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GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR INDUSTRY

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THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K.Y. YEUNG, TODAY (SUNDAY) ANNOUNCED THE GOVERNOR'S DECISION TO AWARD THE FIRST GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR INDUSTRY BEGINNING IN JUNE THIS YEAR.

THE AWARD AIMS TO ENCOURAGE MANUFACTURERS TO IMPROVE THE COMPETITIVENESS OF THEIR PRODUCTS.

IT WILL EXPAND THE ORIGINAL GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR DESIGN INTO OTHER KEY AREAS, SUCH AS QUALITY, PRODUCTIVITY AND INNOVATION.

AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE RELEVANT ORGANISATIONS, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO INSTITUTE A NEW GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR INDUSTRY ANNUALLY FROM 1989 ONWARDS.

IT WILL CONSIST OF FOUR CATEGORIES:

- * THE CONSUMER PRODUCT DESIGN AWARD TO BE ORGANISED BY THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES;
- * THE MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT DESIGN AWARD TO BE ORGANISED BY THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION;
- * THE PRODUCTIVITY AWARD TO BE ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL; AND
- * THE QUALITY MANAGEMENT AWARD TO BE ORGANISED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT.

THE FIRST TWO CATEGORIES OF AWARD WILL BE PRODUCT-BASED, AND WILL RECOGNISE RESPECTIVELY THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD DESIGN IN CONSUMER PRODUCTS AND EQUIPMENT FOR USE IN MANUFACTURING.

THE SECOND TWO WILL BE COMPANY-BASED AND WILL RECOGNISE ENDEAVOURS BY HONG KONG COMPANIES TO ACHIEVE IMPROVED PRODUCTIVITY AND TO APPLY QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS IN THEIR MANUFACTURING PROCESSES.

IN EACH CATEGORY THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE GOVERNOR'S AWARD.

THERE WILL, HOWEVER, BE A NUMBER OF SUPPLEMENTARY AWARDS BY LEADING ORGANISERS OR SPONSORING ORGANISATIONS, AND CERTIFICATES OF MERIT.

THE GOVERNOR'S AWARD WILL ENTITLE ITS HOLDER TO DISPLAY AN OFFICIAL LOGO FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS.

THE FIRST GOVERNOR'S AWARD PRESENTATION WILL BE MADE IN THE CONSUMER PRODUCT DESIGN AND MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT DESIGN CATEGORIES ON JUNE 27 AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE.

PRESENTATIONS IN ALL FOUR AWARD CATEGORIES WILL BE HELD IN JUNE 1990 AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

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PLANS FOR THREE HOTELS APPROVED
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PLANS FOR THREE HOTELS, WITH A TOTAL OF 986 ROOMS, WERE APPROVED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR.

THEY WERE AMONG 54 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED BY THE OFFICE DURING THE MONTH.

THE HOTEL SITES ARE ON HONG KONG ISLAND. ONE IS IN ELECTRIC ROAD IN NORTH POINT, ONE IN JAFFE ROAD AND ONE IN HENNESSY ROAD.

ALSO APPROVED WERE 20 PLANS FOR APARTMENT, APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS, NINE FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS AND EIGHT FOR FACTORIES.

OF THE PLANS APPROVED, 20 WERE FOR PROJECTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, NINE FOR PROJECTS IN KOWLOON AND 25 FOR PROJECTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

CONSENT TO START WORK WAS GIVEN FOR 52 PROJECTS. THE TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF THESE PROJECTS WAS 192,741.2 SQUARE METRES, OF WHICH 100,931.1 SQUARE METRES WERE FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES AND THE REMAINDER FOR NON-DOMESTIC USES.

THE TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS 202,361.2 SQUARE METRES, OF WHICH 42,427 SQUARE METRES WERE FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES AND THE REMAINDER FOR NON-DOMESTIC USES.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS ABOUT \$1,081 MILLION.

ALSO DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE ISSUED 34 OCCUPATION PERMITS --- NINE FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, SIX FOR KOWLOON AND 19 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, THE OFFICE ISSUED 29 DEMOLITION CONSENTS AFFECTING 62 BUILDINGS.

THE CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION RECEIVED 736 COMPLAINTS REGARDING ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AND ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS DURING THE MONTH, CARRIED OUT 862 INSPECTIONS AND ISSUED 199 REMOVAL ORDERS.

THE DANGEROUS BUILDINGS SECTION INSPECTED 462 BUILDINGS AND OBTAINED ONE CLOSURE ORDER.

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LABOUR HOTLINES PROVIDE PROMPT SERVICES

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYEES TO MAKE USE OF ITS TWO HOTLINES TO REPORT MALPRACTICES IN THEIR WORKPLACES.

THE HOTLINES -- 5-8150678 AND 5-8152200 -- ARE MANNED BY STAFF OF THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE AND WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS DIVISIONS RESPECTIVELY. AUTO-RECORDING FACILITY IS ALSO INSTALLED TO CATER FOR AFTER-OFFICE-HOUR CALLS.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE HOTLINE WAS ORIGINALLY SET UP FOR REPORTING INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS.

ITS SERVICE WAS LATER EXTENDED TO COVER COMPLAINTS ON UNSAFE WORKING CONDITIONS AND PROVIDE ADVICE ON ANY INDUSTRIAL SAFETY MATTERS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID EMPLOYEES WERE BECOMING INCREASINGLY AWARE OF THE HOTLINE SERVICE AND OVER 6,000 CALLS WERE RECEIVED LAST YEAR COVERING A WIDE RANGE OF SAFETY MATTERS.

OF THESE, 124 CALLS WERE COMPLAINTS RELATING TO NUISANCES CAUSED BY INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES, FIRE RISKS AND CONSTRUCTION SAFETY.

THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS DIVISION'S HOTLINE RECEIVED JUST OVER 900 COMPLAINTS LAST YEAR INVOLVING LONG WORKING HOURS, PROVISION OF REST DAYS, CHILD EMPLOYMENT, SHORTENED MEAL BREAK, AND EMPLOYMENT OF TWO-WAY PERMIT HOLDERS AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ALL COMPLAINTS RECEIVED WOULD BE INVESTIGATED PROMPTLY AND THOROUGHLY.

TO FACILITATE FOLLOW-UP ACTION, HE URGED THE PUBLIC TO STATE CLEARLY THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT AGAINST WHICH THE COMPLAINT IS DIRECTED, THE NATURE OF THE COMPLAINT AND WHERE POSSIBLE, THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE COMPLAINANT.

EVERY COMPLAINT WILL BE HANDLED IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE, HE STRESSED.

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CARNIVAL DRIVES HOME FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE
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HUNDREDS OF KWUN TONG RESIDENTS ENJOYED AN EDUCATIONAL AND ENTERTAINING AFTERNOON WHEN THEY ATTENDED A FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL AT HONG NING ROAD PLAYGROUND TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE EVENT WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC), KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, AND THE KWUN TONG AND SAU MAU PING POLICE DISTRICTS.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRIS WAN, SAID THE CARNIVAL ILLUSTRATED THE CO-OPERATION AMONG GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE COMMUNITY IN FIGHTING CRIME.

HE SAID THE EVENT ALSO ILLUSTRATED THE SUPPORT GIVEN TO THE DFCC BY THE AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS CORPORATIONS AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS.

MR WAN THEN SUMMED UP THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DFCC IN THE PAST YEAR.

THESE INCLUDED VISITS TO MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS CORPORATIONS, SAU MAU PING POLICE STATION, PIK UK PRISON AND KWUN TONG MAGISTRACY.

"THESE VISITS HAD ENABLED MEMBERS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS ON CRIME-FIGHTING AND PREVENTION AND ALSO ENHANCED THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROLES PLAYED BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED IN THE BATTLE AGAINST CRIME," HE SAID.

THE DFCC HAD ALSO ORGANISED A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES TO INCULCATE THE CONCEPT OF CRIME-FIGHTING AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE, INCLUDING AN ANTI-TRIAD SEMINAR FOR STUDENTS AND A COLOURING AND DRAWING COMPETITION FOR PUPILS.

MR WAN SAID PLANS WERE IN HAND TO SET UP DISPLAY SIGNBOARDS IN THE DISTRICT TO REMIND RESIDENTS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CRIME PREVENTION AND THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME.

THE CARNIVAL PROGRAMME INCLUDED AN EXHIBITION, A VARIETY SHOW AND STALL GAMES, ALL HAVING CRIME PREVENTION AND ANTI-TRIAD THEMES.

WINNERS IN A SERIES OF FIGHT CRIME ACTIVITIES ALSO RECEIVED PRIZES.

AMONG THEM WERE 11 RESIDENTS WHO RECEIVED THE "KWUN TONG GOOD RESIDENTS AWARD" FOR THEIR BRAVE ACTIONS AND OTHER EFFORTS IN COMBATTING CRIME.

ALSO ATTENDING THE CARNIVAL WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KWUN TONG DFCC, MR MAU KEI-ON; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (KWUN TONG), MR M.N.W. PELLY; AND POLICE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER (SAU MAU PING), MR S.G. CHANDLER.

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LONG-TERM PLANS FOR TALENTED CHILDREN URGED

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THE GOVERNMENT AND EDUCATIONALISTS WERE URGED TODAY (SUNDAY) TO MAP OUT LONG-TERM PLANS FOR DISCOVERING GIFTED CHILDREN AND DEVELOPING THEIR POTENTIAL.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR AND DIRECTOR OF HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, MR HUI YIN-FAT, WHEN SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "PAINT AND PLAY ACTIVITIES DAY" IN CENTRAL.

MR HUI SAID THAT OWING TO THE ABSENCE OF A LONG-TERM, PRACTICABLE POLICY, TALENTED CHILDREN COULD NOT GET PROPER CARE AND THEIR TALENTS WERE RESTRICTED BY THE TRADITIONAL EDUCATION SYSTEM.

THE FUNCTION, HELD AT EDINBURGH PLACE, WAS ATTENDED BY ABOUT 300 CHILDREN.

THEY TOOK PART IN A VARIETY OF CREATIVE ACTIVITIES, AND ALSO LEARNT HOW TO HANDLE PROBLEMS BY THEMSELVES.

THE CREATIVE ACTIVITIES INCLUDED WOODWORK, HANDICRAFT, SANDWICH MAKING, COLLAGE ART, JUNK ART, CLAY-DOLL MAKING, DOUGH MODELLING AND SAND GAMES.

AT THE EVENT PARENTS ALSO LEARNT HOW TO HELP THEIR CHILDREN DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL.

OTHER GUESTS INCLUDED THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER (CENTRAL AND WESTERN), MISS JOEY LAM; CHAIRMAN OF CHUNG WAN AREA COMMITTEE, MR LAWRENCE LAM; CHIEF SOCIAL WORK OFFICER, MRS PATRICIA CHU; THE CHAIRMAN OF PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUPS ASSOCIATION, MRS SUSAN KERLEY; AND THE CO-ORDINATOR OF THE SALVATION ARMY, MS ROSE HO.

THE "PAINT AND PLAY ACTIVITIES DAY" WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE CHUNG WAN AREA COMMITTEE, THE PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUPS ASSOCIATION AND THE SALVATION ARMY TO CELEBRATE THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD.

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1988 RAINFALL 24 PER CENT BELOW NORMAL

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THE TOTAL RAINFALL IN 1988 WAS 1,685 MILLIMETRES, 24 PER CENT BELOW THE NORMAL OF 2,224.7 MILLIMETRES, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY REPORTED TODAY (SUNDAY).

BOTH THE YEAR'S MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 22.8 DEGREES CELSIUS AND MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY OF 78 PER CENT WERE THE SAME AS THE NORMAL FIGURES, THE OBSERVATORY SAID IN ITS REPORT ON THE YEAR'S WEATHER.

JANUARY WAS WARM WITH LITTLE RAINFALL. THE MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 17.9 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS 2.3 DEGREES ABOVE NORMAL AND THE MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 16.1 DEGREES WAS 2.9 DEGREES ABOVE NORMAL. BOTH WERE THE SECOND HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR JANUARY.

ALTHOUGH RAIN WAS RECORDED ON 13 DAYS, THE TOTAL RAINFALL AMOUNTED TO ONLY 1.0 MILLIMETRE.

CLOUDY SKIES PREVAILED MOST OF THE TIME DURING FEBRUARY, GIVING A MEAN CLOUD AMOUNT OF 81 PER CENT, WHICH WAS 10 PER CENT ABOVE NORMAL FOR THE MONTH. HOWEVER, THE TOTAL RAINFALL WAS ONLY 11.9 MILLIMETRES.

MARCH WAS A RATHER COOL AND CLOUDY MONTH. THE MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 16.8 DEGREES FOR THE MONTH WAS 1.7 DEGREES BELOW NORMAL.

UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A WARM AND MOIST AIRSTREAM FROM THE PACIFIC, MIST AND FOG DEVELOPED ON MARCH 12, LIMITING VISIBILITIES THROUGHOUT THE DAY AT WAGLAN ISLAND TO 100 METRES. FOGGY CONDITIONS PREVAILED FROM MARCH 12 TO 15.

IT WAS COOLER AND ALSO DRIER THAN USUAL IN APRIL WITH A MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY OF 78 PER CENT, WHICH WAS THE THIRD LOWEST ON RECORD FOR APRIL. ON APRIL 24, A DAY OF SUNNY AND DRY CONDITIONS, THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 17 HILL FIRES.

MAY WAS CLOUDIER THAN NORMAL. ALTHOUGH RAINFALL WAS RECORDED ON 26 DAYS, THE TOTAL RAINFALL AMOUNT DURING THE MONTH WAS ONLY 115.2 MILLIMETRES, 61 PER CENT BELOW NORMAL.

THE STAND BY SIGNAL NO.1 WAS HOISTED FOR THE FIRST TIME DURING THE YEAR DUE TO THE APPROACH OF TYPHOON SUSAN ON MAY 31.

THE TOTAL RAINFALL FOR JUNE AMOUNTED TO ONLY 296.9 MILLIMETRES, 31 PER CENT BELOW NORMAL.

FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 1988, A TOTAL OF 548.0 MILLIMETRES OF RAIN WAS RECORDED, MAKING IT THE FOURTH LOWEST ON RECORD FOR THE PERIOD.

JUNE WAS ALSO DRIER AND WARMER THAN NORMAL. THE MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY OF 78 PER CENT, EQUALLED IN 1967, WAS THE LOWEST ON RECORD FOR THE MONTH. THE MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 28.6 DEGREES WAS THE FOURTH HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR JUNE.

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OWING TO THE APPROACH OF AN ACTIVE TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE, THUNDERSTORMS AND HEAVY SHOWERS AFFECTED HONG KONG DURING THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 23 TO 27. CONSEQUENTLY, 25 RESIDENTS IN SHAU KEI WAN HAD TO BE EVACUATED FROM THEIR HUTS DUE TO SUBSIDENCE OF THE GROUND ON JUNE 24.

THE STAND BY SIGNAL NO.1 WAS AGAIN HOISTED FROM JUNE 28 TO 29 DUE TO THE APPROACH OF TROPICAL STORM VANESSA.

ANTECEDENT RAIN AND HEAVY SHOWERS ON JUNE 30 CAUSED A MINOR LANDSLIP IN KWAI CHUNG WHERE 27 RESIDENTS HAD TO BE EVACUATED.

JULY WAS THE FIRST MONTH OF THE YEAR WITH MONTHLY RAINFALL SLIGHTLY ABOVE NORMAL. MOST OF THE RAINFALL DURING THE MONTH WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO TYPHOON WARREN WHICH REQUIRED THE HOISTING OF THE STRONG WIND SIGNAL NO. 3 FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE YEAR.

ALMOST 250 MILLIMETRES OF RAINFALL WERE RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DURING JULY 19 TO 20 AND OVER 300 MILLIMETRES FELL IN PARTS OF THE NORTHWESTERN NEW TERRITORIES WHERE SEVERE FLOODING OCCURRED. A TOTAL OF 270 HECTARES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND WAS FLOODED. SIXTY-FIVE TONNES OF FRESH-WATER FISH AND A LARGE AMOUNT OF LIVESTOCK WERE LOST.

THE HEAVY RAIN ALSO RESULTED IN SEVERAL LANDSLIPS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE MONTH, RAINFALL IN AUGUST WAS ABOVE NORMAL. ALL RAIN DURING THE MONTH COULD BE ATTRIBUTED EITHER TO A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE ALONG THE SOUTH CHINA COASTAL AREAS OR TO AN ACTIVE SOUTHWEST MONSOON.

NONE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH A TROPICAL CYCLONE. THIS WAS THE SECOND AUGUST SINCE 1950 IN WHICH NO TROPICAL CYCLONE OCCURRED OVER THE SOUTH CHINA SEA.

A WATERSPOUT ASSOCIATED WITH SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS OCCURRED OFF THE SOUTHEAST COAST OF AP LEI CHAU AT AROUND NOON ON AUGUST 16. THE WATERSPOUT MOVED OVER LAND BRIEFLY AND CAUSED SOME MINOR DAMAGE BEFORE IT DISSIPATED.

FLOODING ALSO OCCURRED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE TERRITORY DURING THE RAIN EPISODES ON AUGUST 14 AND 18. THE WEATHER WAS ALSO RAINY ON AUGUST 30 TO 31.

ALTHOUGH TYPHOON KIT POSED A THREAT TO HONG KONG IN SEPTEMBER AND NECESSITATED THE HOISTING OF THE STRONG WIND SIGNAL NO. 3, IT DID NOT BRING ANY SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF RAIN.

THE RAINFALL AMOUNT OF 109.9 MILLIMETRES RECORDED IN SEPTEMBER WAS 66 PER CENT BELOW THE NORMAL OF 320.4 MILLIMETRES.

OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA, TROPICAL CYCLONE ACTIVITY WAS VERY INTENSE DURING THE MONTH. SINCE 1946, THIS WAS THE FIFTH SEPTEMBER WHEN AS MANY AS EIGHT TROPICAL CYCLONES FORMED IN THE REGION.

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OCTOBER WAS COOLER AND DRIER THAN USUAL. THE MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 15.3 DEGREES RECORDED ON OCTOBER 31 WAS THE FIFTH LOWEST MINIMUM TEMPERATURE ON RECORD FOR THE MONTH.

THE RAINFALL AMOUNT OF 61.8 MILLIMETRES RECORDED DURING THE MONTH FELL SHORT OF THE NORMAL 121.2 MILLIMETRES BY 49 PER CENT ALTHOUGH TWO TROPICAL CYCLONES, PAT AND RUBY, THREATENED HONG KONG AND BOTH NECESSITATED THE HOISTING OF THE STRONG WIND SIGNAL NO. 3.

IT WAS NOT EXCEPTIONALLY DRY; NONETHELESS A TOTAL OF 110 HILL FIRES OCCURRED ON OCTOBER 19, CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL DAY. ONE THOUSAND TREES AND 97 HECTARES OF PLANTATION LAND WERE SCORCHED.

THE RAINFALL IN NOVEMBER CONTINUED TO BE BELOW NORMAL. THE TOTAL AMOUNT FOR THE MONTH, 25.6 MILLIMETRES, WAS ONLY 74 PER CENT OF THE NORMAL FOR NOVEMBER.

THE MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 22.4 DEGREES WAS THE FIFTH LOWEST ON RECORD FOR NOVEMBER WHILE THE MEAN ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE OF 1,019.7 HECTOPASCALS WAS THE FIFTH HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR THE MONTH.

THE MEAN CLOUD AMOUNT OF 30 PER CENT IN DECEMBER WAS THE SIXTH LOWEST ON RECORD FOR THE MONTH.

ON THE OTHER HAND, A WET SPELL AT THE END OF DECEMBER BROUGHT THE TOTAL RAINFALL FOR THE MONTH TO 106.6 MILLIMETRES. THIS WAS ABOUT FOUR TIMES THE NORMAL AMOUNT OF 25.3 MILLIMETRES AND THE SIXTH HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR DECEMBER.

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VBP LIAISON GROUP ON SHA TIN DB AGENDA

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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS AT ITS MEETING ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 17) MORNING THE DESIRABILITY OF SETTING UP A LIAISON GROUP CONCERNING THE FUTURE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE CENTRE IN WHITEHEAD, WU KAI SHA.

A MEMBER, MR LAU KONG-WAH, WILL ASK IF THE GOVERNMENT WILL FORM A LIAISON GROUP CONSISTING OF DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND ALL DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED FOR THE RELEASE OF ACCURATE INFORMATION AND TO ENABLE RESIDENTS TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE FUTURE OPERATION OF THE CENTRE.

ANOTHER MEMBER, MR LAM HUNG-CHIU, WILL ASK IF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS CONSIDERED ANY POSITIVE SOLUTION TO PREVENT FACTORY OPERATORS FROM LOSING CONFIDENCE IN INVESTMENT IN VIEW OF THE LABOUR SHORTAGE.

HE WILL ALSO ASK IF THE DEPARTMENT'S LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE HAS CONDUCTED A PUBLICITY DRIVE TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO WORK IN AREAS WHERE THEY LIVE.

/MR JUSTEIN

MR JUSTEIN WONG WILL ASK IF THERE ARE MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE CURRENT WAYS OF RELEASING INFORMATION TO COMMUTERS CONCERNING CONGESTION AT APPROACHES TO AND FROM THE LION ROCK TUNNEL.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE NOISE POLLUTION AFFECTING SCHOOLS; LICENSING GUIDELINES IN RESPECT OF AMUSEMENT GAMES CENTRES; HAWKER PROBLEMS IN HOUSING AREAS; AND LAYOUT OF APPROACH ROADS TO THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BEGIN AT 9.30 AM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 17) AT THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

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TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL BEGINS ON SATURDAY

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THE 11TH TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL, FEATURING PERFORMANCES BY LOCAL AND OVERSEAS ARTISTS, WILL BE LAUNCHED ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 21) EVENING.

ANNOUNCING THIS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (SUNDAY), THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM SHIU, SAID TSUEN WAN WAS A PIONEER IN ORGANISING DISTRICT ARTS FESTIVALS.

"THE TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL HAS, THROUGH HARD WORK OVER THE PAST YEARS, ESTABLISHED ITSELF AS AN IMPORTANT ANNUAL CULTURAL EVENT WELL SUPPORTED BY THE PUBLIC," HE SAID.

"NOW ENTERING THE 11TH YEAR, WE WILL AGAIN ADHERE TO THE FESTIVAL'S OBJECTIVE OF PROMOTING THE VARIOUS FORMS OF PERFORMING ARTS BY PRESENTING RENOWNED OVERSEAS AND LOCAL ARTISTS, AS WELL AS ENCOURAGING ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY CULTURAL ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

"THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS MADE EVERY EFFORT TO PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF HIGHLY COLOURFUL CULTURAL PERFORMANCES FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF RESIDENTS."

TURNING TO THE PROGRAMME FOR THE FESTIVAL, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, MR CHEUNG CHUNG-YAN, SAID THERE WOULD BE A GRAND OPENING, FEATURING PERFORMANCES BY THE JIANGSU ARTISTIC TROUPE AND THE TAIPEI YOUTH FOLK ARTS TROUPE.

"THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD WILL ALSO STAGE ITS PREMIERE SHOW AT THE OPENING CEREMONY," HE SAID.

"HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FESTIVAL INCLUDE A CANTONESE OPERA BY THE CHEERS AND GLORY OPERATIC TROUPE, 'ROMEO AND JULIET' BY THE HONG KONG BALLET AND A CANTONESE DRAMA BY THE ARTISTE TRAINING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

"THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME IS ALSO MARKED BY THE SIGNIFICANT ROLE PLAYED BY THE MANY DISTRICT PERFORMING GROUPS WHO GIVE THE FESTIVAL ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT.

"OTHER EVENTS INCLUDE A POP CONCERT BY WELL-KNOWN SINGERS, ORCHESTRAL CONCERT BY THE SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MUSIC, SPANISH AND CLASSICAL GUITAR PERFORMANCES AND A NAM YIN (SOUTHERN MELODIES) CONCERT," MR CHEUNG ADDED.

POPULAR FILMS TO BE SHOWN INCLUDE "THE UNBEARABLE LIGHTNESS OF BEING", "SURRENDER", "OSMANTHUS ALLEY", "MY FAVOURITE SEASON", "THE HEARTBREAK YAKUSA", "LAPUTA" AND "BLUE VELVET".

THE FESTIVAL IS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE TSUEN WAN CULTURE AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATING ASSOCIATION.

THE ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE INVOLVED IS ABOUT \$2 MILLION, WITH FUNDS COMING FROM THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND LOCAL SPONSORSHIP.

PROGRAMME LEAFLETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

PEOPLE WHO DO NOT WANT TO MISS ANY PARTICULAR SHOW IN THE FESTIVAL ARE ADVISED TO BOOK THEIR TICKETS AT THE URB TIX OUTLETS NOW.

TELEPHONE RESERVATION CAN BE MADE ON 5-739595 AND ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-4145501 OR 0-4140144.

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SAI KUNG TO LAUNCH DISTRICT FESTIVAL

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ALL SAI KUNG RESIDENTS, INCLUDING THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY MOVED INTO JUNK BAY NEW TOWN, WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY THEMSELVES IN THE 1989 SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL WHICH WILL BEGIN ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 21) AND CONTINUE UNTIL FEBRUARY 19.

THE FESTIVAL, ONE OF THE BIGGEST ANNUAL EVENTS IN THE DISTRICT, WILL COMPRISE A VARIETY OF CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

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THESE ACTIVITIES ARE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT THE SAI KUNG JOCKEY CLUB TOWN HALL, TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND, TSUI LAM COMMUNITY HALL, HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR, CHAM SHAN MONASTERY, MAN YEB PLAYGROUND AND VARIOUS HOMES FOR THE AGED IN THE DISTRICT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE SAID THIS MEANINGFUL EVENT IS HELD TO ENHANCE RESIDENTS' SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND THEIR SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.

"IN ORDER TO SHOW OUR LOVE AND RESPECT FOR THE ELDERLY IN SAI KUNG, A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR THEM WITH SPECIAL HIGHLIGHT BEING 'THOUSAND-YEAR-OLD-FEASTS' TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 21 AND JANUARY 22.

"MORE THAN 1,000 ELDERLY PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT WILL BE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE GRAND FEASTS," HE SAID.

OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR THE ELDERLY INCLUDE VARIETY SHOWS, MEDICAL CHECK-UPS AND MUTUAL VISITS.

"BY MEANS OF SUCH ACTIVITIES, WE HOPE THAT THE ELDERLY PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT WILL KNOW ONE ANOTHER BETTER AND MEANWHILE WE CAN PROMOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

ACTIVITIES WILL ALSO BE ORGANISED FOR RESIDENTS OF VARIOUS AGES AND INTERESTS SO THAT THEY MAY JOINTLY CELEBRATE A COLOURFUL AND FESTIVE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

CANTONESE OPERA LOVERS WILL BE TREATED TO THREE NIGHTS OF ENTERTAINMENT ON FEBRUARY 11, 12 AND 13 WITH PERFORMANCES AT THE SAI KUNG JOCKEY CLUB TOWN HALL AND THE CARMEL DIVINE GRACE FOUNDATION SECONDARY SCHOOL IN JUNK BAY.

SPORTS FANS WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE NEW YEAR SOCCER COMPETITION TO BE HELD BETWEEN JANUARY 17 AND 31 AT THE TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND, OR IN THE NEW YEAR MARATHON TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 19 ALONG THE SCENIC HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR.

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE FESTIVAL INCLUDE VARIETY SHOWS, CHILDREN'S SPORTS DAY AND DISCO NIGHT AT THE TSUI LAM COMMUNITY HALL. ADMISSION TO THE ACTIVITIES, EXCEPT THE DISCO NIGHT, WILL BE FREE.

ADMISSION TICKETS AND PROGRAMME PAMPHLETS ARE OBTAINABLE AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE.

SOME OF THE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT SAI KUNG RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICES AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE OFFICES.

STAGING THE FESTIVAL WILL COST ABOUT \$370,000, OF WHICH \$210,000 COMES FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REMAINDER FROM THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND LOCAL PERSONALITIES.

THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL IS ORGANISED BY A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE COMPRISING 50 MEMBERS FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD AND LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS.

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VOTING BEHAVIOUR OF MONG KOK RESIDENTS SURVEYED

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THE EDUCATION LEVEL AND OTHER DETAILS OF PERSONAL BACKGROUND ARE UNRELATED TO THE VOTING BEHAVIOUR IN ELECTIONS OF RESIDENTS IN MONG KOK, A SURVEY HAS FOUND.

THE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED BY THE SURVEY SUB-COMMITTEE UNDER THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE MONG KOK CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN 1988-89.

IT ALSO FOUND THAT VOTERS RELIED HEAVILY ON THE MASS MEDIA FOR INFORMATION ON ELECTION CANDIDATES INSTEAD OF TAKING THE INITIATIVE TO GET TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THEM.

RESULTS OF THE SURVEY WERE RELEASED AT A SEMINAR TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE SURVEY WAS CARRIED OUT BETWEEN OCTOBER AND DECEMBER LAST YEAR ON A SAMPLE OF 1,200 REGISTERED VOTERS IN MONG KOK. A TOTAL OF 274 QUESTIONNAIRES WERE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED.

IT WAS FOUND DURING THE SURVEY THAT MANY VOTERS COULD NOT BE LOCATED AT THEIR REGISTERED ADDRESSES.

THIS, THE SURVEY SUB-COMMITTEE POINTED OUT, REFLECTED THE INACCURACY OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL, WHICH MIGHT BE DUE TO THE AGEING POPULATION AND HIGH MOBILITY IN THE DISTRICT AS WELL AS TO VOTERS NOT REGISTERING AGAIN WITH UPDATED ADDRESSES.

THIS MIGHT POSSIBLY ACCOUNT FOR THE LOW TURNOUT RATE OF THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION LAST MARCH IN MONG KOK BECAUSE VOTERS FAILED TO RECEIVE THEIR NOTICES IN TIME.

IN ANALYSING THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY, FIVE FACTORS WERE FOUND TO HAVE AN INFLUENCE ON THE FUTURE VOTING BEHAVIOUR OF THE VOTERS.

IN ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE, THEY WERE: PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES BEFORE ELECTION; THE ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE DISTRICT BOARD; CIVIC-MINDEDNESS; VOLUNTARINESS IN VOTER REGISTRATION; AND FAMILY INFLUENCE.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, THE SURVEY FOUND, INCLUDED READING THE DISTRICT NEWSPAPER, JOINING LOCAL GROUPS AND DISCUSSING DISTRICT AFFAIRS WITH OTHER PEOPLE.

HOWEVER, THE FINDINGS SHOWED THAT ONLY 20 PER CENT OF THE INTERVIEWEES PARTICIPATED IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND DISCUSSED DISTRICT BOARD MATTERS WITH OTHER PEOPLE.

TODAY'S SEMINAR MARKED THE CLOSING OF THE CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN 1988-89 OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD.

/THE DISTRICT

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS LORNA MA, SAID AT THE FUNCTION THAT THE GOVERNMENT HOPED THAT THROUGH CIVIC EDUCATION MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WOULD BE MORE AWARE OF EVENTS AND UNDERSTAND AS WELL AS EXERCISE THEIR CIVIC RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS.

MRS MA ALSO HOPED THAT RESIDENTS COULD LIVE TOGETHER HARMONIOUSLY AND CO-OPERATE IN FACING FUTURE CHALLENGES AT A TIME WHEN HONG KONG WAS MARCHING TOWARDS A NEW AGE.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI, ALSO OFFICIATED AT THE SEMINAR.

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COMPETITION FOCUSSES ATTENTION ON CHILD HEALTH

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THIRTY CHILDREN TOOK PART IN THE FINAL OF A CHILDREN'S HEALTH COMPETITION IN MEI FOO SUN CHUEN THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON AND ATTRACTED THE ATTENTION OF MANY RESIDENTS.

THEY HAD BEEN CHOSEN FOR THE FINAL BY A REGISTERED DOCTOR FROM A TOTAL OF 54 CHILDREN IN THE FIRST ROUND OF THE COMPETITION.

THE FINAL WAS DIVIDED INTO THREE GROUPS: FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 12 AND 24 MONTHS; 25 AND 42 MONTHS; AND 43 MONTHS AND FIVE YEARS.

THE PARTICIPANTS WERE ASSESSED BY A PANEL OF FOUR JUDGES ON THEIR FEATURES, PHYSIQUE, APPEARANCE, CHARACTER AND RESPONSE.

IN ADDITION, EACH PARTICIPANT IN THE OLDEST GROUP HAD TO GIVE A PERFORMANCE, SUCH AS SINGING, DANCING OR STORY TELLING.

THE BEST THREE CHILDREN IN EACH GROUP WERE AWARDED TROPHIES AND GIFT COUPONS.

THE COMPETITION, ORGANISED BY THE LAI WAN AREA COMMITTEE AS PART OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL, WAS AIMED AT PROMOTING PARENTS' AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE HEALTH OF THEIR CHILDREN. IT ALSO HELPED TO FOSTER A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO GENERATIONS.

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TRAFFIC PROBLEMS AT CHUN YEUNG ST ON AGENDA

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MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL REVIEW THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NO-STOPPING RESTRICTION (NSR) ALONG CHUN YEUNG STREET AT THEIR MEETING ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 17).

SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NSR IN MID-AUGUST, TWO SURVEYS CONDUCTED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SHOWED THAT THE NSR WAS EFFECTIVE IN REDUCING DELAYS TO TRAMS USING THE TURNING LOOP.

TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES WILL ALSO INTRODUCE A PROPOSAL ON THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME FOR THE VICINITY OF THE JUNCTION OF KING'S ROAD AND SHELL STREET.

AT THE MEETING, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MR YUE HUI-KWONG, WILL REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNED TO CARRY OUT A REVIEW TO SEE IF THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO. LTD. HAD KEPT ITS PROMISE TO THE COMMITTEE IN REGARD TO THE RELOCATION OF THE TRAM DEPOT FROM SHARP STREET TO SHAU KEI WAN.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE PRELIMINARY FINDINGS OF A SURVEY ON BUS AND GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES AND CAR PARKING AT THE CLOUDVIEW ROAD SERVICE RESERVOIR PLAYGROUND.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TRAFFIC TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 17) BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD, HONG KONG.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATIONS

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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO SET UP TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT THE INTERSECTION OF AUSTIN ROAD, PINE TREE HILL ROAD AND COX'S ROAD AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY).

IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE SIGNALS WILL HELP IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY FOR PEDESTRIANS.

/MEMBERS WILL

MEMBERS WILL LOOK INTO MEASURES TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION CAUSED BY VEHICLES LETTING PASSENGERS ALIGHT ALONG THE SOUTHBOUND SECTION OF SHANGHAI STREET BETWEEN PUBLIC SQUARE STREET AND NANKING STREET.

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE RELAXATION OF THE BUS-ONLY LANE ON THE EASTBOUND SECTION OF JORDAN ROAD BETWEEN PARKES STREET AND NATHAN ROAD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD.

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FUND APPLICATION GUIDELINES ON AGENDA

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO WORK OUT A SET OF GUIDELINES IN RESPECT OF APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FOR ORGANISING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE NEW SET OF GUIDELINES IS TO BE PUBLISHED AND DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE CRITERIA FOR VETTING APPLICATIONS.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DEAL WITH A NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS FOR HOLDING LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE A FINANCIAL STATEMENT ON DB FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN CENTRE, NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN, BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LATTER PART OF THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN CAMERA.

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TUEN MUN DISTRICT CLEAN HOME COMPETITION
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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE HAS LAUNCHED A HOUSEHOLD CLEAN-UP COMPETITION, WHICH WILL CONTINUE UNTIL JANUARY 24, TO DRIVE HOME THE KEEP CLEAN MESSAGE.

A PANEL OF JUDGES COMPRISING LOCAL PERSONALITIES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL VISIT EACH PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLD TO SELECT A MODEL HOUSEHOLD. OTHER TIDY HOUSEHOLDS WILL ALSO RECEIVE AWARDS.

PRIZES FOR THE WINNERS WILL BE PRESENTED DURING A VARIETY SHOW TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 27 IN THE TUEN MUN TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM, BEGINNING AT 8 PM.

OFFICIATING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE THE TUEN MUN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS REBECCA PUN; LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR LAU WONG-FAT; MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MESSRS ALFRED TSO AND PANG HOK-DUEN; AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER MR FUNG YAU-WAI.

THE VARIETY SHOW WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY THE TUEN MUN CHILDREN'S CHOIR, TUEN MUN ARTS PROMOTION ASSOCIATION AND POPULAR SINGERS.

FREE TICKETS FOR THE VARIETY SHOW ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED AT THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-824104.

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NEW CLUBHOUSE FOR DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
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A NEW VENUE FOR TRAINING AND REHEARSING ACTIVITIES BY DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE IN WAN CHAI WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT ARTS, CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION CLUBHOUSE.

SPEAKING AT THE GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY FOR THE CLUBHOUSE, WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALLAN CHOW, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) HE BELIEVED THE ASSOCIATION WOULD TAKE ON AN EVEN MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN PROMOTING RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL FUNCTIONS IN THE DISTRICT ONCE THE PROJECT WAS COMPLETED.

/THE ASSOCIATION

THE ASSOCIATION HAD BECOME A MAJOR PROMOTER OF CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL EVENTS IN WAN CHAI SINCE ITS FORMATION IN 1983, MR CHOW SAID.

IT HAD ORGANISED FUNCTIONS SUCH AS PERFORMANCES OF CHINESE TRADITIONAL ARTS, VARIETY SHOWS, SPORTS AND TRAINING PROGRAMMES, ALL OF WHICH HAD CONTRIBUTED MUCH TO ENRICHING RESIDENTS' QUALITY OF LIFE.

THE CLUBHOUSE, AT A LOCATION UNDER THE TAI HANG ROAD FLYOVER AT MORETON TERRACE, IS TO BE BUILT ON A PIECE OF LAND GRANTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THE CONSTRUCTION COST, AMOUNTING TO \$1.2 MILLION, IS BEING MET IN PART BY DONATIONS BY PRIVATE COMPANIES AND INDIVIDUALS.

WHEN COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, THE CLUBHOUSE WILL HOUSE A FUNCTION ROOM, AN OFFICE AND A CHANGING ROOM, OCCUPYING A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF ABOUT 400 SQUARE METRES.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR AND WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION, MR HSU CHUNG-HSI.

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NEW ID CARDS FOR WOMEN BORN BETWEEN 1957-59
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WOMEN BORN IN 1957, 1958 OR 1959 ARE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS FROM JANUARY 16 TO MARCH 11.

WOMEN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUP SHOULD CALL AT ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES DURING THIS PERIOD.

"THE NEW ID CARD ISSUE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

"IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE ISSUE OFFICES WILL BE VERY CROWDED IN THE EVENINGS.

"TO AVOID HAVING TO QUEUE UP AT THE ISSUE OFFICES OR TO COME BACK ON ANOTHER DAY, APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO GO TO THESE OFFICES IN THE MORNINGS OR AFTERNOONS," HE ADDED.

APPLICANTS MAY ALSO MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICE OF THEIR CHOICE.

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

HONG KONG : BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.
TEL. NO. 5-747070

/EAST KOWLOON :

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EAST KOWLOON : AMOY PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD.
TEL. NO. 3-7553679

WEST KOWLOON : CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR,
393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI.
TEL. NO. 3-7232424

TSUEN WAN : EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, 29-37
TSUEN FU STREET.
TEL. NO. 0-4981259

SHA TIN : SHOP 8A, SECOND FLOOR, CHANWAY SHOPPING CENTRE,
11-17, SHATIN CENTRE STREET, SHA TIN.
TEL. NO. 0-6059108

YUEN LONG : HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD.
TEL. NO. 0-793291 (BEFORE JANUARY 21)
0-4771543 (JANUARY 21 ONWARDS)

TUEN MUN : CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, CHI LOK FA
YUEN.
TEL. NO. 0-4580862

SHEUNG SHUI : TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR, 82-84 SAN FUNG
AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI.
TEL. NO. 0-927191 (BEFORE JANUARY 21)
0-6727191 (JANUARY 21 ONWARDS)

"APPLICANTS NORMALLY NEED TO BRING ALONG THEIR EXISTING ID CARDS IF THEIR CARDS WERE FIRST REGISTERED NOT LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS AGO AND BEAR THE *** SYMBOL," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"HOWEVER, IF THE APPLICANT'S ID CARD WAS FIRST REGISTERED LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS AGO OR DOES NOT HAVE THE *** SYMBOL, SHE IS REQUIRED TO FURNISH MORE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE ASSESSMENT OF HER RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG AND SUBSEQUENTLY HER ELIGIBILITY FOR A PERMANENT ID CARD.

"THE DOCUMENT MAY TAKE THE FORM OF TRAVEL DOCUMENT, HONG KONG BIRTH CERTIFICATE, HONG KONG NATURALISATION CERTIFICATE, HONG KONG REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE, ETC."

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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RENOWNED MUSICIAN TO GIVE MASTER CLASS

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THE MUSIC OFFICE WILL PRESENT A MASTER CLASS BY THE RENOWNED CLARINETIST, MR DANIEL SILVER, AT THE YAU MA TEI MUSIC CENTRE ON JANUARY 21.

MR SILVER WAS THE PRINCIPAL CLARINET OF THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA FROM 1980 TO 1987, AND HIS PERFORMANCES HAD RECEIVED WIDE ACCLAIM FROM CRITICS.

THE MUSIC COLUMN OF A NEWSPAPER ONCE COMMENTED THAT IT HAD BEEN "A DELICIOUS OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY THE SOMETIMES FLUID, SOMETIMES ARTICULATE AND ALWAYS FLAWLESS TALENTS OF DANIEL SILVER."

HE IS NOW THE PRINCIPAL CLARINET OF THE NATIONAL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA IN WASHINGTON, WHERE HE APPEARS FREQUENTLY WITH SUCH FAMOUS GROUPS AS THE BALTIMORE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, THE NATIONAL GALLERY ORCHESTRA AND THE CONTEMPORARY MUSIC FORUM.

AT THE MASTER CLASS TO BE HELD FROM 10 AM TO NOON ON JANUARY 21, MR SILVER WILL EXPLAIN THE TECHNIQUES OF CLARINET PLAYING. ADMISSION TO THE MASTER CLASS IS FREE AND RESERVATION CAN BE MADE ON 5-8235321.

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TEMPORARY URBAN CLEARWAY ON WING LOK STREET

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 18), THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF WING LOK STREET IN SHEUNG WAN BETWEEN HOUSE NOS. 176 AND 202 WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY ROUND-THE-CLOCK FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS FOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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METERED PARKING SPACES IN SHA TIN
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT 49 PARKING METERS IN FU TIN LANE IN TIN SAM, SHA TIN, WILL BEGIN OPERATION FROM 8 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 18) TO REGULATE THE USAGE OF THE PARKING SPACES THERE.

FORTY-THREE OF THE PARKING METERS WILL BE TWO-HOUR METERS CHARGING \$1 PER 30 MINUTES FOR PRIVATE CARS AND THE REMAINING SIX WILL BE ONE-HOUR METERS CHARGING 50 CENTS PER 30 MINUTES FOR GOODS VEHICLES.

THESE METERS WILL OPERATE FROM 8 AM TO 8 PM DAILY EXCEPT ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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