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DAILY GUIDE TO WHOLESALE PRICES AND SUPPLY OF BASIC FOOD COMMODITIES

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BRIDGE TO LANTAU ISLAND

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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IS ISSUING AN OPEN INVITATION TO INTERESTED FIRMS TO SUBMIT PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE LINKING THE NORTH EASTERN PART OF LANTAU ISLAND WITH THE NEW TERRITORIES MAINLAND.

HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT EMPHASISES THAT THERE IS NO COMMITMENT ON ITS PART TO ACCEPT ANY PROPOSAL AND THAT NO DECISION IN PRINCIPLE HAS YET BEEN TAKEN ON WHETHER OR NOT TO BUILD A BRIDGE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THERE HAD ALREADY BEEN A NUMBER OF ENQUIRIES INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF A BRIDGE BEING BUILT BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE IN RETURN FOR A GRANT OF LAND ON LANTAU FOR DEVELOPMENT.

HE POINTED OUT THAT OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS THERE HAVE BEEN MANY REQUESTS FROM PRIVATE DEVELOPERS FOR LAND ON LANTAU ISLAND FOR A MULTIPLICITY OF PURPOSES AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS ENGAGED A FIRM OF CONSULTING ENGINEERS AND PLANNERS TO CONSIDER HOW THAT ISLAND SHOULD BE DEVELOPED.

+OBVIOUSLY ANY LARGE SCALE DEVELOPMENT OF LANTAU WILL HAVE TO PROCEED ON THE BASIS OF A DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE ISLAND AS A WHOLE WHICH, IN TURN, MUST BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE BROAD PLANNING PROPOSALS FOR HONG KONG AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+IT IS ALSO OBVIOUS THAT FOR ANY CONSIDERABLE DEVELOPMENT (OTHER THAN RECREATIONAL) TO TAKE PLACE ON LANTAU ISLAND, A DIRECT VEHICULAR LINK WOULD BE AT LEAST HIGHLY DESIRABLE, AND THAT, PREFERABLY, THIS LINK SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN THE EARLY STAGES OF THE DEVELOPMENT, + THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN THE BROAD TERMS AND CONDITIONS WHICH MAY HAVE TO BE OFFERED IF THE BRIDGE IS TO BE BUILT BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE, THE GOVERNMENT INVITES FIRMS WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN UNDERTAKING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BRIDGE TO INDICATE BROADLY: -

- * A TIMETABLE ENVISAGED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BRIDGE=
- * WHETHER ANY RESTRICTIONS WOULD BE PLACED ON ITS ALIGNMENT, DESIGN OR SIZE=
- * THE FIRM TO BE EMPLOYED ON THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE BRIDGE=
- * THE AMOUNT OF LAND EXPECTED TO BE ALLOCATED ON NORTH EASTERN LANTAU, THE TYPES OF DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED AND THE TIMING ENVISAGED FOR IT=

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- * WHETHER ANY PARTICIPATION BY THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE REQUIRED, APART FROM THE ALLOCATION OF LAND, AND IF SO, IN WHAT FORM=
- * THE TIME NEEDED TO PREPARE FIRM PROPOSALS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BRIDGE= AND
- * HOW THE PROJECT WOULD BE FINANCED.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT ALTHOUGH THE BASIC DESIGN AND ALIGNMENT OF THE BRIDGE HAVE NOT BEEN DETERMINED, AN INVESTIGATION OF THE BROAD PROBLEMS INVOLVED HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT BY THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS STUDYING THE RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF LANTAU AND SAI KUNG.

+THE GOVERNMENT ALSO HAS NO FIXED VIEWS AT THIS STAGE ON THE MANNER IN WHICH THE BRIDGE, IF BUILT, SHOULD BE FINANCED, CONSTRUCTED OR OPERATED. A DECISION ON BUILDING IT CAN BE TAKEN ONLY WHEN THE VIEWS AND PROPOSALS OF INTERESTED GROUPS, IN RESPONSE TO THE INVITATION, HAVE BEEN FULLY EVALUATED,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

TO ASSIST FIRMS IN THEIR DELIBERATIONS, A SUMMARY OF AN INTERIM REPORT ON THE +LANTAU FIXED CROSSING+ WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THEM ON REQUEST. THIS SUMMARY HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE GOVERNMENT BY DECEMBER 31, 1974. ALL REPLIES WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES ALONG REPULSE BAY ROAD AND IN THE CHUNG HOM KOK AREA WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR FIVE HOURS AS FROM 1 A.M. ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 16).

THE TEMPORARY INTERRUPTION IS TO FACILITATE A TEST FOR NIGHT LEAKAGE IN THE AREA.

ALL PREMISES AT CHUNG HOM KOK WILL BE AFFECTED. THE PREMISES ALONG REPULSE BAY ROAD TO BE AFFECTED ARE NOS. 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 119A, 121, 123, 123A, 125, 127 AND 129.

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PLENTY OF RICE IN STOCK

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THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE RICE IMPORT QUOTA FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF THIS YEAR HAD BEEN FIXED AT A REDUCED LEVEL OF 45,000 METRIC TONS ON THE ADVICE OF THE RICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

COMMENTING ON THIS, MR. K.S. HARDY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, SAID THAT HONG KONG'S STOCK OF RICE WAS HISTORICALLY VERY HIGH AND IN FACT NOW EXCEEDED 100,000 TONS.

WITH SO PLENTIFUL A SUPPLY, HE SAID, IT HAD BEEN DECIDED NOT TO IMPORT AS MUCH RICE AS USUAL DURING THE REST OF THE YEAR.

MR. HARDY SAID THE DECISION WAS ALSO IN KEEPING WITH THE RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED IN THE CONSUMER COUNCIL'S REPORT ON THE RICE CONTROL SCHEME WHICH HAD SAID THAT STOCKS SHOULD BE REDUCED.

REFERRING TO FUTURE SUPPLIES, MR. HARDY SAID THESE WERE ASSURED AND THAT REPORTS ON REGIONAL RICE CROPS THIS YEAR WERE VERY FAVOURABLE. +PRICE-WISE THE POSITION IS FAVOURABLE TO THE CONSUMER,+ HE SAID, +THOUGH NOT SO ROSY FOR IMPORTERS.+

ON THE RICE IMPORT QUOTA SYSTEM, MR. HARDY ADDED THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD DECIDED TO COMBINE THE THIRD AND FOURTH QUARTERS QUOTAS.

THIS MEANT THAT REGISTERED RICE STOCKHOLDERS WOULD BE FREE TO TIME THEIR PURCHASES FOR DELIVERY AT ANY TIME BEFORE DECEMBER 31.

THIS HAD BEEN DONE, HE SAID, SO AS TO PROVIDE IMPORTERS WITH FLEXIBILITY TO ENABLE THEM TO IMPORT RICE AT PRICES MOST FAVOURABLE TO CONSUMERS IN HONG KONG. IF NECESSARY, FURTHER QUOTAS WOULD BE ISSUED BEFORE DECEMBER 31.

SINCE JANUARY 1 THIS YEAR, HONG KONG HAS IMPORTED 200,700 METRIC TONS OF RICE. OF THIS AMOUNT, CHINA SUPPLIED 96,600 METRIC TONS AND THAILAND 83,000 METRIC TONS.

THE BALANCE WAS IMPORTED FROM THE USA, AUSTRALIA AND PAKISTAN.

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HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT TO BE SET UP

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A HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT WILL BE SET UP BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO INFORM THE COMMUNITY ABOUT COMMON DISEASES AND THEIR MANIFESTATIONS.

ANNOUNCING THIS AT A ROTARY CLUB LUNCHEON TODAY, THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. GERALD CHOA, SAID THE UNIT WOULD USE PUBLICITY AND COUNSELLING METHODS BECAUSE THESE WERE SAFE, AND WOULD WIDELY DIFFUSE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT PUBLIC HEALTH CONTROL.

HE NOTED THAT EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE HAD REDUCED THE INCIDENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES, SUCH AS MALARIA AND PLAGUE.

IMMUNISATION PROGRAMMES HAD PRODUCED SATISFACTORY RESULTS WITH REGARD TO DISEASES SUCH AS SMALLPOX, CHOLERA, DIPHTHERIA, TUBERCULOSIS, POLIOMYELITIS AND MEASLES.

PEOPLE WERE LIVING LONGER, BUT IN PLACE OF DISEASES UNDER CONTROL, HAD EMERGED OTHERS, WHICH HE COLLECTIVELY DESCRIBED AS +DISEASES OF CIVILISATION.+

HONG KONG WAS NO BETTER OFF THAN OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE SUCH DISEASES WERE ON THE INCREASE. DR. CHOA REFERRED IN PARTICULAR TO CANCER, HEART DISEASES, CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASES AND THE UNFORTUNATE RESULTS OF MODERN ACCIDENTS.

HE DESCRIBED CANCER AS +THE NUMBER ONE KILLER+ IN HONG KONG, AND IT WAS NECESSARY TO SPREAD CONCERN ABOUT IT SO THAT YOUNG PEOPLE HERE COULD BE WARNED AGAINST IT.

THERE WAS A PREVALENCE OF NASOPHARYNGEAL CANCER AMONG THE CHINESE IN HONG KONG, BUT HERE GOOD COULD RESULT IF RADIOTHERAPY WERE APPLIED EARLY.

DR. CHOA REFERRED TO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LUNG CANCER AND SMOKING, AND AGAIN, THE YOUNG SHOULD BE MADE AWARE OF THIS RELATIONSHIP, AND THE DANGER IMPLIED IN IT.

HEART DISEASES AND CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASES, HE SAID, WERE RELATED TO HIGH-FAT DIETS. HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE SHOULD BE DETECTED EARLY.

HE DISCUSSED ACCIDENTS IN FACTORIES, ON THE ROADS, AND AT HOME, AND SUGGESTED THAT PREVENTIVE SAFETY MEASURES WERE NECESSARY, INCLUDING THE TRAINING OF WORKERS.

HOUSEWIVES SHOULD BE CONCERNED WITH THE SAFETY OF ELECTRIC WIRING. THEY SHOULD NOT PLACE KNIVES AND MEDICINES WITHIN REACH OF CHILDREN. THEY SHOULD KEEP AN EYE ON THE GAS IN THE BATHROOM.

BEFORE CONCLUDING, DR. CHOA SAID THE LIFE STYLES OF CERTAIN MODERN SOCIETIES CONTRIBUTED TO MENTAL DISEASES AND DRUG ADDICTION.

THE PROPOSED HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT WOULD STUDY SUCH PROBLEMS WITH A VIEW TO MAKING KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THEM WIDESPREAD FOR THE GENERAL GOOD.

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RENT INCREASE IN HOUSING ESTATES EXPLAINED

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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S DECISION TO REVISE THE RENTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING FLATS WHICH WERE LET ON OR AFTER MAY 17, 1974 WAS FULLY EXPLAINED TO SOME 20 NEW TENANTS OF THE WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE WHO CALLED AT THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT OFFICE IN SAN PO KONG THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING ASKING FOR THE REASON OF THE RENT RISE.

A MEETING WAS HELD AT THE REQUEST OF THE TENANTS. THEY HAD ASKED THAT 11 REPRESENTATIVES BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING. CHAIRS WERE LAID OUT FOR THEM BUT ONLY THREE TURNED UP.

THE TALK HAD NOT PROGRESSED FOR MANY MINUTES WHEN ONE OF THE REPRESENTATIVES DEMANDED TO SEE THE DIRECTOR, MR DONALD LIAO, AND NOT THE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MRS BERTHA LEUNG. THE MEETING CONTINUED AFTER IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT MR LIAO WAS IN THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS IN MA TAU KOK ROAD AND WAS NOT AVAILABLE.

MRS LEUNG, WHO SPOKE WITH THE THREE REPRESENTATIVES, EXPLAINED THAT THE RENT ADJUSTMENT WAS NECESSARY AS THE RENT OF THE ESTATE WAS FIXED IN 1968 WHEN THE FIRST BLOCK WAS COMPLETED AND NO PROVISION WAS MADE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT RISING COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION, AND MATERIAL AND LABOUR OF THE BLOCKS OF SUBSEQUENT PHASES COMPLETED YEARS LATER.

FURTHERMORE, MRS LEUNG SAID COSTS OF MAINTENANCE, MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES HAVE RISEN IN RECENT YEARS.

THE RENT REVISION APPLIES TO ALL 11,500 FLATS AT SEVERAL PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, INCLUDING WONG CHUK HANG, WHICH WERE UNLET ON MAY 17, 1974. THE INCREASE RANGES FROM \$10.50 FOR A SMALL UNIT TO \$56 FOR A LARGE UNIT FOR NINE PERSONS. THE INCREASE FOR MEDIUM-SIZED UNITS FOR FIVE AND SEVEN PERSONS IS ABOUT \$35.

MRS LEUNG ADDED THAT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY WAS BOUND BY ORDINANCE TO BE FINANCIALLY SELF-SUFFICIENT AND THAT IT WAS AT PRESENT WORKING AT A HUGE DEFICIT OF \$110 MILLION.

+BECAUSE OF THIS, THE AUTHORITY RECENTLY DECIDED THAT INCREASING THE RENT OF UNOCCUPIED FLATS IS AN ESSENTIAL STEP TO TAKE TOWARDS BALANCING THIS DEFICIT,+ SHE SAID.

ON THE POINT THAT TENANTS WERE TOLD OF A LOWER RENT AT EARLIER INTERVIEWS WITH STAFF OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, MRS LEUNG EXPLAINED THAT THE AUTHORITY'S DECISION ON THE RENT REVISION WAS DELIVERED AT SHORT NOTICE AND THEREFORE WHEN THEY SIGNED THE TENANCY AGREEMENT SOME TIME LATER THE RENT WAS COMPARATIVELY HIGHER.

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SHE SAID THAT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HAD RECENTLY STUDIED THEIR REQUEST THAT THE AUTHORITY SHOULD RECONSIDER THE RENT ISSUE AND HAD REACHED THE CONCLUSION THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO WAIVE THE INCREASE.

+HOWEVER, THE AUTHORITY RECOGNISES THAT NEW TENANTS ARE PAYING COMPARATIVELY HIGHER RENT AND BECAUSE OF THIS DUE ALLOWANCE WILL BE MADE IN ANY FUTURE RENT REVISION.+

SHE WENT ON: +THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT IS PREPARED TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO FIND LOWER RENTAL ACCOMMODATION IN SOME OTHER ESTATES FOR THOSE WHO MAY FIND THE RENT AT WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE A BIT TOO HIGH FOR THEM.+

MRS LEUNG SAID THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS ALSO VERY WILLING TO HELP THOSE WHO MAY FIND IT DIFFICULT TO PAY THE RENT BY REFERRING THEM TO THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT FOR INVESTIGATION AND ASSISTANCE.

THE NEW RENT AT WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE RANGES FROM \$97 FOR A FIVE-PERSON FLAT OF 180 SQ.FT. TO \$168 FOR A NINE-PERSON FLAT OF 314 SQ.FT.

THE RENT WOULD STILL BEAR NO RELATIONSHIP TO THOSE OF PRIVATE DOMESTIC BUILDINGS IN THE VICINITY WHICH ARE, IN MOST CASES, THREE OR FOUR TIMES HIGHER THAN THE NEW RENT.

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PIER TO REOPEN WITH BETTER UNLOADING FACILITIES

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THE OLD CATTLE PIER AT KENNEDY TOWN WILL BE REOPENED ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 16) WITH BETTER FACILITIES FOR THE UNLOADING OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES AND OTHER FOOD STUFFS BOUND FOR THE WHOLESALE MARKET IN THE DISTRICT.

THE PIER HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN EXTENSION TO THE EXISTING PIER AND TWO DOLPHINS OFF CADOGAN STREET ADJACENT TO THE KENNEDY TOWN ABATTOIR.

WORK IS NOW COMPLETE AND THE PIER AND DOLPHINS WHICH ARE REINFORCED CONCRETE STRUCTURES WILL PROVIDE BERTHS FOR VESSELS UP TO 1,400 TONS DISPLACEMENT.

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LEGO TO DEBATE MEDICAL WHITE PAPER TOMORROW
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UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON THE MEDICAL WHITE PAPER AT TOMORROW'S COUNCIL SITTING.

SEVEN UNOFFICIALS ARE EXPECTED TO SPEAK ON THE WHITE PAPER WHICH SETS THE GUIDELINES FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF MEDICAL SERVICES IN HONG KONG OVER THE NEXT DECADE.

THE DEBATE WILL BE WOUND UP BY DR. THE HON. GERALD CHOA, DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, WHO WILL REPLY TO THE POINTS RAISED BY THE UNOFFICIALS.

TOMORROW'S SITTING IS THE LAST OF THE COUNCIL'S CURRENT SESSION. THE COUNCIL WILL GO INTO RECESS UNTIL OCTOBER 2 WHEN THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL OPEN THE NEW 1974/75 SESSION.

TOMORROW'S MEETING PROMISES TO BE A BUSY ONE FOR MEMBERS WITH 11 BILLS COMING UP FOR RESUMED DEBATE, INCLUDING THE BANKRUPTCY (AMENDMENT) BILL, THE BIRTHS AND DEATHS REGISTRATION BILL, THE TOWN PLANNING (AMENDMENT AND VALIDATION) BILL, AND THE URBAN COUNCIL AMENDMENT BILL.

FIFTEEN OTHER BILLS ARE DUE FOR THEIR THIRD AND FINAL READING.

IN ADDITION, UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL RAISE 13 QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE POSSIBLE ABOLITION OF INTEREST TAX, TIPPING IN THIRD CLASS WARDS OF GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS, POWER AND WATER SUPPLIES IN LICENSED AREAS, AND STREET LIGHTING, AMONG OTHERS.

PAPERS TO BE TABLED AT THE MEETING INCLUDE THE 1973/74 ANNUAL REPORT BY THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION, AND THE 1973/74 REPORT OF THE SIR ROBERT BLACK TRUST FUND.

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HONG KONG OFFICIAL TO ATTEND POPULATION CONFERENCE
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THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS, MR. DAVID WHITELEGGE, WILL LEAVE FOR BUCHAREST TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) NIGHT TO ATTEND THE WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM DELEGATION.

THE UNITED NATIONS HAS DESIGNATED 1974 AS WORLD POPULATION YEAR AND THE CONFERENCE IS PART OF THE PROGRAMME WHICH AIMS AT DRAWING ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF POPULATION, PARTICULARLY THE DANGERS OF UNRESTRAINED INCREASE OUTSTRIPPING THE ABILITY OF THE WORLD TO SUPPORT IT= AND TO FOSTER DISCUSSION ON WAYS AND MEANS OF INFLUENCING THE SITUATION.

MR. WHITELEGGE SAID TODAY THAT PARTICULAR SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE CONFERENCE CONCERN POPULATION AND ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT= AND THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE FAMILY. THE PROJECTED WORLD POPULATION IN THE YEARS TO COME WILL ALSO BE A MAJOR TOPIC.

HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO BUCHAREST WITH THE HOPE OF BRINGING BACK NEW IDEAS AND THINKING WHICH MIGHT BE RELEVANT TO HONG KONG'S PARTICULAR SITUATION AND WHICH COULD BE IMPLEMENTED, IN ADDITION TO THE STEPS ALREADY BEING TAKEN.

+THE PROBLEM OF OVER-POPULATION IS NOTHING NEW TO HONG KONG AND THE GOVERNMENT'S APPRECIATION OF IT IS EVIDENCED BY THE FACT THAT IT IS SENDING A REPRESENTATIVE TO BUCHAREST,+ MR. WHITELEGGE ADDED.

HE DREW ATTENTION TO THE VALUABLE WORK OF THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION AND TO THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION LAST YEAR TO PARTICIPATE DIRECTLY IN THIS SPHERE BY TAKING OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR FAMILY PLANNING CLINICS FORMERLY RUN BY THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION IN GOVERNMENT PREMISES.

MR. WHITELEGGE IS DUE TO RETURN TO HONG KONG AT THE END OF THE MONTH.

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EXAMINATION RESULTS TO BE ISSUED TOMORROW
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THE RESULTS OF THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION 1974 WILL BE ISSUED TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS NOTICES FOR SCHOOL CANDIDATES ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION BY SCHOOLS TOMORROW MORNING. RESULTS NOTICES FOR PRIVATE CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN POSTED AND SHOULD REACH CANDIDATES TOMORROW OR AT THE LATEST, THURSDAY.

AS RESULTS ARE BEING SUPPLIED TO ALL CANDIDATES INDIVIDUALLY, EITHER DIRECT OR THROUGH THEIR SCHOOLS, LISTS OF RESULTS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT CITY DISTRICT OFFICES OR OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICES. HOWEVER, ANY PRIVATE CANDIDATE WHO DOES NOT RECEIVE HIS RESULTS BY FRIDAY, (AUGUST 16), MAY MAKE ENQUIRIES AT THE EXAMINATIONS DIVISION, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, 11/F., KOWLOON, TEL. 3-688708 OR 3-688602.

THIS YEAR 55,976 CANDIDATES ENTERED FOR THE EXAMINATION. THIS COMPARES WITH A TOTAL OF 54,633 WHO ENTERED FOR THE TWO CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATIONS IN 1973. ALTOGETHER 62 SUBJECTS WERE EXAMINED.

FOR THOSE CANDIDATES WHO SAT FOR THE EXAMINATION (I.E. EXCLUDING ABSENTEES) THE PERCENTAGE OF AWARDS OF GRADE E OR ABOVE IN THE MAJOR SUBJECTS WAS 63.76 PER CENT LAST YEAR'S FIGURES WERE 60.33 FOR C.E. (ENGLISH) AND 63.12 FOR C.E. (CHINESE).

NOTE TO EDITORS: AN ANALYSIS OF THE RESULTS IN THE MORE POPULAR SUBJECTS IS BEING DISTRIBUTED SEPARATELY IN THE G.I.S. PRESS BOXES.

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YOUTH HOLIDAY CAMP
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A TWO-DAY HOLIDAY CAMP IS BEING ORGANIZED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY CENTRE IN KWUN TONG TO GIVE YOUNGSTERS A CHANCE TO GET AWAY FROM THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF THE CITY.

THE CAMP, WHICH IS INTENDED FOR ABOUT 50 YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN 15 AND 25 OF AGE, WILL BE HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT'S YOUTH CAMP SITE AT SHING MUN ROAD IN TSUEN WAN.

BESIDES ENJOYING THE FRESH AIR THE CAMPERS WILL BE KEPT ACTIVE DURING THE DAYS IN SUCH ACTIVITIES AS HIKING, FOLK DANCING, SINGING, AND GROUP GAMES.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENROLMENT IS SATURDAY, (AUGUST 17) AND THOSE INTERESTED IN TAKING PART SHOULD CONTACT THE CENTRE'S SUMMER PROGRAMME ENQUIRY OFFICE ON WEEKDAY AFTERNOONS OR SATURDAY MORNING OR BY DIALING 3-890022. THERE IS A \$15 CHARGE FOR A PERSON.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (TUESDAY) 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

GRADE OF RICE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY) AVERAGE
CHINA RICE		
SEE MEW	GOOD	2.02
S.C.JIEN	GOOD	1.86
PO NGAI	---	-
CHU CHO	---	-
THAI RICE		
100% WHOLE	GOOD	1.80
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	1.72
A1 SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	1.70
A1 SUPER	GOOD	1.45
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	1.77
U.S. RICE		
	GOOD	1.87
AUSTRALIAN RICE		
	GOOD	1.67
PAKISTAN RICE		
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TAIWAN RICE		
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SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(ALL SOURCES)

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	-	GOOD
WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORK (\$/PICUL-LIVE WEIGHT)	-	320 (AVERAGE)

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THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (TUESDAY) AT
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	4.50	2.00	3.20
BIG-EYES	GOOD	2.60	0.80	1.70
SQUID	NORMAL	3.80	0.80	2.30
HAIR-TAILS	NORMAL	2.00	0.70	1.40
LIZARD FISHES	NORMAL	2.50	0.40	1.50
CROAKERS	LIMITED	2.50	0.50	1.40
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	GOOD	2.50	1.60	2.00
MELON COAT	---	---	---	---
BREAMS	LIMITED	3.00	1.40	2.20
YELLOW BELLY	GOOD	2.00	0.60	1.30
MACKERELS	LIMITED	5.70	3.50	4.50
RED GOAT FISH	LIMITED	0.80	0.40	0.60
FORK-TAIL	LIMITED	0.80	0.50	0.60
HORSE-HEAD	NORMAL	5.00	1.50	3.20
MELON SEED	LIMITED	1.40	0.60	1.00
POMFRETS	SCARCE	9.00	7.00	8.00
GARROUPAS	LIMITED	9.00	5.00	7.00
YELLOW CROAKER	SCARCE	6.20	4.50	5.30

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	1.20	0.30	0.80
WHITE CABBAGE	GOOD	0.45	0.10	0.30
CHINESE LETTUCE	LIMITED	0.80	0.30	0.50
WATER SPINACH	GOOD	0.40	0.10	0.25
CHINESE KALE	SCARCE	1.60	0.60	1.20
STRING BEANS	LIMITED	1.80	0.50	1.20
SPRING ONION	LIMITED	1.40	0.40	1.00
WATER CRESS	SCARCE	3.00	1.50	2.50
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	GOOD	0.45	0.10	0.30
CHINESE SPINACH	GOOD	0.40	0.10	0.25
TOMATO	SCARCE	4.20	2.00	3.00