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N.T.A. POST UPGRADED

Mr. D. Akers-Jones Appointed Secretary For New Territories

A new post has been created within the Secretariat to co-ordinate all policy matters affecting the New Territories.

Mr. David Akers-Jones, who has been appointed Secretary for the New Territories, will continue to function as head of the New Territories Administration while participating fully with the other Secretaries in the formation of government policy.

A government spokesman said today that the appointment of a Secretary for the New Territories reflected his unique policy-making role.

"As well as being adviser and administrator for New Territories affairs, he has special functions, both political and economic, which affect the responsibilities and activities of all Secretariat branches," the spokesman added.

"In his new role as Secretary he will assume responsibility for the political aspects of administration in the New Territories, a function now performed by the Secretary for Home Affairs.

"He will also co-ordinate the various departmental services in the New Territories, taking over responsibility for new towns from the Secretary for Housing.

"In addition, he will advise on the adaptation of government policies to take into account the special requirements of the New Territories."

The spokesman said that the New Territories were obviously very important to Hong Kong, and the government was concerned to ensure that their development proceeded smoothly and amicably, and with respect for the traditions and reasonable interests of the inhabitants.

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With this in view, two new districts had been created under the New Territories Administration to provide for the future needs of the new towns to be developed at Shatin and Tuen Mun.

"In addition to the new post of Secretary for the New Territories, two other senior posts have recently been established," said the spokesman. "These provide for a Deputy District Commissioner to assume responsibility for new towns and, within the Public Works Department, a Director of New Territories Development.

"The Deputy District Commissioner will function within the New Territories Administration to ensure that services to the new towns of Tsuen Wan, Shatin and Tuen Mun are properly co-ordinated and efficiently managed.

"Such services will naturally cover not just the basic requirements of housing, education and health facilities but also recreational and cultural amenities.

"He will also ensure that local views, opinions, wishes and complaints are speedily dealt with.

"The Director of New Territories Development will supervise the progress of public works both within the new towns and throughout the rural areas," the spokesman said.

He added: "We believe that all these new measures will enable the government to function more efficiently, because the political aspects of administration and the co-ordination of public services in the new towns and rural areas, are now so important as to require a full Secretary in charge."

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FEBRUARY EXPORTS UP BY NEARLY 21 PER CENT

The value of Hong Kong's domestic exports for February this year was \$1,507 million -- an increase of \$261 million or 20.9 per cent over February 1973, according to provisional trade figures released today by the Census and Statistics Department.

Imports were up in value by 33.3 per cent as compared with the same month last year, while re-exports increased by 62.2 per cent.

Commenting on these figures, Mrs. F. Hsiung, Assistant Director of Commerce and Industry said that figures for the period January to February this year showed increases over the same period in 1973 of 38.3 per cent for domestic exports, 61.6 per cent for re-exports and 32.1 per cent for imports.

For the 12-month period March 1973 to February 1974, domestic exports went up by 32.1 per cent over the previous 12-month period, while re-exports rose by 61.8 per cent and imports by 34.7 per cent.

A table with comparative figures is given below for easy reference:

<u>MERCHANDISE:</u>	Domestic Exports	: \$1,507 million
	Imports	: \$2,553 million
	Re-exports	: \$ 591 million

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	<u>February 1974</u> \$ Mn.	<u>February 1973</u> \$ Mn.	<u>Increase or decrease</u> \$ Mn. %	
Domestic Exports	1,507	1,246	+ 261	+ 20.9
Imports	2,553	1,916	+ 638	+ 33.3
Re-exports	591	364	+ 226	+ 62.2

	<u>Dec. 1973 to Feb. 1974</u> \$ Mn.	<u>Dec. 1972 to Feb. 1973</u> \$ Mn.	<u>Increase or decrease</u> \$ Mn. %	
Domestic Exports	5,362	3,672	+1,689	+ 46.0
Imports	8,044	5,754	+2,289	+ 39.8
Re-exports	1,787	1,112	+ 674	+ 60.6

	<u>Jan.-Feb. 1974</u> \$ Mn.	<u>Jan.-Feb. 1973</u> \$ Mn.	<u>Increase or decrease</u> \$ Mn. %	
Domestic Exports	3,402	2,460	+ 943	+ 38.3
Imports	4,986	3,774	+1,212	+ 32.1
Re-exports	1,166	722	+ 444	+ 61.6

	<u>Mar. 1973 to Feb. 1974</u> \$ Mn.	<u>Mar. 1972 to Feb. 1973</u> \$ Mn.	<u>Increase or decrease</u> \$ Mn. %	
Domestic Exports	20,417	15,451	+4,966	+ 32.1
Imports	30,217	22,439	+7,777	+ 34.7
Re-exports	6,969	4,307	+2,663	+ 61.8

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SENIOR HONG KONG OFFICERS ON WORLD DRUG STUDY TOUR

A three-man Hong Kong team will spend a month visiting drug addiction treatment research centres in Europe, the United States, and Canada for a first-hand study of conditions there to see how to help improve Hong Kong's fight against drug addiction.

The team comprises Sir Albert Rodrigues, in his capacity as Chairman of the newly-reconstituted Action Committee Against Narcotics (ACAN); Dr. Gerald Choa, Director of Medical and Health Services; and Dr. T.M. Teoh, Senior Medical Officer in-charge of the Government's Pilot Methadone Maintenance Treatment Centre in Sai Ying Pun.

The team will depart from Hong Kong at 8.30 a.m. tomorrow (Saturday), returning at about 10.30 p.m. on April 27.

They will meet the Press at Kai Tak immediately after their arrival to answer questions on their trip and findings.

Their itinerary includes talks in Geneva with senior officials of the World Health Organisation; a week in London; a week in New York for visits, among others, to the New York Methadone Maintenance Programme, the Morris Bernstein Institute, and the New York State Narcotic Addiction Control Commission.

From New York, the team will proceed to Toronto for discussions, among others, with officials of the Drug Research Foundation.

Their next stop will be in Chicago for visits to the Epidemiology Research Unit of the Illinois Drug Abuse Programme, and the Department of Psychology of the University of Chicago.

From Chicago, they will fly to San Francisco to visit the Department of Pharmacology of the University of California's Medical Centre, and other centres.

In Dr. Choa's absence, Dr. K.L. Thong, Deputy Director (Health), will act as Director.

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MORE SOPHISTICATED BUILDING TECHNIQUES SOUGHT

To Speed Up 10-Year-Housing Programme

The Housing Department is currently looking into various methods to speed up the construction of public housing projects in the future.

A spokesman said that the task imposed by the 10-year housing programme made it essential for the department to seek more sophisticated building techniques to meet the target.

The Housing Department has today (Friday) placed an advertisement in several newspapers inviting contractors who have the facilities or intend to introduce facilities for semi-mechanised methods of building of industrialised system to submit details for appraisal.

"A list could then be drawn up from which we could invite tenders for suitable public housing projects in the coming year," the spokesman said.

Meanwhile, a total of 109 stalls will be offered by ballot and tender to eligible hawkers in the Sau Mau Ping Estate next month.

The modular market, included in Stage Three of the estate, has just been completed and will have available a total of 74 stalls. The balance of 35 are located in Stage One and Two of the estate.

The Housing Department today sent out letters inviting eligible hawkers to register with the estate office on April 17 and 18.

On April 23, a number of meat, fish and poultry stalls will be tendered out. The following day, the rest of the stalls will be made available by ballot.

Mr. Michael C.C. Sze, City District Officer, Kwun Tong, will officiate at the tender and ballot procedure on both days.

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RATING COMMISSIONER TAKES OVER TENANCY INQUIRY BUREAUX FROM MONDAY

All tenancy matters concerning both pre-war and post-war buildings, will become the responsibility of the Commissioner of Rating and Valuation with effect from Monday (April 1) when he takes over the running of the Tenancy Inquiry Bureaux.

As from that date, all communications about tenancy matters should be addressed to the Commissioner at No. 1 Garden Road, Hong Kong.

Under the Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) (Amendment) Bill 1974 which was passed in Legislative Council this Wednesday, the Bureaux are to be transferred from the Home Affairs Department to the Rating and Valuation Department for operational reasons.

The Tenancy Inquiry Bureaux perform certain duties and provide a service to the public on tenancies in pre-war buildings.

Since its establishment, however, the major part of the government's responsibility in domestic tenancy matters has shifted to post-war premises, and has been carried out by the Commissioner of Rating and Valuation.

Apart from authorisation of rent increases, and giving advice in rent control matters on post-war buildings, the Commissioner also performs certain duties relating to pre-war tenements.

On the grounds of both efficiency and service to the public, it is considered, therefore, that tenancy matters concerning both pre-war and post-war premises should come under the Rating and Valuation Department, who now has the largest share of this work.

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The Commissioner has expressed his intention to maintain offices for the Bureaux on both sides of the harbour for the convenience of the public, and the branch offices in Hong Kong and Kowloon will continue to operate from their present addresses -- 10th floor of International Building in Des Voeux Road Central; and 6th floor of the Canton Road Government Offices.

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AIRPORT SECURITY

Note to Editors: Arrangements have been made by Securair Limited for media representatives to see the new security system at Kai Tak Airport at 11 a.m. tomorrow (Saturday).

Securair is the Hong Kong-based security firm which has been engaged by the airlines to step up airport security measures. The new system comes into operation on Monday (April 1).

Press representatives should assemble before 11 a.m. in the Press room in the Airport Terminal Building where they will be met by Securair officers.

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STUDY OF POLLUTION PROBLEMS

Some 2,000 pupils from ten secondary schools will see various kinds of land and sea pollution next Thursday when they go on a harbour cruise in two triple decker ferries with 217 student-teachers and 25 lecturers of Sir Robert Black College of Education, one of the three teacher training colleges run by the Education Department.

The cruise comes at the end of a three-week experimental scheme of integrated subject teaching, the theme of which is "Protection of the Environment."

During the four-hour trip, the pupils will study many examples of pollution which are clearly visible in such areas as Gin Drinker's Bay, Lyemun Pass, Ap Lei Chau, Quarry Bay and Picnic Bay.

Since March 18, second year student-teachers, under the supervision of their lecturers, have taken over the entire time-table of Form 1 classes at 12 secondary schools by integrating the various school subjects and concentrating them under one theme.

The Acting Principal of Sir Robert Black College of Education, Mrs. Nanette Fung, said today: "We are very grateful to the Principals of the 12 schools for their co-operation. Without their willingness to allow this experiment, the project would never have got off the ground."

The schedule of work for the three weeks has been carefully balanced to give the various subjects a sufficient quota of periods for teaching and project work, plus visits to nearby sites for environment studies, she said.

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On April 3 there will be a display of work done by secondary pupils during the three-week period.

As part of the experimental scheme, the Agriculture and Fisheries Department arranged field trips for student-teachers to see urban waste disposal problems, the Pineapple Pass Nature Trail at Shing Mun Reservoir, Tai Lam Chung Reservoir and its Forestry Post, water pollution problems caused by farms, sewage and small industries at Hung Sui Kew as well as the tanneries at Fanling.

A harbour tour was arranged by the Marine Department for student-teacher leaders to get a preliminary survey done on water pollution and soil erosion, while the lecturers borrowed a launch to do the same tour.

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REFUND OF VEHICLE LICENCE FEES

The Transport Department has begun checking its computer records as the first step in determining which motorists are eligible for a refund following a change in the vehicle licence fees announced by the Financial Secretary last Wednesday.

The checking will take several days before a comprehensive list can be prepared. Once the names are known, those eligible will be notified how the payment is to be made.

A spokesman for the Transport Department said today that the government was anxious to settle the matter of refunds as quickly as possible.

"For obvious reasons the process cannot be completed overnight. But every effort is being made to ensure that those people eligible will receive refunds soon," he added.

The spokesman appealed to people to co-operate by refraining from calling at the Transport Department and asking for an immediate refund.

He emphasised that a refund could not be made until after the records had been checked, thus giving an equal opportunity to all those eligible.

The spokesman added that notification would be given as soon as possible, but no precise date could be given at this stage.

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DRAFT WAN CHAI OUTLINE ZONING PLAN TO BE AMENDED

The Town Planning Board has proposed an amendment to the Draft Wan Chai Outline Zoning Plan, it was announced in today's Government Gazette.

The amendment to the plan, which will not affect any additional property, concerns the re-zoning of an area comprising properties in Wan Chai Road and Chi Shing Lane which was shown on the original plan as open space.

An urgent requirement for adequate land for the provision of marketing facilities later became apparent, and the Board decided to re-zone the open space site to government institutional and community use. This re-zoning would not preclude the use of the roof of any market building or any part of the site for recreational purposes.

The amendment to the plan is now exhibited for public inspection during normal office hours at the Public Inquiry Centre, Central Government Offices (West Wing), Hong Kong and at the Wan Chai City District Office, Tung Wah Mansion, 201 Hennessy Road, Hong Kong.

Copies of the amendment plan may also be purchased from the Crown Lands & Survey Office, 19th floor, Murray Building, Garden Road, Hong Kong.

Any objections to the amendment may be made in writing to the Secretary, Town Planning Board, c/o Public Works Department, Murray Building, not later than Friday, April 18, 1974.

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MORE TO QUALIFY FOR LEGAL AID

The Legal Aid (Assessment of Contribution) Regulations have been amended to raise the level of personal allowances made when calculating the disposable income of applicants for legal aid.

Although many people receive completely free legal aid, some may be required to make a partial contribution towards the cost of providing them with legal aid, depending upon their financial situation.

However, personal allowances are made when computing the disposable incomes and capitals of the applicants in assessing the amount of their contributions, if any.

Raising the level of personal allowances will result in the disposable incomes of applicants for legal aid being assessed at a lower level than previously.

This will have a two-fold effect: First, more people will be financially eligible to receive legal aid; and second, more applicants will receive completely free legal aid while others with higher gross income will pay smaller contributions towards their legal costs.

The new rates of allowances, published in the Government Gazette today, are as follows:-

	<u>Old Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>
(a) Person with no dependent	\$ 110	\$ 145
(b) Person and first two dependents (formerly first three dependents)	\$ 90 each	\$ 105 each
(c) Third, fourth and fifth dependents (formerly fourth, fifth and sixth dependents)	\$ 70 each, in addition to (b)	\$ 85 each, in addition to (b)
(d) Sixth and additional dependents (formerly seventh and additional dependents)	\$ 55 each, in addition to (b) and (c)	\$ 65 each, in addition to (b) and (c)

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The revision of the rates is in line with a decision by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council that the Public Assistance Scheme criteria should be adopted in fixing the personal allowances for calculation of the monthly disposable income of applicants for legal aid, and that the relevant regulations should be amended whenever the scheme's criteria are altered.

Late last year, the Social Welfare Department announced a set of new cash grants payable under this scheme which came into effect from January 1, 1974.

In order to bring the above personal allowances into line with the scheme's new levels of benefit, the regulations have been revised accordingly.

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STREET CLOSURES

Compensation Procedures Simplified

The procedure for compensating an owner or occupier of a property affected by the alteration or closure of a street is to be simplified under a new Bill gazetted today.

At present, compensation can be agreed between the government and the occupier or owner of the properties affected.

If the two parties fail to agree, the owner or occupier will have to lodge an objection and wait for consideration by the Governor in Council before the claim can be referred to a tribunal for adjudication.

Under the new bill -- the Streets (Alteration) (Amendment) Bill 1974 -- the owner or occupier will be able to refer the claim direct to a tribunal without first having to lodge the objection.

The principal ordinance, enacted in 1970, provides for compensation to owners or occupiers who are likely to suffer financial loss or damage when the street, in which their properties are located, is altered or closed indefinitely.

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RE-APPOINTMENT OF POLYTECHNIC BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Governor has re-appointed the unofficial members of the Polytechnic Board of Governors to serve for a further term of two or three years.

With the re-appointment of these members, gazetted today, the composition of the Board remains unchanged.

The members are: Dr. Chung Sze-yuen (Chairman), Mr. James M. H. Wu (Deputy Chairman), Sir Lawrence Kadoorie, Mr. Lee Quo-wei, Mr. Jack C. Tang, Mr. Francis Y.H. Tien, Mr. P.G. Williams and Dr. Yung Chi-tung.

In addition, two serving members, Mr. S.L. Chen and Dr. Rayson Lisung Huang, will continue on the Board for the duration of their appointments.

Commenting on the re-appointments a government spokesman said: "The government is grateful that all eight unofficials have been willing to accept re-appointment at this crucial stage in the development of the Polytechnic."

The Board, which is the Polytechnic's highest policy making body, was appointed in April 1972 and took over the former Technical College in August of the same year to form the Hong Kong Polytechnic.

It immediately embarked upon an expansion programme which involved increasing the enrolment of full-time equivalent students from 1,800 in September 1972 to 8,000 in 1977/78.

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"This is a rapid rate of expansion," the spokesman commented, "which could not be achieved without the devoted and painstaking efforts of the Board of Governors.

"It is particularly important at this stage of expansion that continuity should be maintained in the membership of the Board, which has already successfully steered the Polytechnic through the difficult period of its initial establishment.

"The Polytechnic occupies an important position within the education system of Hong Kong. The services of distinguished people from the industrial and commercial sectors as well as the universities, are valuable in ensuring that its development is geared to the needs of Hong Kong as an industrial and commercial city."

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DANGERS OF INFLATION OUTLINED AT ECAFE MEETING

Hong Kong Stresses Need For Reform In International Monetary System

The Secretary for Economic Services, Mr. Derek Jones, today spoke about the dangers now facing the world economy.

Addressing the 30th plenary session of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE) in Colombo, he said the major danger was the "high and accelerating rate" of world inflation.

Last year, Mr. Jones pointed out, Hong Kong suffered a degree of inflation "unprecedented in our experience", most of it externally induced through the higher prices ruling in world markets.

The cost of living rose by more than 15 per cent, import prices by over 20 per cent and food prices by more than 25 per cent. "To this dangerous situation has now been added a four-fold increase in the price of oil, the world's major source of energy."

This, he said, would undoubtedly result in further price increases across a wide spectrum of goods and services, thus producing severe strains on the balances of payments of all oil importing countries, both developed and developing.

"All this increases the urgency of reaching agreement on reforms in the international monetary system, for there is no doubt that the Bretton Woods System of fixed exchange rates has broken down under the strains of recent years," he added.

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"It is the major developed countries and the oil producing countries, together, who bear the main responsibility for devising adequate and constructive measures to combat inflation and monetary instability, without incurring the opposite danger of depression, excessive unemployment and a drastic downturn in world trade," Mr. Jones stressed.

He admitted that the responsibility was "grave indeed", for the world economy was indivisible and the developing countries stood to lose most from any failure in either direction. "For failure either way can only lead to a slowing down, or even a reversal, in economic development and an increase in poverty and social tensions."

He emphasised that Hong Kong, whose whole economy depends on external trade, would stand to lose as much as any from any failure to deal adequately with these problems.

ECAFE, he stressed, had an important and constructive role to play as a catalyst and clearing house of ideas on how to meet the problems of inflation, monetary instability and the expansion of trading opportunities.

Mr. Jones welcomed the decision taken in Tokyo last September to press ahead with the next round of multilateral trade negotiations under the auspices of the GATT.

"We ourselves impose no restrictions on trade and we believe that all countries stand to benefit from the reduction of barriers, both tariff and non-tariff," he said.

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He also welcomed the conclusion last year of the new arrangements regarding international trade in textiles which were less restrictive.

However, Mr. Jones was concerned at proposals now being considered in the context of the multilateral trade negotiations to strengthen the protection provided by the safeguard provisions of the GATT.

"In our view, this could be dangerous and damaging, not only for competitive developing country exporters, but also for the economies of those developed countries who would invoke such safeguards and would lose part of the benefits of the international division of labour," he said.

Referring to the most important problems facing the region, Mr. Jones said they were food production, population growth and the adoption of the correct technologies to best utilise the productive potential of each country.

"The mobilisation of savings and their channelling into productive capital investment is another area of prime concern."

Turning to the main theme of the economic survey for 1973, namely education and employment, Mr. Jones said the Hong Kong delegation generally agreed that the educational system should as far as possible "gear itself to the demands available for the services of the graduates it produces."

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Note to Editors: Copies of the full text of Mr. Jones' speech are boxed for collection.

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DEVELOPMENT WITHOUT POLLUTION

The Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose, said this evening that all the new development in Hong Kong must be achieved in a way that does not pollute or destroy the fine stretches of open country to the east and west of the main urban areas -- the recreational lungs of Hong Kong.

This too, he said, is the engineers' problem, though the government has the obligation to draft legislation laying down standards to which they can work for their clients.

Sir Murray was speaking at the annual dinner of the Engineering Society of Hong Kong.

Looking to the long term, the Governor thought it is everyone's wish in Hong Kong that in this decade "we can make a major effort to fill the deficiencies of life that excessive immigration has produced."

"It requires a simultaneous advance on many fronts involving a major effort of planning, engineering, construction, administration and finance.

"The construction of the Hong Kong of the future is an exciting business and I think that the most exciting part in it is yours," Sir Murray told the gathering.

Following is the full text of the Governor's speech:

"There are far too few engineers in Hong Kong. So I am delighted that you as a Society are taking practical steps to encourage technical education, and thus the flow of young people who may enter one of your many disciplines. I assure you that in this the Government too will do everything it can.

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"The need is great, because the engineering problems of Hong Kong keep on growing. Last time I had the pleasure of dining with you which was two years ago, I said something about our problems of refuse and sewage disposal, highway construction and water supply. But in these two years the refuse to be collected each day has increased from 2,500 tons to 3,000 tons; vehicles on highways from 160,000 to 200,000; and water consumption has continued to grow by 8% compound a year. So we need every engineer and student engineer we can train or attract.

"One of the problems that has grown steadily larger in my thinking about development of Hong Kong is what I call the problem of the plateau. Hitherto our production and our prosperity have risen steadily and dramatically year by year. But this rising graph could get stuck on a plateau if we were restricted by lack of land of sufficient area or at the right price to attract new industries or allow old ones to expand or diversify. This too is an engineering problem because it is a problem of access to the new land available. Hence the importance of the second Shatin tunnel, of the new highway to Castle Peak, and of the dramatic accretion of land produced by the new bridge to Tsing Yi. And as you know thought is being given to a bridge to Lantau so as to open up the north shore for industrial and residential development.

"And then somehow all our new development in Hong Kong must be achieved in a way that does not pollute or destroy the fine stretches of open country to the East and West of the main urban areas. These are the recreational lungs of Hong Kong. This too is your problem, though the Government has the obligation to draft legislation laying down standards to which you can work for your clients. We will do our part as I know you will do yours.

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"I realise that many people in Hong Kong at this moment are more interested in the price of food to-day than in better houses, schools, hospitals, playgrounds or room for more and better factories tomorrow. This is very natural. We are in the grip of the rapid rise in prices for foodstuffs exacted by our suppliers. However much this is regretted I think it is understood. What is resented is that anyone in Hong Kong should exacerbate the situation forced on us by turning it to their own profit - no matter to how small an extent. And this is a situation which breeds rumour and accusation and one which I view with great sympathy and concern. I therefore look forward to the new Consumer Council intervening strongly in this intensely human situation; and the Government will listen carefully to any proposals it has to make.

"But with reasonable good fortune these immediate preoccupations should be comparatively short-lived, and looking to the long term I think it is everyone's wish in Hong Kong that in this decade we make a major effort to fill the deficiencies of life that excessive immigration has produced. It requires a simultaneous advance on many fronts involving a major effort of planning, engineering, construction, administration and finance. In our eagerness to break the back of these problems we find that when all our plans are put together they produce a somewhat indigestible hump in terms of production and expenditure and in particular in the three years from 1975. This was the message in the Financial Secretary's Budget Speech. While this calls for some re-phasing I am satisfied that on the assumption of reasonable prosperity our main objectives stand.

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"The construction of the Hong Kong of the future is an exciting business and I think that the most exciting part in it is yours."

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Note to Editors: Copies of the speech by Mr. A.T. Armstrong-Wright, President of the Engineering Society of Hong Kong, will be distributed separately in the G.I.S. press boxes.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

Daily Guide To Wholesale Market Prices And Supplies

The following prices were realised today (Friday) 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 Mew -- old crop	-	-
-- new crop	-	-
S.C.Jion -- new crop	Good	1.94
Po Hgai	-	-
Chu Cho	-	-
<u>Thai Rice</u>		
100% Whole	Good	1.91
10-15% Broken	-	-
A1 Super Extra	-	-
A1 Super	Good	1.52
Whole Glutinous	-	-
<u>U.S. Rice</u>	Good	1.82
<u>Australian Rice</u>	Good	1.80
<u>Pakistan Rice</u>	-	-
<u>Taiwan Rice</u>	-	-

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<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	3.7	2.2	3.0
Big-Eyes	Good	2.4	1.2	1.8
Squid	Limited	5.3	2.0	3.8
Hair-Tails	Good	2.4	0.6	1.5
Lizard Fishes	Normal	2.8	1.0	2.0
Croakers	Normal	2.0	0.6	1.3
Conger-Pike-Eels	Normal	2.5	1.6	2.0
Melon Coat	-	-	-	-
Breams	Normal	4.6	2.2	3.5
Yellow Belly	Good	1.2	0.6	0.9
Mackerels	Good	4.2	2.5	3.1
Red Goat Fish	Normal	1.0	0.5	0.7
Fork-Tail	Normal	1.4	1.0	1.2
Horse-Head	Good	5.7	2.5	3.8
Melon Seed	Limited	2.8	1.5	2.0
Pomfrets	-	-	-	-
Garoupas	Normal	7.0	4.8	6.0
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	Normal	1.2	0.6	1.0
White cabbage	Good	0.5	0.2	0.4
Chinese Lettuce	Normal	0.6	0.3	0.5
Chinese Kale	Limited	1.2	0.5	0.8
Spring onion	Good	0.8	0.2	0.5
Spinach	Limited	1.4	0.7	1.0
Water cress	Normal	1.0	0.2	0.6
Leaf mustard cabbage	Normal	0.6	0.2	0.4
Tomato	Limited	1.6	0.6	1.2
Chinese spinach	Scarce	2.2	1.2	1.6

Supplies and Wholesale Prices of Pork (Live weight)

	<u>Availability of Supply</u>	<u>Wholesale Price</u>
		<u>(\$/ picul)</u>
		(Average)
Pork	Good	300