



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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WORKING PARTY SET UP TO STUDY  
NON-COMMONWEALTH MEDICAL GRADUATES ISSUE  
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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED THE NAMES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY WHICH HAS BEEN SET UP TO LOOK INTO ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM OF NON-COMMONWEALTH MEDICAL GRADUATES.

THE CHAIRMAN IS SIR RONALD HOLMES, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION. THE MEMBERS ARE -- DR. PETER C.Y. LEE, PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG MEDICAL ASSOCIATION= DR. A.C. DA ROZA, PRESIDENT OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (HONG KONG BRANCH)= PROFESSOR ARTHUR M.C. YAU, THE ACTING DEAN OF THE MEDICAL FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG= PROFESSOR MA LIN, PROFESSOR OF BIOCHEMISTRY AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG= DR. C.O. LEE, MEDICAL TRAINING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT= MR. R.G.B. BRIDGE, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE= AND MR. P.B. WILLIAMS, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES. THE SECRETARY IS MR. MARCUS MAK.

THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE WORKING PARTY ARE TO CONSIDER WHETHER ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE TO ENABLE SOME DOCTORS, WHOSE QUALIFICATIONS ARE NOT RECOGNISED BY THE GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, TO PRACTISE IN HONG KONG.

IF SO, THE WORKING PARTY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVISING WHAT METHODS SHOULD BE USED TO ENSURE A PROPER LEVEL OF COMPETENCE AMONG UNREGISTRABLE DOCTORS BEFORE THEY ARE LICENSED TO PRACTISE= AND WHETHER ANY CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS SHOULD BE APPLIED TO SUCH PRACTICE.

IN REACHING ITS CONCLUSIONS, THE WORKING PARTY IS ASKED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT SIX FACTORS:-

- (1) THE EXPECTED REQUIREMENT FOR DOCTORS, WHETHER IN PRIVATE OR GOVERNMENT PRACTICE, IN HONG KONG DURING THE NEXT 10 YEARS=
- (2) THE NEED FOR ANY ADDITIONAL TRAINING FACILITIES FOR UNREGISTRABLE DOCTORS=
- (3) THE NEED FOR, AND NATURE OF, ANY EXAMINATION OF UNREGISTRABLE DOCTORS=
- (4) WHETHER A NEW LIST OF UNREGISTRABLE DOCTORS LICENSED TO PRACTISE IN HONG KONG SHOULD BE INITIATED, AND IF SO, HOW IT SHOULD BE OPERATED=
- (5) THE EFFECT WHICH THE LICENSING TO PRACTISE OF UNREGISTRABLE DOCTORS MIGHT HAVE ON THE RECOGNITION OF THE M.B.B.S. (HONG KONG) DEGREE BY THE GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED KINGDOM= AND
- (6) THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE LICENSING TO PRACTISE OF UNREGISTRABLE DOCTORS FOR THE PLANNED OUTPUT OF THE TWO HONG KONG MEDICAL SCHOOLS.

THE WORKING PARTY HAS BEEN ASKED TO REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER DECEMBER 31.

THE SETTING UP OF THE WORKING PARTY WAS FIRST ANNOUNCED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON AUGUST 14 DURING THE WINDING UP DEBATE ON THE MEDICAL WHITE PAPER.

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TWO DIRECTORS FOR FUTURE MTR CORPORATION ANNOUNCED  
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THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY HAS ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. ALAN ROBERT COTTON AS THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, AND MR. JOHN ANTHONY GLOVER AS THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION IN THE FUTURE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION.

MR. COTTON HAS WORKED WITH KENNEDY AND DONKIN, CONSULTING ENGINEERS, FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS. THIS FIRM HAS BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE AUTHORITY'S CONSULTING ENGINEERS, FREEMAN, FOX AND PARTNERS (FAR EAST).

FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS, MR. COTTON, AS A SENIOR ENGINEER, HAS BEEN WORKING IN LONDON ON PLANS FOR THE HONG KONG M.T.R. AS THE FIRM'S PROJECT MANAGER AND HAS VISITED HONG KONG SEVERAL TIMES IN CONNECTION WITH THIS WORK. AS SUCH, HE HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ORGANISATION AND CO-ORDINATION OF DESIGN WORK FOR ALL THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT. HE THUS ALREADY HAS A WIDE AND INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF THE PROJECT.

BEFORE JOINING KENNEDY AND DONKIN, MR. COTTON HAD SPENT FIFTEEN YEARS WITH LONDON TRANSPORT, FOR WHICH HE WORKED IN A NUMBER OF RAILWAY ENGINEERING APPOINTMENTS, INCLUDING WORK IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMISSIONING AND OPERATION OF THE VICTORIA LINE.

MR. COTTON IS 42 YEARS OLD, IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO DAUGHTERS.

HE HAS RESIDED NEAR READING, ENGLAND, UNTIL RECENTLY BUT HAS NOW MOVED TO HONG KONG.

AMONGST HIS OUTSIDE INTERESTS ARE SWIMMING AND WALKING AND HE MAINTAINS A KEEN INTEREST IN THE PRESERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF MODERN TRANSPORT.

MR. GLOVER WAS BORN IN LONDON IN 1926.

HE IS CURRENTLY WORKING WITH THE BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO COMPANY (H.K.) LTD. AS FINANCE DIRECTOR AND COMPANY SECRETARY, A POSITION HE HAS HELD SINCE 1967.

MOST OF MR. GLOVER'S CAREER HAS BEEN SPENT ON THE ACCOUNTANCY AND SECRETARIAL SIDE OF VARIOUS TOBACCO COMPANIES, INCLUDING THE NIGERIAN TOBACCO COMPANY.

PRIOR TO JOINING BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO (H.K.) LTD. HE HAD SPENT 5 YEARS FROM 1962-67 WITH THE SUDAN TOBACCO COMPANY AS FINANCE DIRECTOR AND COMPANY SECRETARY.

MR. GLOVER IS MARRIED WITH TWO DAUGHTERS AGED 17 AND 19. HE IS AT PRESENT RESIDING IN HONG KONG AND IS A COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE EMPLOYERS FEDERATION OF HONG KONG.

NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF MR. COTTON AND MR. GLOVER ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE GIS PRESS ROOM, G/FL., BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

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ALL DEALERS, INVESTMENT ADVISERS MUST BE REGISTERED  
BY JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR  
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THE FIRST SET OF REGULATIONS TO BE MADE UNDER THE SECURITIES ORDINANCE WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY AND WILL COME INTO OPERATION FROM OCTOBER 1.

THE REGULATIONS COVER THE REGISTRATION OF DEALERS, INVESTMENT ADVISERS AND REPRESENTATIVES AND ARE CONSIDERED AMONG THE MOST IMPORTANT THAT WILL HAVE TO BE MADE UNDER THE ORDINANCE.

AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE REGULATIONS STIPULATE THAT ALL DEALERS AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES, WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE MEMBERS OF OR ASSOCIATED WITH THE STOCK EXCHANGES, MUST BE REGISTERED. THIS ALSO APPLIES TO INVESTMENT ADVISERS AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEES ARE \$100 FOR A REPRESENTATIVE, \$200 FOR AN INDIVIDUAL DEALER OR INVESTMENT ADVISER AND \$500 FOR A CORPORATION. IF A DEALER ALSO WISHES TO REGISTER AS AN INVESTMENT ADVISER, OR VICE VERSA, THE ADDITIONAL FEE WILL BE HALVED — \$100 INSTEAD OF THE NORMAL \$200.

ANOTHER PROVISION IS THAT A DEALER WHO IS NOT A MEMBER OF A STOCK EXCHANGE WILL BE REQUIRED TO DEPOSIT \$50,000 WHICH CAN BE USED FOR THE BENEFIT OF A DEALER'S CLIENTS IN THE EVENT OF HIS DEFAULT. MEMBERS OF STOCK EXCHANGES ARE EXEMPT FROM THIS PROVISION AS THEY ARE COVERED UNDER THE STOCK EXCHANGES COMPENSATION FUND TO WHICH THEY HAVE ALREADY CONTRIBUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORDINANCE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SECURITIES COMMISSION SAID TODAY THAT THE REGULATIONS MERELY FORMALISED THE POLICY LAID DOWN IN THE SECURITIES ORDINANCE WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR.

HE SAID THAT ANY PERSON WHO IS OBLIGED TO BE REGISTERED UNDER THE ORDINANCE MUST MAKE HIS APPLICATION WITHIN THREE MONTHS FROM OCTOBER 1.

+HAVING MADE AN APPLICATION A PERSON OR COMPANY MAY CONTINUE TO CARRY ON THE RELEVANT BUSINESS AND IN DUE COURSE THEY WILL BE INFORMED WHETHER THE APPLICATION HAS BEEN ACCEPTED OR REFUSED. IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT OF A REFUSAL, THERE IS A RIGHT OF APPEAL,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

TO FACILITATE THE ADMINISTRATIVE WORK, ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH THE FOUR STOCK EXCHANGES REGARDING THE TIMING OF APPLICATIONS FROM THEIR MEMBERS.

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IT IS HOPED THAT OTHER APPLICANTS WILL SEND IN THEIR APPLICATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING TIMETABLE : - DEALERS DURING OCTOBER= INVESTMENT ADVISERS DURING NOVEMBER= DEALERS REPRESENTATIVES DURING THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF DECEMBER= AND INVESTMENT REPRESENTATIVES DURING THE THIRD AND FOURTH WEEKS OF DECEMBER.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF SECURITIES, 2402 CONNAUGHT CENTRE.

THE COMMISSIONER HAS ALSO ISSUED A BROCHURE FOR THE GUIDANCE OF PEOPLE APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION. IT MAY BE OBTAINED FREE OF CHARGE FROM HIS OFFICE.

COPIES OF THE SECURITIES ORDINANCE AND THE REGULATIONS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, STAR FERRY CONCOURSE, HONG KONG.

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AIRCRAFT PARKING FACILITIES AT NEW AIR CARGO TERMINAL  
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WORK IS TO BEGIN LATER THIS YEAR ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON AND TAXIWAY TO SERVE THE NEW AIR CARGO COMPLEX NOW BEING BUILT AT HONG KONG AIRPORT.

ABOUT 80,000 SQUARE YARDS OF AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON AND TAXIWAY IS TO BE SURFACED ADJACENT TO THE CARGO COMPLEX WHICH IS LOCATED ON RECLAIMED LAND IN KOWLOON BAY EAST OF THE AIRPORT RUNWAY.

PARKING ACCOMMODATION FOR FOUR ALL-CARGO AIRCRAFT WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE APRON, AND NOSE-DECKING IS ALSO PROPOSED FOR ONE +JUMBO+ 747 FREIGHTER TOGETHER WITH ADJACENT OPEN PARKING FACILITIES FOR THREE MORE AIRCRAFT.

THE PARKING APRON WILL BE CONNECTED TO THE EXISTING TAXIWAY SYSTEM OF HONG KONG AIRPORT BY MEANS OF A LINKING TAXIWAY.

CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL ALSO INCLUDE ACCESS ROADS AND CAR PARKING FACILITIES AMOUNTING TO ABOUT 43,000 SQUARE YARDS OF SURFACING WORK, ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORKS AND A SEWAGE PUMPING STATION.

TENDERS ARE NOW BEING INVITED FOR THE ABOVE PROJECT. WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN NOVEMBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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DOG LICENCE FEES REVISED  
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THE FEES FOR DOG LICENCES WILL BE REVISED AS FROM OCTOBER 1 THIS YEAR.

FOR DOGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON, NEW KOWLOON AND ON A LOCAL VESSEL THE LICENCE FEE WILL BE \$15 AS AGAINST THE PRESENT \$10, WHILE THAT FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$2 TO \$5.

COMMENTING ON THE INCREASE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT NOTED THAT THE EXISTING FEES HAD REMAINED UNCHANGED FOR 24 YEARS AND CONTAINED AN ELEMENT OF SUBSIDY. THE REVISION, HE ADDED, WAS NECESSARY TO REFLECT MORE REALISTICALLY GOVERNMENT COSTS OF LICENSING AND ENFORCING THE LAWS RELATING TO DOGS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE NUMBER OF DOGS VACCINATED AGAINST RABIES HAD GONE UP CONSIDERABLY AS A RESULT OF THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF DOG CATCHING TEAMS. A TOTAL OF 15,941 STRAY DOGS WERE ROUNDED UP DURING THE 1973/74 FINANCIAL YEAR, COMPARED WITH 12,458 IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR, AND FURTHER 3,268 STRAY DOGS WERE CAUGHT BETWEEN APRIL AND JUNE THIS YEAR.

+THIS OF COURSE HAS REDUCED THE NUMBERS OF UNVACCINATED STRAY DOGS IN THE STREETS WHICH COULD PROVIDE A DANGEROUS RESERVOIR OF DOGS SUSCEPTIBLE TO RABIES,+ HE SAID.

UNDER EXISTING LEGISLATION, DOG OWNERS MUST HAVE THEIR DOGS INOCULATED AGAINST RABIES EVERY THREE YEARS. VACCINATION IS AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE, BUT THE COST OF THE VACCINE IS PAID OUT OF PUBLIC FUNDS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS FELT THAT THE TAX PAYER SHOULD NO LONGER BE BURDENED WITH THE SUBSIDY THAT WAS FORMALLY PART OF THE LICENSING COSTS, AND IT WAS ONLY REASONABLE TO EXPECT THAT DOG OWNERS SHOULD BEAR SOME OF THE EXTRA FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR DOG LICENSING.

AS TO DOG LICENCE FEES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THESE WERE BEING ALLOWED TO REMAIN AT A LOWER LEVEL THAN THOSE IN THE URBAN AREAS SO AS TO AVOID DISCOURAGING DOG OWNERS IN RURAL AREAS FROM LICENSING THEIR DOGS AS IT WAS MORE DIFFICULT TO CATCH STRAY DOGS IN LARGE OPEN SPACES.

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SCHOOL VEGETABLE PLANTING COMPETITION  
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THE EIGHTH SCHOOL VEGETABLE PLANTING COMPETITION WILL BE INAUGURATED TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

FIFTEEN SCHOOLS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL TAKE PART IN THE COMPETITION WHICH WILL LAST UNTIL EARLY FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR.

THE COMPETITION IS ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE CO-OPERATIVE FOR AMERICAN RELIEF EVERYWHERE, INC, (CARE) AND LIONS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303 TOGETHER WITH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

GARDENING MATERIALS SUCH AS CHEMICAL FERTILIZERS, INSECTICIDE AND FUNGICIDE WILL BE PRESENTED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS BY MR. DANIEL ROTH, DIRECTOR OF CARE IN HONG KONG.

MRS. ROTH WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO THOSE SCHOOLS WHICH PRODUCED THE BEST SWEET CORN, CUCUMBER, CHINESE WHITE RADISH, YARD LONG BEAN, CHINESE WHITE CABBAGE AND EGGPLANT.

MR. RAYMOND Y.K. KAN, DISTRICT GOVERNOR, LIONS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO THE WINNERS OF THE SEVENTH SCHOOL VEGETABLE PLANTING COMPETITION WHICH ENDED LAST JULY WHEN THE TAI O PUBLIC SCHOOL WON THE FIRST PRIZE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY:  
+THE VEGETABLE CROPS HARVESTED FROM THE GARDENS OF THE WINNING SCHOOLS WERE OF VERY HIGH MARKET STANDARD AND MEMBERS OF THE JUDGING PANEL WERE IMPRESSED BY THE ENTHUSIASM OF PARTICIPANTS AND THE EXCELLENT WORK DONE BY THEM.+

HE NOTED THAT ACTIVITIES OF THIS KIND OFFERED VALUABLE TRAINING IN PRACTICAL GARDEN WORK, USE OF TOOLS, APPRECIATION OF ECOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF PLANT GROWTH FROM THE EDUCATIONAL POINT OF VIEW AND ABOVE ALL THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF TEAM WORK.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE JOINT PRESENTATION AND INAUGURATION CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE TUNG KOON DISTRICT SOCIETY FONG SHU CHUEN SCHOOL, TUNG KOON STREET, YAU MA TEI, KOWLOON, AT 3 P.M. TOMORROW.

COPIES OF THE NAMES OF THE PRIZE WINNERS TOGETHER WITH OTHER DETAILS OF THE COMPETITION ARE DISTRIBUTED SEPARATELY IN THE G.I.S. PRESS BOXES THIS EVENING.

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BUILDINGS DECLARED DANGEROUS

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY DECLARED NO. 10 MERCER STREET ON HONG KONG ISLAND TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION AND NO. 8 MERCER STREET LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS AND REQUIRING DEMOLITION.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THAT THESE FOUR-STORY PRE-WAR BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN UNDER OBSERVATION FOR SOME YEARS.

RECENT INSPECTIONS MADE REVEAL THAT FOLLOWING DEMOLITION OF THE ADJOINING BUILDINGS AND DESPITE EXTENSIVE SHORING THE LOAD BEARING BRICK PARTY WALL BETWEEN NOS. 10 AND 12 SHOWS EVIDENCE OF CONTINUING MOVEMENT WITH SEVERE FRACTURES AND BULGING OF THE BRICKWORK.

IT IS CONSIDERED THAT ANY FURTHER MOVEMENT IS LIKELY TO RESULT IN FAILURE LEADING TO A COLLAPSE, WHILE THE CONDITION OF NO. 8 IS SUCH THAT THERE IS A RISK OF SIMILAR FAILURE DURING OR AFTER THE DEMOLITION OF NO. 10.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERXS IN VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON OCTOBER 21 WERE POSTED TODAY.

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WATER SITUATION REPORT

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THE TOTAL WATER STORAGE IN ALL RESERVOIRS AS AT 9 A.M. TODAY (FRIDAY) STOOD AT 36,315 MILLION GALLONS, REPRESENTING 54 PER CENT OF THE FULL CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS. AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR THERE WERE 66,452 MILLION GALLONS IN STORE.

THIS MORNING'S STORAGE AT PLOVER COVE WAS 27,814 MILLION GALLONS, COMPARED WITH 50,533 MILLION GALLONS ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR. PLOVER COVE'S PRESENT STORAGE REPRESENTS 55.1 PER CENT OF ITS FULL CAPACITY OF 50,500 MILLION GALLONS.

3.5 M.M. (0.14 IN) RAINFALL WAS RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS ENDING AT 9 A.M. TODAY. TOTAL RAINFALL RECORDED SO FAR THIS YEAR IS 1,365.7 MM (53.77 IN).

THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 STANDS AT 1,905 MM (75 IN), REPRESENTING A SHORTFALL OF 28.3 PER CENT.

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**JUNE ACCOUNTS SHOW \$100 MILLION DEFICIT**

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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 1974 SHOW A DEFICIT OF \$100 MILLION, COMPARED WITH A DEFICIT OF \$93 MILLION IN JUNE LAST YEAR.

THIS HAS RESULTED IN AN ACCUMULATED DEFICIT OF \$282 MILLION FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR, COMPARED WITH A SURPLUS OF \$10 MILLION FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

TOTAL REVENUE FOR THE MONTH AT \$341 MILLION WAS \$76 MILLION MORE THAN IN JUNE 1973. TOTAL EXPENDITURE AT \$441 MILLION WAS \$83 MILLION MORE THAN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

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VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9:30 A.M. ON OCTOBER 27 WERE POSTED  
NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR COMPASSION IN  
TODAY.

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THE TOTAL WATER STORAGE IN ALL RESERVOIRS AT 9 A.M. TODAY (FRIDAY) STOOD AT 36,315 MILLION GALLONS REPRESENTING 24 PER CENT OF THE FULL CAPACITY OF 150,000 MILLION GALLONS. AT THIS TIME THERE WERE 26,000 MILLION GALLONS IN STORE.

THIS MORNING'S STORAGE AT Plover Cove was 20,000 MILLION GALLONS, COMPARED WITH 20,333 MILLION GALLONS ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR. Plover Cove's present storage capacity is 1 PER CENT OF ITS FULL CAPACITY OF 20,000 MILLION GALLONS.

3.5 MILLIMETERS OF RAINFALL WAS RECORDED AT THE Plover Cove Observatory DURING THE FIRST 24 HOURS ENDING AT 9 A.M. TODAY. TOTAL RAINFALL RECORDED SO FAR THIS YEAR IS 107.1 MILLIMETERS (4.2 INCHES).

THE MEAN ANNUAL RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY STANDS AT 1,905 MM (75 INCHES), REPRESENTING AN ANNUAL RAINFALL OF 2.3 PER CENT.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

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THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (FRIDAY) AT SALE 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 OF RICE</u>	<u>AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY</u>	<u>WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY) AVERAGE</u>
<u>CHINA RICE</u>		
SEE MEW	GOOD	2.02
S.C. JIEN	GOOD	1.86
PO NGAI	GOOD	-
CHU CHO	GOOD	-
<u>THAI RICE</u>		
100% WHOLE	GOOD	1.82
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	1.74
A1 : SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	1.70
A1 : SUPER	GOOD	1.45
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	1.75
<u>U.S. RICE</u>		
AUSTRALIAN RICE	GOOD	1.97
	GOOD	1.74
<u>PAKISTAN RICE</u>		
	GOOD	-
<u>TAIWAN RICE</u>		
	GOOD	-

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(CALL SOURCES)

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY - GOOD

WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORK (\$/PICUL-LIVE WEIGHT) - 320 (AVERAGE)

/SUPPLIES AND .....

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SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF MARINE FISH

(FMO CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET)

SPECIES	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
GOLDEN THREAD	GOOD	3.40	1.20	2.30
BIG-EYES	GOOD	2.80	0.80	1.60
SQUID	NORMAL	3.20	1.00	2.40
HAIR-TAILS	NORMAL	1.70	0.30	1.00
LIZARD FISHES	LIMITED	2.70	0.40	1.80
CROAKERS	LIMITED	1.80	0.50	1.20
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	LIMITED	3.00	1.50	2.00
MELON COAT	LIMITED	1.40	0.90	1.10
BREAMS	LIMITED	4.80	1.00	3.20
YELLOW BELLY	GOOD	1.60	0.70	0.80
MACKERELS	NORMAL	4.70	2.40	3.50
RED GOAT FISH	NORMAL	1.50	0.60	0.90
FORK-TAIL	LIMITED	0.90	0.40	0.60
HORSE-HEAD	NORMAL	6.30	1.40	3.40
MELON SEED	NORMAL	2.20	0.70	1.50
POMFRETS	SCARCE	6.20	3.20	6.00
GARROUPAS	LIMITED	7.50	5.20	6.00
YELLOW CROAKER	SCARCE	5.80	4.20	5.00

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	LIMITED	2.00	0.80	1.40
WHITE CABBAGE	NORMAL	1.00	0.30	0.70
CHINESE LETTUCE	LIMITED	1.50	0.50	1.20
WATER SPINACH	NORMAL	0.70	0.15	0.40
CHINESE KALE	SCARCE	2.00	0.80	1.40
STRING BEANS	LIMITED	2.00	0.50	1.40
SPRING ONION	LIMITED	1.80	0.50	1.20
SPINACH	---	---	---	---
WATER CRESS	SCARCE	4.20	2.50	3.50
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	LIMITED	1.20	0.40	0.80
CHINESE SPINACH	NORMAL	0.90	0.30	0.60
TOMATO	SCARCE	4.50	2.00	3.20