



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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DAILY GUIDE TO WHOLESALE PRICES AND SUPPLY OF BASIC FOOD COMMODITIES

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TUEN MUN ROAD GO-AHEAD HAILED
DATE SET FOR SIGNING OF RECORD \$222 M. CONTRACT.
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THE BIGGEST SINGLE CONTRACT EVER HANDLED BY THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, AND ONE CLOSELY LINKED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, WILL BE SIGNED NEXT MONDAY (JUNE 10).

THE CONTRACT IS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRST STAGE OF TUEN MUN ROAD, THE HIGHWAY WHICH IN ITS COMPLETED FORM WILL PROVIDE A NEW SIX-LANE LINK BETWEEN THE NEW TOWNS OF TSUEN WAN AND TUEN MUN.

THE FIRST STAGE OF THIS WORK WILL COVER THE BUILDING OF THE FIRST OF THE TWO CARRIAGEWAYS OF THE NEW ROAD. THE CONTRACT, AT \$222 MILLION, IS ONE OF THE LARGEST ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS EVER TO BE LET IN HONG KONG.

NEWS OF THE FINALISATION OF CONTRACT PROCEDURES HAS BEEN HAILED AS A MILESTONE IN THE PROCESS OF LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE THREE NEW TOWNS.

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR. DAVID McDONALD, DECLARED TODAY THAT THE SIGNING WOULD BE SEEN AND WELCOMED AS HARD AND COMPELLING EVIDENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO PRESS AHEAD WITH THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AND OF P.W.D.'S DETERMINATION TO IMPLEMENT THAT PROGRAMME ENERGETICALLY AND KEEP IT ROLLING.

+IT CAN ALSO SERVE,+ HE ADDED, +AS A USEFUL REMINDER ABOUT THE REAL SIZE AND SCOPE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME ON WHICH WE ARE EMBARKING THIS FISCAL YEAR. IT WILL IN FACT BE AN ALL-TIME RECORD, AMOUNTING TO MORE THAN \$1,400 MILLION, WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF ABOUT A THIRD OVER LAST YEAR'S EXPENDITURE.+

THE CONTRACT HAS BEEN AWARDED TO KUMAGAI GUMI (HONG KONG) LTD. THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE JAPANESE PARENT COMPANY, MR. TAICHIRO KUMAGAI, WILL BE FLYING FROM TOKYO TO TAKE PART IN NEXT MONDAY'S SIGNING, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN P.W.D.'S HEADQUARTERS IN MURRAY BUILDING.

SIGNING ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE THE HEAD OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, MR. GORDON SAPSTEAD. ALSO PRESENT WILL BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CONSULTING FIRM WHICH WILL BE SUPERVISING THE CONSTRUCTION WORK, SCOTT WILSON KIRKPATRICK AND PARTNERS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE SIGNING IS DUE TO TAKE PLACE AT 10.30 A.M. IN THE P.W.D. CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE 21ST FLOOR OF MURRAY BUILDING. FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE WE SHALL ISSUE A REMINDER, CONFIRMING THE TIME AND PLACE, AT THE END OF THIS WEEK.

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HECTIC YEAR FOR THE POSTMAN
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HONG KONG POSTMEN WENT THROUGH A PARTICULARLY HECTIC PERIOD IN THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1974 WHEN THEY HANDLED 261.1 MILLION POSTAL ITEMS -- ON AVERAGE, MORE THAN 700,000 EACH DAY.

OF THESE, AN ESTIMATED 119.8 MILLION LETTERS, POSTCARDS, SMALL PACKETS ETC. WERE POSTED IN HONG KONG FOR LOCAL DELIVERY, 5.4 MILLION MORE THAN IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR. AT THE SAME TIME, SUBSTANTIALLY MORE PEOPLE MADE USE OF THE INLAND PARCEL SERVICE WITH 61,700 PARCELS POSTED, AN INCREASE OF 57 PER CENT.

TO HANDLE THE ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC, 35 NEW POSTMEN'S DELIVERY BEATS WERE INTRODUCED - 14 ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND 21 IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES. AT THE END OF THE YEAR THE TOTAL NUMBER OF POSTMEN'S DELIVERY BEATS WAS 586.

SIX ADDITIONAL MOTOR VEHICLES WERE ALSO BROUGHT INTO SERVICE. TWO OF THESE WERE FOR DELIVERY OF BULKY LETTER POST ITEMS ON EACH SIDE OF THE HARBOUR, TWO FOR CONVEYING MAIL THROUGH THE HARBOUR TUNNEL, ONE FOR INTER-OFFICE SERVICES IN KOWLOON, AND THE SIXTH FOR INSPECTION DUTIES IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES. AT THE END OF THE YEAR, THE POST OFFICE HAD A COMPLEMENT OF 87 MAIL VEHICLES OF VARIOUS SIZES PLUS FOUR SCOOTERS IN SERVICE.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LETTER MAIL ITEMS POSTED TO OTHER COUNTRIES INCREASED TO 80.2 MILLION COMPARED WITH 79.4 MILLION DURING 1972/73.

AIRMAIL TRAFFIC ROSE FROM 44.6 MILLION TO 45.1 MILLION, WHILE POSTED SURFACE ITEMS WENT UP MARGINALLY FROM 34.8 MILLION TO 35.1 MILLION.

THE NUMBER OF SMALL PACKETS TO CHINA SHOWED A SLIGHT DECREASE FROM 5.8 MILLION TO 5.6 MILLION, BUT THE NUMBER OF PARCELS TO CHINA WENT UP FROM 541,800 TO 702,100.

SURFACE PARCELS POSTED TO OTHER COUNTRIES WENT UP SLIGHTLY TO 1,659,400 BUT THERE WAS A 19.5 PER CENT DROP IN THE NUMBER OF AIR PARCELS POSTED WHICH STOOD AT 745,000.

PARCELS RECEIVED FROM ABROAD, INCLUDING PARCELS RECEIVED IN TRANSIT, INCREASED FROM 587,100 TO 597,900.

DURING THE YEAR, THREE NEW POST OFFICES WERE OPENED AT YAU TONG, TSAT TSE MUI (NORTH POINT), AND MEI FOO SUN CHUEN, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF POST OFFICES IN OPERATION TO 68.

TO FACILITATE MOVEMENT OF MAIL TO AND FROM CHEUNG CHAU ISLAND, THE POST OFFICE THERE WAS REPROVISIONED IN NEW PREMISES IN A MORE CONVENIENT POSITION NEARER THE FERRY PIER. IMPROVEMENT WORKS WERE ALSO CARRIED OUT AT THE KOWLOON PARCEL OFFICE AND THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE.

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TWO ADDITIONAL POSTING BOXES WERE INSTALLED ON THE ISLAND AND SIX IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 520, INCLUDING PRIVATE POSTING BOXES AND MAIL CHUTES.

DURING THE YEAR, THE POST OFFICE INTRODUCED TWO NEW MAJOR INTERNATIONAL SERVICES -- SPEEDPOST AND AN +EXPRESS+ MAIL SERVICE.

SPEEDPOST, INTRODUCED LAST SEPTEMBER, IS A CONTRACTUAL DOOR-TO-DOOR PACKAGE COLLECTION AND DELIVERY SERVICE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES. DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A PARTICULARLY FAST AND RELIABLE SERVICE FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATIONS, SPEEDPOST WAS THE FIRST FACILITY OF ITS KIND TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE FAR EAST.

THE +EXPRESS+MAIL SERVICE WAS STARTED IN MARCH ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS WITH 20 COUNTRIES. UNLIKE SPEEDPOST, THE +EXPRESS+ SERVICE IS AVAILABLE ON A CASUAL BASIS AND IT IS DESIGNED TO SECURE EXPEDITIOUS DELIVERY IN THE COUNTRY OF DESTINATION.

IT IS HOPED TO EXTEND THIS SERVICE TO A NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES DURING THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: PHOTOGRAPHS OF A POSTMAN ON THE BEAT AND
----- A MOBILE POST OFFICE OPERATING IN THE NEW
TERRITORIES ARE BOXED FOR COLLECTION.

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H.K. AND N.T. FISH CULTURE ASSOCIATION
INAUGURATION OF NEW OFFICE-BEARERS
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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR. EDWARD NICHOLS, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE SWEARING-IN OF THE 10TH TERM OFFICERS OF THE HONG KONG AND NEW TERRITORIES FISH CULTURE ASSOCIATION, TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

ALSO PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. HSU HSUNG, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERATION OF YUEN LONG DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS, MR. TANG NAI-MAN.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY. IT WILL TAKE PLACE AT 6 P.M. AT THE 'LUNG WAH' RESTAURANT ON YUEN LONG MAIN ROAD.

COPIES OF MR. NICHOLS' SPEECH WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE G.I.S. PRESS ROOM, 6TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE TOMORROW EVENING.

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NEW TEXTILE AGREEMENT PROTECTS HONG KONG'S ACCESS
RIGHTS TO WORLD MARKETS
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THE NEW ARRANGEMENT COVERING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES WILL PROTECT HONG KONG'S ACCESS RIGHTS TO WORLD MARKETS AND REDUCE UNCERTAINTY, THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. JIMMY MCGREGOR, SAID TODAY.

HE POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG WAS NOW PARTICIPATING IN A MORE SECURE AGREEMENT AFTER MANY YEARS OF UNCERTAINTY ARISING FROM THE APPLICATION OF +SOMETIMES UNREASONABLE RESTRICTIONS+ ON OUR TEXTILE EXPORTS BY COUNTRIES WHICH WERE ABLE TO USE IMPRECISE DEFINITIONS AND PROVISIONS WITHIN AN INADEQUATE INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENT.

+THE NEW MULTI-FIBRE TEXTILES AGREEMENT SHOULD PROVIDE THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG WITH A MUCH GREATER ABILITY TO PLAN FORWARD THAN HAS BEEN THE CASE IN THE LAST 10 YEARS,+ HE ADDED.

MR. MCGREGOR, WHO WAS SPEAKING AT A LUNCH GIVEN BY THE HONG KONG COTTON SPINNERS ASSOCIATION, SAID HE RECOGNISED THAT THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT ALL OUR PROBLEMS ARE SOLVED.

PRICES FLUCTUATE AND INFLATION MADE IT DIFFICULT TO ASSESS THE CONDITIONS OF THE TRADE MORE THAN A FEW MONTHS, EVEN A FEW WEEKS AHEAD. NEVERTHELESS THESE WERE TRADE AND MARKET CONSIDERATIONS WHICH THE INDUSTRY WOULD HAVE TO FACE EVEN IF NO TEXTILE QUOTA RESTRICTIONS EXISTED.

+TO SOME EXTENT THAT IS IN FACT THE POSITION JUST AT PRESENT,+ HE SAID. +WE ARE NOT BY ANY MEANS USING ALL OUR TEXTILES' QUOTAS AND THE CONSTRAINTS ON OUR EXPORTS OF TEXTILES ARE IMPOSED MORE BY MARKET CONDITIONS THAN BY QUOTA RESTRICTIONS.

+THIS SITUATION IS CERTAINLY NOT NEW AND THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT, AT LEAST IN THE SHORT TERM, THAT SOME OF THE QUOTA LIMITATIONS ON OUR TRADE ARE UNREALISTIC AND PROBABLY UNNECESSARY.

+THIS IS A SITUATION WHICH IS UNDER PERIODIC REVIEW IN THE DEPARTMENT AND I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT IF OUR INABILITY TO USE PARTICULAR QUOTAS EXTENDS OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, WE WILL RESIST THEIR CONTINUATION WHEN NEGOTIATIONS FOR THIS PURPOSE FALL DUE.+.

MR. MCGREGOR SAID THAT THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISED THAT THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY WAS THE NUCLEUS OF ALL INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG, AND HE WAS SURE THAT THE CO-ORDINATION AND HARMONY WHICH EXISTS BETWEEN THE INDUSTRY AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE.

OVER THE PAST 25 YEARS, A LONG-STANDING AND SINCERE RELATIONSHIP HAD BEEN BUILT UP BETWEEN THE SPINNERS ASSOCIATION AND THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, HE SAID.

THIS HAD CONTRIBUTED A VERY GREAT DEAL TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY AND TO THE EFFICIENCY OF THE GOVERNMENT IN DEALING WITH THE CONTINUAL FLOW OF PROBLEMS ARISING FROM THE EXPORT TRADE OF +THIS HIGHLY IMPORTANT INDUSTRY.+

NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF THE FULL TEXT OF MR. MCGREGOR'S SPEECH ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE GIS PRESS ROOM 6TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

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GOVERNOR TOURS YAU MA TEI

THE GOVERNOR SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON TOURED YAU MA TEI DISTRICT TO SEE RECREATIONAL AND ESSENTIAL FACILITIES IN THE AREA.

ACCOMPANIED BY MR. DAVID WONG, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, SIR MURRAY FIRST VISITED THE 18-ACRE KOWLOON PARK IN TSIM SHA TSUI, COMPRISING A READING ROOM, A FLORAL CLOCK, CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AND GRASS FIELDS. FUTURE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PARK WILL INCLUDE A CHINESE GARDEN, A CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE GARDEN, SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX AND A MUSEUM.

SIR MURRAY STOPPED TO TALK WITH A GROUP OF STUDENTS IN THE PARK AND ASKED THEM WHERE THEY STUDIED FOR THEIR EXAMINATIONS. THE STUDENTS REPLIED EITHER IN THE GARDENS OR IN THE PARK'S READING ROOM.

THE GOVERNOR NEXT PROCEEDED TO THE YAU MA TEI WHOLESALE MARKET AT SHEK LUNG STREET, WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE OPERATION AND FUTURE PLANS OF THE MARKET.

THE YAU MA TEI WHOLESALE MARKET DEALS IN FRUIT, VEGETABLE AND POULTRY, AND HANDLES ABOUT 64 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL SUPPLY OF FRUIT, AND 52 PER CENT OF ITS POULTRY, THE PRESENT SPACE IS CONSIDERED INADEQUATE FOR ITS LARGE VOLUME OF BUSINESS, AND A NEW PERMANENT SITE HAS BEEN RESERVED ON THE CHEUNG SHA WAN RECLAMATION. THE EXISTING SITE WILL BE DEVELOPED.

THE GOVERNOR CHATTED WITH THE OWNER OF A POULTRY 'LAAN' AND TOLD THE OWNER HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE PRICES OF POULTRY COME DOWN.

AFTER THE MARKET TOUR, SIR MURRAY CONTINUED TO STROLL ALONG THE NEW TONG MEI ROAD EXTENSION, AND TALKED WITH THE PROJECT ENGINEER ON THE PROGRESS OF THE WORKS.

THE TONG MEI ROAD EXTENSION WHICH INVOLVES THE RECLAMATION OF ABOUT 23.2 ACRES OF LAND IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION TOWARDS THE END OF THIS YEAR. IT WILL PROVIDE A SECOND NORTH/SOUTH DUAL CARRIAGEWAY IN THE KOWLOON PENINSULA RUNNING BETWEEN THE VEHICULAR FERRY PIER AT JORDAN ROAD AND TSUEN WAN.

THE GOVERNOR'S LAST STOP WAS THE MARINE DEPARTMENT'S PONTOON AT MAN CHEONG STREET, WHERE HE BOARDED A MARINE DEPARTMENT LAUNCH TO SEE THE YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER.

THE TYPHOON SHELTER ACCOMMODATES SOME 1,900 CRAFT, INCLUDING CARGO VESSELS, MOTOR BOATS, REPAIR PONTOONS, STATIONARY BOATS AND SQUATTER BOATS WITH A TOTAL POPULATION OF 12,000. THE BREAKWATER OF THE SHELTER IS PLANNED TO BE CONVERTED INTO A PUBLIC PROMENADE.

NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN DURING THE
----- GOVERNOR'S VISIT WILL BE BOXED FOR COLLECTION
THIS EVENING.

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PRESENTATION OF FIRST-AID CERTIFICATES

FIRST AID AND HOME NURSING CERTIFICATES WILL BE PRESENTED TO 16 STAFF MEMBERS OF THE SIU LAM PSYCHIATRIC CENTRE AT THE PRISONS HEADQUARTERS, TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MR. TOM GARNER, COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS WILL MAKE THE PRESENTATION.

THE SIU LAM PSYCHIATRIC CENTRE WAS OPENED IN NOVEMBER, 1972 WITH 19 INMATES AND A NUCLEUS OF TRAINED STAFF. SINCE THEN, THERE HAS BEEN A GRADUAL BUILD-UP OF BOTH INMATES AND STAFF TO ALMOST MAXIMUM LEVELS.

OFFICERS ARE NORMALLY PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED, BUT ALL ASSISTANT OFFICERS POSTED TO THE CENTRE RECEIVE IN-SERVICE TRAINING OVER A PERIOD OF SEVERAL MONTHS. THE TRAINING IS GEARED TO MEET THE SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF THIS INSTITUTION, AND COMBINES LECTURES WITH PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATIONS.

ASSISTANT OFFICERS UNDERGOING IN-SERVICE TRAINING ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE THE FIRST AID AND HOME NURSING EXAMINATIONS CONDUCTED BY THE ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION AS PART OF THEIR OVERALL TRAINING. THIS ALSO SERVES AS A YARDSTICK IN THE PROGRESS THEY ARE MAKING.

OTHER SUBJECTS TAUGHT ARE, GENERAL MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION, GENERAL NURSING, BASIC MEDICINE AND PSYCHIATRY, WHICH ARE ALL ESSENTIAL IN PROMOTING STAFF EFFICIENCY.

NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE PRESENTATION WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE PRISONS HEADQUARTERS, ON THE 10TH FLOOR OF THE MURRAY ROAD CAR PARK BUILDING, NO. 2, MURRAY ROAD AT 11 A.M. TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

INFORMATION OFFICER, DENNIS LEUNG WILL BE PRESENT TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TAI PO ROAD

TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TEMPORARY OVERHEAD BRIDGE AT LOK LO HA IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD NEAR LOK LO HA WILL BE CLOSED AT NIGHT FROM 11.45 P.M. TO 6 A.M. ON JUNE 5, 6 AND 7.

THE ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY OPENED TO TRAFFIC FOR FIVE MINUTES EVERY HOUR DURING THE CLOSURE.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS BUT THEY ARE ADVISED TO AVOID THE AREA ON THE THREE NIGHTS.

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**RTV ARTISTES TO DRAW WINNING TICKETS
OF SECOND GOVERNMENT LOTTERY**

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FOUR WELL-KNOWN R.T.V. PERSONALITIES WILL TAKE PART IN THE DRAW FOR THE SECOND GOVERNMENT LOTTERY THIS YEAR.

THEY ARE MISS TINA CHING FEI, MISS STELLA CHEE, MISS ANGELINA LEUNG AND MR. JOHNNY YI.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY AT THE CITY HALL RESTAURANT BY MR. KAI-YIN CHAU, CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

TICKETS FOR THE SECOND LOTTERY ARE NOW ON SALE AND THE DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE R.T.V. STUDIO AT BROADCAST DRIVE DURING THE LIVE TELEVISION ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME +WITH TINA+ AT 9.00 P.M. ON JUNE 14.

AS PART OF THE PROMOTION PROGRAMME, THE FOUR R.T.V. ARTISTES WILL HELP SELL TICKETS AT STATUE SQUARE FROM 5.00 P.M. TO 6.00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 5).

MR. KAI-YIN CHAU WILL ALSO APPEAR ON THE TELEVISION VARIETY SHOW +STAR TIME+ NEXT MONDAY (JUNE 10), WHEN HE WILL BE INTERVIEWED BY MR. JOHNNY YI, COMPERE OF THE PROGRAMME.

ON JUNE 12, THE FOUR ARTISTES WILL APPEAR AT WONG TAI SIN, HUNG HOM FERRY CONCOURSE, JORDAN ROAD FERRY CONCOURSE AND TAI KOK TSUI FERRY CONCOURSE BETWEEN 3.30 P.M. AND 5.20 P.M. TO BOOST THE SALE OF TICKETS AND HELP PUBLICISE THE LOTTERY.

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CAREERS SEMINARS OPENING TOMORROW

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

TWO CAREERS SEMINARS - JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TAI PING SHAN LIONS CLUB AND THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT - WILL OPEN CURRENTLY IN HONG KONG AND KOWLOON AT 9.30 A.M. TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MORE THAN 2,500 STUDENTS FROM SOME 80 SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL TAKE PART IN THE FOUR-DAY SEMINARS.

MR. DEXTER MAN, PRESIDENT OF THE TAI PING SHAN LIONS CLUB WILL OFFICIATE THE OPENING CEREMONY AT SHENG KUNG HUI TANG SHIU KIN SECONDARY SCHOOL, 9 01 KWAN ROAD, HONG KONG.

MR. WILLIAM YIP, PROJECT CHAIRMAN OF THE CLUB WILL OFFICIATE THE OPENING CEREMONY AT QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL, 152 SAI YEE STREET, KOWLOON.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENT.

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REMOVAL OF ILLEGAL KOWLOON BAY SQUATTERS
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HOUSING DEPARTMENT STAFF TODAY (MONDAY) CARRIED OUT A SURVEY ON A 28-ACRE SITE SOUTH OF THE NGAU TAU KOK POLICE STATION ON THE KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION.

THE LAND IS OCCUPIED BY A NUMBER OF ILLEGAL DOMESTIC SQUATTERS, SAND-BRICK MAKERS, ILLEGAL CAR REPAIRERS AND JUNK DEALERS.

A TOTAL OF 453 FAMILIES, COMPRISING 1,670 PERSONS, WERE REGISTERED. THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT STAFF FOUND 120 HUTS LOCKED BUT IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE OCCUPANTS OF THESE HUTS NUMBER ABOUT 400.

DURING THE SURVEY, 33 NEWLY-BUILT UNOCCUPIED HUTS WERE DISCOVERED AND PULLED DOWN.

THE SQUATTERS WILL HAVE TO MOVE OUT BY JUNE 27 WHEN THE LAND WILL BE CLEARED TO FACILITATE THE BUILDING OF THE AIRPORT TUNNEL ROAD.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT SAID THAT ANY REGISTERED PERSON WHO WOULD BE MADE HOMELESS BY THE CLEARANCE WOULD BE GIVEN TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION OR A LICENSED AREA SITE.

NOTICES INFORMING ALL OCCUPANTS TO QUIT THEIR ILLEGAL OCCUPATION BY JUNE 27, 1974, WERE POSTED TODAY BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE ANY PROPERTY OR GOODS WITHIN THE CLEARANCE ZONE ARE ADVISED TO REMOVE THEM BEFORE THE CLEARANCE DAY. ANY PROPERTY NOT REMOVED BY THAT DAY WILL BE CONFISCATED AND AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE CROWN BY PUBLIC AUCTION OR OTHERWISE.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

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		
- OLD CROP	--	--
- NEW CROP	--	--
S.C.JIEN		
- OLD CROP	--	--
- NEW CROP	GOOD	2.20
PO NGAI	--	--
CHU CHO	--	--
<u>THAI RICE</u>		
100% WHOLE	GOOD	2.03
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	1.95
A1 SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	1.85
A1 SUPER	GOOD	1.67
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	1.92
<u>U.S. RICE</u>	GOOD	1.94
<u>AUSTRALIAN RICE</u>	GOOD	1.91
<u>PAKISTAN RICE</u>	--	--
<u>TAIWAN RICE</u>	--	--

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(CALL SOURCES)

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

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SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF MARINE FISH
 (CFMO CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET)

SPECIES	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
GOLDEN THREAD	GOOD	3.80	2.50	3.00
BIG-EYES	GOOD	2.90	0.80	2.00
SQUID	LIMITED	5.80	2.20	4.00
HAIR-TAILS	NORMAL	2.00	1.00	1.50
LIZARD FISHES	LIMITED	3.80	1.50	2.20
CROAKERS	LIMITED	2.40	0.60	1.80
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	LIMITED	1.40	1.00	1.20
MELON COAT	--	--	--	--
BREAMS	LIMITED	6.00	2.60	4.50
YELLOW BELLY	GOOD	2.00	0.50	1.50
MACKERELS	NORMAL	4.50	3.00	3.60
RED GOAT FISH	SCARCE	0.60	0.30	0.40
FORK-TAIL	LIMITED	1.20	0.70	1.00
HORSE-HEAD	LIMITED	5.50	3.50	4.00
MELON SEED	NORMAL	1.80	0.30	0.80
POMFRETS	SCARCE	8.50	6.00	7.50
GARROUPAS	NORMAL	7.00	5.00	6.00
YELLOW CROAKER	SCARCE	6.50	5.50	6.00

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	GOOD	0.60	0.20	0.40
WHITE CABBAGE	GOOD	0.30	0.10	0.20
CHINESE LETTUCE	GOOD	0.35	0.05	0.25
WATER SPINACH	GOOD	0.40	0.05	0.25
CHINESE KALE	SCARCE	0.80	0.30	0.60
STRING BEANS	GOOD	0.60	0.20	0.40
SPRING ONION	NORMAL	1.00	0.40	0.70
SPINACH	--	--	--	--
WATER CRESS	SCARCE	0.80	0.30	0.50
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	NORMAL	0.60	0.20	0.40
CHINESE SPINACH	GOOD	0.40	0.10	0.30
TOMATO	SCARCE	1.80	1.00	1.40