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BETTER LAP SAP COLLECTION SERVICE IN ESTATES

The Housing Department has earmarked \$1.8 million to improve the refuse storage and collection system in a number of the earlier public housing estates.

The project forms part of the department's ambitious programme of bringing about a better living environment for tenants in the estates.

The \$1.8 million will be spent on the construction of more covered refuse collection points, the introduction of a new refuse collection method, known as the "pakamatic system", and the provision of a free door-to-door refuse collection service.

Fourteen refuse collection points are now under construction in 11 estates, including the two most populous estates at Tsz Wan Shan and Wong Tai Sin, at a cost of more than \$850,000.

These collection points, built of concrete and corrugated iron, will eliminate the sanitary nuisance associated with the storage of refuse.

By employing the "pakamatic system" refuse can be tipped mechanically from specially designed bins into collection vans. Apart from labour-saving it will reduce the nauseous smell during conveyance.

The existing refuse rooms in the estates will have to be slightly converted in order that the pakamatic system can be adopted.

The work will cost about \$400,000.

Other improvement works costing another \$500,000 include the provision of more refuse rooms and construction of junk collection points.

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GET-TOGETHER FOR FACTORY WORKERS

Seven factories in San Po Kong are co-operating with the Social Welfare Department's Community Centre in Wong Tai Sin to organize a Lunar New Year Variety Show for about 1,000 of their staff.

"This is the first time that such a project for factory workers has been conducted in the area which is mainly industrial," said Mrs. Henrietta Chen, Warden of the Centre.

"Though factory workers can also join in any of the activities organized in the district, very little in the way of direct services has been organized for this group of our community, so we thought it would be a good opportunity to arrange something for them."

This out-reaching to factory workers, she said, was to help them make full use of their leisure hours at the same time giving them an outlet for their talents.

It would also promote inter-factory relationship and community efforts among them.

Another aim, Mrs. Chen explained, was to provide managements with an opportunity to show their concern for the welfare of their employees.

This function, she said, will act as a stepping-stone towards achieving these goals and it was also hoped to involve more factories in future.

The variety show will be held on Saturday (February 9) at the hall of Ho Lap College at 15 Tseuk Luk Street in San Po Kong starting at 8 p.m.

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Note to Editors: You are welcome to cover the variety show on Saturday night.

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THREE LOTS FOR SALE

Two lots of Crown land for industrial development will be offered for sale at a public auction in the City Hall early next month.

One is located at the junction of Cheung Lee Street and Kut Shing Street in Chai Wan and measures about 5,140 square feet. The other covers about 17,652 square feet off Lai Chi Kok Road in Kowloon.

A third lot, suitable for private residential development will also be put up for sale. It is located off Chai Wan Road on the Island and has an area of about 17,000 square feet.

The auction will be held at 2.30 p.m. on March 8 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), ground floor, Hong Kong, and from the Crown Lands and Survey Office, Kowloon Government Offices, 405 Nathan Road, 10th floor, Kowloon.

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MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF PARTY

Hundreds of children of staff members of the Medical and Health Department will attend a party in the grounds of the Kowloon Hospital on Sunday (February 10).

This will be the third such party organised by the department's staff society. The aim is to entertain staff children, and at the same time to enable the parents themselves to get together.

Dr. Gerald Choa, Director of Medical and Health Services, will preside at a lucky draw.

A varied programme has been drawn up, including a band concert, pop songs, lion dancing, a magic show, and a merry-go-round. Highlights of the afternoon will be the lucky draw and a tug-of-war.

Note to Editors: The party will be held on the lawn by the entrance to the West Wing, Kowloon Hospital, Argyle Street, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. You are invited to have it covered.

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SCHEME TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD

An experimental traffic management scheme is to be introduced on Sundays and public holidays along a section of Castle Peak Road to reduce traffic congestion.

The scheme, to come into force on April 5 for a trial period of two months, will involve the movement of goods vehicles. During that time, goods vehicles will not be permitted to travel on Castle Peak Road between its junction with Sha Tsui Road in Tsuen Wan and Causeway Road in Tuen Mun between the hours of 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sundays and public holidays.

It is similar to the scheme which has been in operation along Clearwater Bay Road during the past three summers and which has proved very successful.

A Transport Department spokesman said today that the proposed scheme is intended to reduce traffic congestion caused by slow moving lorries and by heavy vehicles breaking down.

It would also give priority to passenger transport for a few hours to enable people to have reasonably quick access to beaches and other recreational areas along this section of Castle Peak Road.

"If the scheme proves successful in reducing traffic congestion, we'll consider extending it for a longer period through the summer," the spokesman added.

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He emphasised that with the implementation of the scheme there would still not be a total ban on the movement of goods vehicles to and from the western side of the New Territories; alternative routes were still available on Tai Po Road, Route Twisk, and on Castle Peak Road outside the restricted hours.

Permits may also be issued to allow goods vehicles to move on this road during the restricted period where this is essential and where no alternative arrangements can be made.

Applications for permits should be made to the Transport Department at No. 2 Murray Road, 9th floor, Hong Kong (Murray Road Multi-storey Car Park Building).

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IMMIGRATION ENQUIRIES BY PHONE

A direct line has been installed in the enquiry section of the Immigration Department to meet the growing demand of the public for immigration information.

The number of the direct line is 5-435118. Anyone who has a question relating to immigration procedure or who wishes to obtain appropriate application forms may phone in anytime during office hours.

The Enquiry Section of the department is located on the 15th floor of International Building and provides the public with a wide range of facilities, including general enquiry on immigration matters, form distribution and form filling advice.

The officer-in-charge of the section is a Commissioner for Oaths and is authorised to administer statutory declarations for members of the public.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

Daily Guide To Wholesale Market Prices And Supplies

The following prices were realised today (Thursday) 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

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Availability of Supply</u>	<u>Wholesale Price (\$/catty)</u>
<u>China Rice</u>		<u>Average</u>
See Mew -- old crop	Good	--
-- new crop		--
S.C.Jion -- old crop	Good	1.78
new crop		
Po Hgai	Good	--
Chu Cho	Good	--
<u>Thai Rice</u>		
100% Whole	Good	--
10-15% Broken	Good	--
A1 Super Extra	Good	1.52
A1 Super	Good	1.42
Whole Glutinous	Good	--
<u>U.S. Rice</u>	Good	1.74
<u>Australian Rice</u>	Good	--
<u>Pakistan Rice</u>	Good	--
<u>Taiwan Rice</u>	Good	--

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Supplies and Wholesale Prices of Marine Fish

<u>Species</u>	<u>Availability of Supply</u>	<u>Wholesale Price (\$/catty)</u>		
		<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>Average</u>
Golden Thread	Good	5.50	3.00	4.00
Big-Eyes	Good	2.70	0.70	1.80
Squid	Normal	6.80	2.50	5.00
Hair-Tails	Good	2.80	1.20	2.10
Lizard Fishes	Normal	2.40	1.00	1.80
Croakers	Good	2.30	0.90	1.60
Conger-Pike-Eels	Normal	3.50	2.50	3.00
Melon Coat	Good	2.80	1.80	2.20
Breams	Normal	5.50	3.00	4.50
Yellow Belly	Good	1.50	0.80	1.20
Mackerels	Limited	4.50	3.50	3.80
Red Goat Fish	Good	2.00	0.60	1.50
Fork-Tail	Good	2.00	1.30	1.80
Horse-Head	Normal	5.20	3.50	4.80
Melon Seed	Normal	3.80	2.50	3.50
Pomfrets	Scarce	11.00	9.00	10.00
Garoupas	Normal	8.50	5.50	6.00
Yellow Croaker	-	-	-	-

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Supplies and Wholesale Prices of

Locally Produced Vegetables

<u>Type</u>	<u>Availability of Supply</u>	<u>Wholesale Price (\$/catty).</u>		
		<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>Average</u>
Flowering cabbage	Limited	1.8	0.8	1.4
White cabbage	Limited	1.0	0.4	0.7
Chinese Lettuce	Normal	0.8	0.3	0.6
Chinese Kale	Limited	1.4	0.5	1.0
Spring onion	Normal	0.8	0.3	0.6
Spinach	Normal	1.0	0.3	0.7
Water cross	Normal	1.0	0.3	0.7
Leaf mustard cabbage	Scarce	0.5	0.2	0.35
Tomato	Limited	1.8	0.6	1.4

Supplies and Wholesale Prices of Pork (Live weight)

	<u>Availability of Supply</u>	<u>Wholesale Price</u>
		<u>(\$/ picul)</u>
		(Average)
Pork	Normal	290