUDICE, A SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF VICTORIA, SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER SUNG KWAN-CHAK SAID : +SUPPORT FROM EMPLOYERS IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE ULTIMATE HAPPY SETTLEMENT OF A DISABLED PERSON INTO GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT WHICH WILL ENABLE HIM TO REALISE HIS VOCATIONAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC POTENTIAL TO THE FULLEST EXTENT.+

MR SUNG, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S SELECTIVE PLACEMENT SERVICE, POINTED OUT THAT GIVEN THE RIGHT JOB, A DISABLED PERSON COULD PERFORM JUST AS WELL AS HIS ABLE-BODIED COUNTERPART.

HE SAID : +DISABLED PEOPLE ARE NOT ONLY CAPABLE OF MANUAL OR UNSKILLED JOBS. GIVEN THE RIGHT TRAINING, EDUCATION AND SOMETIMES WITH THE HELP OF TECHNICAL AIDS, A DISABLED PERSON IS CAPABLE OF PERFORMING A WIDE RANGE OF JOBS, INCLUDING EXECUTIVE AND MANAGERIAL POSITIONS.+

IN ADDITION, HE SAID, A HAPPILY SETTLED DISABLED EMPLOYEE WOULD BE MORE STABLE IN HIS JOB BECAUSE OF HIS LACK OF MOBILITY.

THE SERVICE HELPED DISABLED PEOPLE WHO HAVE GONE THROUGH A REHABILITATION PROCESS TO SEEK GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT, WITH EMPHASIS ON +THE RIGHT JOB FOR THE RIGHT PERSON+.

IT ALSO HELPED EMPLOYERS WHO REQUIRED WORKERS TO FULFILL THEIR MANPOWER NEEDS, HE EXPLAINED.

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GUIDE FOR NEWCOMERS

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A NEW VERSION OF +COMING TO HONG KONG+, THE OFFICIAL GUIDE FOR NEWCOMERS, HAS JUST BEEN PUBLISHED.

THE 36-PAGE BOOKLET PROVIDES A VARIETY OF USEFUL INFORMATION -- FROM CLIMATE TO PETS -- FOR PEOPLE COMING TO LIVE IN HONG KONG AS WELL AS TOURISTS.

COSTING \$3 A COPY, IT IS AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

THE BOOKLET ALSO SERVES AS A HANDY GUIDE TO EMPLOYERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE SOME BASIC INFORMATION ON HONG KONG TO THEIR NEW OR POTENTIAL EMPLOYEES FROM ABROAD.

TOPICS COVERED, SUCH AS LANGUAGE AND POPULATION, HOUSING AND HEALTH, EMPLOYMENT AND COST OF LIVING, EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AND RECREATION, BUSINESS, TAXATION AND IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS, PROVIDE ANSWERS TO THE MANY QUESTIONS THAT NEW RESIDENTS ASK.

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NEED FOR CANCER EDUCATION STRESSED

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AS MOST CANCER CASES ARE ASSOCIATED WITH ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS, PERSONAL HABITS AND DIET, HEALTH EDUCATION ON CANCER PREVENTION IS MOST IMPORTANT FOR THE COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY THE YOUNGER GENERATION.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG, WHEN HE OPENED THE ASIAN REGIONAL WORKSHOP FOR CANCER EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS THIS MORNING.

THE THREE-DAY WORKSHOP IS ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG ANTI-CANCER SOCIETY UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION AGAINST CANCER TO DISCUSS THE IMPORTANCE OF CANCER EDUCATION AND THE POSSIBILITY OF INCORPORATING IT INTO THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

OVER 90 PROFESSIONALS IN THE MEDICAL AND EDUCATION FIELD FROM THE WESTERN PACIFIC COUNTRIES AND FROM HONG KONG TAKE PART IN THE WORKSHOP.

DR THONG POINTED OUT IN HIS ADDRESS THAT CANCER REMAINS THE TOP KILLER DISEASE IN HONG KONG, ACCOUNTING FOR 25 PER CENT OF TOTAL DEATHS IN HONG KONG LAST YEAR.

HE SAID THAT IN THE PAST MOST RESOURCES WERE DIVERTED TO IMPROVEMENTS ON DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT FACILITIES, AND LITTLE ATTENTION WAS ACCORDED TO CANCER PREVENTION AS IT WAS ERRONEOUSLY THOUGHT THAT LESS THAN 10 PER CENT OF HUMAN CANCERS WERE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ORIGIN.

+IT IS NOW FAIRLY CLEAR FROM CURRENT BASIC AND EPIDEMIOLOGICAL RESEARCH THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF BETWEEN 70 AND 90 PER CENT OF HUMAN CANCER IS IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, DETERMINED BY ENVIRONMENTAL INFLUENCES THAT ARE AMENABLE TO CONTROL AT GOVERNMENTAL OR PERSONAL LEVELS,+ HE SAID.

DR THONG SAID THAT CERTAIN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WERE ALREADY KEEPING A CLOSE WATCH ON LARGE-SCALE HAZARDS, SUCH AS THE LIABILITY OF EXPOSURE TO CANCER-PRODUCING AGENTS IN OUR ENVIRONMENT AND IN FOODS AND DRUGS.

HE SAID CANCER WITH ENVIRONMENTAL ORIGIN CONSTITUTED ONLY A VERY SMALL PROPORTION OF ALL CANCERS AND THE MAJORITY OF CANCER IS IN FACT ASSOCIATED WITH PERSONAL LIFE STYLES, SUCH AS SMOKING AND FOOD HABITS.

+WE HAVE A DUTY TO OUR YOUNGER GENERATIONS TO EDUCATE THEM ON THE RISK INVOLVED BEFORE THEY DEVELOP HABITS WHICH ARE DETRIMENTAL TO THEIR HEALTH,+ HE STRESSED.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR C.H. HAYE, THE CHAIRMAN OF UICC PROGRAMME ON SMOKING AND CANCER, DR NIGEL GRAY AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG ANTI-CANCER SOCIETY, DR H.C. HO.

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COOLER AND CLOUDIER NOVEMBER
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THE 1 654 MM OF RAINFALL RECORDED BETWEEN JANUARY 1 AND NOVEMBER 30 THIS YEAR, WAS 25 PER CENT BELOW THE AVERAGE FIGURE OF 2 199.4 MM, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY REPORTS.

NOVEMBER ITSELF WAS COOLER AND CLOUDIER, AND A LITTLE WETTER THAN NORMAL.

THE MEAN TEMPERATURE WAS 20.3 DEGREES CELSIUS, ONE DEGREE BELOW NORMAL, WHILE TOTAL DURATION OF SUNSHINE WAS 143.1 HOURS, OR 48.4 HOURS BELOW THE NORM FOR THIS PERIOD.

AIR TEMPERATURE AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY FELL TO A MINIMUM OF 11.3 DEGREES CELSIUS ON NOVEMBER 9, THE LOWEST OF THE MONTH, ALTHOUGH MINIMUM TEMPERATURES OF 3.5 DEGREES CELSIUS AND 5.2 DEGREES CELSIUS WERE RECORDED AT TAI MO SHAN AND TATE'S CAIRN RESPECTIVELY.

THE WEATHER BECAME PROGRESSIVELY WARMER FROM NOVEMBER 10 AND REMAINED FINE AND SUNNY UNTIL NOVEMBER 16 WHEN THE TEMPERATURE ROSE TO A MAXIMUM OF 27.5 DEGREES CELSIUS, THE HIGHEST OF THE MONTH.

WHILE GENERALLY FINE WEATHER PREVAILED THROUGHOUT MOST OF THE MONTH, AND THIS WAS BORNE OUT BY THE FACT THAT NO AIRCRAFT WAS DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER, SOME OF OUR NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES WERE NOT SO LUCKY.

IN THE PHILIPPINES, TYPHOON IRMA LEFT A TRAIL OF DEATH AND DESTRUCTION ON NOVEMBER 24. IT CLAIMED 200 LIVES AND LEFT 400 000 OTHERS HOMELESS, MOST OF THEM IN CAMARINES SUR PROVINCE, ABOUT 120 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTHEAST OF MANILA, BEFORE DISSIPATING NEAR THE RYUKYU ISLANDS ON NOVEMBER 28.

NO THUNDERSTORM OR HEAVY RAIN WARNINGS WERE ISSUED DURING THE MONTH. BUT THE YELLOW FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON NOVEMBER 8, 14-15, 21-22 AND THE RED FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON 10-11 AND 27-30.

THE MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY AT 74 PER CENT, HOWEVER, WAS ONLY 5 PER CENT ABOVE THE NORM.

THE SEA WAS ROUGH, HOWEVER, ON NOVEMBER 30 AND A CHINESE JUNK SANK ABOUT 20 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTHEAST OF HONG KONG WITH 13 SEAMEN REPORTED MISSING.

FARTHER AWAY, FOUR TROPICAL CYCLONES DEVELOPED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA DURING THE MONTH. A TROPICAL DEPRESSION FORMED OFF THE COAST OF VIETNAM NEAR HO CHI MINH VILLE ON NOVEMBER 10 BUT DISSIPATED OVER LAND THE NEXT DAY.

TYPHOON HAZEN, FORMED ON NOVEMBER 13 NEAR THE MARIANA ISLANDS LIKE TYPHOON IRMA AND TAKING A SIMILAR COURSE, DID NOT CAUSE ANY SERIOUS DAMAGE AS IT CROSSED THE CENTRAL PHILIPPINES ON NOVEMBER 20. TROPICAL STORM JEFF DEVELOPED NEAR THE CAROLINE ISLANDS AND DISSIPATED NEAR THE RYUKYU ISLANDS.

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SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS :

WEATHER SYSTEM	SIGNALS	DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING	DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	NOV 3 2.15 PM	NOV 4 5.55 AM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	NOV 8 10.15 AM	NOV 9 8.15 PM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	NOV 22 9.15 AM	NOV 23 5.30 AM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	NOV 26 11.00 PM	NOV 27 9.45 AM

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE :

SUNSHINE	143.1 HOURS	: 48.4 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
RAINFALL	69.8 MM	: 35.1 MM ABOVE NORMAL
CLOUDINESS	63 PER CENT	: 11 PER CENT ABOVE NORMAL
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	74 PER CENT	: 5 PER CENT ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN MAX TEMP	22.6 DEGREES CELSIUS	: 1.8 DEGREES CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN TEMPERATURE	20.3 DEGREES CELSIUS	: 1.0 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN MINIMUM TEMP	18.3 DEGREES CELSIUS	: 0.6 DEGREES CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	15.4 DEGREES CELSIUS	: 0.5 DEGREES CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	103.7 MM	: 40.4 MM BELOW NORMAL

MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 27.5 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON NOVEMBER 16.

MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 11.3 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON NOVEMBER 9.

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RECLAMATION PLAN

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO RECLAIM AN AREA OF ABOUT ONE HECTARE AT THE NORTH-EASTERN SIDE OF AP LEI CHAU NEAR THE AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE.

THE PROPOSED RECLAMATION WILL PROVIDE SPACE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FLATTED FACTORIES FOR MARINE AND OTHER ORDINARY TRADES.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTIFICATION IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL OR ANY CLAIMS OF PRIVATE RIGHT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

THE NOTICE, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, WITH ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN SHOWING THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY ALSO BE SEEN AT THE PORT WORKS DIVISION, EIGHTH FLOOR, EMPIRE CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, KOWLOON OR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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VOLUNTEER ASSISTANTS SOUGHT FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

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THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE AGENCY FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE ARE JOINTLY LAUNCHING A RECRUITMENT DRIVE TO ENLIST SOME 550 VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST IN THE REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS IN DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

THESE VOLUNTEERS WILL OPERATE UNDER THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICES AND THEIR WORK WOULD INVOLVE MAKING HOME VISITS TO LOCAL RESIDENTS AND GIVING SUPPORTING SERVICES TO DISTRICT ACTIVITIES IN PROMOTING DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

THEY WILL WORK MAINLY ON WEEKENDS AND IN THE EVENINGS ON WEEKDAYS BETWEEN FEBRUARY AND APRIL NEXT YEAR.

PEOPLE INTERESTED IN COMMUNITY WORK ARE WELCOME TO APPLY.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE OVER 16 YEARS OF AGE AND HAVE COMPLETED FORM THREE EDUCATION.

APPLICATION FORMS AND FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM CITY DISTRICT OFFICES OR THE AGENCY FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE AT 101, DUKE OF WINDSOR SOCIAL SERVICE BUILDING, HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO ANY CITY DISTRICT OFFICE OR THE AGENCY FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE BEFORE DECEMBER 31.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN TSUEN WAN

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THE NORTHBOUND SLIP ROAD FROM TSUEN WAN ROAD TO TSING YI WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 11 AM ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 16) FOR ROAD WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT.

THE CLOSURE WILL LAST 19 HOURS A DAY FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS, AND VEHICLES MAY ONLY USE THE SLIP ROAD FROM 6 AM TO 11 AM DAILY.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC TO TSING YI WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TEXACO ROAD ROUNDABOUT AND TSING YI ROUNDABOUT.

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DISTRICT BOARD INAUGURAL MEETING

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR JOHN BREMRIDGE WILL ADDRESS THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 16) AT 3.30 PM AT THE RHENISH CHURCH COLLEGE, 30 HEREFORD ROAD, KOWLOON TONG.

THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD IS THE SIXTH ONE SET UP IN THE URBAN AREA. THE OTHER FIVE DISTRICT BOARDS ARE KWUN TONG, WONG TAI SIN, SHAM SHUI PO, EASTERN DISTRICT AND SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

THE BOARD COMPRISES 25 MEMBERS - SEVEN EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS, TWO URBAN COUNCILLORS AND 16 APPOINTED UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS. IT WILL BE CHAIRED BY THE CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, KOWLOON CITY.

BEFORE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD, A KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WAS FORMED IN MAY, THIS YEAR TO PROVIDE A FORUM FOR INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION.

ITS PURPOSE IS TO ENSURE THAT DISTRICT NEEDS ARE MET AND DISTRICT PROBLEMS ARE RESOLVED MORE EFFECTIVELY.

IN THE MONTH AFTER IT WAS FORMED, TWO SUB-COMMITTEES WERE SET UP TO ASSIST THE COMMITTEE IN CARRYING OUT ITS OBJECTIVES.

THE PURPOSE OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION IS TO ENHANCE A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG RESIDENTS AND TO AROUSE INTEREST ABOUT DISTRICT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PRESS BRIEFING WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM, PRIOR TO THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD AT 3.30 PM, ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 16) AT THE RHENISH CHURCH COLLEGE, 30 HEREFORD ROAD, KOWLOON TONG.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND BOTH EVENTS.

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TAI PO TO HOLD COUPLET WRITING COMPETITION
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TAI PO IS HOLDING A COUPLET WRITING COMPETITION AS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S PROGRAMME TO CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR.

THE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO ALL HONG KONG RESIDENTS.

IT IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS. SECTION A IS BASED ON GIVEN FIRST LINES AND SECTION B IS FREE COMPOSITION.

ENTRIES FOR SECTION A SHOULD REFLECT THE SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF TAI PO, PROMOTE NEW YEAR FESTIVITY AND GOODWILL, ANTI-CORRUPTION AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE.

THE THEME FOR SECTION B SHOULD PROMOTE A CLEAN HONG KONG.

DETAILS OF THE COMPETITION ARE AVAILABLE NOW FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE- TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE- AND THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION KWONG FUK SUB OFFICE.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS JANUARY 2.

ALL WINNERS WILL BE PRESENTED WITH PRIZES AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS ON JANUARY 22, AND WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT TAI PO SPORTSGROUND THE SAME DAY.

TAI PO CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS ARE BEING ORGANISED BY A COMMITTEE COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE, MANY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS. THEY WILL LAST 18 DAYS WITH FUNDS BEING PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

BESIDES THE COUPLET WRITING COMPETITION, OTHER FUNCTIONS WILL INCLUDE A LANTERN DESIGN COMPETITION, A CLEAN-UP OPERATION, A FILM SHOW, FUN FAIRS, A CONCERT, A FOOTBALL COMPETITION, AN EXHIBITION ON TAI PO DEVELOPMENT AND A FEAST FOR THE ELDERLY.

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