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DAILY GUIDE TO WHOLESALE PRICES AND SUPPLY OF BASIC FOOD COMMODITIES

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FURTHER PROGRESS MADE IN CONTROL OF TUBERCULOSIS
DR CHOA STRIKES OPTIMISTIC NOTE IN SPEECH TO ASSOCIATION

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TUBERCULOSIS NOTIFICATIONS DECLINED IN HONG KONG TO 196 PER 100,000 POPULATION IN 1973 FROM THE 206.6 FOR THE SAME POPULATION RATIO IN 1972.

THE DEATH RATE FELL LAST YEAR TO 27.7 PER 100,000 POPULATION FROM THE PREVIOUS RATE OF 32.2.

DR. GERALD CHOA, DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, GAVE THESE STATISTICS THIS AFTERNOON IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS AND THORACIC DISEASES ASSOCIATION AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

HE TOLD THE GATHERING THESE RESULTS WERE SO FAVOURABLE THEY MADE IT EVIDENT THAT MUCH HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN THE FIGHT AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS IN HONG KONG. THERE WAS EVERY REASON TO BE PLEASED, ALTHOUGH THERE REMAINED MANY PROBLEMS TO BE SOLVED -- SOME OF WHICH HAD ARISEN PRECISELY AS A RESULT OF THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SITUATION ALL ROUND.+

IN HIS VIEW, THE TIME HAD COME TO TAKE STOCK BEFORE MAKING PLANS TO FORGE AHEAD.+

DR. CHOA SAID THE SITUATION TODAY WAS THAT WHILE THERE WERE MORE MEN THAN WOMEN AMONG THE PATIENTS, THE DISEASE NOW COMMONLY AFFECTED THE OLDER AGE GROUPS, AND WAS RARELY DETECTED AMONG CHILDREN UNDER 15, THE SHIFT IN AGE DISTRIBUTION BEING A REFLECTION OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE B.C.G. PROGRAMME.+

B.C.G. VACCINATION WAS NOW OFFERED AT BIRTH, ON ENTERING SCHOOL, AND ON LEAVING SCHOOL. HE ESTIMATED THAT 96 PER CENT OF THE NEW-BORN IN HONG KONG WERE RECEIVING B.C.G. AT BIRTH, AND HE DESCRIBED THE RESULTS AS SPECTACULAR.+

HE RECALLED THAT IN 1950, NO FEWER THAN 1,251 CHILDREN UNDER FIVE DIED FROM TUBERCULOSIS, WHILE LAST YEAR ONLY ONE CHILD HAD DIED. TUBERCULOSIS MENINGITIS, NOW TREATED IN A CENTRALISED UNIT, WAS NO LONGER A COMMON DISEASE.+

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BUT, DESPITE SUCH A SATISFACTORY STATE OF AFFAIRS, THERE MIGHT STILL BE ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT. THE ENTIRE B.C.G. PROGRAMME WAS BEING +SUBJECTED TO FURTHER EVALUATION, WITH THE HELP OF THE MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL'S STATISTICAL RESEARCH AND SERVICES UNIT.+

SEVERAL THERAPEUTIC TRIALS, CARRIED OUT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL, WERE NOW NEARING COMPLETION.

IN A REFERENCE TO THE STUDY ON THE SURGICAL TREATMENT OF SPINAL TUBERCULOSIS, DR. CHOA SAID TWO METHODS HAD BEEN ALTERNATELY USED -- ANTERIOR SPINAL FUSION AND SIMPLE DEBRIDEMENT, AND THE RESULTS COMPARED. HE UNDERSTOOD A REPORT WOULD BE PUBLISHED SOON, WHICH WOULD BE +OF GREAT INTEREST TO ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEONS THE WORLD OVER.+

FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT, SEVERAL NEW ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS DRUGS -- USED EITHER SIMPLY OR IN COMBINATION -- HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO FIELD TRIALS, AND GOOD PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE IN A CONTINUING EFFORT TO FIND A METHOD BEST SUITED FOR MASS TREATMENT.

+WHAT WE NEED IS A DRUG WHICH IS HIGHLY EFFECTIVE, FREE FROM TOXICITY, INEXPENSIVE, AND EASY TO ADMINISTER BECAUSE IT WILL BE USED ON A LARGE SCALE IN OUT-PATIENT CLINICS ON AMBULATORY PATIENTS,+ HE EXPLAINED.

IT WAS ALSO DESIRABLE THAT A COURSE OF TREATMENT SHOULD NOT TAKE MANY MONTHS TO COMPLETE, SINCE THE AVERAGE DURATION OF 18 MONTHS FOR PRESENTLY-AVAILABLE COURSES WAS CONSIDERED +TOO LONG, ESPECIALLY BY THE PATIENTS.+

WITH REGARD TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH ASPECT OF TUBERCULOSIS, DR. CHOA SAID PERHAPS THE AUDIENCE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO LEARN THAT THE DISEASE, ONCE OCCUPYING FIRST PLACE, RANKED AGAIN LAST YEAR AFTER CANCER, HEART DISEASES, AND CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASES. SUCH A PATTERN HAD LONG BEEN OBSERVED IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AND IT WAS +REMARKABLE+ THAT IT HAD EMERGED IN HONG KONG IN RECENT YEARS.

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DR. CHOA PUT TWO QUESTIONS TO THE AUDIENCE BEFORE ANSWERING THEM HIMSELF. HAD HONG KONG REACHED THE STAGE WHERE AN EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO FIND CASES? HOW BEST TO MAKE USE OF THE CHEST OR TUBERCULOSIS BEDS IN THE FUTURE?

HIS REPLY TO THE FIRST WAS THAT, PREVIOUSLY, WITH THE HEAVY DEMAND FOR TREATMENT IN BOTH OUT-PATIENT CLINICS AND HOSPITALS, IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN PRACTICAL TO CARRY OUT CASE FINDING BECAUSE THE CASES SO +FOUND+ COULD NOT HAVE RECEIVED ADEQUATE TREATMENT. BUT NOW THAT CHEST CLINICS WERE NO LONGER OVERWHELMED, AND THERE WAS NO WAITING LIST FOR ADMISSION INTO HOSPITAL, CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE POSSIBILITY OF PUTTING MORE EFFORT INTO CASE FINDING.

HE THOUGHT THE EMPHASIS SHOULD BE ON HEALTH EDUCATION TO CONVEY CERTAIN SIMPLE MESSAGES TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THESE COULD INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, THE ADVICE TO GET ALL BABIES VACCINATED WITH B.C.G., AND THE RECOMMENDATION TO ALL RESIDENTS WHO HAD A COUGH LASTING MORE THAN TWO WEEKS TO GO FOR A CHEST X-RAY, BOTH SERVICES BEING FREE IN GOVERNMENT CLINICS.

WITH REGARD TO THE SECOND QUESTION, THOUGHT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE FUTURE USE OF HOSPITAL BEDS PRESENTLY RESERVED FOR TUBERCULOSIS CASES, SINCE MORE AND MORE PATIENTS WERE NOW BEING TREATED ON AN OUT-PATIENT BASIS, AND MORE FACILITIES FOR CHEST CLINICS IN FUTURE POLYCLINICS HAD BEEN PROVIDED FOR.

HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT AN EMINENT AUTHORITY ON CHEST DISEASES WOULD VISIT HONG KONG EARLY IN 1975 TO CONDUCT A SURVEY ON THIS AND RELATED ISSUES. IF THE VISIT TOOK PLACE, A REPORT COULD BE LAID BEFORE THE ASSOCIATION AT ITS NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

DR. CHOA CONGRATULATED MR. DHUN RUTTONJEE, THE ASSOCIATION'S CHAIRMAN, FOR HIS FULL RECOVERY FROM A RECENT ILLNESS. HE PAID THE CHAIRMAN A WARM TRIBUTE FOR HIS WORK IN THE FIELD OF TUBERCULOSIS IN HONG KONG, FOR WHICH HE HAD WON AN INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION AND MANY HONOURS.

DR. CHOA THEN THANKED PROFESSOR A.J.S. MCFADZEAN FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE ASSOCIATION, AND FOR HAVING, FOR 25 YEARS, DEDICATED HIMSELF TO MEDICINE AND MEDICAL EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

DR. CHOA ALSO REFERRED TO THE SILVER JUBILEE OF THE RUTTONJEE SANATORIUM, AND EXPRESSED THE GOVERNMENT'S GRATITUDE TO THE COLUMBAN SISTERS FOR THEIR EXCELLENT CARE OF, AND WHOLE-HEARTED SERVICE TO, TUBERCULOSIS PATIENTS.

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GOVERNOR VISITS TWO FACTORIES AT JUNK BAY

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, TODAY VISITED TWO FACTORIES AT JUNK BAY TO SEE MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS IN PROGRESS IN THE STEEL-ROLLING AND ALUMINIUM INDUSTRIES.

HE TRAVELLED BY HELICOPTER SO THAT HE COULD VIEW FROM THE AIR THE GENERAL LAY-OUT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE JUNK BAY AREA.

SIR MURRAY, WHO WAS CONTINUING A SERIES OF FACTORY VISITS, STARTED TODAY'S PROGRAMME WITH A TOUR OF SHIU WING STEEL LTD., WHICH MANUFACTURES STEEL REINFORCING BARS FOR BUILDING CONSTRUCTION.

HE WAS GREETED ON ARRIVAL BY MR. D.Y. PONG, CHAIRMAN AND GOVERNING DIRECTOR, AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE COMPANY. THE FIRM EMPLOYS 250 WORKERS AND HAS A PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF ABOUT 130,000 TONS A YEAR.

AT THE END OF LAST YEAR THE STEEL ROLLING INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG CONSISTED OF 17 MILLS WITH A WORKFORCE OF 1,150. THE INDUSTRY CATERS MAINLY FOR LOCAL CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS, EXPORTING ONLY A SMALL PART OF ITS PRODUCTION. EARNINGS LAST YEAR FROM EXPORTS OF LOCALLY-MADE IRON AND STEEL BARS AMOUNTED TO \$45 MILLION.

THE SECOND FACTORY VISITED BY THE GOVERNOR AT JUNK BAY WAS CHIAP HUA COMALCO LTD., WHICH PRODUCES ALUMINIUM AND BRASS COMPONENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

SIR MURRAY WAS MET BY MR. Y.C. CHENG, CHAIRMAN, AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE COMPANY. THE FIRM EMPLOYS 750 WORKERS AND ITS OUTPUT LAST YEAR TOTALLED MORE THAN 28 MILLION POUNDS OF ALUMINIUM AND BRASS PRODUCTS OF VARIOUS TYPES.

THE ALUMINIUM INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG AT THE END OF LAST YEAR COMPRISED 94 MILLS MANUFACTURING EXTRUSION PRODUCTS AND HOUSEHOLD ARTICLES. NEARLY 3,000 WORKERS WERE EMPLOYED.

THE EXTRUSION SECTOR PRODUCES A RANGE OF BARS, RODS, SHAPES AND ANGLES MAINLY FOR THE LOCAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. EXPORTS OF ALUMINIUM EXTRUSION PRODUCTS LAST YEAR WERE VALUED AT \$32 MILLION.

THE GOVERNOR WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISITS BY THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. JIMMY MCGREGOR, AND THE PRINCIPAL TRADE OFFICER, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, MR. K.H. YEUNG.

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PASSING OUT PARADE FOR 100 PRISONS OFFICERS

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THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR. LEVIS DAVIES, WILL INSPECT A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF OVER 100 PRISONS OFFICERS ON SATURDAY (MAY 18).

THE PARADE WILL CONSIST OF 24 OFFICERS AND 84 ASSISTANT OFFICERS II, INCLUDING FIVE WOMAN OFFICERS FOR EACH GRADE.

THE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 11 A.M. AT THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN TUNG TAU UAN ROAD, STANLEY.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WILL BE THE BAND OF THE CAPE COLLINSON TRAINING CENTRE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO HAVE THE PARADE COVERED. A RECEPTION WILL BE HELD AFTER THE CEREMONY.

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NEW AGREEMENT ON TEXTILE EXPORTS TO U.S.

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A NEW AGREEMENT COVERING EXPORTS OF HONG KONG TEXTILES TO THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN REACHED IN WASHINGTON AFTER NEGOTIATIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

THE AGREEMENT APPLIES TO EXPORTS OF HONG KONG COTTON, MAN-MADE FIBRE AND WOOL TEXTILES TO THE U.S. FROM OCTOBER 1 THIS YEAR FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS.

THE HONG KONG DELEGATION INVOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WAS LED BY MR. LAURENCE MILLS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (COMMERCIAL RELATIONS).

MR. MILLS, WHO IS NOW BACK IN HONG KONG, SAID TODAY THAT THE AGREEMENT WOULD BE CONSIDERED SHORTLY BY THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD, AND FURTHER DETAILS WOULD BE ANNOUNCED IN DUE COURSE.

THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE HELD UNDER THE RULES OF THE NEW ARRANGEMENT COVERING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1 THIS YEAR.

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C.A.S. MOUNTAIN RESCUE DEMONSTRATION
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THE MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES WILL DEMONSTRATE THEIR SKIL IN KOWLOON THIS SATURDAY (MAY 18) AS AN EXERCISE FOR A BIENNIAL INSPECTION.

SQUADRON LEADER D. LOFTS, INSPECTOR OF LAND RESCUE, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, UNITED KINGDOM WILL BE CARRYING OUT THE BIENNIAL INSPECTION DURING HIS SIX-DAY VISIT TO HONG KONG BEGINNING TOMORROW.

THE HOUR-LONG DEMONSTRATION ON SATURDAY WILL BE HELD AT BEACON HILL BUTTRESSES ABOVE THE WATERWORKS SERVICE RESERVOIR IN LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AT 2.30 P.M.

DURING THE EXERCISE, C.A.S. PERSONNEL WILL DEMONSTRATE VARIOUS MOUNTAIN RESCUE TECHNIQUES, INCLUDING ROCK CLIMBING, PRUSIKING, ABSEILING AND LOWERING OF CASUALTIES BY STRETCHERS AND +TRAGSITZ+ HARNESS.

THE DEMONSTRATION WILL BE ASSESSED AND COMMENTED UPON BY SQUADRON LEADER LOFT, SO THAT THE CAPABILITY OF THE C.A.S. MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAMS CAN BE ENSURED AND FURTHER IMPROVED.

NOTE TO EDITORS : YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS TO COVER THE EXERCISE. TRANSPORT FOR THE PRESS WILL LEAVE THE C.A.S. KOWLOON TRAINING CENTRE, 204 ARGYLE STREET (ADJACENT TO THE KOWLOON CITY POLICE STATION) AT 2 P.M. SHARP.
MR. LAM SUI-FAN, SENIOR TRAINING OFFICER OF C.A.S. WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ COMPETITION
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AN INTER-SCHOOLS QUIZ COMPETITION IS NOW BEING HELD FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN YUEN LONG TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO TAKE AN INTEREST IN CURRENT AFFAIRS.

THE COMPETITION IS ORGANIZED BY THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL'S COMMUNITY WORK STAFF, THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT ARTS COMMITTEES AND RADIO HONG KONG.

NINE SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT ARE PARTICIPATING. THE PRELIMINARIES ARE HELD EACH FRIDAY AFTERNOON AT 4.15 P.M. IN THE TOWN HALL AT TAI YUK ROAD, YUEN LONG.

TEAMS ARE DIVIDED INTO THREE GROUPS AND THE WINNERS OF EACH WILL MEET IN THE FINALS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, MAY 31. THE PRESENTATION OF PRIZES WILL FOLLOW THE LAST ROUND.

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ALLEGATIONS OF ELECTRICITY TARIFF INCREASE DENIED

THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MR. DEREK JONES, HAS CATEGORICALLY DENIED THAT HE HAD PREDICTED OR SPECULATED THAT ELECTRICITY TARIFFS WOULD GO UP.

MR. JONES ISSUED THIS DENIAL IN THE WAKE OF SUCH ALLEGATIONS APPEARING IN SOME NEWSPAPERS.

HE STRESSED THAT THE ELECTRICITY COMPANIES HAD NOT MADE ANY PROPOSALS FOR ANY INCREASES.

+AS FAR AS I CAN RECALL I WAS ASKED AT A RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE WHAT WOULD BE THE GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE IF THE ELECTRICITY COMPANIES PROPOSED AN INCREASE IN TARIFFS. AND MY ANSWER WAS THAT THE OIL POLICY COMMITTEE OF WHICH I AM CHAIRMAN HAS HAD FREQUENT MEETINGS WITH THE POWER COMPANIES, AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD MADE THE POINT THAT THEY SHOULD NOT INCREASE THEIR TARIFFS WHENEVER THEY LIKED,+ MR. JONES SAID.

+IF THE COMPANIES PROPOSE TO INCREASE THEIR TARIFFS, THEY WOULD HAVE TO PROVE THAT THEIR PROFITS HAD NOT REACHED A REASONABLE LEVEL WHEREUPON THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONSIDER WHETHER A PRICE INCREASE SHOULD BE ALLOWED,+ MR. JONES EXPLAINED.

+WHAT THE GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE WOULD BE TO SUCH PROPOSALS SHOULD THEY BE MADE CANNOT BE STATED IN ADVANCE= WE WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT DETAILS OF ANY PROPOSALS AND CONSIDER THEM IN THE LIGHT OF ALL THE PREVAILING CIRCUMSTANCES, INCLUDING THE INTERESTS OF THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE,+ MR. JONES SAID.

HE ADDED THAT FOR THE FORSEEABLE FUTURE WHETHER THE PRICE OF ELECTRICITY ROSE, FELL OR REMAINED STABLE WOULD DEPEND SOLELY ON THE PRICE OF FUEL OIL.

HE POINTED OUT THAT INCREASES IN THE PRICE OF ELECTRICITY WHICH OCCURRED IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS HAD BEEN DUE MAINLY TO THE INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF FUEL OIL, WHICH THE ELECTRICITY COMPANIES HAD TO PAY, AND THAT THE CONSUMER PAID NO MORE THAN THE EXTRA COST OF THE FUEL OIL.

+THE ELECTRICITY COMPANIES DO NOT MAKE ANY EXTRA PROFIT BECAUSE OF THE PRICE OF FUEL OIL,+ MR. JONES SAID.

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REST GARDEN FOR AGED OF ST. JAMES' SETTLEMENT
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A REST GARDEN SPECIALLY BUILT BY FORMER DRUG ADDICTS FOR THE OLD PEOPLE OF THE ST. JAMES' SETTLEMENT IN WANCHAI WILL BE OPENED TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE GARDEN, WHICH IS ADJACENT TO THE SETTLEMENT AT 81, STONE NALLAN LANE, HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 2,500 SQ.FT. WITH FLOWER-BEDS, TREES, STONE CHAIRS AND AN ABESTOS SHELTER.

THE PROJECT IS A JOINT EFFORT BY THE LANDS SECTION OF THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (WANCHAI), AND THE SOCIETY FOR THE AID AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ADDICTS (SARDA) TO PROVIDE A PLEASANT SITTING-OUT AREA FOR THE AGED.

IT TOOK THE REHABILITATED EX-ADDICT MEMBERS OF THE SARDA ALUMI ASSOCIATION THREE MONTHS TO COMPLETE THE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

THE COST OF \$10,000 FOR BUYING THE NECESSARY MATERIAL WAS MET BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS VOTE OF THE LANDS SECTION OF THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT.

TO MARK THE OFFICIAL OPENING, THE WANCHAI CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS. O. RAHMIN, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF SARDA'S SOCIAL SERVICE AND AFTERCARE COMMITTEE WILL OFFICIATE AT A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 10 A.M. AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE GARDEN.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LANDS SECTION OF HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, SARDA, MEMBERS OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND OLD PEOPLE OF ST. JAMES' SETTLEMENT WILL ALSO ATTEND THE OPENING CEREMONY. A TEA RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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RESULTS OF HEUNG YEE KUK ELECTIONS

THE HEUNG YEE KUK HELD ITS REGIONAL ELECTIONS TO FILL 21 SEATS OF SPECIAL COUNCILLORS FOR THE 21ST TERM OF OFFICE TODAY (THURSDAY).

THERE WERE SEVEN SEATS FOR EACH OF THE THREE ELECTORAL DISTRICTS IN TAI PO INCLUDING SHA TIN, YUEN LONG INCLUDING TUEN MUN, AND THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT WHICH COMPRISES SAI KUNG, ISLANDS AND TSUEN WAN.

ALTOGETHER 36 CANDIDATES -- 11 FOR TAI PO, 13 FOR YUEN LONG AND 12 FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT, COMPETED FOR THE SEATS.

THREE SEPARATE ELECTIONS FOR EACH ELECTORAL DISTRICT WERE HELD TODAY AT THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS. MR. IAN MACPHERSON, ACTING SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, ACTED AS THE RETURNING OFFICER.

RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

CHAN SUEN, CHEUNG PUN, HO WING-KUONG, KAN CHUNG-SHING, LAU FAT, TSANG KUUN-HING AND YUEN SHU-KUAN.

TAI PO DISTRICT

CHAN KAM-WING, CHEUNG SAN, LAU TIN-FUK, LI CHEUK-MAN, LI CHUN-PO, MA FAN-SHUN AND WAI HON-LEUNG.

YUEN LONG DISTRICT

CHEUNG CHING-KAT, CHU HIN-CHEUNG, LAM TIN, LAU TSZ-YUEN, MAN TSAN-WAN, TANG FO-KUONG AND TANG SIU-SUN.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (THURSDAY) AT SALE UNDER THE RICE CONTROL SCHEME AND AT THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AND THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AT CHEUNG SIA WAN, KOWLOON:

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF RICE

GRADE OF RICE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY) AVERAGE
CHINA RICE		
SEE NEW		
- OLD CROP	--	--
- NEW CROP	GOOD	2.21
S.C. JIEN		
- OLD CROP	--	--
- NEW CROP	GOOD	2.16
PO NGAI	GOOD	1.72
CHU CHO	--	--
THAI RICE		
100% WHOLE	--	--
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	2.07
A1 SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	1.92
A1 SUPER	GOOD	1.72
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	2.03
U.S. RICE	GOOD	1.94
AUSTRALIAN RICE	GOOD	1.92
PAKISTAN RICE	--	--
TAIWAN RICE	--	--

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

(FMO CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET)

SPECIES	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE(\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
GOLDEN THREAD	NORMAL	4.40	2.80	3.80
BIG-EYES	GOOD	3.20	0.70	2.20
SQUID	LIMITED	6.30	2.50	4.80
HAIR-TAILS	NORMAL	1.00	0.50	0.70
LIZARD FISHES	LIMITED	3.00	1.50	2.00
CROAKERS	NORMAL	2.20	0.80	1.70
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	NORMAL	1.50	1.10	1.30
MELON COAT	--	-	-	-
BREAMS	NORMAL	3.50	2.50	3.20
YELLOW BELLY	GOOD	2.30	0.50	1.60
MACKERELS	GOOD	3.40	2.60	2.80
RED GOAT FISH	--	-	-	-
FORK-TAIL	--	-	-	-
HORSE-HEAD	LIMITED	6.20	3.00	5.20
MELON SEED	LIMITED	2.40	1.50	1.80
POMFRETS	LIMITED	8.50	6.50	7.50
GAROUPAS	LIMITED	8.00	5.00	7.00
YELLOW CROAKER	LIMITED	6.50	5.00	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	NORMAL	1.00	0.30	0.60
WHITE CABBAGE	GOOD	0.60	0.10	0.35
CHINESE LETTUCE	LIMITED	0.60	0.20	0.40
WATER SPINACH	GOOD	0.50	0.10	0.30
CHINESE KALE	SCARCE	1.50	0.50	1.00
STRING BEANS	SCARCE	3.20	1.50	2.40
SPRING ONION	LIMITED	1.60	0.40	1.00
SPINACH	--	--	--	--
WATER CRESS	LIMITED	0.80	0.20	0.50
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	NORMAL	0.90	0.20	0.55
CHINESE SPINACH	NORMAL	0.60	0.20	0.40
TOMATO	NORMAL	1.00	0.30	0.60