



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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DAILY GUIDE TO WHOLESALE PRICES AND SUPPLIES OF BASIC FOOD COMMODITIES

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MATHEMATICS TEACHING CENTRES

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO HOLD A SEMINAR AND EXHIBITION AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION TO ACQUAINT PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADS AND TEACHERS WITH THE FUNCTIONS OF TWO NEW MATHEMATICS TEACHING CENTRES.

IT WILL BE OPENED ON DECEMBER 28 BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (PROFESSIONAL), MR. HO NGA-MING, AND MORE THAN 1,000 SCHOOLS HEADS AND TEACHERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE PRESENT AT BOTH THE SEMINAR AND EXHIBITION WHICH WILL MARK THE INAUGURATION OF THE TWO CENTRES - ONE AT THE TANNER ROAD POLICE PRIMARY SCHOOL, HONG KONG, AND THE OTHER AT THE MA TAU CHUNG GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, KOWLOON.

SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE FIRST CENTRE IN NOVEMBER 1972 AND THE SECOND ONE A YEAR AGO, ABOUT 1,600 TEACHERS HAVE ATTENDED 96 COURSES OR WORKSHOPS ORGANISED BY THE MATHEMATICS SECTION OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE.

THE THEME OF THE SEMINAR AND EXHIBITION REFLECTS THE CHINESE PROVERB '+I DO AND I UNDERSTAND+', I.E. LEARNING BY DOING.

AT THE ONE-DAY EXHIBITION, 60 STUDENTS FROM THE THREE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION WILL DEMONSTRATE THE TYPES OF EQUIPMENT USED AT TWO CENTRES.

+HOWEVER,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID, +IT MUST BE EMPHASISED THAT THE OBJECT IS NOT TO SHOW TEACHERS HOW THEY THEMSELVES CAN USE THE EQUIPMENT, BUT RATHER, HOW THEY CAN TEACH THE CHILDREN TO USE THE EQUIPMENT.+

SLIDES AND PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES HELD ON PREVIOUS COURSES AT THESE CENTRES FOR MATHEMATICAL STUDIES WILL BE DISPLAYED.

+NOT ONLY WILL TEACHERS BE ABLE TO SEE HOW IT IS POSSIBLE TO CHANGE THE TEACHING ENVIRONMENT OF CLASSROOMS BY THE RE-ARRANGEMENT OF DESKS AND OTHER PIECES OF EQUIPMENT, BUT THEY WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO SEE TEACHERS IN ACTION IN CLASSROOMS RE-ARRANGED IN THIS WAY.+

+IN ADDITION, THEY WILL BE SHOWN OVERSEAS CENTRES AND THE WAY THEY ARE MANAGED. SOME OF THESE HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED TO THE STAGE WHERE THEY FULFIL A VARIETY OF FUNCTIONS SUCH AS WORKSHOPS, RESOURCE CENTRES AND MEETING PLACES FOR TEACHERS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SLIDES WILL ALSO BE SHOWN OF SCHOOLS IN HONG KONG THAT HAVE ADOPTED ACTIVITY AND CHILD CENTRED METHODS.

+TEACHERS SHOULD BE INTERESTED IN SEEING THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF CLASSROOM ORGANISATION USED IN THIS KIND OF WORK,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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THE UNDERLYING IDEA BEHIND THESE TEACHING METHODS IS TO ENCOURAGE THE GROWTH OF A STUDENT'S POWER OF INQUIRY, TO PROVIDE HIM WITH EXPERIENCE IN ANALYSING SITUATIONS AND IN MAKING HIS OWN DECISIONS.

+THIS POWER OF ENQUIRY IS FAR MORE IMPORTANT TO STUDENTS THAN THE ACQUISITION OF KNOWLEDGE THAT IS SOON FORGOTTEN AND WHICH, IN ALL PROBABILITY BECOMES RAPIDLY OUTDATED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL ANNUAL SPORTS DAY  
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CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL SPORTS DAY AND FETE ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 4).

ABOUT 2,000 PATIENTS, MEMBERS OF THE STAFF, THEIR FAMILIES, AND VISITORS WILL ATTEND THE WHOLE-DAY AFFAIR, TO BE HELD IN THE SPORTS FIELD OF THE HOSPITAL BEGINNING AT 10 AM. JUSTICES OF THE PEACE WHO VISITED THE HOSPITAL IN THE PAST TWO YEARS AND MEMBERS OF THE TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE HAVE BEEN INVITED.

THE MAIN EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE AFTERNOON. MORE THAN 100 PATIENTS, DOCTORS, NURSES, AND OTHER STAFF HAVE ENTERED FOR VARIOUS COMPETITIONS, INCLUDING A TUG-OF-WAR INVOLVING EVENLY-ASSEMBLED GROUPS.

THE BAND OF THE GURKHA REGIMENT STATIONED IN THE AREA OF THE HOSPITAL, THE GURKHA ENGINEER PIPES AND DRUMS, WILL PROVIDE MUSIC AND A COLOURFULL PARADE.

PATIENTS ARE EAGERLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THE DAY, WHICH HAS SOCIAL AND THERAPEUTIC VALUE FROM THE STAFF'S POINT OF VIEW.

DR. GERALD CHOA, DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, WILL DISTRIBUTE PRIZES TO WINNERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE OCCASION COVERED.

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### WATER SITUATION REPORT

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THE TOTAL WATER STORAGE IN ALL RESERVOIRS AS AT 9 A.M. TODAY (DECEMBER 2) STOOD AT 53,752 MILLION GALLONS, REPRESENTING 79.9 PER CENT OF THE FULL CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS. AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR THERE WERE 56,505 MILLION GALLONS IN STORE.

THIS MORNING'S STORAGE AT PLOVER COVE WAS 38,493 MILLION GALLONS, COMPARED WITH 44,338 MILLION GALLONS ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR. PLOVER COVE'S PRESENT STORAGE REPRESENTS 76.2 PER CENT OF ITS FULL CAPACITY OF 50,500 MILLION GALLONS.

19.3 MM (0.76 IN) OF 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 2,135.3 MM (84.07 IN).

THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 STANDS AT 2,141.0 MM (84.29 IN), REPRESENTING A SHORTFALL OF 0.3 PER CENT.

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### CAMP FOR SCHOOL DROPOUTS

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A THREE-DAY CAMP WILL BE HELD NEXT WEEK FOR A GROUP OF 25 YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN 13 AND 16 YEARS OF AGE WHO ARE NEITHER AT SCHOOL NOR AT WORK.

THE CAMP WILL BE HELD FROM TUESDAY TO THURSDAY AT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S YOUTH CAMP SITE IN SHING MUN ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE DEPARTMENT'S WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE AND THE POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER IN WESTERN, THE AIM OF THE CAMP IS TO GIVE THESE CHILDREN A CHANCE TO LEARN TO LIVE AND CO-OPERATE WITH OTHERS.

THE PROGRAMME AND ACTIVITIES WILL ALSO HELP THEM BUILD UP THEIR SELF-CONFIDENCE, POTENTIAL AND ABILITIES, AS WELL AS SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY.

THOSE WHO ARE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CAMP HAVE BEEN CHOSEN WITH THE HELP OF SCHOOLS AND OTHER WELFARE AGENCIES IN THE DISTRICT.

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WATERWORKS OFFICER RETIRING

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AN ASSISTANT ENGINEER OF THE WATERWORKS OFFICE WILL SHORTLY RETIRE AFTER HAVING BEEN WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR OVER 21 YEARS.

HE IS MR. HUI CHUEN-KAM, AGED 54.

MR. HUI JOINED THE GOVERNMENT AS AN ASSISTANT ENGINEERING SURVEYOR, CLASS II IN OCTOBER, 1953. HE WAS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF ASSISTANT ENGINEERING SURVEYOR, CLASS I IN APRIL 1960 AND APPOINTED SENIOR SURVEYING ASSISTANT THREE YEARS LATER. IN 1966 MR. HUI WAS MADE AN ASSISTANT ENGINEER.

TO MARK HIS RETIREMENT, THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR. WILFRED KNIGHT, WILL PRESENT HIM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) WITH A GIFT ON BEHALF OF HIS COLLEAGUES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY COVERED. IT WILL BE HELD AT 4.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ON THE 21ST FLOOR OF MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

RETIREMENT OF FIRE OFFICER

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A CEREMONY TO MARK THE RETIREMENT OF DIVISIONAL OFFICER MR. BOEY KIM-LUN FROM THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AFTER 25 YEARS OF SERVICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT NORTH POINT FIRE STATION, 323 JAVA ROAD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT 3 PM.

A PRESENTATION WILL BE MADE BY THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR. HARRY WOOD.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE OCCASION. THEY SHOULD MEET MR. DONALD STRANGE, PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER, SHORTLY BEFORE 3 PM.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE  
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THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (MONDAY) 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)</u>
<u>CHINA RICE</u>		
SEE MEW	GOOD	1.89
S.C. JIEN	GOOD	1.73
PO NGAI	GOOD	-
CHU CHO	GOOD	-
<u>THAI RICE</u>		
100% WHOLE	GOOD	1.74
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	1.64
A1 SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	-
A1 SUPER	GOOD	1.35
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	1.74
<u>U.S. RICE</u>	GOOD	1.91
<u>AUSTRALIAN RICE</u>	GOOD	1.72
<u>PAKISTAN RICE</u>	GOOD	-
<u>TAIWAN RICE</u>	GOOD	-

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(ALL SOURCES)

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY - GOOD  
WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORK (\$/PICUL-LIVE WEIGHT) - 340 (AVERAGE)

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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	NORMAL	5.00	1.60	3.50
BIG-EYES	GOOD	3.00	1.00	2.20
SQUID	NORMAL	5.70	1.60	3.80
HAIR-TAILS	NORMAL	2.60	0.40	1.20
LIZARD FISHES	NORMAL	3.10	0.50	1.80
CROAKERS	GOOD	2.20	0.90	1.40
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	NORMAL	3.10	1.60	2.80
MELON COAT	GOOD	2.60	1.40	1.80
BREAMS	NORMAL	5.50	1.40	4.30
YELLOW BELLY	GOOD	1.60	0.40	0.75
MACKERELS	SCARCE	4.80	3.00	4.20
RED GOAT FISH	LIMITED	3.00	0.65	1.50
FORK-TAIL	NORMAL	0.90	0.60	0.70
HORSE-HEAD	LIMITED	5.50	2.50	4.80
MELON SEED	LIMITED	3.20	1.70	2.40
POMFRETS	SCARCE	10.00	6.00	8.50
GAROUPAS	NORMAL	8.50	5.00	7.00
YELLOW CROAKER	SCARCE	6.20	5.00	5.80

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	NORMAL	1.50	0.50	1.00
WHITE CABBAGE	GOOD	0.40	0.10	0.25
CHINESE LETTUCE	LIMITED	1.40	0.50	1.00
WATER SPINACH	-	-	-	NO SALE
CHINESE KALE	NORMAL	1.60	0.60	1.20
STRING BEANS	SCARCE	2.20	1.50	1.80
SPRING ONION	GOOD	1.00	0.20	0.60
SPINACH	LIMITED	2.50	0.80	1.50
WATER CRESS	GOOD	1.50	0.20	0.80
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	NORMAL	0.50	0.20	0.30
CHINESE SPINACH	-	-	-	NO SALE
TOMATO	SCARCE	4.00	2.00	3.00