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DAILY GUIDE TO WHOLESALE PRICES AND SUPPLY OF BASIC FOOD COMMODITIES

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NEW ROAD SIGNS ARE EASIER TO UNDERSTAND

NEW SYMBOLIC-TYPE ROAD SIGNS ARE BEING GRADUALLY INTRODUCED IN HONG KONG. FIVE OF THEM WILL BE INSTALLED FAIRLY WIDELY IN CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI DISTRICTS AS FROM NEXT MONDAY (JULY 8).

THE SIGNS, THE FIRST 54 OF WHICH WERE GAZETTED EARLIER THIS YEAR, ARE BASED ON A CODE OF INTERNATIONAL SIGNS AGREED BY A UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AND HAVE ALREADY BEEN ADOPTED BY MANY COUNTRIES.

THEY ARE LARGELY SYMBOLIC AND DO AWAY AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE WITH WRITING. THIS HAS OBVIOUS ADVANTAGES FOR THE MOTORIST WHO CAN IDENTIFY A SYMBOL MORE READILY AND SPEEDILY THAN READING LETTERING ON A SIGN.

SOME SIGNS CANNOT CONVEY THE MESSAGE WITHOUT BILINGUAL LETTERING, AND THESE ARE ALSO INCLUDED IN THE NEW SERIES.

NEXT WEEK'S INSTALLATION OF FIVE SIGNS IS THE FIRST MONTHLY PHASE OF A COMPREHENSIVE SERIES WHICH, TOGETHER WITH PUBLICITY MEASURES PLANNED FOR EACH PHASE, IS DESIGNED TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THE FEATURES OF THE NEW SIGNS.

EVENTUALLY, THE NEW SIGNS WILL REPLACE EXISTING ONES, BUT THE PROCESS WILL TAKE SOME TIME. DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD, BOTH SETS OF SIGNS WILL APPLY AT THE SAME TIME.

THE FIVE NEW SIGNS TO BE INSTALLED NEXT WEEK ARE THE +STOP+, +GIVE WAY+, +GOODS VEHICLES PROHIBITED+, +NO LEFT/RIGHT TURN+, AND THE +OVER 12 TONNES+ SUPPLEMENTARY PLATE.

THE +STOP+ SIGN IS OCTAGONAL IN SHAPE, WITH WHITE BORDER, WHITE LETTERS AND CHINESE CHARACTERS AND RED BACKGROUND. IT WILL BE PLACED AT ROAD JUNCTIONS ON MINOR ROADS WHERE IT IS DESIRABLE ON SAFETY GROUNDS FOR ALL EMERGING VEHICLES TO STOP ON EVERY OCCASION.

THE +GIVE WAY+ SIGN IS TRIANGULAR WITH RED BORDER, BLACK LETTERS AND CHARACTERS AND WHITE BACKGROUND. IT WILL BE PLACED ON MINOR ROADS AT THEIR JUNCTIONS WITH MAJOR ROADS, APART FROM THOSE COVERED BY +STOP+ SIGNS OR OTHER SIGNALS. THE IDEA IS FOR EMERGING VEHICLES ON THE MINOR ROAD TO STOP AND GIVE WAY TO TRAFFIC FLOW ON THE MAJOR ROAD.

THE +GOODS VEHICLES PROHIBITED+ SIGN IS CIRCULAR WITH RED BORDER AND DIAGONAL BLACK SYMBOL AND WHITE BACKGROUND. IT PROHIBITS ENTRY BY ALL GOODS VEHICLES AND MAY BE USED WITH SUPPLEMENTARY PLATES.

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THE '+NO RIGHT/LEFT TURN+' SIGN IS CIRCULAR WITH RED BORDER AND DIAGONAL BLACK SYMBOL AND WHITE BACKGROUND. THE SYMBOL MAY BE REVERSED TO INDICATE THAT EITHER LEFT OR RIGHT TURNING MOVEMENTS OF TRAFFIC ARE PROHIBITED. THE SIGN MAY BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH TRAFFIC LIGHT SIGNALS AND THE PROHIBITION MAY BE QUALIFIED BY A SUPPLEMENTARY PLATE.

THE '+OVER 12 TONNES+' PLATE IS RECTANGULAR WITH BLACK BORDER, BLACK LETTERS AND CHARACTERS, AND WHITE BACKGROUND. IT IS FOR USE WITH SIGNS PROHIBITING ACCESS. THE NUMERALS ON THE SIGN MAY BE ALTERED TO SUIT DIFFERENT RESTRICTION WEIGHTS, AND ALSO IMPERIAL UNITS MAY BE USED TO INDICATE THE RESTRICTION WEIGHTS BY REPLACING THE WORD '+TONNES+' BY '+TONS+'.

IN GENERAL, THE SYMBOLIC-TYPE ROAD SIGNS LOOSELY FALL INTO THREE CATEGORIES, EACH OF WHICH IS GENERALLY CHARACTERISED BY SHAPE AND/OR COLOUR.

THE FIRST CATEGORY CONSISTS OF MANDATORY SIGNS GIVING INSTRUCTION WHICH ARE GENERALLY CIRCULAR WITH BLUE BACKGROUND AND WHITE SYMBOLS.

ANOTHER CATEGORY CONSISTS OF MANDATORY SIGNS OF PROHIBITION WHICH ARE GENERALLY CIRCULAR WITH RED ANNULUS, WHITE GROUND AND BLACK SYMBOLS WITH OR WITHOUT RED DIAGONALS.

A THIRD CATEGORY IS ADVISORY OR WARNING SIGNS WHICH ARE GENERALLY TRIANGULAR WITH BLACK SYMBOL INDICATING THE HAZARD ON WHITE GROUND.

NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF THE FIVE NEW SIGNS TO BE INSTALLED ARE BOXED FOR COLLECTION.

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NEED FOR PRACTICAL SCIENCE COURSE STRESSED
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A PRACTICALLY ORIENTED SCIENCE COURSE BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF THE SCOTTISH INTEGRATED SCIENCE SCHEME IS THE TYPE OF COURSE NEEDED IN HONG KONG, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), MR. ARTHUR BROWN SAID TODAY.

WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF THE SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS TAKING PART IN A PILOT PROJECT, MR. BROWN SAID THAT HE WOULD SOON BE IN A POSITION TO RECOMMEND A MUCH WIDER INTRODUCTION OF SUCH A COURSE.

ONE OF THE OBJECTS OF THE PILOT PROJECT WAS TO ADAPT THE ORIGINAL SCOTTISH SCHEME SO THAT IT BECAME COMPLETELY SUITABLE FOR USE IN HONG KONG SCHOOLS.

MR. BROWN WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF AN 11-DAY INTEGRATED SCIENCE COURSE AT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS OF LOWER SECONDARY FORMS NOW ENTERING THE SECOND YEAR OF A PROJECT TAKING PLACE IN 20 SELECTED SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

THE COURSE, THE SECOND PHASE OF THIS INTERESTING PROJECT, IS TO BE CONDUCTED BY FOUR TUTORS REPRESENTING THE SCOTTISH EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE PROJECT STARTED LAST YEAR WHEN A SIMILAR GROUP OF TUTORS FROM SCOTLAND CONDUCTED A SIMILAR COURSE TO LAUNCH THE SCHEME.

MR. BROWN HOPED THAT THE CURRENT COURSE WOULD PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY BOTH TO ASSESS THE SUCCESS OF THE FIRST YEAR OF THE PROJECT AND TO PREPARE THE TEACHERS AGAIN FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN THE SUCCEEDING YEAR.

AS FAR AS MR. BROWN COULD SEE, BOTH FROM REPORTS AND FROM THE VISITS HE HAD MADE TO SOME OF THE SCHOOLS, THE PROJECT WAS GOING EXTREMELY WELL.

+IT WAS ENCOURAGING TO ENTER THE CLASSROOM AND HEAR A BUZZ OF VOICES INDICATING THAT CHILDREN WERE WORKING TOGETHER TO FIND OUT HOW TO CARRY OUT THE INSTRUCTION IN THEIR WORK SHEETS,+ HE SAID.

MR. BROWN WAS MOST IMPRESSED BY THIS METHOD OF STUDYING SCIENCE WHEREBY CHILDREN WORKED IN SMALL GROUPS FOLLOWING WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS AND LEARNING NOT ONLY BY WHAT THEY DID CORRECTLY BUT ALSO BY THEIR MISTAKES.

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HE FELT VERY STRONGLY THAT LESSONS LEARNED IN THIS PRACTICAL DISCOVERY WAY WOULD HAVE FAR MORE IMPACT ON CHILDREN'S MINDS THAN THE USUAL DEMONSTRATION TECHNIQUES AS WELL AS BEING FAR MORE ENJOYABLE.

MR. BROWN POINTED OUT THAT IN THE COMING YEAR EACH OF THE SCHOOLS TAKING PART IN THE PROJECT WOULD HAVE BOTH THEIR FIRST AND SECOND FORMS PARTICIPATING IN THIS PRACTICALLY ORIENTED SCIENCE COURSE SO THAT THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO WOULD BENEFIT WOULD BE DOUBLED.

HE THANKED EVERYONE INVOLVED IN THE PILOT PROJECT — THE PARTICIPANTS, THE SCOTTISH EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE ASSOCIATION OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS TEACHERS AND THE PRINCIPAL OF THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL.

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POST OFFICE SEEKS PUBLIC OPINION
ON STANDARD OF POSTAL SERVICES

A SURVEY AIMED AT ASCERTAINING THE PUBLIC'S VIEW OF THE EXISTING POSTAL SERVICE AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE WILL SOON BE LAUNCHED BY THE POST OFFICE.

THE SURVEY, TO BE CARRIED OUT BY UNIVERSITY STUDENTS PROVISIONALLY EMPLOYED BY THE POST OFFICE DURING THE SUMMER VACATION FOR THIS SPECIFIC PURPOSE, FOLLOWS A SIMILAR OPINION POLL IN 1972 TO ASSESS THE VIEWS OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

DURING THE FORTH COMING OPINION POLL, ALL POST OFFICES WILL BE VISITED AND A SAMPLE OF CUSTOMERS WILL BE INVITED TO FILL IN A QUESTIONNAIRE. THE NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS SAMPLED AT EACH OFFICE WILL BE BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED AT THE OFFICE BUT SOME 2,000 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO BE INVOLVED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE POINTED OUT TODAY THAT THE SURVEY WOULD SEEK INFORMATION ON THE DEGREE OF SATISFACTION WITH SERVICES RECEIVED AT POST OFFICE COUNTERS, THE PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AND THE IMPROVEMENTS INDIVIDUALS HAVE IN MIND.

IN THE SPHERE OF MAIL DELIVERIES, HE WENT ON, QUESTIONS WILL ALSO SEEK TO FIND OUT IF SERVICES ARE SATISFACTORY, AND IF THEY ARE NOT, WHAT THE INDIVIDUAL WOULD LIKE TO SEE DONE TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS.

STUDENTS CONDUCTING THE SURVEY WILL IDENTIFY THEMSELVES WITH AN INTRODUCTORY CARD BEARING A CHOP OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE.

+WHILE THERE IS NO LEGAL REQUIREMENT TO ANSWER ANY QUESTION,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED, +MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ASKED TO CO-OPERATE IN ANSWERING THE QUESTIONNAIRES WHICH WILL NOT IDENTIFY ANY INDIVIDUAL AND WILL BE QUITE IMPERSONAL.+

HE STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT WHEN SUMMARISED, THE FINDINGS ARE EXPECTED TO GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS HELPING THE POST OFFICE MAINTAIN A SATISFACTORY SERVICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AS WELL AS DEVELOP ITS FACILITIES.

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HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETS SHOP TENANTS

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TODAY (THURSDAY) MET A DELEGATION OF 23 SHOP TENANTS FROM THE GROUP B ESTATES TO DISCUSS SHOP TENANCY MATTERS INCLUDING THE NEW FORM OF TENANCY AGREEMENT.

THE MEETING, WHICH LASTED FOR ABOUT 2-1/2 HOURS, WAS DESIGNED TO ENABLE THE AUTHORITY TO HEAR THE SHOP TENANTS' VIEWS AT FIRST HAND.

A FRANK AND USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS TOOK PLACE AT THE MEETING, WHICH WAS HELD IN AN AMICABLE ATMOSPHERE.

THE VARIOUS POINTS RAISED BY THE DELEGATION INCLUDED THE TRANSFER OF SHOP TENANCIES, HOW AND UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS, AND THE PROS AND CONS OF THE TENDER SYSTEM ANNOUNCED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY EARLIER THIS YEAR= INHERITANCE - WHETHER FAMILY SUCCESSORS SHOULD SIGN THE AGREEMENT= AND THE FREEDOM OF ESTATE TENANTS TO ACQUIRE UP TO FIVE SHOP UNITS IN ANY ESTATE TO EXPAND THEIR BUSINESS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, MR. IAN LIGHTBODY, PROMISED THE DELEGATION THAT THEIR VIEWS WILL BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED BY THE AUTHORITY MEMBERS AND THEY WOULD BE INFORMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF THE AUTHORITY'S FINAL DECISION.

ON THE DELEGATION'S REQUEST THAT THE AUTHORITY SHOULD RECOGNISE THEM AS THE SOLE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GROUP B SHOP TENANTS, MR. LIGHTBODY SAID THAT THE AUTHORITY COULD NOT GIVE EXCLUSIVE RECOGNITION TO ANY ONE GROUP.

+WE HAVE TO CONSIDER THE VIEWS OF ANY GROUP WHICH HAS CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE,+ HE ADDED.

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VISITING NURSING ADVISER TO MEET PRESS

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MISS MARGARET LAMB, NURSING ADVISER FROM SCOTLAND, WILL MEET MEMBERS OF THE PRESS, RADIO AND TV AT A CONFERENCE IN THE THEATRE OF THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 5TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, AT 10 A.M. ON SATURDAY (JULY 6).

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE MEETING.

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**DONATION TO COMMUNITY CHEST
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THE COMMUNITY CHEST HAS RECEIVED A DONATION OF \$5,000 FROM THE STAFF OF THE CANADIAN TRADE COMMISSION.

A CHEQUE FOR THE AMOUNT WAS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, BY THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA IN HONG KONG, MR. C.F. ROGERS, AT A RECEPTION HELD LAST TUESDAY TO CELEBRATE CANADA DAY.

THE AMOUNT WAS DONATED BY THE COMMISSIONER AND HIS STAFF AND CAME OFF THE COMMISSION'S ENTERTAINMENT ALLOWANCE.

CONTRARY TO PAST PRACTICE, A SMALL RECEPTION WAS HELD ON CANADA DAY THIS YEAR WITH A SUBSTANTIALLY SHORTENED GUEST LIST. THE COMMISSIONER DECIDED TO DONATE THE SAVING THUS ACHIEVED TO CHARITY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMUNITY CHEST SAID THIS WAS A VERY KIND AND MEANINGFUL GESTURE AND WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

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**GOVERNOR TO VISIT TEXTILES FACTORY TOMORROW
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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL CONCLUDE HIS CURRENT SERIES OF FACTORY VISITS TOMORROW (FRIDAY) WHEN HE MAKES A TOUR OF MANDARIN TEXTILES LTD., 60 TOKWAWAN ROAD, HUNG HOM.

HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MR. JIMMY MCGREGOR, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, AND MR. KEN YEUNG, PRINCIPAL TRADE OFFICER, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BRANCH.

SIR MURRAY WILL SEE MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS IN PROGRESS AT THE FACTORY WHERE SOME 400 WORKERS ARE EMPLOYED ON MAKING FASHION GARMENTS FOR WOMEN, MOSTLY FOR EXPORTS.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT. SIR MURRAY WILL ARRIVE AT THE FACTORY AT 2.45 P.M. AND WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE COMPANY'S CHAIRMAN, MR. RONALD BRAND, AND BY THE GENERAL MANAGER, MR. E.J. VECCHIOTTI.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

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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, KOULOON:

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF RICE

RICE CONTROL SCHEME

<u>GRADE OF RICE</u>	<u>AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY</u>	<u>WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY) AVERAGE</u>
CHINA RICE: SEE MEW		
- OLD CROP		—
- NEW CROP	GOOD	2.12
S.C. JIEN		
- OLD CROP		—
- NEW CROP	GOOD	1.98
PO NGAI		—
CHU CHO		—
THAI RICE:		
100% WHOLE	GOOD	1.82
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	1.87
A1 SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	1.77
A1 SUPER	GOOD	1.52
WHOLE GLUTINOUS		—
U.S. RICE	GOOD	1.87
AUSTRALIAN RICE	GOOD	1.91
PAKISTAN RICE		—
TAIWAN RICE		—

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(ALL 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

(FMO CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET)

SPECIES	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
GOLDEN THREAD	GOOD	3.20	2.00	2.80
BIG-EYES	GOOD	2.60	0.60	1.80
SQUID	LIMITED	6.70	2.50	5.00
HAIR-TAILS	NORMAL	2.00	0.60	1.60
LIZARD FISHES	NORMAL	3.00	1.50	2.20
CROAKERS	LIMITED	1.10	0.50	0.80
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	NORMAL	1.80	1.10	1.50
MELON COAT	--	--	--	--
BREAMS	LIMITED	5.50	2.80	4.80
YELLOW BELLY	GOOD	1.80	0.60	1.60
MACKERELS	LIMITED	4.20	3.20	4.50
RED GOAT FISH	--	--	--	--
FORK-TAIL	--	--	--	--
HORSE-HEAD	GOOD	4.80	2.60	3.80
MELON SEED	GOOD	2.40	0.90	1.60
POMFRETS	SCARCE	9.00	8.30	8.50
GAROPAS	LIMITED	7.20	5.20	6.00
YELLOW CROAKER	SCARCE	6.00	5.50	5.80

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF LOCALLY PRODUCED VEGETABLES

(V.H.O. CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE MARKET)

TYPE OF VEGETABLE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
FLOWERING CABBAGE	SCARCE	2.60	0.80	1.80
WHITE CABBAGE	SCARCE	2.40	0.80	1.60
CHINESE LETTUCE	SCARCE	2.20	0.80	1.60
WATER SPINACH	NORMAL	0.80	0.20	0.50
CHINESE KALE	SCARCE	2.00	0.80	1.50
STRING BEANS	SCARCE	3.20	0.80	2.20
SPRING ONION	GOOD	0.80	0.20	0.50
SPINACH	--	--	--	--
WATER CRESS	SCARCE	2.60	0.80	1.80
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	LIMITED	1.80	0.60	1.20
CHINESE SPINACH	NORMAL	1.20	0.30	0.80
TONATO	SCARCE	2.60	1.20	2.00