



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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ADDITIONAL SUBVENTION FOR VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES
FOR ADJUSTMENT IN STAFF SALARIES
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THE GOVERNMENT, ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, HAS ALLOWED AN ADDITIONAL SUBVENTION NOT EXCEEDING \$4 MILLION FOR AN ADJUSTMENT IN SALARIES OF STAFF OF VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES BACKDATED TO APRIL 1, 1974.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE ADDITIONAL SUBVENTION WAS TO ASSIST VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF THEIR STAFF IN LINE WITH THE GENERAL INCREASE AWARDED TO GOVERNMENT STAFF THIS YEAR.

+WHEN GOVERNMENT INCREASE THE SALARIES OF ITS STAFF, MANY OF THE VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES ALSO INCREASE THE SALARIES TO THEIR STAFF FROM THEIR OWN RESOURCES, BUT SOME WERE UNABLE TO DO SO AND THE ADJUSTMENTS NOW BEING AWARDED WILL TAKE THIS INTO ACCOUNT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+IN DECIDING THE INCREASE FOR EACH AGENCY, THE AMOUNT ACTUALLY PAID TO ITS STAFF HAS BEEN TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION AND EACH MEMBER OF THE STAFF HAS BEEN ALLOWED A NOTIONAL INCREASE EQUIVALENT TO THAT WHICH HIS SALARY COUNTERPART IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE RECEIVED.+

HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE AMOUNT TO BE PAID TO AN AGENCY WILL ALSO DEPEND UPON THE PROPORTION OF THE TOTAL AGENCY SALARY BILL WHICH IS ACTUALLY SUBVENTED BY GOVERNMENT.

+THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT A SALARY INCREASE FOR VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES HAS BEEN BACKDATED,+ THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT.

COMMENTING ON NEWSPAPER REPORTS THAT GOVERNMENT WAS CONSIDERING +FREEZING+ SUBVENTIONS TO VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES IN THE NEW FINANCIAL YEAR, THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS JUST SPECULATION.

+WE ARE PROCESSING APPLICATIONS FOR SUBVENTIONS FOR THE NEXT YEAR IN THE NORMAL WAY.+ HE SAID.

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AMBULANCE COMMAND ANSWERS RECORD NUMBER OF CALLS

THE AMBULANCE COMMAND OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS SET A NEW RECORD OF CALLS ANSWERED IN A 24-HOUR PERIOD.

BETWEEN 7 AM ON MONDAY AND 7 AM TODAY (TUESDAY), A TOTAL OF 393 CALLS WERE RECEIVED, OR JUST OVER 16 PER HOUR.

OF THESE, 263 WERE EMERGENCY CALLS AND 130 WERE NON-EMERGENCY CALLS. KOWLOON HAD 187 CALLS, HONG KONG ISLAND HAD 135 AND THE NEW TERRITORIES 71.

THE BUSIEST PERIOD WAS BETWEEN MIDDAY AND 4 PM YESTERDAY WHEN 119 CALLS WERE RECEIVED.

MR. HARRY KENYON, ASSISTANT CHIEF AMBULANCE OFFICER, SAID IT WAS UNUSUAL TO RECEIVE SUCH A HIGH NUMBER OF CALLS AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR.

+WE ANSWERED JUST OVER 300 CALLS DURING THE PREVIOUS FEW DAYS, BUT THE NUMBER JUST SUDDENLY SHOT UP,+ HE SAID.

THE PREVIOUS RECORD OF 391 CALLS WAS SET ON JULY 6 THIS YEAR.

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**TWO ASSISTANT SMOKE INSPECTORS OF LABOUR DEPARTMENT
AWARDED DIPLOMAS IN AIR POLLUTION CONTROL**

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THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF HEALTH HAS AWARDED DIPLOMAS IN AIR POLLUTION CONTROL TO TWO LABOUR DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

THEY ARE MR. LIN CHAN-MING AND CHAU CHI-MING, BOTH ASSISTANT SMOKE INSPECTORS WITH THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL UNIT.

THE OFFICERS SAT FOR A SPECIAL TWO-DAY ORAL AND WRITTEN EXAMINATION IN SEPTEMBER CONDUCTED BY A PANEL OF EXPERTS.

IT CONSISTED OF DR. G.I. FORBES, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT (HYGIENE), MR. RON EDGLEY, CHIEF CHEMIST OF THE GOVERNMENT LABORATORY AND MR. EDGAR LAUFER, OF CHINA LIGHT AND POWER (TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT).

THEIR SUCCESS BRINGS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS WITH THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL UNIT HOLDING THE INTERNATIONALLY-RECOGNISED DIPLOMA TO SIX - MORE THAN HALF OF THE STAFF.

THE DEPARTMENT'S AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER, MR. DAVID NEWBURY, SAID TODAY : +THE REMAINING FIVE OFFICERS AT THE MOMENT ARE BEING TRAINED TO SIT FOR THIS DIPLOMA.+

THEY WILL TAKE THE EXAMINATION NEXT YEAR.

+THE DIPLOMA IS RECOGNISED AS A HALLMARK OF THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL COMPETENCE IN AIR POLLUTION CONTROL.

+IN CONJUNCTION WITH FIELD TRAINING, WE REGARD THE DIPLOMA AS A SIGNIFICANT STEP IN THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICERS.+

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+MODERN YOUTH SHIELD+ AMATEUR BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
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THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY FOR THE +MODERN YOUTH SHIELD+ YOUTH AMATEUR BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 28).

THE TOURNAMENT IS ONE OF THE COMMUNITY YOUTH ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE MODERN YOUTH ALLIANCE ASSOCIATION WHICH IS UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE COMMUNITY WORK OFFICE.

THE AIM OF THE TOURNAMENT IS TO PROMOTE THE SKILL OF BASKETBALL PLAYING AND TO ESTABLISH YOUTH RELATIONSHIP.

ALTOGETHER 72 TEAMS, 12 GIRLS AND 60 BOYS, COMPETED IN THE TOURNAMENT WHICH WAS STARTED IN OCTOBER. AFTER TWO-AND-A-HALF MONTHS COMPETITION, THE FINAL WILL BE PLAYED ON THE PRIZE-GIVING DAY AT THE EAST KAI TAK INDOOR BASKETBALL COURT, KOWLOON, IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE PRIZE PRESENTATION AT 8 P.M.

MR. DAVID CHIU YIM-SHUN, THE DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICER, KWUN TONG- MR. KWOK HAI-SIK, THE COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICER, KWUN TONG- AND MR. NELSON TSANG WING-KAI, THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE COMMUNITY WORK OFFICE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

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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

| <u>GRADE OF RICE</u> | <u>AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY</u> | <u>WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <u>CHINA RICE</u> | | |
| SEE MEW | GOOD | 1.82 |
| S.C. JIEN | GOOD | 1.74 |
| PO NGAI | GOOD | --- |
| CHU CHO | GOOD | --- |
| <u>THAI RICE</u> | | |
| 100% WHOLE | GOOD | 1.66 |
| 10-15% BROKENS | GOOD | --- |
| A1 SUPER EXTRA | GOOD | --- |
| A1 SUPER | GOOD | 1.32 |
| WHOLE GLUTINOUS | GOOD | 1.58 |
| <u>U.S. RICE</u> | | |
| | GOOD | 1.77 |
| <u>AUSTRALIAN RICE</u> | | |
| | GOOD | 1.72 |
| <u>PAKISTAN RICE</u> | | |
| | GOOD | --- |
| <u>TAIWAN RICE</u> | | |
| | GOOD | --- |

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

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| AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY | - | GOOD |
| WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORK (\$/PICUL-LIVE WEIGHT) | - | 330 (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 | LIMITED | 5.30 | 2.40 | 4.00 |
| BIG-EYES | GOOD | 2.60 | 1.60 | 2.00 |
| SQUID | LIMITED | 6.20 | 3.50 | 4.80 |
| HAIR-TAILS | NORMAL | 2.60 | 1.00 | 1.80 |
| LIZARD FISHES | GOOD | 2.80 | 1.00 | 2.00 |
| CROAKERS | GOOD | 2.20 | 0.60 | 1.40 |
| CONGER-PIKE-EELS | NORMAL | 3.10 | 2.20 | 2.60 |
| MELON COAT | LIMITED | 2.40 | 1.60 | 2.00 |
| BREAMS | LIMITED | 5.20 | 3.00 | 4.10 |
| YELLOW BELLY | GOOD | 1.20 | 0.60 | 0.90 |
| MACKERELS | NORMAL | 5.00 | 2.50 | 4.20 |
| RED GOAT FISH | LIMITED | 2.80 | 0.70 | 1.80 |
| FORK-TAIL | GOOD | 0.80 | 0.40 | 0.60 |
| HORSE-HEAD | LIMITED | 6.50 | 2.50 | 4.50 |
| MELON SEED | NORMAL | 3.00 | 0.80 | 2.00 |
| POMFRETS | LIMITED | 8.00 | 4.00 | 6.00 |
| GARROUPAS | NORMAL | 8.50 | 4.50 | 6.50 |
| YELLOW CROAKER | --- | | | |

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