



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR MAY  
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THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) FOR MAY 1976 WAS 109, ONE POINT LOWER THAN THAT FOR THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS DECLINED BY TWO POINTS. THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH WATER FISH AND FRESH VEGETABLES FELL WHILE THOSE OF LIVE POULTRY ADVANCED.

THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT ALSO FELL BY ONE POINT.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR ROSE BY FOUR POINTS, DUE MAINLY TO HIGHER PRICES FOR SOME ITEMS OF OUTERCLOTHING.

INCREASES OF ONE POINT EACH WERE ALSO RECORDED IN THE INDEXES FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES.

MOVEMENTS IN THE INDEXES FOR OTHER SECTIONS OF COMMODITY WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR MAY 1976 WAS 110, THE SAME AS THAT FOR THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

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COMMODITIES TRADING BILL IN LEGCO ON WEDNESDAY  
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THE COMMODITIES TRADING BILL 1976 WHICH PROPOSES COMPREHENSIVE LEGISLATION TO CONTROL TRADING IN COMMODITY FUTURES CONTRACTS WILL BE AMONG TEN BILLS TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATION COUNCIL FOR FIRST READING ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 23).

THE OTHERS INCLUDE THE COMMISSIONS OF INQUIRY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1976 WHICH AIMS TO ENABLE FUTURE COMMISSIONS TO CARRY OUT THEIR DUTIES MORE EFFICIENTLY AND SPEEDILY, AND THE PLACES OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1976 WHICH SEEKS TO TIGHTEN THE CONTROL ON FILM CENSORSHIP. ANOTHER ONE, KNOWN AS THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1976, PROPOSES TO LEGALISE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO SQUATTER AREAS.

DURING QUESTION TIME, THE HON. HILTON CHEONG-LEEN WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT WHEN THE GAMBLING ORDINANCE WILL BE AMENDED TO ENABLE THE COURTS TO TERMINATE THE TENANCY OF THE PREMISES WHERE A GAMBLING OFFENCE HAS BEEN PERSISTENTLY COMMITTED.

AMONG OTHER QUESTIONS WILL BE ONE BY THE HON. JAMES WU ABOUT THE NUMBER OF PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS WHO ARE STILL LIVING AT A DENSITY OF LESS THAN 20 SQ. FT. PER PERSON.

HE WILL ALSO ASK WHAT STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO RELIEVE OVERCROWDING IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

ALSO COMING UP WILL BE TWO MOTIONS, INCLUDING ONE BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, THE HON. BILL DORWARD THAT DUTY SHALL BE PAYABLE ON METHYL ALCOHOL AT THE RATE OF \$9.90 PER GALLON AND IN ADDITION, 40 CENTS PER GALLON FOR EVERY ONE PER CENT BY WHICH THE ALCOHOLIC STRENGTH BY VOLUME EXCEEDS 25 PER CENT.

DEBATE WILL BE RESUMED ON NINE BILLS. THEY INCLUDE THE TELEPHONE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1976, THE HOUSING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1976, THE LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1976 AND THE EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1976.

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MANPOWER SURVEY OF SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIRS INDUSTRY  
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A THIRD MANPOWER SURVEY OF HONG KONG'S SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIRS INDUSTRY WILL BE CARRIED OUT BETWEEN JULY 6 AND 27 TO COLLECT UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

IT WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIRS INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LABOUR AND CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENTS.

A SPOKESMAN OF THE TRAINING BOARD SAID THAT THE INFORMATION IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO THE TRAINING BOARD IN MAKING FUTURE PLANS GEARED TO THE TRAINING NEEDS OF THE INDUSTRY.

THE SURVEY WILL COVER ALL SHIPYARDS, BOATYARDS AND REPAIRS PONTOONS AS WELL AS SHIP SURVEYOR AND CONSULTANT FIRMS, SHIPPING FIRMS WHICH RECRUIT ENGINE ROOM STAFF LOCALLY AND COMPANIES WHICH SERVICE MARINE ENGINES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT QUESTIONNAIRE FORMS, EXPLANATORY LETTERS AND A LIST OF DESCRIPTIONS FOR PRINCIPAL JOBS IN THE INDUSTRY, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, WOULD BE SENT TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO ALL ESTABLISHMENTS COVERED BY THE SURVEY.

HE CALLED ON EMPLOYERS TO EXTEND FULL SUPPORT TO THE SURVEY BY READILY PROVIDING THE REQUIRED INFORMATION WHICH WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE.

THE INFORMATION WILL BE PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT.

EMPLOYERS ARE ASKED TO SUPPLY INFORMATION INCLUDING :-

- \* THE NUMBER OF WORKERS AT PRESENT EMPLOYED=
- \* THE NUMBER OF WORKERS AT PRESENT UNDER TRAINING=
- \* THE NUMBER OF EXISTING VACANCIES= AND
- \* A FORECAST OF THE NUMBER OF WORKERS REQUIRED BY JULY 1977.

DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD, INTERVIEWING OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT EACH OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS ON PRE-ARRANGED DATES TO COLLECT THE COMPLETED FORMS AND HELP EMPLOYERS TO COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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FAREWELL PRESENTATION TO ROBSON  
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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A FAREWELL PRESENTATION TO MR. J.J. ROBSON, WHO IS RETIRING FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE, WILL BE HELD AT 5.30 P.M. ON THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 1976, IN THE RECEPTION AREA ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE COLONIAL SECRETARIAT.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, WILL MAKE THE PRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF MR. ROBSON'S FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES IN THE SECRETARIAT.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE PRESENTATION.

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MANUAL FOR CAR REPAIRS AND SERVICING INDUSTRY

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A MANUAL OF JOB STANDARDS IN THE AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS AND SERVICING INDUSTRY IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT THE STAR FERRY CONCOURSE, HONG KONG ISLAND AT \$3.50 A COPY.

PREPARED BY THE AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS AND SERVICING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL, IT SETS OUT THE MINIMUM JOB STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR FIVE PRINCIPAL JOBS AT CRAFT LEVEL IN THE INDUSTRY.

A SPOKESMAN OF THE TRAINING BOARD SAID THAT APART FROM AIMING AT ESTABLISHING AN ACCEPTABLE STANDARD OF SKILL FOR PRINCIPAL JOBS, THE MANUAL WAS ALSO DESIGNED TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR COURSES AT TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRES, HELP TRAINING OFFICERS TO DRAW UP SYSTEMATIC PRACTICAL ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROGRAMME AND HELP EMPLOYERS IN THEIR ASSESSMENT OF WORKERS.

THE MANUAL PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE IS A USEFUL REFERENCE BOOK FOR THOSE WHO ARE ENGAGED IN TRAINING WORKERS IN AND FOR THE INDUSTRY.

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WATER CUT

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN CENTRAL WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR ABOUT FIVE HOURS STARTING FROM 1 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 23) TO ALLOW THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY 1-13B QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, 2-10 AND 5-9 ICE HOUSE STREET, 1A-3 AND 2A-8 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, CONNAUGHT CENTRE, BLAKE PIER, STAR FERRY PIER, THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB OFFICE NEAR THE STAR FERRY CONCOURSE, STAR FERRY MULTI-STOREY CARPARK, CITY HALL, CITY HALL MULTI-STOREY CARPARK, 1-10A CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, CHATER ROAD AND JACKSON ROAD.

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