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DISTRICT OFFICERS APPOINTED

For Tuen Mun And Sha Tin

The appointments of District Officers for Tuen Mun and Sha Tin have been announced.

They are Mr. David Lan Hong-tsung, District Officer, Tuen Mun, and Mr. Micheal Suen Ming-yeung, District Officer, Sha Tin.

Mr. Lan, who is at present the Assistant Director (New Territories) of the Urban Services Department, will take up his new post on April 1, 1974, while Mr. Suen, now the Secretary, Housing Authority, will assume duty on Monday (March 25).

Although the two District Officers have not yet taken up their new duties, the two District Offices are already in operation. The Tuen Mun District Office is temporarily situated in the Yuen Long District Office, and the Sha Tin District Office in Tai Po.

New accommodations are expected to be ready at the end of the year.

The creation of the additional posts and the transfer of some existing posts were approved by the Finance Committee late last year to enable the two new District Offices to be set up at Tuen Mun and Sha Tin.

The expansion of the New Territories Administration is a result of the ever-increasing demands made on the department to meet the needs of an expanding population and increasing land development.

Major developments with which the department is involved include the Lek Yuen San Tsuen Housing Estate at Sha Tin, the Sha Tin race course, the High Island Water Scheme and the desalting plant in Tuen Mun.

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Meanwhile, the development of new towns at Tuen Mun and Sha Tin continues.

For the Tuen Mun project, 100 acres of land have been earmarked for public housing, and another 100 for private development. Industry will take up another 50 acres.

For the Sha Tin project, about 1,075 acres will have to be acquired. Public housing will take up about 350 acres, while another 85 will be earmarked for private residential and commercial development. Another 43 acres will be used for industrial purposes.

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Note to Editors: Copies of photographs of Mr. Lan and Mr. Suen will be distributed separately in the G.I.S. press boxes this evening.

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CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT ADVISER COMPLETES ASSIGNMENT

Mr. Morgan Owen, an adviser on curriculum development, will leave Hong Kong on Friday evening after spending eight weeks here to advise on all aspects of curriculum development and review plans already drawn up by the Education Department in this field.

During his stay Mr. Owen visited primary and secondary schools including those taking part in new curriculum projects. He also visited the three colleges of education, the Morrison Hill Technical Institute and the two universities.

In addition, Mr. Owen had talks with several organisations having an interest in curriculum development.

Mr. Owen will be submitting a report to the Director of Education on the lines of action which he feels will be beneficial to education in Hong Kong.

Mr. Owen, a former H.M. Inspector from the United Kingdom, was recommended to the Education Department by the Centre for Education Development Overseas in London.

He has served as curriculum adviser in Jordan and Ghana.

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Note to Editors: You are invited to send representatives to the Education Department's Conference Room, Lee Gardens, 3rd floor, Hysan Avenue, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong at 3 p.m. tomorrow (Tuesday) when Mr. Owen will be pleased to answer questions from the mass media.

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LADY MACLEHOSE TO VISIT KOWLOON WELFARE AGENCIES

Lady MacLehose will visit three welfare agencies in Kowloon tomorrow morning (Tuesday) in her capacity as President of the Community Chest of Hong Kong.

She will be accompanied by Miss Susan Hume, Social Secretary of Government House, and Mr. Colin Morrison, Executive Director of the Chest.

During her tour of St. Thomas' Day Nursery, Un Chau Street Day Care Centre and St. Joseph the Worker Clinic, Lady MacLehose will see for herself the daily work of the welfare agencies.

St. Thomas' Day Nursery located at 45 Berwick Street, Shamshuipo, provides a feeding programme and medical care for children suffering from malnutrition.

The nursery accommodates some 60 children who are given two balanced meals a day as well as milk drinks. A doctor pays weekly visits to the nursery to keep an eye on the progress of the children under care.

The Un Chau Street Day Care Centre, situated at the Un Chau Street Estate, is one of five day care centres run by the International Rescue Committee. The centres provide health and recreational service to children of working mothers, and help to prepare them for school.

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St. Joseph the Worker Clinic, organised by the Catholic Women's League, aims to provide medical assistance to needy families. It is located on the first floor of 408 Shanghai Street.

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Note to Editors: You are invited to send a reporter and photographer to cover the visits. Transport will be provided. Those wishing to cover the visits are requested to assemble at the Kowloon Sub-pool behind the Tsim Sha Tsui Post Office not later than 9.15 a.m. on Tuesday (March 19). Miss Brigitta Wong, Administrative Assistant to the Chest, will be on hand to assist Press representatives.

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WATER CUT

Water supply to a number of premises in Tsim Sha Tsui will be interrupted for five hours, starting from 1 a.m. on Wednesday (March 20).

The temporary stoppage is to enable a leakage test to be carried out in that area.

The affected area is bounded by Nathan Road, Peking Road, Canton Road and Salisbury Road.

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CLOSURE OF OPEN-AIR METERED CAR PARK ON CENTRAL RECLAMATION

The open-air metered car park on the Central Reclamation near the Vehicular Ferry Pier will be closed to parking from 8 a.m. on Wednesday (March 20).

The closure is to enable construction work to be carried out on the new City Divisional Police Station.

The new police station is of a modified standard design similar to the North Point Divisional Headquarters and Police Station.

It will comprise one multi-storey block, two single-storey blocks and a compound.

The multi-storey block, 48 floors, is to be built on a site of about 27,000 square feet. It will house the normal police operational and administrative offices, barrack accommodation, recreational facilities and married quarters for inspectors.

The low blocks are planned to accommodate, among other things, dog kennels, stores, vehicle parking and servicing bays.

Piling work will begin next month. This will be followed by construction work which is expected to be completed by the middle of 1976.

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JANUARY ISSUE OF MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS

The Hong Kong Monthly Digest of Statistics issued today contains a special review which discusses the ratio-to-moving average method of making seasonal adjustment to the General Consumer Price Index.

It is one in a series of reviews on special subjects of interest prepared for public pursuance by the Census and Statistics Department.

Introducing the review article, a spokesman for the department said: "As the General Consumer Price Index is influenced by seasonal factors, a direct comparison of the index for any one month with that for any other month can give a misleading impression of the way in which prices tended to move over the period concerned.

"For this reason, it is advisable to adjust the General Consumer Price Index for seasonality. The ratio-to-moving average method is one of the most widely used in measuring seasonal variation."

The Monthly Digest of Statistics is available from the Government Publications Centre, Star Ferry Concourse, Hong Kong, at \$5 per copy.

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LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION

A 17-year-old student, Leung Yuk-fu, from the Chiu Sheung Middle School in Pokfulam, has won the top prize in a logo competition organized by the Western District Community Centre of the Social Welfare Department.

Entries from nine other students and a clerk were also chosen for consolation prizes. The competition, held earlier this month, was opened to all residents living in Central, Western, and Aberdeen Districts.

Mrs. Anna Mak, Warden of the centre, said that a total of 260 entries had been received and the judges had a difficult time choosing the winners because many of the entries were very well designed.

She explained that the purpose of the competition was to produce a logo or symbol which the Community Centre could use to identify itself in its daily contacts with residents in the area.

"We will use the logo in our handouts, posters, banners, and anything originating from the centre and hope that by so doing, a feeling of belonging will be generated among our members," she said.

The Western District Community Centre was formally known as the Tsan Yuk Social Centre and will be celebrating its Anniversary in May. Winners of this competition will receive their prizes at a ceremony planned to mark the occasion. The winner will receive a trophy and a book coupon while the other 10 will receive a book coupon each. All entrants will also be given souvenirs.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

Daily Guide To Wholesale Market Prices And Supplies

The following prices were realised today (Monday) at sales 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</u>	<u>Availability of Supply</u>	<u>Wholesale Price (\$/catty)</u>
<u>China Rice</u>		<u>Average</u>
See Mew -- old crop	Good	-
-- new crop		2.0
S.C.Jion - newcrop	Good	1.94
Po Hgai	Good	1.63
Chu Cho	-	-
<u>Thai Rice</u>		
100% Whole	Good	1.9
10-15% Broken	Good	1.89
A1 Super Extra	-	-
A1 Super	Good	1.52
Whole Glutinous	-	-
<u>U.S. Rice</u>	Good	1.82
<u>Australian Rice</u>	-	-
<u>Pakistan Rice</u>	-	-
<u>Taiwan Rice</u>	-	-

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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	5.0	3.2	4.0
Big-Eyes	Good	2.8	0.7	2.0
Squid	Limited	5.5	3.0	4.5
Hair-Tails	Good	2.7	1.0	1.7
Lizard Fishes	Normal	2.8	1.2	1.8
Croakers	Good	2.0	0.9	1.3
Conger-Pike-Eels	Normal	2.7	2.0	2.5
Melon Coat	Good	2.8	1.5	1.8
Breams	Limited	4.5	3.0	3.6
Yellow Belly	Good	1.8	0.6	1.5
Mackerels	Good	4.5	3.0	3.8
Red Goat Fish	Good	2.2	0.7	2.0
Fork-Tail	Normal	1.4	0.8	1.0
Horse-Head	Normal	5.5	3.2	4.2
Melon Seed	Limited	2.5	1.6	2.2
Pomfrets	Scarce	10.0	7.5	9.0
Garoupas	Normal	6.3	5.0	5.5
Yellow Croaker	-	-	-	-

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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	Scarce	2.5	1.2	0.8
White cabbage	Limited	1.4	0.6	1.0
Chinese Lettuce	Limited	1.0	0.4	0.7
Chinese Kale	Scarce	1.8	0.8	1.4
Spring onion	Good	0.6	0.2	0.4
Spinach	Limited	1.5	0.6	1.2
Water cross	Limited	1.0	0.4	0.7
Leaf mustard cabbage	Scarce	1.0	0.4	0.7
Tomato	Limited	1.6	0.6	1.2

Supplies and Wholesale Prices of Pork (Live weight)

	<u>Availability of Supply</u>	<u>Wholesale Price (\$/picul)</u>
		<u>(Average)</u>
Pork	Good	.300

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