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DAILY GUIDE TO WHOLESALE PRICES AND SUPPLY OF BASIC FOOD  
COMMODITIES

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## PAY RISE FOR CIVIL SERVANTS ANNOUNCED

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE YESTERDAY APPROVED OVERALL INCREASES IN SALARIES FOR ALL CIVIL SERVANTS INCLUDING THE DISCIPLINED SERVICES AND MINOR STAFF.

ALL THESE INCREASES ARE BACK-DATED TO APRIL 1 THIS YEAR.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT ALTHOUGH THE INCREASES IN SALARY SCALES RANGE FROM ABOUT 11 PER CENT - 21-1/2 PER CENT THE ACTUAL NET PAY INCREASES WHICH CIVIL SERVANTS WILL RECEIVE VARY FROM ABOUT FOUR PER CENT TO 14 PER CENT.

THIS IS BECAUSE THE NEW SALARIES TAKE INTO ACCOUNT AN INTERIM ALLOWANCE GRANTED LAST DECEMBER TO CERTAIN CIVIL SERVANTS EARNING \$4,135 A MONTH AND BELOW TO OFFSET THE RISE IN THE COST OF LIVING.

THIS ALLOWANCE, WHICH VARIED FROM \$75 TO \$200, EFFECTIVELY GAVE INCREASES RANGING FROM ABOUT 15 PER CENT AT THE BOTTOM TO FIVE PER CENT AT THE \$4,135 POINT, AND THESE AMOUNTS HAVE NOW BEEN INCORPORATED INTO SALARIES.

HE SAID THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAD ONLY TAKEN THE DECISION AFTER THE MOST CAREFUL ANALYSIS OF THE EVIDENCE, AND HAVING REGARD TO THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL SITUATION OF HONG KONG.

THE EVIDENCE COVERED SUCH MATTERS AS PAY TRENDS AND PAY LEVELS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND MOVEMENTS IN THE COST OF LIVING= AND FROM THIS IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT AN INCREASE IN PUBLIC SERVICE SALARIES WAS JUSTIFIED.

### MOD 1 SCALE

UNDER THE NEW AWARD, STAFF ON MOD 1 SCALE, SUCH AS SKILLED AND UNSKILLED LABOURERS, WILL RECEIVE NET INCREASES RANGING FROM FIVE PER CENT TO NINE PER CENT. THEIR NEW SALARY WILL ALSO INCORPORATE THE \$90 COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE WHICH WAS BEING PAID TO THEM ON APRIL 1.

FOR EXAMPLE, THE PAY OF AN UNSKILLED LABOURER ON THE BOTTOM OF THE SCALE WILL INCREASE FROM \$620 A MONTH PLUS \$90 COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE TO \$745 A MONTH.

THE MINIMUM SALARY OF AN ARTISAN WILL INCREASE FROM \$762 A MONTH PLUS \$90 C.O.L.A. TO \$910 A MONTH.

### DISCIPLINED SERVICES

STAFF ON THE DISCIPLINED SCALES WILL RECEIVE NET INCREASES FROM 4.5 PER CENT TO 12 PER CENT. THE INCREASES HERE ALSO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE FACT THAT OFFICERS ON THESE SCALES WERE RECEIVING THE INTERIM ALLOWANCE AND THIS HAS NOW BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THEIR NEW BASIC PAY.

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UNDER THE NEW AWARD, THE MINIMUM SALARY OF A POLICE CONSTABLE GOES UP FROM THE PRESENT \$950 A MONTH PLUS INTERIM ALLOWANCE OF \$75 TO \$1,095 A MONTH. THE MAXIMUM SALARY OF A CONSTABLE INCREASES FROM THE PRESENT \$1,300 PLUS INTERIM ALLOWANCE OF \$100 TO \$1,490 A MONTH.

#### MASTER PAY SCALE

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FOR OFFICERS ON THE MASTER PAY SCALE, THE NET INCREASES WILL RANGE FROM ABOUT SIX PER CENT TO 11 PER CENT FOR THOSE EARNING \$4,135 A MONTH AND UNDER= AND BETWEEN 12 PER CENT AND 14 PER CENT FOR THOSE EARNING OVER \$4,135.

ALL THOSE OFFICERS EARNING BELOW \$4,135 HAVE BEEN RECEIVING THE INTERIM ALLOWANCE AND AGAIN THIS HAS BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THEIR NEW BASIC PAY. THOSE EARNING OVER THIS AMOUNT DID NOT RECEIVE THE ALLOWANCE, AND HAVE NOT HAD AN INCREASE SINCE APRIL 1, 1973.

AS AN EXAMPLE THE MINIMUM SALARY OF A CLERICAL ASSISTANT INCREASES FROM THE PRESENT \$505 A MONTH PLUS INTERIM ALLOWANCE OF \$75 TO \$615. THE CLERICAL ASSISTANT MAXIMUM INCREASES FROM \$980 A MONTH PLUS \$75 TO \$1150 A MONTH.

#### SUPERSCALE

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APART FROM AN INTERIM AWARD OF A FLAT \$500 IN APRIL LAST YEAR, SUPERSCALE OFFICERS HAVE NOT HAD A SUBSTANTIVE INCREASE SINCE APRIL 1, 1972. THEY WILL NOW RECEIVE INCREASES RANGING FROM 11 TO 14 PER CENT. THE NEW SUPERSCALE SALARIES WILL RUN FROM \$8,550 TO \$19,850.

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL INCREASES OVER TWO YEAR PERIOD

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TAKEN OVER A TWO-YEAR PERIOD FROM APRIL 1, 1972 TO APRIL 1, 1974 THERE HAS BEEN AN ANNUAL AVERAGE INCREASE OF 16 PER CENT AT THE MINIMUM OF THE MASTER PAY SCALE TO 8 PER CENT AT THE TOP OF THE SUPERSCALE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE NEW SALARIES RECOGNISE IN PARTICULAR THAT INCREASES IN THE COST OF LIVING SINCE APRIL 1 LAST YEAR HAVE AFFECTED THE LOWER INCOME GROUPS MORE SIGNIFICANTLY THAN OFFICERS HIGHER UP THE SALARY SCALES.

THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE SALARY INCREASES IS \$145 MILLION AND ANOTHER \$57 MILLION FOR STAFF IN CERTAIN SUBVENTED ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS WHOSE SALARIES WILL ALSO BE INCREASED. A FURTHER COMMITMENT FOR FUTURE PENSIONS INCREASE WAS NOTED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

THE SPOKESMAN CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAD NOTED THE INTENTION OF GOVERNMENT TO SLOW DOWN THE GROWTH OF THE CIVIL SERVICE FOR THE TIME BEING BY CREATING NEW POSTS ONLY IN THE MOST EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

SELF-PROGRAMMING YOUTH GROUPS  
SCHEME TO PROMOTE WELL BEING OF YOUNG  
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A SCHEME TO PROMOTE THE WELL BEING OF YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH THE ACTIVITIES OF MUTUAL INTEREST GROUPS NOW HAS MORE THAN 3,000 ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS.

THESE SELF-PROGRAMMING YOUTH GROUPS, ORGANISED BY THE YOUNG PEOPLE THEMSELVES WITH GUIDANCE FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, ORIGINATED FROM THE ANNUAL SUMMER PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES SPONSORED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

AFTER TAKING PART IN THE SUMMER PROGRAMME, MANY OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE TOOK THE INITIATIVE TO SET UP INTEREST GROUPS SO THAT THEY COULD CONTINUE THEIR WORK AND DEVELOP THEIR FRIENDSHIP TOGETHER.

THE NUMBER OF SUCH YOUTH GROUPS HAS INCREASED FROM 17 TO 62 SINCE 1968 WHEN THE SCHEME FIRST STARTED.

+THE SELF-PROGRAMMING GROUPS ARE SO CALLED BECAUSE EACH HAS ITS OWN NAME AND CONSTITUTION AND IS FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT WITH INCOME CONTRIBUTED BY ITS OWN MEMBERS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID.

+ PARTICIPANTS, AGED BETWEEN 16 AND 25 AND RANGING FROM 25 TO 100 IN EACH GROUP, COME FROM A DIVERSITY OF BACKGROUND -- STUDENTS FROM SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AND WORKERS FROM VARIOUS TRADES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

+THE GROUPS ALSO ORGANISE THEIR ACTIVITIES TO SUIT THE INTERESTS OF THEIR OWN MEMBER,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

GENERALLY THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE DIVIDED INTO THREE AREAS-- RECREATION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

WHEN THE GROUPS WERE FIRST FORMED, THEIR ACTIVITIES HAD BEEN MAINLY RECREATIONAL WITH PICNIC TRIPS, CAMPING, AND BARBECUE OUTINGS.

MOST HAVE SINCE PROVIDED COMMUNITY SERVICES BY ORGANISING CHILDREN'S DAYS AND WORKCAMPS, HELPING VILLAGERS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES DISTRIBUTING WARM CLOTHINGS TO THE NEEDY AND ARRANGING RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN IN ORPHANAGES AND CONVALESCENT HOMES. WHILE OTHERS SET UP STUDY-AID GROUPS AND RESPONDED TO DONATION DRIVES BY THE RED CROSS BLOOD BANK.

FOR CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, THEY HAVE ORGANISED DISCUSSION GROUPS ON DIFFERENT TOPICS, DEBATING SESSIONS, PUBLISHED THEIR OWN BULLETINS, AND VISITED FACTORIES AND GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS TO BROADEN THE HORIZON OF THEIR MEMBERS.

+THE SELF-PROGRAMMING GROUPS SCHEME HAS PROVED SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE IT SATISFIES THE NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE WISHING TO MEET OTHERS AND LOOKING FOR PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE,+ THE SWD SPOKESMAN SAID.

+BESIDES, IT PROMOTES THEIR WELL BEING AND HELPS TO DEVELOP THEIR COMMON INTEREST BOTH IN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.+ HE ADDED.

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FIVE MORE NEW TRAFFIC SIGNS NEXT WEEK

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ANOTHER INSTALLATION PROGRAMME OF SYMBOLIC ROAD SIGNS WILL START NEXT TUESDAY WITH FIVE MORE SIGNS TO BE INTRODUCED FAIRLY WIDELY IN CENTRAL AND TSIH SHA TSUI DISTRICTS.

THEY ARE THE +CONTRA-FLOW BUS LANE+, +NO ENTRY+, +WITH-THE-FLOW BUS LANE+, +ONE WAY ONLY - AHEAD+ AND +ONE WAY ONLY - LEFT/RIGHT+ SIGNS.

NEXT WEEK'S INSTALLATION WILL BE THE SECOND PHASE OF A MONTHLY SERIES DESIGNED TO ADEQUATELY INFORM MOTORISTS OF THE FEATURES OF THE NEW SIGNS. FIVE WERE INTRODUCED LAST MONTH.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THE NEW SIGNS, THE FIRST 54 OF WHICH WERE GAZETTED EARLIER THIS YEAR, ARE BASED ON A CODE OF INTERNATIONAL SIGNS AGREED BY A UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AND HAVE ALREADY BEEN ADOPTED BY MANY COUNTRIES.

HE SAID THEY ARE LARGELY SYMBOLIC AND DO AWAY AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE WITH WRITING, WHICH ENABLES MOTORISTS TO IDENTIFY A SYMBOL MORE READILY AND SPEEDILY THAN READING LETTERING ON A SIGN.

+ANOTHER OBVIOUS ADVANTAGE OF THEIR ADOPTION IS THAT HONG KONG MOTORISTS DRIVING ABROAD WILL FIND IT MUCH EASIER TO UNDERSTAND TRAFFIC SIGNS IN OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH ALSO USE THE SAME SYMBOLIC SIGNS,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID SOME SIGNS CANNOT CONVEY THE MESSAGE WITHOUT BILINGUAL LETTERING, AND THESE ARE ALSO INCLUDED IN THE NEW SERIES.

THE NEW SIGNS WILL EVENTUALLY REPLACE EXISTING ONES, HE SAID, BUT THE PROCESS WILL TAKE SOME TIME. DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD, BOTH SETS OF SIGNS WILL APPLY AT THE SAME TIME, HE ADDED.

THE +CONTRA-FLOW BUS LANE+ SIGN, RECTANGULAR WITH WHITE BORDER, ARROWS, SYMBOL, CHARACTERS AND LETTERS, AND BLUE BACKGROUND, IS A MANDATORY SIGN INDICATING ONE-WAY STREET WITH CONTRA-FLOW BUS LANE. THE NUMBER OF FORWARD ARROWS ON THE SIGN MAY BE ALTERED ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER OF FORWARD LANES AVAILABLE TO NORMAL TRAFFIC.

ONE +NO ENTRY+ SIGN INDICATES THAT ENTRY OF ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC IS PROHIBITED UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED BY A SUPPLEMENTARY PLATE. CIRCULAR WITH WHITE BORDER, RED BACKGROUND AND WHITE SYMBOL, IT MAY BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH TRAFFIC BOLLARDS.

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THE +WITH-THE-FLOW BUS LANE+ SIGN PROHIBITS ALL VEHICLES, EXCEPT BUSES, FROM USING THE NEAR-SIDE LANE. FOR PART-TIME OPERATION OF THE BUS LANE, A SUPPLEMENTARY TIME PLATE WILL BE USED. THE NUMBER OF FORWARD ARROWS OR NUMBER OF ONCOMING LANES ON THE SIGN MAY BE ALTERED TO SUIT THE NUMBER OF LANES AVAILABLE. THE WORD +EXCEPT BUSES+ MAY BE VARIED TO ACCORD WITH THE SPECIFIED TYPE OR CLASS OF VEHICLE EXCEPTED. THE SIGN IS RECTANGULAR, WITH BLACK BORDER, ARROWS, SYMBOL, CHARACTERS AND LETTERS, RED CIRCLE AND DIAGONAL, AND WHITE BACKGROUND.

THE +ONE WAY ONLY - AHEAD+ SIGN INFORMS MOTORISTS OF THE DIRECTION OF PERMITTED TRAFFIC FLOW ON A ONE-WAY STREET. RECTANGULAR WITH WHITE BORDER AND ARROW, AND BLUE BACKGROUND, IT MAY BE PLACED AT THE ENTRY TO THE ONE-WAY STREET.

THE +ONE WAY ONLY - LEFT/RIGHT+ SIGN INFORMS OF ONE-WAY TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS TO LEFT OR RIGHT AS INDICATED BY THE ARROW, ALONG THE ROAD AHEAD. IT IS RECTANGULAR WITH WHITE BORDER AND ARROW, AND BLUE BACKGROUND.

TO HELP MOTORISTS BETTER UNDERSTAND THE +SYMBOLIC+ CONCEPT, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT, IN GENERAL, THE SYMBOLIC ROAD SIGNS LOOSELY FALL INTO THREE CATEGORIES, EACH OF WHICH IS GENERALLY CHARACTERISED BY SHAPE AND/OR COLOUR.

ONE CATEGORY CONSISTS OF MANDATORY SIGNS GIVING INSTRUCTION WHICH ARE GENERALLY CIRCULAR WITH BLUE BACKGROUND AND WHITE SYMBOLS.

ANOTHER CATEGORY IS MANDATORY SIGNS OF PROHIBITION WHICH ARE GENERALLY CIRCULAR WITH RED ANNULUS, WHITE BACKGROUND AND BLACK SYMBOLS WITH OR WITHOUT RED DIAGONALS.

A THIRD CATEGORY IS ADVISORY OR WARNING SIGNS WHICH ARE GENERALLY TRIANGULAR WITH BLACK SYMBOL INDICATING THE HAZARD ON WHITE BACKGROUND.

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PHYSICALLY DISABLED WANT OPPORTUNITIES NOT PITY  
SAYS DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE

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THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED WANT OPPORTUNITIES TO LIVE NORMAL LIVES JUST AS ANYONE ELSE, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, STRESSED TODAY (THURSDAY).

WHAT THEY DON'T WANT IS PITY, HE SAID. MR. LEE WAS SPEAKING AT THE START OF THE OPEN DAY OF THE SUMMER PHAB CAMP WHICH IS BEING HELD AT WU KWAI SHA IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

HE SAID MANY PEOPLE ALSO TEND TO THINK THAT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SUFFICIENT TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF PHYSICALLY DISABLED PEOPLE.

+THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED AND THE ABLE-BODIED SHOULD BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO LEARN AND CO-OPERATE WITH ONE ANOTHER.+

THIS IS WHAT THE PHAB MOVEMENT IS ALL ABOUT HE SAID AND POINTED OUT THAT THE HONG KONG PHAB ASSOCIATION IS PROMOTING THE INTEGRATION OF THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED INTO SOCIETY THROUGH CLUBS, CAMPS AND OTHER REGULAR ACTIVITIES ON A DISTRICT BASIS.

FURTHERMORE, HE ADDED, THE PHAB MOVEMENT NOT ONLY EMPHASIZES REHABILITATION BUT ENCOURAGES EFFORTS WHICH WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.

IN TRACING ITS HISTORY, MR. LEE SAID THE WORK OF PHAB INTERNATIONAL WAS FIRST INTRODUCED INTO HONG KONG BY A COMMITTEE MEMBER, MISS MARY ROBINSON WHO CAME HERE IN 1970.

AS A RESULT, A WORKING PARTY WAS SET UP AND TWO CAMPS AND A SEMINAR ORGANIZED. THE FIRST PHAB CLUB WAS FORMED IN 1971 AND THE PHAB ASSOCIATION FORMALLY ESTABLISHED TWO YEARS LATER WITH A GRANT FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND.

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LICENSED AREA RESIDENTS CALL FOR PUBLIC HOUSING

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ABOUT 100 PEOPLE, CLAIMING TO BE OCCUPANTS OF AREA +C+, CHEUNG SHA WAN LICENSED AREA, CALLED AT THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE IN MIDDLE ROAD THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING REQUESTING FOR PUBLIC HOUSING.

OFFICERS OF THE LICENSING SECTION INTERVIEWED FIVE OF THEM.

THE REPRESENTATIVES CLAIMED THAT THEY WERE PROMISED RESETTLEMENT WITHIN 18 MONTHS BY OFFICIALS OF THE FORMER RESETTLEMENT DEPARTMENT WHEN THEY TOOK UP RESIDENCE THERE IN DECEMBER, 1971. FURTHERMORE THEY SAID THEIR LIVING CONDITION WAS GETTING WORSE WITH THE SETTING UP OF A POULTRY MARKET IN THE VICINITY RECENTLY.

HOUSING DEPARTMENT STAFF EXPLAINED TO THEM THAT THEY DID NOT HAVE ANY PRIORITY FOR PUBLIC HOUSING OVER OTHER LICENSEES, AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S LONG-STANDING POLICY WAS THAT THE LICENSEES WOULD BE OFFERED PUBLIC HOUSING WHEN THE LAND THEY WERE OCCUPYING WAS REQUIRED FOR GENERAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING INTO THEIR CLAIMS AND A REPLY WILL BE GIVEN TO THEM IN ABOUT ONE WEEK'S TIME.

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CLEAN-UP OPERATION IN CHAI WAN ESTATE

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HOUSING DEPARTMENT STAFF TODAY (THURSDAY) CONTINUED THEIR PHASE-OUT PROGRAMME TO CLEAN UP THE CHAI WAN ESTATE.

TODAY'S OPERATION INCLUDED THE DEMOLITION OF ABOUT 130 ILLEGAL HAWKER STALLS AND THE ELIMINATION OF OVER 100 OVERSIZED SUNSHADES, UNAUTHORISED SIGNBOARDS AND ILLEGAL EXTENSIONS.

THE CLEAN-UP INVOLVES BLOCKS 1 TO 5 AND BLOCK 15. A FOLLOW-UP MOVE WILL BE TAKEN AT A LATER DATE TO COMPLETE THE WHOLE TIDY-UP PROGRAMME.

MR. LO CHI-YUEN, SENIOR HOUSING MANAGER, SAID THE CLEAN-UP OPERATION FORMED PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CONTINUING PROGRAMME TO BETTER THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT OF THE OLDER PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

THE WHOLE OF THE WESTERN SECTION OF THE ESTATE WAS TIDIED UP LAST MONTH WHEN THE FINAL PHASE OF A FOUR-STAGE WASH-UP PROGRAMME WAS COMPLETED.

ABOUT 80 HAWKERS AFFECTED BY TODAY'S OPERATION ARE ELIGIBLE FOR RESITE. THESE HAWKERS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED TEMPORARY SITE NEAR BLOCK 10 AND THEY WILL MOVE TO THE HAWKER BAZAAR BETWEEN BLOCKS 3 AND 5 IN ABOUT THREE WEEKS' TIME WHEN THE AREA IS PROPERLY MARKED OUT TOGETHER WITH WATER AND POWER SUPPLY INSTALLED.

MR. LO NOTED THAT THE HAWKERS AND ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN TODAY'S OPERATION WERE VERY CO-OPERATIVE.

+THE WORK WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT SO SMOOTHLY WITHOUT THEIR WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION ALTHOUGH THE CLEAN-UP PROGRAMME IS AIMED AT IMPROVING THE GENERAL CONDITION OF THE ESTATE AND THEY WILL BE THE ONES WHO ARE TO BENEFIT,+ MR. LO ADDED.

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YOUTH FUN FAIR IN TUEN MUN

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A FUN FAIR TO PROVIDE AMUSEMENT FOR OVER 3,000 YOUTHS AND CHILDREN WILL BE HELD IN THE PLAYGROUND OF THE TUEN MUN ESTATE NEXT TUESDAY (AUGUST 6) AT 2 P.M.

THE FAIR, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE Y.W.C.A., SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, AND SUPPORTED BY THE LOCAL VILLAGERS, WILL BE ONE OF THE BIGGEST SUMMER ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

THE YOUNGSTERS WILL BE ENTERTAINED BY VOLUNTEERS FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS AND YOUTH CENTRES IN 20 GAME STALLS AS WELL AS SINGING AND DANCING PERFORMANCES PLANNED TO GIVE THEM A HAPPY AFTERNOON.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE  
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THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (THURSDAY) 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

RICE CONTROL SCHEME

<u>GRADE OF RICE</u>	<u>AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY</u>	<u>WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY) AVERAGE</u>
CHINA RICE:		
SEE MEW	GOOD	2.02
S.C. JIEN	GOOD	1.86
PO NGAI		NO SALE
CHU CHO		NO SALE
THAI RICE:		
100% WHOLE	GOOD	1.79
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	1.74
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		NO SALE
TAIWAN RICE		NO SALE

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(CALL SOURCES)

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	-	NORMAL
WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORK (\$/PICUL-LIVE WEIGHT)	-	310 (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	3.00	1.50	2.20
BIG-EYES	GOOD	2.20	0.45	1.30
SQUID	LIMITED	5.00	1.50	4.00
HAIR-TAILS	LIMITED	1.50	0.40	0.80
LIZARD FISHES	NORMAL	2.50	0.35	1.60
CROAKERS	SCARCE	1.50	0.50	1.00
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	NORMAL	1.70	0.90	1.30
MELON COAT	LIMITED	1.80	1.00	1.20
BREAMS	LIMITED	5.80	1.80	3.80
YELLOW BELLY	GOOD	1.20	0.40	0.80
MACKERELS	---	---	---	---
RED GOAT FISH	NORMAL	0.60	0.40	0.55
FORK-TAIL	GOOD	0.70	0.30	0.40
HORSE-HEAD	GOOD	5.00	2.00	3.40
MELON SEED	NORMAL	1.80	0.90	1.20
POMFRETS	SCARCE	9.00	8.00	8.60
GARROUPAS	NORMAL	7.80	5.00	6.50
YELLOW CROAKER	SCARCE	6.50	4.50	5.40

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF LOCALLY PRODUCED VEGETABLES

(CYMO CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE MARKET)

TYPE OF VEGETABLE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
FLOWERING CABBAGE	NORMAL	1.40	0.50	1.00
WHITE CABBAGE	NORMAL	1.00	0.40	0.70
CHINESE LETTUCE	SCARCE	1.20	0.50	0.80
WATER SPINACH	GOOD	0.45	0.10	0.30
CHINESE KALE	SCARCE	2.00	0.80	1.40
STRING BEANS	LIMITED	2.60	0.80	1.80
SPRING ONION	LIMITED	1.20	0.30	0.80
SPINACH	---	---	---	---
WATER CRESS	SCARCE	3.00	1.50	2.50
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	NORMAL	0.80	0.20	0.50
CHINESE SPINACH	GOOD	0.60	0.10	0.35
TOMATO	SCARCE	3.80	2.00	3.00

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