



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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AGRICULTURAL POLLUTION IN HONG KONG

W.H.O. Consultant Completes Initial Study

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The visiting Public Health Engineering consultant, Professor Peter C.G. Isaac, has completed his initial fact-finding tour of Hong Kong and is leaving this week.

Professor Isaac, of the University of Newcastle Upon Tyne, was commissioned by the World Health Organisation to advise the Hong Kong government on the treatment and disposal of wastes, especially pig and poultry manure, from the local agricultural industry.

Since his arrival on January 27, he has gone round the New Territories to see the extent of pollution and has had discussions with people concerned with the local problem, including government officials.

He has been gathering information for his study and acquainted himself with waste treatment proposals currently under investigation by the Agriculture and Fisheries Department.

Following his return to Britain, he will make recommendations as to the directions in which future research, trials and planning could most advantageously be conducted.

As some of his work here may be applicable to problems in other parts of the world, the World Health Organisation will be fully informed of the results of his joint study with the Hong Kong government.

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Note to Editors: Professor Isaac will be available for interviews at 3 p.m. this Friday (February 8) in Room 1404 of the Agriculture and Fisheries Department on the 14th floor of the Canton Road Government Offices. Your representative is welcome to attend.

It should be appreciated however that answers Prof. Isaac may give to problems on such an involved subject at the beginning of the project, will naturally be of a tentative nature.

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ENCOURAGING RESPONSE TO NEW I.D. CARD SCHEME

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Some 42,000 children have been registered during the last three months for the new type of juvenile identity cards which were introduced last November.

A spokesman for the Registration of Persons Department said response to the new identity cards scheme was encouraging, but he noted that some children in the 11-year age group who were not attending school had not yet come forward to register.

He urged parents and guardians of these children to register them for the new cards as soon as possible. They can do so by calling at any of the department's branch offices or sub-offices.

Children not attending school should be accompanied by their parents or guardians when registering for the new cards. They should bring with them their birth certificates and previous juvenile identity cards, if available, the spokesman said.

The identity card of the parent or guardian should also be produced to facilitate registration.

The new juvenile identity cards are similar to adult cards and include the holder's photograph, full personal name in English and Chinese, date and place of birth, and nationality -- thus making it easier for the holder to identify himself when applying for jobs or for schooling purposes.

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Meanwhile, special facilities are being provided for registering school children in the 11-year age group. For their convenience, registration teams from the department are visiting schools to take down their particulars so as to save them the trouble of calling at registration offices.

Primary schools which have not yet been visited are invited to contact the department for this service by calling 5-717946 or 3-687340 during office hours.

Children between 12 and 17 years old who already hold a juvenile identity card need not yet apply for the new cards.

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#### PRISONS HEADQUARTERS MOVING TO NEW PREMISES

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The Prisons Department Headquarters will move from Arbuthnot Road to new premises at Murray Road tomorrow (Thursday).

It will occupy the 10th floor of Murray Road Multi-Storey Car Park at No. 2 Murray Road, Hong Kong. The new telephone number will be 5-260071.

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#### HONG KONG STUDENT WINS MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

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A Hong Kong student, Miss Eva Lau, has won a £2,000 scholarship awarded by the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music.

Miss Lau, a Form V pupil of St. Paul's Co-educational College, is the 1973 winner of the scholarship, which is awarded annually and jointly to India and Hong Kong.

"Miss Lau's achievement means that for the 14th successive year the scholarship has been won by a Hong Kong student," a spokesman for the Education Department's Music Section said today.

Every year seven scholarships are provided by the Associated Board for students from beyond the British Isles. Each scholarship is tenable for three years at one of the Royal Schools of Music in London.

Each award amounts in all to about £2,000, which includes tuition fees, a grant of £300 a year towards living expenses and a contribution towards the cost of a passage back home at the end of the course.

Miss Lau was awarded the Licentiate Diploma in Pianoforte Performing at the recent Examinations and it was on the basis of this result that she was selected by the visiting panel of Examiners from London for scholarship consideration by the Board.

As a young pianist Miss Lau has gained many awards in the Annual Schools Music Festival including the Advanced Challenge Class Trophy which she won in 1972.

Miss Lau first took piano lessons at the age of six and her present teacher is Miss Tu Yueh Sien.

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DANGEROUS BUILDINGS

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The Building Authority today declared No. 19 Des Voeux Road West to be in a dangerous condition and Nos. 21 and 23 liable to become dangerous.

The Principal Government Building Surveyor said that these four-storey pre-war buildings were re-inspected subsequent to observing that, while the demolition of adjoining dangerous buildings had apparently no deleterious effects, rapid deterioration of the brickwork in the ground floor of the kitchen block of No. 19 Des Voeux Road West had occurred within a short time and despite extensive shoring. "This is evidenced by fractures and crushing of brickworks and there is a risk of failure leading to a collapse."

"The condition of the kitchen block in Nos. 21 and 23 Des Voeux Road West is such that the demolition of any one block would adversely affect that adjoining and there would be a danger of failure during demolition. In these circumstances it is considered necessary to close and demolish all three buildings," he added.

Notices of intention to apply for closure orders of these buildings were posted today. The application will be heard in Victoria District Court at 9.30 a.m. on March 20.

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ANTI-POLIOMYELITIS CAMPAIGN 1974

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A total of 14,588 doses of vaccine was administered during the two weeks ending on January 19 in the first phase of this year's anti-poliomyelitis campaign, according to statistics issued today by the Medical and Health Department.

During the period, 7,002 first-dose, 4,099 second-dose, and 3,487 booster-dose of the vaccine were administered.

Of these, 3,684 were administered among children on the Island, 6,167 in Kowloon, and 4,737 in the New Territories.

The campaign is in two phases. The first phase began on January 2, and will continue until February 16. The second phase will be carried out between March 18 and the end of April.

During the campaign, anti-poliomyelitis vaccine is available free at all government out-patient clinics and maternal and child health centres.

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WATER INTERRUPTIONS

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Water supply to a number of premises in Fanling and Wong Tai Sin will be interrupted tomorrow and on Friday (February 8) to facilitate road works in the areas.

The temporary stoppage in Fanling will begin at 10 p.m. tomorrow, and will last until 6 o'clock the following morning.

The premises affected are those along Man Kam To Road between Hung Kiu San Tsuen and Man Kam To; Lo Wu Railway Station, including Man Kam To Police Post; Muk Wu Tsuen, San Uk Ling, Muk Wu and the Indus River Pumping Station, and those along Man Kam To Road, Sheung Shui.

The temporary water interruption in Wong Tai Sin will start from 1 a.m. on Friday and last for five hours.

The area affected is bounded by Tung Tau Tsuen Road, Tung Lung Road, Tung Fat Road, Tai Shing Street, including Block six to Block 13 of the Tung Tau Estate.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

Daily Guide To Wholesale Market Prices And Supplies

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The following prices were realised today (Wednesday) 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

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Availability of Supply</u>	<u>Wholesale Price (\$/catty)</u>
<u>China Rice</u>		<u>Average</u>
See How - old crop	Good	1.80
- new crop		-
S.C.Jion - old crop	-	-
Po Ngai	Good	1.47
Chu Cho	-	-
<u>Thai Rice</u>	Good	1.74
100% Whole		
10-15% Broken	Good	1.69
A1 Super Extra	-	-
A1 Super	Good	1.42
Whole Glutinous	-	-
<u>U.S. Rice</u>	Good	1.74
<u>Australian Rice</u>	-	-
<u>Pakistan Rice</u>	-	-
<u>Taiwan Rice</u>	-	-

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Supplies and Wholesale Prices of Marine Fish

<u>Species</u>	<u>Availability of Supply</u>	<u>Wholesale Price (\$/catty)</u>		
		<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>Average</u>
Golden Thread	Good	4.8	3.0	4.0
Big-Eyes	Good	2.75	0.6	1.7
Squid	Normal	6.5	3.0	5.2
Hair-Tails	Good	3.0	1.4	2.5
Lizard Fishes	Normal	2.5	1.0	1.8
Croakers	Normal	2.1	1.1	1.6
Conger-Pike-Eels	Normal	3.0	2.5	2.8
Melon Goat	Good	2.5	1.35	2.0
Dreams	Limited	5.0	3.8	4.0
Yellow Belly	Good	1.2	0.8	1.0
Mackerels	Normal	4.2	3.5	4.0
Red Goat Fish	Good	2.4	0.7	2.0
Fork-Tail	Good	1.4	1.0	1.2
Horse-Head	Normal	5.5	3.0	4.0
Melon Seed	Good	3.5	1.8	2.8
Penfroto	Scarce	10.0	9.0	9.5
Caroupas	Normal	8.5	5.2	7.0
Yellow Croaker	-	-	-	-

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Supplies and Wholesale Prices of

Locally Produced Vegetables

<u>Type</u>	<u>Availability of Supply</u>	<u>Wholesale Price (\$/catty)</u>		
		<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>Average</u>
Flowering cabbage	Limited	1.6	0.6	1.2
White cabbage	Normal	0.8	0.3	0.5
Chinese Lettuce	Normal	0.7	0.2	0.5
Chinese Kale	Normal	1.2	0.4	0.8
Spring onion	Normal	0.8	0.2	0.5
Spinach	Normal	0.8	0.2	0.5
Water cress	Normal	1.0	0.2	0.6
Leaf mustard cabbage	Scarce	0.5	0.2	0.35
Tomato	Limited	1.6	0.5	1.2

Supplies and Wholesale Prices of Pork (Live weight)

	<u>Availability of Supply</u>	<u>Wholesale Price (\$/ picul)</u>
		(Average)
Pork	Normal	290

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