



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Daily guide to wholesale prices and supply of basic food commodities

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LANTAU ROAD WIDENING SCHEME

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A \$12 million improvement scheme to widen South Lantau Road from Cheung Sha to Tong Fuk is expected to begin in April.

The section of the road to be improved measures about two miles in length, most of which is at present only single-lane.

A spokesman for the Public Works Department said today that the design of the improvement works had been substantially completed.

The improved road will have a two-lane carriageway 24 feet wide and a six-foot footpath. It will follow the existing road alignment for most of its length, except for a few short sections where re-alignment will be carried out to eliminate dangerous bends.

At the same time, road improvement work will also be carried out at places further down the road between Tong Fuk and Shek Pik.

At present, the two sections of South Lantau Road that can accommodate two-lane traffic are from Mui Wo to Cheung Sha and from Keung Shan to Tai O, with a small section running across the Shek Pik Dam.

With the road improvement work on the section from Cheung Sha to Tong Fuk, the eastern section of South Lantau Road open to two-lane traffic will extend from Mui Wo to Tong Fuk for a total of about seven miles.

The work is expected to be completed by the end of 1976.

Plans are also in hand to widen and improve the remaining single-lane section of the road from Tong Fuk to Keung Shan.

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A detailed aerial survey of the entire length of the road and its surrounding area has been completed with the help of the survey aircraft "Islander", of the Royal Hong Kong Auxiliary Air Force, and is now being processed.

When the whole South Lantau Road improvement scheme is completed, the full length of the road, measuring 15 miles from Mui Wo in the east of the island to Tai O in the west, will be open to two-lane traffic. This will greatly facilitate the fast increasing volume of tourist traffic on the island.

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WARNING TO TAXI DRIVERS

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The Transport Department today reminded taxi drivers that they would be committing an offence if they charged higher fares during the forthcoming holiday period or at any other time.

A spokesman for the department said there had been reports during the last Lunar New Year of taxi drivers demanding "lucky money" or higher fares from their passengers.

He said that any person committing such an offence is liable, in the case of a first conviction, to a fine of \$500 and imprisonment for three months.

Under the Law no taxi driver is allowed to charge a fare exceeding the appropriate scale of fares set down in the regulations.

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IMMIGRATION OFFICERS NOT JUST PASSPORT STAMPING MACHINES

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Immigration officers play a very important part in projecting a good image of Hong Kong to the millions of people visiting Hong Kong every year.

This was the message from the Deputy Colonial Secretary, Mr. Michael Clinton to graduating immigration officers at their passing out parade at Happy Valley this (Monday) morning. The parade was a special event in that it was the first time all the new recruits were university graduates.

Mr. Clinton impressed on them that they were not merely "passport stamping machines" but officers who must on the one hand enforce immigration laws sensibly and, on the other serve the public and help solve their difficulties.

"The immigration service deals with people -- human beings with human worries and human responses -- people who will judge Hong Kong and its administration partly by the impression you create."

It was therefore important that immigration officers maintain the high standards of the service by showing understanding and consideration of the problems of people being served, Mr. Clinton said.

He noted that many local citizens were taking more opportunities to travel abroad and they might have no idea of the official requirements and why they were necessary.

"A courteous and helpful approach will help to dispel the public's feeling of being caught up in a lot of unnecessary red-tape," he said.

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Note to Editors: Copies of a photograph taken during this morning's parade are boxed for collection together with the full text of Mr. Clinton's speech.

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ADDITIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES DURING HOLIDAY PERIOD

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The Commissioner for Transport announced today that additional services will be operated by the various public transport companies during the Lunar New Year period.

The services involve the tramways, the ferries and the bus companies.

The Hongkong and Yaumati Ferry Company will put on additional services on its Kwun Tong to Central route at a 20 minute interval on January 23 and 24. They will begin at 8 a.m. and finish at 7.40 p.m. from Central.

The indirect ferry service linking Hung Hom-North Point-Kwun Tong will however, be temporarily suspended.

The Star Ferry Company will adjust its service to cope with traffic demands from tomorrow (Tuesday) until January 27.

From today (Monday), the Hong Kong Tramways Limited has put six additional tram cars into service. These will continue operating until January 26.

Both the China Motor Bus Company and the Kowloon Motor Bus Company will operate late services tomorrow (Tuesday). KMB will extend its services on routes 1A, 2, 3B, 3C, 5, 6, 6B, 6C, 9, 11, 12, 12B, 13, 13D, 14, 15, and 33. CMB will extend services on route numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5B, 6, 7, 7B, 8, 8A, 8B, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 19, and 23.

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For Cross Harbour Tunnel buses, late services will be put on the following routes:

Route 101 Kennedy Town	1.35 a.m.
Kwun Tong	1.35 a.m.
Route 102 Shau Kei Wan	1.38 a.m.
Lai Chi Kok	1.38 a.m.
Route 104 West Point	1.45 a.m.
Pak Tin	1.45 a.m.
Route 112 Causeway Bay	2.00 a.m.
Mong Kok	2.00 a.m.

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HK DELEGATE TO ATTEND ECAFE SESSION ON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

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An Assistant Director of Commerce and Industry, Mr. John Roberts, will be representing Hong Kong at the ninth session of the Asian Industrial Development Council (A.I.D.C.) in Bangkok.

The meeting is being held under the auspices of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE) from January 23 to 31.

Mr. Roberts, who is head of the Industry Division in the Commerce and Industry Department, will be leaving Hong Kong tomorrow (Tuesday) to attend the session.

The object of the A.I.D.C. is to accelerate industrialisation of countries in the ECAFE region by the promotion of multi-national industrial projects and the provision of industrial advisory and technical services.

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CHE KUNG FESTIVAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

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Heavy traffic congestion is expected on roads leading to Che Kung Temple in Shatin this Friday - Che Kung Festival Day - and on Saturday (January 26), a Transport Department spokesman said today.

Motorists are therefore advised to avoid using Lion Rock Tunnel Road and that section of Tai Po Road approaching Shatin, and the access path to Che Kung Temple on both days.

Special arrangements will be introduced for those who require to go there.

Additional buses will be provided on KMB route numbers 70A and 71 which run between Jordan Road Ferry and Sha Tin, and a temporary stand for southbound public light buses will be set up on the reclaimed land on Sha Tin bypass near the path to Sha Tin Market.

For those who use private transport, very limited parking will be available at four locations - on the reclaimed land on the west side of Shatin bypass road; on the lorry track which runs parallel with Lion Rock Tunnel Road; in the car park behind Shatin Market; and in Lik Yuen Road up to the High Island Water Scheme site office.

No pavement or roadside parking will be allowed and vehicles found illegally parked will be towed away.

Traffic police will be on hand to guide motorists.

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BIGGER KITCHEN FOR STANLEY PRISON

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The kitchen in Stanley Prison will be improved to cope with the demand of the present capacity of the prison.

The improvement includes the replacement of 16 rice boilers by modern stainless steel rice boilers.

New cooking equipment will be provided in view of the increased number of inmates.

In addition, the kitchen will be expanded from the existing 4,900 square feet to about 7,000 square feet.

Improvement work will begin in March and will take about 10 months to complete.

Commenting on the project, a spokesman for the Prisons Department said that the improvement was necessary because the existing kitchen was out-dated and the layout of equipment badly planned.

He said that the kitchen was designed in 1935 to cater for 1,500 inmates -- only half of the present capacity of 3,000.

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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	4.3	3.0	3.8
Big-Eyes	Good	2.6	0.7	2.0
Squid	Normal	6.5	4.5	5.0
Hair-Tails	Good	2.0	1.0	1.7
Lizard Fishes	Normal	3.7	1.0	2.8
Croakers	Good	2.6	1.4	2.0
Conger-Pike-Eels	Limited	3.6	3.0	3.2
Melon Coat	Normal	2.6	2.0	2.4
Breams	Normal	6.5	4.5	5.5
Yellow Belly	Good	1.6	0.85	1.2
Mackerels	Good	5.6	4.0	5.2
Red Goat Fish	Good	3.0	0.7	2.8
Fork-Tail	Good	1.2	0.6	0.9
Horse-Head	Normal	6.0	4.0	5.0
Melon Seed	Normal	3.2	2.0	2.6
Pomfrets	Normal	11.0	8.0	10.0
Grouper	Normal	8.0	5.0	7.0
Yellow Croaker	Normal	7.2	5.2	6.8

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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	Normal	1.6	0.5	1.0
White cabbage	Good	0.4	0.1	0.25
Chinese Lettuce	Good	0.6	0.15	0.4
Chinese Kale	Good	0.6	0.2	0.4
Spring onion	Normal	1.6	0.5	1.0
Spinach	Good	0.6	0.2	0.4
Water cross	Good	1.4	0.2	0.8
Leaf mustard cabbage	Limited	0.5	0.15	0.3
Tomato	Normal	1.2	0.4	1.0

Supplies and Wholesale Prices of Pork (Live weight)

	<u>Availability of Supply</u>	<u>Wholesale Price (\$/picul)</u>
		<u>(Average)</u>
Pork	Good	285

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