



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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LESS RAIN THIS YEAR

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HONG KONG EXPERIENCED DRIER WEATHER THAN USUAL DURING THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF THIS YEAR WITH THE ACCUMULATED TOTAL RAINFALL RUNNING ABOUT 25 PER CENT BELOW THE AVERAGE FIGURE FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

TOTAL RAINFALL RECORDED DURING THE PERIOD AMOUNTED TO ONLY 1,014.9 MM.

EXCEPT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, RAINFALL HAS BEEN BELOW NORMAL EVERY MONTH SO FAR THIS YEAR.

LAST MONTH'S TOTAL AMOUNTED TO 184.2 MM WHICH REPRESENTED ONLY HALF OF THE AVERAGE AMOUNT FOR JULY.

THE MONTH WAS ALSO SUNNIER, WARMER AND LESS HUMID THAN USUAL WITH A MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY OF 78 PER CENT WHICH WAS THE THIRD LOWEST ON RECORD FOR JULY.

DURING THE MONTH, FIVE TROPICAL CYCLONES FORMED IN THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC, BUT ONLY TYPHOON 'IVY' ENTERED THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AND NECESSITATED THE HOISTING OF TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SIGNALS IN HONG KONG.

A TOTAL OF 10 THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED DURING THE MONTH, BUT ONLY ONE AIRCRAFT WAS DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS. NO FIRE DANGER WARNINGS WERE ISSUED DURING THE MONTH.

THE MONTH'S MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 33.2 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON JULY 6, AND THE MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 22.8 DEGREES CELSIUS ON JULY 22.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: A FULL WEATHER REPORT FOR JULY PREPARED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY WILL BE BOXED FOR COLLECTION LATER TODAY.

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**FREE MEDICAL CHECK-UPS FOR ELDERLY**  
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SOME 200 ELDERLY PEOPLE, AGED 60 AND ABOVE, LIVING IN SAU MAU PING ESTATE (SOUTH) ARE TO BE GIVEN FREE MEDICAL CHECK-UPS IN A SPECIAL PROJECT ORGANIZED BY FOUR WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE ESTATE.

THE MEDICAL CHECK-UPS WILL BE HELD THIS WEEK BEGINNING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE SAU MAU PING (SOUTH) ESTATE WELFARE BUILDING AND AT VARIOUS CLINICS IN THE DISTRICT.

BEFORE THE ELDERLY SEE THE DOCTORS, HOWEVER, THEY WILL BE GIVEN A TALK ON MEDICAL AND HEALTH MATTERS AND WILL ALSO BE SHOWN A FILM ON HEALTH. THIS WILL TAKE PLACE AT 3 P.M. TOMORROW IN THE HALL OF THE ESTATE'S WELFARE BUILDING.

THE ORGANIZERS OF THIS HEALTH PROGRAMME FOR THE AGED ARE THE SAU MAU PING COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE, THE CHINESE Y.M.C.A. SAU MAU PING CENTRE, THE KINDNESS DAY NURSERY, AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S ESTATE COMMUNITY WORK OFFICE IN THE ESTATE WELFARE BUILDING.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANIZERS SAID THAT APART FROM LOCAL WELFARE AGENCIES MANY PRIVATE DOCTORS AND NURSES WILL ALSO BE PARTICIPATING IN THIS PROJECT AND IT WAS GRATIFYING TO NOTE THAT THEY WERE SO WILLING TO OFFER THEIR SERVICES FREE OF CHARGE. ALSO ASSISTING IN THE PROJECT ARE STUDENTS AND VOLUNTEERS.

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**TV +FAMILY+ TO PROMOTE LOTTERY SALE**

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AN +ESTATE FAMILY+ HAS BEEN INVITED TO HELP PROMOTE THE SEVENTH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY FOR THIS YEAR.

THE FAMILY, CONSISTING OF FIVE MEMBERS, IS THAT OF THE POPULAR KO FAMILY OF +BELOW THE LION ROCK+ FAME.

PRODUCED BY THE TELEVISION UNIT OF RADIO HONG KONG, THIS WEEKLY DRAMA SERIES DEPICTS THE LIFE OF THE KO FAMILY IN A MARK II ESTATE BLOCK REFLECTING VARIOUS SOCIAL PROBLEMS IN THE COMMUNITY AND AT THE SAME TIME TRIES TO BRING ABOUT AN UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE PARTIES CONCERNED.

THE KO'S ARE PLAYED BY FIVE POPULAR ARTISTES MR. TSANG KONG, MR. LEUNG MING, MISS FUNG SIU-CHUNG, MISS CHAN KAR-YEE AND MISS KIMMY GOT.

THEY WERE INTRODUCED TO THE PRESS TODAY BY MR. KAI-YIN CHAU, CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNMENT'S LOTTERIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, AT A CONFERENCE AT THE CITY HALL RESTAURANT.

THE FIVE ARTISTES WILL HELP PROMOTE THE SEVENTH LOTTERY BY SELLING TICKETS AT STATUE SQUARE IN CENTRAL ON AUGUST 19 AND WILL DRAW THE WINNING NUMBERS TWO WEEKS LATER AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT AT TODAY'S CONFERENCE WERE MR. DAVID WU CHUNG-SHING, MR. LUI HAU-TUEN, MISS LYDIA DUNN, MR. R.W. SAMPSON, MR. GORDON CHAN AND THE COMMITTEE'S SECRETARY MR. G.A.E. RAHMIN.

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**NEW TERRITORIES LAND SALE**

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THREE LOTS OF CROWN LAND COVERING SOME 24,300 SQUARE FEET IN TUEN MUN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE PUT UP FOR AUCTION EARLY NEXT MONTH.

THE FIRST, COVERING 14,880 SQUARE FEET, IS LOCATED IN TUEN MUN AREA 9. IT IS RESTRICTED TO INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN USE.

THE OTHER TWO LOTS, DESIGNED FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, MEASURE 5,000 AND 4,500 SQUARE FEET RESPECTIVELY. BOTH ARE SITUATED IN TUEN MUN AREA 10B.

THE AUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL AT 2.30 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 3.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, NORTH KOWLOON MAGISTRACY, TAI PO ROAD, KOWLOON AND ALL DISTRICT OFFICES.

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**STUDENTS LEARN HOW TO OPERATE USED BOOK EXCHANGE SCHEME**  
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STUDENTS FROM FOUR SCHOOLS IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF HONG KONG ISLAND ARE AT THE MOMENT CO-OPERATING IN A USED TEXTBOOK EXCHANGE SCHEME TO HELP THEIR PARENTS SAVE ON THE COST OF NEW TEXTBOOKS FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR.

IN THIS SCHEME, THE STUDENTS FROM THE CLEMENTI MIDDLE SCHOOL, GRAMMER COLLEGE, ISLAMIC COLLEGE, AND LITERARY COLLEGE ARE EXCHANGING TEXTBOOKS AMONG THEMSELVES.

UNLIKE OTHER TEXTBOOK EXCHANGE SCHEMES STUDENTS IN THIS PROJECT ARE ALSO BEING TAUGHT THE PLANNING, OPERATING AND ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES SO THAT NEXT SUMMER THEY WILL BE ABLE TO OPERATE A SIMILAR SCHEME IN THEIR SCHOOLS, SAID MR. LAM KWOK-WAN, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICER FOR EASTERN DISTRICT WHO PLANNED THE SCHOOL PROJECT WITH THE BACKING OF THE SCHOOL AUTHORITIES.

THE OFFICE OF THE C.Y.O. (EASTERN) AT ROOM 707, CAUSEWAY BAY MAGISTRACY BUILDING IS BEING USED AS THE EXCHANGE CENTRE.

MR. LAM SAID MORE THAN 70 STUDENT VOLUNTEERS ARE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THIS PROJECT AND FOR MANY OF THEM IT IS THE FIRST TIME THEY HAVE PARTICIPATED IN ANY VOLUNTEER SERVICE.

HE HOPED THAT MORE SCHOOLS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SUCH PROJECTS.

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**KAIFONG LEADERS TO VISIT SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA**  
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A DELEGATION OF 22 KAIFONG LEADERS WILL BE LEAVING ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 15) ON A TWO-WEEK GOODWILL TOUR TO SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA.

THE DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY MR. CHAN LING-FUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF HONG KONG AND KOWLOON KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS, AND WILL INCLUDE MR. MICHAEL SZE, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER OF KWUN TONG AND KOWLOON CITY.

THE AIM OF THE VISIT IS TO PROMOTE BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AND SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA. THE DELEGATES WILL ALSO BE LOOKING AT THE TWO COUNTRIES' ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE FIELDS OF EDUCATION, TRANSPORTATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND ECONOMY FOR REFERENCE TO THE HONG KONG SITUATION.

THE DELEGATION IS EXPECTED TO RETURN ON AUGUST 29.

TO MARK THE TRIP, THE DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR. DAVID WONG, WILL PRESENT A BANNER TO THE LEADER OF THE DELEGATION AT 11 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 14) AT THE YING KING RESTAURANT IN WANCHAI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AFTER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO EXPLAIN THE OBJECTIVES OF THE GOODWILL TOUR. YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE OCCASION COVERED.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

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THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (MONDAY) 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

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

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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SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF MARINE FISH

(CFMO CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET)

SPECIES	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
GOLDEN THREAD	GOOD	4.30	1.20	3.00
BIG-EYES	GOOD	2.80	0.70	1.40
SQUID	NORMAL	3.70	0.80	2.30
HAIR-TAILS	LIMITED	2.00	0.90	1.00
LIZARD FISHES	LIMITED	1.90	0.35	0.90
CROAKERS	LIMITED	1.70	1.00	1.30
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	LIMITED	2.40	1.00	1.30
MELON COAT	---	---	---	---
BREAMS	LIMITED	5.00	3.00	3.70
YELLOW BELLY	GOOD	1.70	0.40	0.90
MACKERELS	---	---	---	---
RED GOAT FISH	---	---	---	---
FORK-TAIL	NORMAL	0.90	0.50	0.65
HORSE-HEAD	NORMAL	5.50	1.30	2.90
MELON SEED	LIMITED	1.60	0.70	0.90
POMFRETS	SCARCE	9.00	5.00	8.00
GARROUPAS	LIMITED	7.50	5.00	6.80
YELLOW CROAKER	LIMITED	5.80	4.00	5.20

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	1.00	0.30	0.70
WHITE CABBAGE	GOOD	0.50	0.10	0.30
CHINESE LETTUCE	LIMITED	1.00	0.40	0.70
WATER SPINACH	GOOD	0.40	0.10	0.25
CHINESE KALE	SCARCE	1.80	0.60	1.20
STRING BEANS	NORMAL	1.50	0.50	1.20
SPRING ONION	LIMITED	1.40	0.40	1.00
SPINACH	---	---	---	---
WATER CRESS	SCARCE	3.00	2.00	2.50
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	GOOD	0.40	0.10	0.25
CHINESE SPINACH	GOOD	0.40	0.10	0.25
TOMATO	SCARCE	4.20	2.00	3.50

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