



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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## OPENING OF LION ROCK INTERCHANGE

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THE LION ROCK INTERCHANGE, STANDING MIDWAY ALONG THE KOWLOON FOOTHILLS CORRIDOR ROAD ROUTE LINKING KWUN TONG AND KWAI CHUNG, WILL BE FORMALLY OPENED ON THURSDAY (APRIL 11) BY MR. OSWALD CHEUNG, UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

BUILT AT A COST OF OVER \$8 MILLION, THE INTERCHANGE IS ONE OF THE FIRST OF THE 12 PROJECTS THAT FORM THIS ROUTE TO BE COMPLETED.

ROUTE 4, AS IT IS CALLED, FOLLOWS THE PRESENT LUNG CHEUNG ROAD - TAI PO ROAD - CHING CHEUNG ROAD ROUTE, AND EXTENDS THIS ROUND LAI CHI KOK BAY TO JOIN KWAI CHUNG ROAD AT THE WEST END OF THE BRIDGE.

IN ADDITION TO ROAD WIDENING WORKS ALONG THE ROUTE TO FORM A TWO-LANE DUAL CARRIAGEWAY, INTERCHANGES WITH LINKED PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES ARE BEING BUILT AT EXISTING ROAD JUNCTIONS.

ROUTE 4, ONE OF THE LARGEST OF THE MAJOR PROJECTS NOW BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN 1975 AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF OVER \$150 MILLION, AND WILL PROVIDE A THROUGH ROUTE FOR TRAFFIC TRAVELLING BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIAL CENTRE OF KWUN TONG AND THE CONTAINER TERMINAL AT KWAI CHUNG.

SECTIONS OF NEW ROAD ALREADY COMPLETED HAVE CONTRIBUTED A MARKED IMPROVEMENT TO TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA.

THE LION ROCK INTERCHANGE ITSELF CONSISTS OF A 90-FOOT CLEAR SPAN BRIDGE OVER LUNG CHEUNG ROAD TO CARRY TRAFFIC TO AND FROM THE LION ROCK TUNNEL, WITH SLIP ROADS CONNECTING WATERLOO ROAD WITH LUNG CHEUNG ROAD.

THE INTERCHANGE, WHICH WAS OPENED TO TRAFFIC IN STAGES OVER THE PAST TWO MONTHS, WAS DESIGNED BY MESSRS. MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND BUILT BY MESSRS. GAMMON (HK) LTD.

### NOTE TO EDITORS:

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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY, WHICH BEGINS AT 3 P.M. TRANSPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE CAR PARK OUTSIDE THE MAIN RECEPTION-ENTRANCE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD. BUSES WILL LEAVE FOR THE LION ROCK INTERCHANGE AT 2.15 P.M. SHARP. FOR THOSE WANTING TO MAKE THEIR OWN WAY TO THE SITE, A MAP SHOWING WHERE TO GO IS BOXED.

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SURVEY ON PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION STARTS ON THURSDAY

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THE 1974 PRIVATE HOUSING SURVEY FOR ASSESSING FUTURE HOUSING NEEDS IN CONNECTION WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S TEN-YEAR HOUSING PLAN STARTS ON THURSDAY (APRIL 11).

THE SURVEY IS BEING CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AND WILL CONTINUE UNTIL APRIL 19.

IT WILL COVER A NUMBER OF RANDOMLY SELECTED PRIVATE LIVING QUARTERS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON, NEW KOWLOON, TSUEN WAN AND THE NEW TERRITORIES MARKET TOWNS.

HOUSEHOLDS SELECTED FOR THE SURVEY HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY INFORMED BY LETTER AND ARE REQUESTED TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE ENUMERATORS WHO WILL BE CALLING ON THEM. EACH ENUMERATOR WILL CARRY AN OFFICIALLY STAMPED PHOTOGRAPH OF THE BEARER.

IN ORDER TO ASSESS THE AVERAGE DEGREE OF OCCUPANCY IN PRIVATE HOUSING, A TAPE MEASUREMENT OF THE EFFECTIVE FLOOR AREA OCCUPIED BY EACH SELECTED HOUSEHOLD WILL BE MADE, A CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

ENUMERATORS WILL ALSO ASK QUESTIONS ON HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION, TENURE, RENT, INCOME, AND INTENTION TO APPLY FOR PUBLIC HOUSING.

ALL INFORMATION REGARDING INDIVIDUAL HOUSEHOLDS OR PERSONS WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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HONG KONG OFFICER DIES IN LONDON

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MR. DAVID SELLERS, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER (COMMERCIAL) OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN LONDON, DIED YESTERDAY (MONDAY) AFTER A LONG ILLNESS. HE WAS 46.

MR. SELLERS SERVED THE MALAYAN CIVIL SERVICE FOR SIX YEARS BEFORE JOINING THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AS CADET OFFICER IN 1958. HE WAS POSTED TO THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AS LABOUR OFFICER. HE ACTED AS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF LABOUR ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS DURING HIS THREE-YEAR SERVICE.

IN 1961, HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND BECAME ITS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR. THREE YEARS LATER, HE WAS PROMOTED TO ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, STAFF GRADE C.

MR. SELLERS WAS APPOINTED ASSISTANT COLONIAL SECRETARY (GENERAL) IN 1967, IN WHICH CAPACITY HE SERVED FOR SIX MONTHS. HE WAS RECALLED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY TO BECOME ITS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (LONDON OFFICE) IN 1968. HE WAS PROMOTED TO ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, STAFF GRADE B2 THE SAME YEAR.

IN 1969, HE WAS SECONDED TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN LONDON AS ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER IN CHARGE OF THE COMMERCIAL SECTION.

MR. SELLERS IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN.

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A PERSONAL MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY HAS BEEN SENT FROM THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, TO MRS. SELLERS. SIMILAR MESSAGES HAVE ALSO BEEN SENT BY HIS COLLEAGUES AND BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE ASSOCIATION.

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. JAMES MCGREGOR, HAS ALSO EXPRESSED HIS SORROW AND THAT OF HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, IN WHICH 12 YEARS OF MR. SELLERS' SERVICE WAS SPENT, AND IN WHICH HE HAD GAINED A HIGH REPUTATION FOR HIS WORK IN TRADE NEGOTIATIONS ON BEHALF OF HONG KONG.

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### 33 TAIPO STRUCTURES DECLARED DANGEROUS

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THIRTY-THREE BUILDINGS, ERECTED ABOUT 25 YEARS AGO AS TEMPORARY STRUCTURES ALONG PAK SHING STREET IN TAIPO, WERE TODAY DECLARED TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION BY THE BUILDING AUTHORITY.

THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THIS MORNING THAT A DETAILED INSPECTION OF THESE BUILDINGS WAS MADE RECENTLY FOLLOWING A REPORT OF DEFECTS.

+IT WAS FOUND THAT THE REINFORCED CONCRETE SUBSTRUCTURE HAD DETERIORATED TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT THERE IS A RISK OF FAILURE LEADING TO A COLLAPSE,+ HE SAID.

+EXTENSIVE SPALLING OF THE CONCRETE TOGETHER WITH SEVERE CORROSION OF THE STEEL REINFORCEMENT WHICH IS EXPOSED TO SATURATION FROM THE RIVER IN WHICH THE SUBSTRUCTURE IS FOUNDED, LEADS TO THE CONCLUSION THAT REPAIRS WOULD BE SO EXTENSIVE AS TO BE IMPRACTICAL AND UNREALISTIC.+

IN ADDITION, IN PORTIONS THE BUILDINGS HAVE SETTLED AND THE WALLS FRACTURED, HE SAID.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS OF NOS. 1-33 PAK SHING STREET WERE POSTED TODAY. THE APPLICATION WILL BE HEARD IN KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON JUNE 11.

COMMENTING ON THE APPLICATION FOR CLOSURE ORDERS OF THE 33 STRUCTURES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TAIPO DISTRICT OFFICE SAID TODAY THAT AN ALTERNATE SITE, SITUATED BEHIND THE PLOVER COVE RE-HOUSING BLOCK, HAS BEEN OFFERED TO THESE 33 PERMIT HOLDERS.

A MEETING WILL BE ARRANGED SHORTLY BETWEEN THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GROUP TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF THE MOVE.

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SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND INVITES APPLICATIONS

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THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS - PARTICULARLY IN CONNECTION WITH PROJECTS FOR THE YOUTH OF HONG KONG.

SET UP IN 1970, THE FUND IS DESIGNED TO ASSIST IN PROVIDING FACILITIES FOR A WIDE RANGE OF RECREATIONAL, SPORTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

PREFERENCE IS GIVEN TO PROJECTS WHICH WILL HELP TO ENCOURAGE THE PURPOSEFUL USE OF LEISURE BY YOUNG PEOPLE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES AND NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES, AS WELL AS AT THE OFFICES OF THE EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENTS.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO : THE SECRETARY, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION, C/O GENERAL REGISTRY, ROOM NO. 645, COLONIAL SECRETARIAT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, HONG KONG.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS JUNE 15, AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT ALLOCATIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN SEPTEMBER.

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LEGCO TO DISCUSS OIL SITUATION

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MEASURES TO DEAL WITH THE WORLD FUEL PROBLEM AS IT AFFECTS HONG KONG WILL BE DISCUSSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW.

THE SUBJECT WILL BE RAISED BY THE HON. LEE QUO-WEI AT THE END OF THE COUNCIL'S OFFICIAL BUSINESS. ALSO SPEAKING ON THE SUBJECT WILL BE THE HON. ANN TSE-KAI AND DR. THE HON. CHUNG SZE-YUEN.

UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL BE ASKING A TOTAL OF 15 QUESTIONS RELATING TO CORRUPTION, AIRPORT RUNWAY IMPROVEMENTS, CRIME AND HOUSING AMONG OTHERS.

THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER, THE HON. WOO PAK-CHUEN, WILL ASK WHAT PROCEDURES WILL BE ADOPTED FOR DEALING WITH ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AGAINST OFFICERS OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION.

MR. WOO WILL ALSO WANT TO KNOW WHEN THE NEW ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CORRUPTION, THE CORRUPTION PREVENTION COMMITTEE AND THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY RELATIONS WILL BE ESTABLISHED.

OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDES THE FIRST READING OF THE STREETS (ALTERATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1974 AND THE TABLING OF THE REPORT OF THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1972-73.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

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THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (TUESDAY) AT SALES UNDER THE RICE CONTROL SCHEME AND AT THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AND THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AT CHEUNG SHA WAN, KOWLOON:

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF RICE

GRADE OF RICE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE(\$/CATTY) AVERAGE
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CHINA RICE		
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SEE MEW		
- OLD CROP	GOOD	-
- NEW CROP	GOOD	2.12
S.C. JIEN		
- OLD CROP	GOOD	-
- NEW CROP	GOOD	2.06
PO NGAI	GOOD	-
CHU CHO	GOOD	-
THAI RICE		
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100% WHOLE	GOOD	2.03
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	2.01
A1 SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	1.90
A1 SUPER	GOOD	1.70
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	-
U.S. RICE	GOOD	-
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AUSTRALIAN RICE	GOOD	-
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PAKISTAN RICE	GOOD	-
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TAIWAN RICE	GOOD	1.60
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SUPPLIES AND WHOLESAL PRICES OF MARINE FISH

(FMO CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESAL FISH MARKET)

SPECIES	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESAL PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
GOLDEN THREAD	GOOD	2.90	2.20	2.60
BIG-EYES	GOOD	2.80	0.60	1.80
SQUID	LIMITED	5.50	2.20	4.20
HAIR-TAILS	NORMAL	1.50	0.80	1.20
LIZARD FISHES	NORMAL	3.60	1.50	2.40
CROAKERS	NORMAL	2.80	1.00	1.40
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	GOOD	1.50	1.20	1.35
MELON COAT	--	--	--	--
BREAMS	NORMAL	5.70	3.50	4.50
YELLOW BELLY	GOOD	1.60	0.60	1.00
MACKERELS	GOOD	3.70	3.00	3.40
RED GOAT FISH	NORMAL	0.80	0.40	0.60
FORK-TAIL	NORMAL	1.10	0.70	1.00
HORSE-HEAD	GOOD	5.50	2.80	3.40
MELON SEED	LIMITED	2.80	1.40	2.00
POMFRETS	SCARCE	9.00	8.00	8.50
GAROPAS	NORMAL	7.00	4.00	6.00
YELLOW CROAKER	GOOD	4.40	2.00	2.50

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SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF LOCALLY PRODUCED VEGETABLES

(V.M.O. CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE MARKET)

TYPE OF VEGETABLE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE		
		(\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
FLOWERING CABBAGE	GOOD	1.0	0.2	0.6
WHITE CABBAGE	GOOD	0.3	0.1	0.2
CHINESE LETTUCE	NORMAL	0.6	0.2	0.5
WATER SPINACH	LIMITED	2.2	0.8	1.8
CHINESE KALE	NORMAL	0.8	0.2	0.6
STRING BEANS	-	-	-	-
SPRING ONION	LIMITED	1.2	0.4	0.6
SPINACH	NORMAL	0.8	0.2	0.8
WATER CRESS	NORMAL	1.0	0.2	0.6
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	GOOD	0.6	0.2	0.4
CHINESE SPINACH	LIMITED	1.6	0.6	1.2
TOMATO	NORMAL	1.4	0.5	1.0

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(ALL SOURCES)

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	-	GOOD
WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORK (\$/PICUL-LIVE WEIGHT)	-	305 (AVERAGE)

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