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DAILY GUIDE TO WHOLESALE PRICES AND SUPPLY OF BASIC FOOD
COMMODITIES

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PRISON INDUSTRY BEING REVIEWED

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THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT IS CONDUCTING AN IN-DEPTH REVIEW OF THE PRISON INDUSTRY WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING EXISTING FACILITIES.

AT PRESENT, EVERY INMATE - EXCEPT THOSE CERTIFIED MEDICALLY UNFIT - IS REQUIRED TO WORK IN AN AVAILABLE TRADE MOST SUITED TO HIS ABILITY DURING HIS TERM OF SENTENCE. EXISTING TRADES INCLUDE TAILORING, SHOE-MAKING, LAUNDRY WORK, RATTANWARE, METAL WORK, CARPENTRY, BAMBOOWARE, PAINTING, PRINTING, SILK-SCREENING AND FIBRE-GLASS MOULDING.

+THE PRISON INDUSTRY PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE REHABILITATION OF PRISONERS,+ SAID MR. WALLACE KINGHT, SUPER-INTENDENT (INDUSTRIAL) OF THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT. +IT IS CONCERNED MAINLY WITH EQUIPPING EVERY PRISONER WITH SOME SKILLS WHICH WILL STAND HIM IN GOOD STEAD IN THE EMPLOYMENT MARKET WHEN HE LEAVES.+

+FOR THIS REASON, WE KEEP A CONSTANT WATCH ON THE SKILLS WHICH ARE IN DEMAND OUTSIDE AND TRY TO PROVIDE TRAINING IN THESE SKILLS.+

RECENTLY INCREASINGLY MORE SOPHISTICATED SKILLS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED INTO PRISON WORKSHOPS, INCLUDING SILK-SCREENING AND FIBRE-GLASS MOULDING, HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF THE TRAFFIC SIGNS USED IN HONG KONG ARE MADE BY PRISONERS USING SILK-SCREENING TECHNIQUES. ALSO, IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THOSE WITH A SKILL IN FIBRE-GLASS MOULDING CAN EASILY FIND EMPLOYMENT ON RELEASE FROM PRISON. THE AVERAGE DAILY INCOME OF A SKILLED FIBRE-GLASS WORKER WAS BETWEEN \$40 TO \$60.

MOREOVER, THE PRISON INDUSTRY IS A MAIN SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR SOME GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT. FOR EXAMPLE, GOODS VALUED AT \$8 MILLION AT THE MARKET VALUE WERE PRODUCED BY PRISON INDUSTRY LAST YEAR AT A COST OF ABOUT \$3 MILLION TO THE GOVERNMENT.

+WHILE PRISON INDUSTRY CAN AND DOES HELP TO CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY TO THE GOVERNMENT, THE MAIN PENOLOGICAL OBJECTIVES OF PRISON INDUSTRY IS TO KEEP PRISONERS GAINFULLY EMPLOYED AND EQUIP THEM WITH SKILLS, SO THAT THEY CAN EARN A LIVING AFTER RELEASE FROM PRISON.

+IN RECENT YEARS, THE GOVERNMENT HAS SPENT HEAVILY ON MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE PRISON INDUSTRY SO THAT THESE OBJECTIVES MAY BE MORE EFFECTIVELY ATTAINED.

+THE OBJECT OF THE REVIEW PRESENTLY TAKING PLACE IS TO SEE HOW AND WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO MAKE PRISON INDUSTRY STILL MORE EFFICIENT, ITS PRODUCTIVITY INCREASED= MORE TRADES ADDED AND BETTER TRAINING GIVEN TO THE INMATES,+ MR. KINGHT SAID.

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FIRST SEMINAR ON PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR NURSING GRADES
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THE FIRST SEMINAR ON PUBLIC RELATIONS, DESIGNED EXCLUSIVELY FOR MEMBERS OF THE NURSING GRADES IN THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, WILL HEAR AN APPEAL FOR IMPROVED PERFORMANCE BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS (SPECIAL DUTIES), MR. AUGUSTINE KAM CHUI.

THE SEMINAR WILL TAKE UP THE ENTIRE AFTERNOON OF FRIDAY (MAY 10) BEGINNING AT 2.30 P.M. IN THE SCHOOL OF GENERAL NURSING IN THE QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL, AND 100 SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE NURSING GRADES WILL ATTEND.

THIS IS THE FIFTH SEMINAR ON PUBLIC RELATIONS PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR ITS STAFF, BUT THE FIRST TO BE HELD IN ENGLISH, AND THE FIRST FOR GRADES OF PROFESSIONAL STATUS.

ONE PARTICULARLY INTERESTING DEPARTURE FROM ROUTINE IS THE 45 MINUTES THAT WILL BE RESERVED FOR THOSE ATTENDING TO PUT FORWARD THEIR IDEAS, AND PERHAPS THEIR DEFENCE, IN THE LIGHT OF MUCH RECENT CRITICISM BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

A SECOND GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE MR. SZE CHUSIAN, ASSISTANT TO THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF HK-TVB, WHO WILL TELL THE GATHERING WHAT HE ESTIMATES TO BE THE EXTENT OF PUBLIC FEELING ON ALLEGATIONS OF RUDENESS AMONG NURSES, WHAT HE THINKS SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT IT, AND WHY.

THE SEMINAR WILL BE UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF DR. K.F. CHAN, ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES (MEDICAL).

ON THE ROSTRUM AMONG THE SPEAKERS WILL BE MISS K.J. VEEVERS, PRINCIPAL NURSING OFFICER, AND MR. ARTHUR STARLING, CHIEF HOSPITAL SECRETARY.

NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THIS SIGNIFICANT DEPARTMENTAL SEMINAR, ORGANISED ON THE INSTRUCTIONS OF DR. GERALD CHOA, DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES. IT WILL BE COMPLETELY OPEN AND UNREHEARSED. THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITIES FOR RADIO AND TV COVERAGE, IF DESIRED.

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RURAL LEADERS INSPECT NEU SHA TAU KOK CLINIC

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RURAL REPRESENTATIVES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TODAY INSPECTED THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S NEW STANDARD RURAL CLINIC AND MATERNITY HOME IN SHA TAU KOK.

THE CLINIC BEGAN OPERATION ON MARCH 13, AND RURAL LEADERS SAID FOLLOWING THE INSPECTION THAT IN THEIR VIEW THE EXTRA FACILITIES DESERVED THE PRAISE OF THOSE WHO HAD ALREADY MADE USE OF THEM.

THE OCCASION WAS NOT A FORMAL OPENING CEREMONY, AS THE CLINIC MERELY REPLACES THE FORMER CLINIC WITHIN THE CLOSED AREA OF SHA TAU KOK WHICH HAD BEEN TEMPORARILY OPERATING FROM RENTED PREMISES, AND DID NOT HAVE A MATERNITY WARD.

THE RURAL REPRESENTATIVES HAD BEEN INVITED TO INSPECT THE PREMISES AT A TIME WHEN THEY COULD SEE IT ACTIVELY AT WORK. THEY WERE RECEIVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR GERALD CHOA.

ALSO PRESENT WERE MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES= SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, THE NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, AND OFFICERS OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

THE NEW CLINIC IS LOCATED AT SHEK CHUNG AU. THIS IS A SITE ADJACENT TO THE RECREATION GROUND OF THE SHA TAU KOK PRIMARY SCHOOL.

FACILITIES INCLUDE, BESIDES THE MATERNITY WARD, AN OUT-PATIENT CLINIC, A DISPENSARY, AND STAFF QUARTERS.

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DANGEROUS BUILDINGS

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY DECLARED NOS. 44 AND 46 BONHAM STRAND WEST TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION AND NOS. 42 AND 42A LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

IN A STATEMENT THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THESE FOUR-STORY PRE-WAR BUILDINGS WERE INSPECTED DURING A ROUTINE SURVEY OF THE AREA AND RECENT MOVEMENT CAUSING SERIOUS FRACTURES IN THE LOAD BEARING BRICK WALLS OF NOS. 44 AND 46 BONHAM STRAND WEST WAS DISCOVERED.

+THE EXTENT OF THE MOVEMENT IS SUCH THAT IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THERE IS A RISK OF FAILURE LEADING TO A COLLAPSE.+

DEFECTS IN THE PARTY WALLS BETWEEN NO. 44/42A AND 42 TOGETHER WITH SOME FRESH MOVEMENT IN THE CROSS WALLS ALSO INDICATES THAT THERE IS A RISK OF FAILURE DURING OR AFTER THE DEMOLITION OF THE ADJOINING DANGEROUS BUILDINGS.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON JUNE 10 WERE POSTED TODAY.

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PRESENTATION OF COMPENSATION AWARD

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A CHEQUE FOR \$6,225 - AWARDED AS COMPENSATION TO THE SURVIVING RELATIVE OF A WATCHMAN, MR. PAK KWONG-WOON, WHO WAS KILLED IN PREVENTING A CRIME LAST YEAR - WAS PRESENTED TO THE MAN'S RELATIVE TODAY BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT.

THE AWARD WAS APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LAST MONTH UNDER SECTION 95 (1) OF THE INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES ORDINANCE WHICH AUTHORIZES COMPENSATION TO BE PAID +TO ANY PERSON INJURED IN THE EXECUTION OF A MORAL OR LEGAL DUTY TO ASSIST IN THE PREVENTION OR A RESISTANCE TO CRIME, OR TO THE DEPENDANT OF A PERSON SO INJURED WHO DIES AS A RESULT OF SUCH INJURY.+

THE MONEY WAS AWARDED TO MR. PAK'S DEPENDANT, AN ELDER SISTER LIVING IN CHINA, AND WAS RECEIVED ON HER BEHALF BY HER NEPHEW IN HONG KONG.

AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH ON MARCH 22, 1973, MR. PAK KWONG-WOON WAS EMPLOYED AS A WATCHMAN AT THE TUNG FAT BUILDING IN FA YUEN STREET, KOWLOON. HE WAS THEN 65. ON THE DAY IN QUESTION HE WAS ON DUTY AND WAS STABBED TO DEATH WHILE TRYING TO APPREHEND A THIEF.

THIS AWARD IS EXPECTED TO BE ONE OF THE FEW MADE UNDER SECTION 95 (1) OF CAP. 1 AS THERE IS NOW A NEW SCHEME ENTITLED THE CRIMINAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT INJURIES COMPENSATION SCHEME INTRODUCED IN MAY 1973 SPECIFICALLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING COMPENSATION. HOWEVER, THE PROVISION OF SECTION 95 (1) CAN ALSO BE APPLIED TO PARTICULARLY MERITORIOUS CASES ARISING AFTER MAY 23, 1973 NOTWITHSTANDING THEIR HAVING BEEN DEALT WITH UNDER THE NEW SCHEME.

THE AIM OF THE SCHEME IS TO PROVIDE SPEEDY COMPENSATION BOTH FOR THOSE WHO ARE INJURED, DISABLED OR KILLED AS A DIRECT OR INDIRECT RESULT OF A CRIME OF VIOLENCE, AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE ACCIDENTALLY INJURED, DISABLED OR KILLED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER USING A WEAPON IN THE EXECUTION OF HIS DUTY.

THIS SCHEME, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, IS NON-MEANS TESTED AND NON-CONTRIBUTORY. PAYMENTS UNDER THE SCHEME ARE MADE FROM PUBLIC FUNDS.

THE LEVELS OF COMPENSATION ARE DECIDED BY TWO BOARDS, MEMBERS OF WHOM ARE MADE UP OF WELL KNOWN PUBLIC FIGURES APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

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PRESENTATION OF INSIGNIA

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FOURTEEN MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE AND THE FIRE SERVICES WHO HAVE BEEN DECORATED BY HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN WILL RECEIVE THE INSIGNIA OF THEIR AWARDS AT A CEREMONY IN GOVERNMENT HOUSE ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 8).

THE AWARDS -- THE COLONIAL POLICE MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE -- WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE RECIPIENTS BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE.

ONLY PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS WITH SPECIAL PASSES WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY. THEY SHOULD MEET G.I.S. OFFICERS IN THE GUARD ROOM OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE NOT LATER THAN 11.30 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY.

NEWSPAPERS NOT RECEIVING PASSES WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS BY MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SUPPLY OF PRINTS WITH THE MAINLAND STUDIO AT 44 CARNARVON ROAD, KOWLOON, TELEPHONE NUMBER 3-671755.

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PRESS CONFERENCE ON OIL

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE OIL SITUATION WILL BE HELD AT 12 NOON TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE 35 MM THEATRE OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, 5TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

ATTENDING WILL BE MR. DEREK JONES, SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES= MR. ALEC PURVES, DIRECTOR OF OIL SUPPLIES= MR. DOMINIC WONG, PRINCIPAL OIL SUPPLIES OFFICER= MR. HUGH ARDLEY, ASSISTANT ECONOMIC SECRETARY= AND MR. DAVID FORD, DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING. TELEVISION CREWS ARE REQUESTED TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT BEFORE THE START OF THE CONFERENCE TO REDUCE INCONVENIENCE.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE
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THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (MONDAY) 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

| GRADE OF RICE | AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY | WHOLESALE PRICE(\$/CATTY) AVERAGE |
|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| CHINA RICE | | |
| SEE MEU | | |
| - 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 | GOOD | 4.80 | 3.50 | 4.00 |
| BIG-EYES | GOOD | 2.90 | 0.70 | 2.00 |
| SQUID | NORMAL | 5.20 | 2.50 | 4.00 |
| HAIR-TAILS | LIMITED | 2.00 | 0.90 | 1.80 |
| LIZARD FISHES | LIMITED | 2.50 | 1.20 | 1.80 |
| CROAKERS | NORMAL | 1.50 | 0.90 | 1.20 |
| CUNGER-PIKE-EELS | NORMAL | 1.60 | 1.10 | 1.40 |
| MELON COAT | SCARCE | 1.80 | 0.60 | 1.40 |
| BREAMS | LIMITED | 5.50 | 3.50 | 4.00 |
| YELLOW BELLY | GOOD | 1.90 | 0.50 | 1.20 |
| MACKERELS | GOOD | 3.70 | 2.50 | 3.30 |
| RED GOAT FISH | GOOD | 1.60 | 0.50 | 0.80 |
| FORK-TAIL | LIMITED | 1.30 | 0.25 | 0.70 |
| HORSE-HEAD | LIMITED | 6.50 | 3.00 | 5.00 |
| MELON SEED | GOOD | 2.00 | 0.80 | 1.00 |
| PUMFRETS | SCARCE | 9.00 | 7.50 | 8.00 |
| GARROUPAS | NORMAL | 7.00 | 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 | LIMITED | 1.50 | 0.60 | 1.00 |
| WHITE CABBAGE | GOOD | 0.40 | 0.10 | 0.25 |
| CHINESE LETTUCE | NORMAL | 0.50 | 0.20 | 0.30 |
| WATER SPINACH | NORMAL | 0.70 | 0.20 | 0.50 |
| CHINESE KALE | SCARCE | 1.20 | 0.50 | 0.80 |
| STRING BEANS | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| SPRING ONION | NORMAL | 1.20 | 0.20 | 0.60 |
| SPINACH | SCARCE | 1.00 | 0.40 | 0.70 |
| WATER CRESS | NORMAL | 0.80 | 0.20 | 0.60 |
| LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE | NORMAL | 0.40 | 0.10 | 0.30 |
| CHINESE SPINACH | NORMAL | 0.50 | 0.10 | 0.30 |
| TOMATO | NORMAL | 1.40 | 0.50 | 0.70 |