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DAILY GUIDE TO WHOLESALE PRICES AND SUPPLY OF BASIC FOOD COMMODITIES

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FURTHER MODIFICATIONS TO RICE CONTROL SCHEME

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A NUMBER OF MODIFICATIONS ARE BEING MADE TO THE RICE CONTROL SCHEME IN THE LIGHT OF RECOMMENDATIONS RECEIVED FROM THE CONSUMER COUNCIL, THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. DAVID JORDAN, ANNOUNCED TODAY.

HE SAID THAT A DETAILED REPLY HAD BEEN SENT TO THE CONSUMER COUNCIL IN ANSWER TO ITS RECOMMENDATIONS. +WE HAVE FOUND IT VERY HELPFUL TO HAVE THE VIEWS OF THE COUNCIL ON A SUBJECT WHICH IS OBVIOUSLY OF GREAT CONCERN TO EVERYONE IN HONG KONG,+ MR. JORDAN COMMENTED.

+BEFORE RECEIVING THE COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATIONS WE HAD, OF COURSE, ALREADY TAKEN A NUMBER OF EFFECTIVE STEPS TO IMPROVE THE OPERATION OF THE RICE CONTROL SCHEME AND OTHERS WERE UNDER EXAMINATION.

+IT WAS OPPORTUNE, THEREFORE, FOR THE COUNCIL TO BRING TO THE GOVERNMENT'S NOTICE ITS VIEWS ON THE SCHEME, AND OFFER SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW IT COULD BE FURTHER IMPROVED.

+WE WERE VERY GLAD TO SEE THAT THE COUNCIL'S FIRST CONCLUSION WAS THAT THE RICE SUPPLY SCHEME HAS ACHIEVED ITS PURPOSE OF ENSURING AN ADEQUATE RICE STOCK OVER THE LAST 19 YEARS AND HAS THEREFORE BEEN PROPERLY AND EFFICIENTLY ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT.

+WE HAVE CAREFULLY EXAMINED THE COUNCIL'S PROPOSALS, AND AS A RESULT THE SCHEME WILL BE MODIFIED IN A NUMBER OF WAYS TO ENSURE THAT IT CONTINUES TO SERVE THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CONSUMER.+

MR. JORDAN SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT ACCEPTED THE SUGGESTION THAT THE STOCK SHOULD IN NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES BE MAINTAINED AT 60,000 TONS, BUT THAT IT MAY BE NECESSARY ON OCCASIONS TO EXCEED THIS FIGURE TO ENSURE THAT HONG KONG HAS AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY DURING PERIODS WHEN CROP FORECASTS ARE UNCERTAIN.

HE POINTED OUT THAT EVEN WHEN THE STOCK IS 100,000 TONS, THE TOTAL COST OF STORING AND INSURING THIS STOCK, TOGETHER WITH BANK CHARGES WOULD AMOUNT TO 10 CENTS PER CATTY AT THE RETAIL END, COMPARED WITH SIX CENTS PER CATTY WITH A STOCK OF 60,000 TONS.

MR. JORDAN SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WELCOMED THE COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR RETAINING MAXIMUM PRICE MARK-UPS BY IMPORTERS, WHOLE-SALERS AND RETAILERS. +THE EFFORTS OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE APPLIED TO ENSURING A REASONABLE BALANCE BETWEEN A FAIR PROFIT MARGIN FOR TRADERS AND A FAIR RETAIL PRICE FOR CONSUMERS,+ MR. JORDAN ADDED.

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HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT SAW NO ADVANTAGE IN BECOMING A RICE IMPORTER ITSELF, ESPECIALLY AS IT HAD WITHDRAWN FROM DIRECT PARTICIPATION IN THE TRADE SOME YEARS AGO AFTER SUFFERING SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL LOSSES.

+THERE IS CONSIDERABLE EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST THAT THE COMMERCIAL IMPORTERS HAVE MADE A FAR BETTER JOB THAN THE GOVERNMENT DID OF IMPORTING RICE AT COMPETITIVE PRICES,+ HE SAID.

+IT WOULD BE A RETROGRADE STEP TO INVOLVE THE GOVERNMENT AGAIN IN THE RICE IMPORT TRADE. I HOPE THAT THE COUNCIL WILL BE ABLE TO AGREE THAT, IF THE DEPARTMENT CAN CONTINUE SUCCESSFULLY TO CONTROL PRICES AT LEVELS WHICH DO NOT PERMIT SPECULATION OR PROFITEERING, THEN IT WILL BE DISCHARGING ITS OBLIGATIONS TO THE CONSUMER.+

MR. JORDAN SAID THAT VARIOUS PROPOSALS HAD BEEN MADE BY THE COUNCIL WHICH WOULD, IF THEY WERE ACCEPTED, INVOLVE THE GOVERNMENT IN SUBSIDISING THE TRADE IN RICE WITH THE TAXPAYERS' MONEY. THESE WERE CONSIDERED UNDESIRABLE ON ECONOMIC GROUNDS AND THE POTENTIAL ADVANTAGE TO THE CONSUMER WOULD BE MARGINAL.

FOR INSTANCE, IF THE GOVERNMENT PROVIDED WAREHOUSES FOR THE RESERVE STOCK, THE COST OF RENTING STORAGE SPACE WOULD AMOUNT TO ABOUT \$10.6 MILLION A YEAR.

HOWEVER, THE REDUCTION IN PRICE TO THE RETAILER WOULD BE LESS THAN TWO CENTS PER CATTY, AND IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ENSURE THAT EVEN THAT SMALL BENEFIT WAS PASSED ON TO THE CONSUMER.

MR. JORDAN SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT FULLY ACCEPTED THE COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ALL IMPORTERS AND WHOLESALERS SHOULD BE LEGALLY REGISTERED. ACTION WAS NOW IN HAND, HE SAID, TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION TO REGISTER WHOLESALERS.

HE SAID THAT THE COUNCIL HAD RECOMMENDED THAT IMPORTERS SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO TRANSFER THEIR QUOTAS TO AGENTS. IN FACT IT WAS ALREADY ILLEGAL FOR A REGISTERED IMPORTER TO TRANSFER OR SELL HIS QUOTA RIGHTS WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

NO SUCH PERMISSION HAS BEEN GIVEN, HE SAID, AND THE RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT SHOW THAT ALL IMPORT DOCUMENTS ARE HANDLED BY THE REGISTERED IMPORTERS.

SOME IMPORTERS, HOWEVER, DO USE AGENTS AND THESE AGENTS IN SOME CASES APPEAR TO DO THE BULK, IF NOT ALL, OF THE WORK. IT WAS THE VIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT THAT THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH THIS KIND OF WORKING ARRANGEMENT SO LONG AS IT DOES NOT WORK TO THE DISADVANTAGE OF THE CONSUMER. IF AN IMPORTER IS PREPARED TO SHARE THE NET PROFIT WITH AN AGENT, WHILST HAVING TO KEEP HIS PRICES COMPETITIVE, THE INTERESTS OF THE CONSUMER ARE NOT AT RISK.

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+HOWEVER,+ CONTINUED MR. JORDAN, +I HAVE STARTED SOME INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE SCALE AND EFFECT OF AGENCY ARRANGEMENTS AND I SHALL ADVISE THE COUNCIL OF THE OUTCOME.

+I AGREE ALSO THAT ALL IMPORTERS SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO STATE THEIR SPECIFIC INTERESTS IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL RICE TRADE, AND THIS WILL BE DONE SHORTLY.+

MR. JORDAN NOTED THAT THE COUNCIL WAS STILL CONSIDERING THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE ANY INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF RICE IMPORTERS. HE SAID THAT WHEN THE COUNCIL'S PROPOSALS WERE SUBMITTED, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE GLAD TO CONSIDER THEM.

IN THE MEANTIME, HE POINTED OUT, THERE WAS A NEED TO ENSURE THAT THE MINIMUM QUOTA HOLDING FOR ANY IMPORTER REPRESENTS A FINANCIALLY VIABLE PROPOSITION.

MR. JORDAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT AGREED THAT A BROADLY BASED SUPPLY SOURCE PATTERN WAS DESIRABLE, PROVIDED THAT IT WORKED TO THE ADVANTAGE OF THE CONSUMER.

THE EXISTING IMPORTERS HAD A WORLD-WIDE CONNECTION WITH RICE SOURCES AND WERE AWARE ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS OF THE PRICES AND AVAILABILITY OF RICE FROM DIFFERENT SOURCES.

THE BASIC PATTERN OF TRADE, HE SAID, TENDS TO STABILISE AROUND THE MOST RELIABLE MARKETS ALTHOUGH THERE WAS SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY IN THE MARKET SYSTEM TO PERMIT REACTION TO ATTRACTIVE OFFERS FROM ALTERNATIVE NON-TRADITIONAL SOURCES.

MR. JORDAN SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WELCOMED THE SUGGESTION THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD TAKE ALL POSSIBLE MEASURES TO DISCOURAGE THE HOARDING OF RICE BY THE PUBLIC WHEN SUPPLIES ARE UNCERTAIN.

NOTING THAT THE COUNCIL HAD RECOMMENDED THAT THE RICE CONTROL SCHEME SHOULD BE REVIEWED EVERY THREE YEARS, MR. JORDAN SAID THIS WAS, IN FACT, NORMAL PRACTICE, AND THE LAST MAJOR REVIEW WAS CONSIDERED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN MAY LAST YEAR.

IT WAS THE INTENTION IN FUTURE TO PUBLISH A FACTUAL REPORT ON THE RICE TRADE AND THE RICE CONTROL SCHEME SOON AFTER THE END OF EACH YEAR, BEGINNING WITH 1974, HE ADDED.

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GOVERNOR TAKES A LOOK AT SHAM SHUI PO
LIVING CONDITIONS

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SPENT THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON IN CHEUNG SHA WAN AND SHAM SHUI PO WHERE HE HAD A FIRST-HAND LOOK AT LIVING CONDITIONS AND DISCUSSED BUILDING MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS WITH A MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE IN THE DISTRICT.

THE GOVERNOR WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE WORK CARRIED OUT BY THE UN CHEONG MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE WHICH WAS FORMED IN MID-1973 BY THE TENANTS OF THREE BLOCKS OF CHINESE STYLE TENEMENT BUILDINGS LOCATED AT UN CHAU STREET AND CHEONG WAH STREET.

SINCE ITS FORMATION, THE M.A.C. HAS INSTALLED A BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEM, SET UP A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND ON TOP OF ONE OF THE BUILDINGS, WHITE-WASHED ALL COMMUNAL PARTS OF THE BUILDINGS, AND ORGANISED PICNICS AND OTHER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE RESIDENTS. EACH UNIT WAS ALSO PRESENTED WITH SEVERAL WHISTLES FOR USE IN EMERGENCIES.

THE GOVERNOR WAS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED WITH THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEM INSTALLED BY THE COMMITTEE. IT HAD FOILED SIX BURGLARY ATTEMPTS AND THE CULPRITS WERE CAUGHT RED-HANDED.

THE GOVERNOR WAS ALSO TOLD OF TWO INSTANCES OF FIRE SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMITTEE. IN BOTH CASES, TENANTS REACTED SWIFTLY WHEN THE ALARM WAS RAISED, AND THE FIRES WERE QUICKLY PUT OUT WITH THE HELP OF THE FIRE SERVICES.

SIR MURRAY REMARKED THAT THIS WAS JUST THE SORT OF DEVELOPMENT HE HAD HOPED TO SEE IN MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES.

SIR MURRAY WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THE TOUR BY MR. DAVID WONG, DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS.

THEY FIRST CALLED AT THE CHEUNG SHA WAN TEMPORARY WHOLESALE MARKET AT HING WAH STREET, WHERE THE GOVERNOR WATCHED THE DAILY ACTIVITIES OF THE VEGETABLE TRADERS, AND TALKED WITH VARIOUS STALL KEEPERS.

THE GOVERNOR SHOWED GREAT CONCERN OVER THE DRAINAGE PROBLEM OF THE MARKET, AND ASKED WHETHER THE GOODS WOULD BE DAMAGED DURING HEAVY DOWNPOURS. HE WAS ASSURED THAT THE PRESENT DRAINAGE SYSTEM IS ADEQUATE.

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THE TEMPORARY WHOLESALE MARKET HANDLES IMPORTED VEGETABLES, AND PROVIDES RELIEF FOR THE HEAVY VOLUME OF TRADING AT THE KENNEDY TOWN MARKET ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

A TEMPORARY WHOLESALE POULTRY MARKET IS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON AN ADJACENT SITE TO ACCOMMODATE POULTRY TRADERS IN SHEK LUNG STREET WHO WILL HAVE TO MOVE TO MAKE WAY FOR TRAFFIC DIVERSION IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY.

PLANS ARE IN HAND TO BUILD A PERMANENT WHOLESALE MARKET COMPLEX ON THE CHEUNG SHA WAN RECLAMATION STAGE ONE TO HANDLE IMPORTED VEGETABLES, FRUITS, POULTRY, FRESH WATER FISH AND FLOWERS. AN ESTATE TO HOUSE SOME 10,000 PEOPLE WILL BE BUILT ON TOP OF THE MARKET COMPLEX.

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN THE NT'S
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THE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT OPERATING ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IN SHA TIN, NEW TERRITORIES, TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW WILL BE EXTENDED TO WEEKDAYS AND SATURDAYS FROM 10 A.M. THIS SATURDAY (JULY 13).

THE ONE-WAY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR SOME YEARS ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, BUT WITH INCREASING TRAFFIC IT HAS BECOME NECESSARY TO EXTEND ITS OPERATION TO THE REMAINING DAYS OF THE WEEK SO AS TO FACILITATE TRAFFIC FLOW.

UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT, TAI PO ROAD BETWEEN LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD AND SHA TIN BY-PASS ROAD IS RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHWARDS TOWARDS SHA TIN BY-PASS ROAD.

SHA TIN BY-PASS ROAD IS RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHWARDS TOWARDS LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD AND LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD BETWEEN SHA TIN BY-PASS ROAD AND TAI PO ROAD IS RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTWARDS TOWARDS TAI PO ROAD.

ON SOUTHBOUND JOURNEYS, FRANCHISED BUSES ON SERVICES 70, 70A, 71 AND 72 WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE ALONG SHA TIN BY-PASS ROAD.

ONE OTHER CHANGE AFFECTING TRAFFIC IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL COME INTO EFFECT FROM 10 A.M. TOMORROW (FRIDAY) WHEN THE EXISTING RESTRICTED SECTION OF KAM TIN MAIN ROAD NEAR KAM TIN TOWN WITH A SPEED LIMIT OF 30 MILES PER HOUR WILL BE EXTENDED BY ONE AND ONE-SIXTH MILES EASTWARDS. THE EXTENSION WILL BE THE SECTION OF KAM TIN MAIN ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH THE WESTERN ACCESS ROAD TO KAM TIN AIRFIELD AND THE JUNCTION WITH FAN KAN ROAD.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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CROWN LAND SALE

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FOUR LOTS OF CROWN LAND IN KOWLOON WITH A COMBINED AREA OF MORE THAN 64,000 SQUARE FEET WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY AUCTION EARLY NEXT MONTH.

THREE OF THE LOTS ARE FOR INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN PURPOSES. ONE IS LOCATED AT CHEUNG SHA WAN AND MEASURES 23,490 SQUARE FEET. ANOTHER IS SITUATED BETWEEN CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD AND LAI CHI KOK ROAD WITH AN AREA OF 8,536 SQUARE FEET, WHILE THE THIRD COVERS AN AREA OF 17,000 SQUARE FEET AT TAI YIP STREET IN KOWLOON.

THE FOURTH LOT IS INTENDED FOR EITHER INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN DEVELOPMENT OR FOR OPEN STORAGE USE. IT IS LOCATED AT LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND MEASURES ABOUT 15,050 SQUARE FEET.

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 P.M. ON AUGUST 9 IN THE CITY HALL LECTURE ROOM.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), HONG KONG AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

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GOVERNOR POSTPONES HIS HOLIDAY

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY DENIED A NEWSPAPER REPORT THAT THE GOVERNOR IS LIKELY TO LEAVE HONG KONG AT THE END OF THE YEAR TO TAKE UP ANOTHER APPOINTMENT.

THE GOVERNOR HAS DECIDED TO DEFER HIS ANNUAL LEAVE UNTIL NOVEMBER FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS. SIR MURRAY HAS RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A THREE-WEEK VISIT TO BRITAIN AND DOES NOT WISH TO BE AWAY FROM HONG KONG AGAIN SO SOON.

THE ANNUAL DEBATE ON THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH IS TO TAKE PLACE EARLIER THIS YEAR AND WILL BEGIN ON OCTOBER 2. THE GOVERNOR HAS TO BE IN HONG KONG FOR AT LEAST A MONTH BEFORE THAT DATE IN ORDER TO PREPARE HIS SPEECH. THE DEBATE WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF OCTOBER AND H.E. WILL BE TAKING LEAVE IN EARLY NOVEMBER AND RETURNING IN DECEMBER.

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LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXAMS

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THE LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXAMINATION FOR THIS AUTUMN WILL BE HELD BETWEEN NOVEMBER 27 AND DECEMBER 11.

THE SUBJECTS INVOLVED ARE COSTING, ACCOUNTING AND BOOK-KEEPING AT VARIOUS LEVELS, AND THE ENTRY FEES RANGE FROM \$20 TO \$28.

CANDIDATES PREPARING FOR THE EXAMINATIONS BY ATTENDING COURSES IN SCHOOLS SHOULD REGISTER THROUGH THEIR SCHOOLS, OTHERS MAY APPLY AS PRIVATE CANDIDATES.

ENTRY FORMS AND ANY FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE EXAMINATION DIVISION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON AS FROM NEXT MONDAY (JULY 15).

COMPLETED ENTRY FORMS FOR PRIVATE CANDIDATES, TOGETHER WITH PROOF OF IDENTITY (HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD OR PASSPORT) AND TWO RECENT PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE APPLICANT (SIZE 2-1/2" X 2") MUST BE SUBMITTED IN PERSON, AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS, BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 4 P.M. FROM JULY 15 TO JULY 19.

PRIVATE CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED THAT NO LATE ENTRIES CAN BE ACCEPTED. ENTRY FEES MAY BE PAID (IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE) TO THE ACCOUNTS OFFICE, EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON THE 11TH FLOOR OF CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES NOT LATER THAN JULY 23, 1974.

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CLEAN-UP OPERATION IN CHAI WAN

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THE WESTERN SECTION OF CHAI WAN ESTATE HAD A THOROUGH WASH-UP TODAY (THURSDAY) ON THE COMPLETION OF A FOUR-STAGE CLEAN-UP OPERATION.

IN TODAY'S ACTION HOUSING DEPARTMENT TIDINESS TEAMS MOVED INTO THE ESTATE AND CLEARED AWAY MORE THAN 170 ILLEGAL HAWKER STALLS, 120 OVER-SIZED SUN-SHADES AND SOME 80 ILLEGAL EXTENSION AND UNAUTHORIZED SIGN BOARDS FROM BLOCK 16 TO 27.

THE SECTION WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN BLOCKED BY ILLEGAL HAWKERS IS NOW COMPLETELY FREE FROM OBSTRUCTION AND IS CLEAN AND ORDERLY.

THE OPERATION WHICH WAS FIRST STARTED LAST YEAR HAD BEEN WELCOMED BY THE ESTATE TENANTS WHO HAD WITNESSED A MARKED IMPROVEMENT IN THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT.

PLANS ARE NOW IN HAND TO CLEAN UP THE EASTERN SECTION OF THE ESTATE. SIMILAR OPERATIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS SOON AS THESE PLANS HAD BEEN FINALISED.

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A.M.S. SUMMER CAMP

THREE HUNDRED OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE ARE TAKING PART IN A TWO-DAY SUMMER CAMP OVER THE WEEKEND IN THE GROUNDS OF THE TSUN CHUN MIDDLE SCHOOL, SAI KUNG.

PARTICIPANTS COME FROM NORTHEAST KOWLOON TEAMS. THE PROGRAMME FOR THE FIRST DAY WILL INCLUDE AN OPENING CEREMONY, OFFICIATED BY DR. R.A. PERRY, ASSISTANT CONTROLLER OF A.M.S., FOLLOWED BY DINNER AND AN EVENING FRIENDSHIP PARTY.

ON SUNDAY MORNING, THE PARTICIPANTS WILL TRAIN AS TEAMS. AFTER LUNCH, THERE WILL BE ORGANISED GROUP COMPETITIONS, SUCH AS STRETCHER-CARRYING OVER AN OBSTACLE COURSE, THE 'HUMAN-CHAIN' METHOD OF REMOVING DEBRIS, THE LOWERING OF A STRETCHER FROM A HEIGHT, AND A RESCUE TEAM WALL-CLIMB.

FOR THE CLOSING CEREMONY, ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL PARADE IN UNIFORM.

TEAMS OF SOUTH KOWLOON WILL TAKE PART IN A SIMILAR SUMMER CAMP IN THE SAME SCHOOL DURING THE WEEKEND OF JULY 20 AND 21.

USE OF THE SCHOOL GROUNDS IS MADE POSSIBLE BY PERMISSION OF THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, THE REV. FATHER LAMBERTONI.

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

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WATER CUT IN KWUN TONG

WATER SUPPLY TO THE KWUN TONG (TSUI PING ROAD) ESTATE, BLOCKS 2 TO 6, 11 AND 12 WILL BE TURNED OFF BETWEEN 1 A.M. AND 6 A.M. ON SATURDAY (JULY 13) TO ENABLE LEAKAGE TEST TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE AREA.

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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 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 NEW	GOOD	2.12
S.C.JIEN	GOOD	1.94
PO NGAI	---	-
CHU CHO	---	-
<u>THAI RICE</u>		
100% WHOLE	GOOD	1.92
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	1.87
A1 SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	1.77
A1 SUPER	GOOD	1.57
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	---	-
<u>U.S. RICE</u>	GOOD	1.87
<u>AUSTRALIAN RICE</u>	GOOD	1.77
<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)	-	310 (AVERAGE)

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SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF MARINE FISH

(F.M.O. CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET)

SPECIES	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
GOLDEN THREAD	GOOD	3.50	2.20	2.00
BIG-EYES	GOOD	2.50	0.60	1.50
SQUID	LIMITED	6.50	2.20	4.50
HAIR-TAILS	NORMAL	1.40	0.70	1.20
LIZARD FISHES	LIMITED	2.60	1.20	1.90
CROAKERS	LIMITED	1.50	0.50	1.00
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	NORMAL	2.00	1.20	1.60
DREAMS	LIMITED	5.20	2.00	4.20
YELLOW BELLY	GOOD	2.40	0.60	1.50
MACKERELS	SCARCE	4.00	3.00	4.00
RED COAT FISH	LIMITED	1.00	0.50	0.70
FORK-TAIL	LIMITED	1.40	0.50	1.00
HORSE-HEAD	GOOD	5.20	2.80	4.20
MELON SEED	NORMAL	1.40	0.60	1.20
POMFRETS	LIMITED	8.50	7.00	7.50
CARROUPAS	LIMITED	7.50	5.00	6.00
YELLOW CROAKER	LIMITED	7.20	6.50	7.00

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF LOCALLY PRODUCED VEGETABLES

(F.M.O. CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE MARKET)

TYPE OF VEGETABLE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
FLOWERING CABBAGE	LIMITED	2.40	0.80	1.60
WHITE CABBAGE	LIMITED	2.40	0.80	1.60
CHINESE LETTUCE	SCARCE	2.00	0.60	1.40
WATER SPINACH	NORMAL	0.80	0.10	0.45
CHINESE KALE	SCARCE	2.00	0.80	1.40
STRING BEANS	LIMITED	2.60	0.60	1.80
SPRING ONION	NORMAL	1.40	0.40	1.00
SPINACH	---	---	---	---
WATER CRESS	SCARCE	2.40	0.80	1.60
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	NORMAL	1.80	0.50	1.20
CHINESE SPINACH	NORMAL	0.80	0.20	0.60
TOMATO	SCARCE	2.40	0.80	1.80