



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 1975.

ADDITIONAL RICE IMPORTERS TO BE DECIDED BY BALLOT

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SEVEN MORE FIRMS WILL BE AUTHORISED TO IMPORT RICE INTO HONG KONG FOLLOWING A BALLOT TO BE HELD IN PUBLIC IN THE CITY HALL NEXT WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 27).

THE LUCKY SEVEN WILL BEGIN OPERATIONS ON JANUARY 1, 1976. THEY WILL BRING TO 45 THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED RICE IMPORTERS IN HONG KONG.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT SAID IT WAS THE DEPARTMENT'S BELIEF THAT THE ADDITION OF A REASONABLE NUMBER OF NEWCOMERS TO THE TRADE WOULD BENEFIT THE CONSUMER.

THE MOVE, HE SAID, WAS MADE ON THE ADVICE OF THE TRADE AND INDUSTRY ADVISORY BOARD, THE RICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE CONSUMER COUNCIL.

SEVENTY-FOUR FIRMS, WITH ALL THE QUALIFICATIONS TO BECOME RICE IMPORTERS, ARE TAKING PART IN THE PUBLIC BALLOT.

THE D.C. AND I. SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE BASIC OBJECTIVE WAS TO EXPAND THE SCOPE FOR COMPETITION IN THE RICE TRADE AND, BY DOING SO, FURTHER PROTECT THE INTEREST OF THE HONG KONG CONSUMER.

MR. P.Y. WONG, A MEMBER OF THE TRADE AND INDUSTRY ADVISORY BOARD, WILL DRAW THE BALLOT. MR. A.W. WERNAS AND MR. M.C. LEE, ALSO MEMBERS OF THE TIAB AND THE LATTER A MEMBER OF THE RICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, WILL BE PRESENT AS WILL MRS. O. RAHMIN, ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY OF THE CONSUMER COUNCIL.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 27) AT 11 A.M. IN THE CITY HALL, LECTURE ROOM.

THE D.C. AND I. PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER, MR. GERRY XAVIER, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST YOUR REPRESENTATIVES.

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SURVEY ON LABOUR FORCE

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL CARRY OUT A LABOUR FORCE SURVEY NEXT MONTH TO COLLECT UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION FOR THE PLANNING OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

THE SURVEY WILL BE CONDUCTED ON A SAMPLE BASIS COVERING ABOUT 18,000 HOUSEHOLDS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED IN THE SURVEY INCLUDE AGE AND SEX OF INDIVIDUALS, THEIR EMPLOYMENT PARTICULARS, HOURS OF WORK AND EDUCATION STANDARD. ALL INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE TREATED AS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

PRIOR TO FIELD ENUMERATION, AN OFFICIAL LETTER IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE WILL BE SENT TO THE SELECTED HOUSEHOLDS EXPLAINING THE PURPOSE AND THE METHOD OF THE SURVEY.

ENUMERATORS CONDUCTING THE SURVEY WILL EACH CARRY AN OFFICIAL IDENTITY CARD BEARING HIS PHOTOGRAPH FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSE.

THE SURVEY IS MADE NECESSARY BY THE FACT THAT MANY CHANGES HAVE TAKEN PLACE SINCE THE LAST POPULATION CENSUS IN 1971 DURING WHICH INFORMATION ON THE ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION WAS COLLECTED.

NEXT MONTH'S SURVEY WILL PROVIDE UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON THE LABOUR FORCE TO SUPPLEMENT THAT AVAILABLE FROM THE REGULAR QUARTERLY SURVEYS WHICH ARE BASED ON PLACES OF WORK INSTEAD OF HOUSEHOLDS.

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CROWN LAND SALE

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THREE LOTS OF CROWN LAND, WITH A TOTAL AREA OF 59,300 SQUARE FEET, WILL BE PUT UP FOR AUCTION NEXT MONTH.

THE LARGEST LOT, LOCATED OFF SZE SHAN STREET IN SAM KA TSUEN, KOWLOON, COVERS AN AREA OF 23,840 SQUARE FEET AND IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES.

ANOTHER KOWLOON LOT, MEASURING 16,610 SQUARE FEET, IS LOCATED AT BROADCAST DRIVE. IT IS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

THE THIRD LOT IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. IT IS LOCATED AT CHAI WAN ROAD ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND HAS AN AREA OF 18,850 SQUARE FEET.

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 19 AT 2.30 P.M. ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR OF THE CITY HALL.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICE, 405, NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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