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DAILY GUIDE TO WHOLESALE PRICES AND SUPPLY OF BASIC FOOD COMMODITIES

POST OFFICE BOX AND PRIVATE BAG RENTALS

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THE ANNUAL FEES FOR THE RENTING OF PRIVATE BOXES AND PRIVATE BAGS IN VARIOUS POST OFFICES WILL BE INCREASED FROM NEXT MONTH.

THE INCREASES, WHICH WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON SEPTEMBER 1, WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

	LARGE BOX		SMALL BOX		PRIVATE BAG	
	CURRENT CHARGE	REVISED CHARGE	CURRENT CHARGE	REVISED CHARGE	CURRENT CHARGE	REVISED CHARGE
GENERAL POST OFFICE) KOWLOON CENTRAL) POST OFFICE)	\$60	\$150	\$40	\$100	\$36	\$75
ANY OTHER POST OFFICES)	\$48	\$100	\$36	\$80	\$36	\$75

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE SAID: +THE CHARGE FOR THESE FACILITIES, WHICH ARE SUPPLEMENTARY TO THE NORMAL DELIVERIES BY POSTMEN, HAVE REMAINED UNCHANGED FOR OVER 15 YEARS.+

DURING THAT TIME, HE ADDED, CAPITAL AND MAINTENANCE COSTS TOGETHER WITH THE DAY TO DAY COST OF PROVIDING THIS FACILITY HAVE RISEN TO THE EXTENT THAT THE INCREASES PROPOSED ARE LONG OVERDUE.

THE INCREASES WILL ONLY APPLY TO THE RENEWAL OF RENTS MADE ON AND AFTER SEPTEMBER 1.

THERE ARE A TOTAL OF 20,735 POST OFFICE BOXES AVAILABLE AT 30 POST OFFICES IN HONG KONG.

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VILLAGE LOTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND

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IN FUTURE WHEN VILLAGE LOTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND ARE RESUMED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS THE COMPENSATION WILL INCLUDE AN EX GRATIA PAYMENT IN ADDITION TO THE NORMAL SUM ASSESSED AS THE FULL MARKET VALUE OF THE LOTS CONCERNED.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

EXPLAINING THE MOVE, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: +THE DECISION TO GIVE EX GRATIA PAYMENTS EXTENDS TO HONG KONG ISLAND THE POLICY RECENTLY INTRODUCED IN CERTAIN PARTS OF NEW KOWLOON. PREVIOUSLY WHEN LOTS OF THIS TYPE WERE RESUMED THE OWNERS WERE GIVEN THE OPTION OF A GRANT OF LAND IN LIEU OF CASH COMPENSATION, BUT AS SUITABLE LAND FOR EXCHANGE PURPOSE IS NOW IN SHORT SUPPLY THIS PRACTICE HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED.+

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TREATMENT CAPACITY OF SHATIN TREATMENT WORKS
TO BE INCREASED
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TWO ADDITIONAL CLARIFIERS AND A WASH WATER RECOVERY TANK WILL SOON BE BUILT AT THE SHATIN TREATMENT WORKS TO HELP TREAT THE FUTURE ADDITIONAL SUPPLY OF WATER FROM THE HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME.

WORK ON THE TWO CLARIFIER TANKS, EACH MEASURING 172 FEET IN DIAMETER AND 24 FEET IN DEPTH, AND THE WASH WATER RECOVERY TANK, 62 FEET IN DIAMETER AND 26 FEET IN DEPTH, IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

ON COMPLETION, THE TREATMENT CAPACITY OF THE TREATMENT WORKS WILL BE INCREASED FROM 175 TO 240 MILLION GALLONS OF WATER A DAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WATER WORKS OFFICE SAID THAT TWO MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT CONTRACTS, ONE FOR THE TWO CLARIFIERS AND THE OTHER FOR UPGRADING 20 OF THE EXISTING FILTERS FROM THEIR PRESENT FILTERING CAPACITY OF FIVE MILLION GALLONS A DAY EACH TO EIGHT MILLION GALLONS A DAY, WERE AWARDED TO TWO COMPANIES IN APRIL.

HE SAID: WORK ON THE INSTALLATION OF THE MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE CLARIFIERS AND FILTERS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AT THE SAME TIME AS THE CIVIL ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION SO THAT BY APRIL 1976 THE SHATIN TREATMENT WORKS WILL BE READY TO TREAT THE FIRST OF THE WATER BEING MADE AVAILABLE FROM THE HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME.+

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STUDY ON SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL NEEDS
OF YOUNG FACTORY WORKERS IN TAI KOK TSUI
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A COMMUNITY SELF-STUDY PROJECT IS NOW GOING ON TO FIND OUT THE SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL NEEDS OF YOUNG FACTORY WORKERS LIVING IN TAI KOK TSUI AREA IN KOWLOON.

A WORKING COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICER FOR MONGKOK, MR. LAM PING-KUEN, AND MADE UP OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE C.D.O. (MONGKOK) AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN THE DISTRICT HAS BEEN SET UP TO OVERSEE THE PROJECT.

AS PART OF THE STUDY, QUESTIONNAIRES WERE SENT OUT TO 200 YOUNG FACTORY WORKERS LAST WEEKEND TO FIND OUT WHAT TYPES OF RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES THEY WERE PARTICIPATING IN, WHAT THEY FELT ABOUT THEM AND WHAT THEY WANTED TO IMPROVE.

NEXT MONTH, A COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY WILL BE CONDUCTED AMONG THE FACTORY WORKERS. ANALYSIS OF THE FINDINGS AND RESULTS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO PEOPLE CONCERNED INCLUDING VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTION.

THIS COMMUNITY SELF-STUDY PROJECT IS ONE OF SEVERAL WHICH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF CONNECTED WITH YOUTH WORK ARE CONDUCTING.

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MORE BALANCED WELFARE SERVICES DEVELOPMENT IN FUTURE

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THE COMING YEARS WILL SEE A MORE BALANCED DEVELOPMENT IN WELFARE SERVICES, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE LAM TIN (WEST) ESTATE WELFARE BUILDING, HE SAID THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY HAD BEEN DEVELOPING VERY RAPIDLY IN RECENT YEARS.

BECAUSE OF THIS THE GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, HAD PRODUCED A FIVE YEAR PLAN TO EFFECT A MORE COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF WELFARE SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

THE DEVELOPMENTS ENVISAGED EXTENSION OF FACILITIES IN MANY FIELDS. THESE WERE COMMUNITY SERVICES, CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES, FAMILY WELFARE SERVICES, NURSERIES, SOCIAL SECURITY, SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE REHABILITATION OF THE DISABLED AND THOSE UNDER PROBATIONAL AND CORRECTIONAL CARE.

SUPPORTING SERVICES WERE ALSO TO BE PROVIDED IN THE FIELDS OF TRAINING, PLANNING, RESEARCH, EVALUATION AND STATISTICS TO ENABLE THE SERVICES TO BECOME EVEN MORE EFFECTIVE.

MR. LEE SAID THE OPENING OF THE LAM TIN (WEST) ESTATE WELFARE BUILDING, THE SECOND IN THE ESTATE, WILL ENABLE WELFARE SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT TO PROGRESS FURTHER.

THE BUILDING IS THE SEVENTH TO BE OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND CONTAINS CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS OVER THE EARLIER ONES.

BESIDES ACCOMMODATING OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ESTATE COMMUNITY WORK OFFICE FOR LAM TIN (WEST) AND THE COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICER FOR KWUN TONG, IT HOUSES FOUR OTHER VOLUNTARY WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS, NAMELY, THE KAI YIN TRAINING CENTRE, THE CHINESE Y.M.C.W.A. LAM TIN CENTRE, THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS ASSOCIATION LAM TIN SECOND LIBRARY AND THE LING ON NURSERY.

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ROADS AND CAR PARKS FOR LEI MUK SHUE ESTATE
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CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS AT THE LEI MUK SHUE GOVERNMENT LOW COST HOUSING ESTATE WILL BEGIN SHORTLY.

THE WORK WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION AND SURFACING OF ABOUT 370 METRES OF INTERNAL ROADS AND 3,900 SQUARE METRES OF RECREATION GROUND.

AT THE SAME TIME, A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS TERMINUS, SITUATED NEXT TO THE LEI MUK SHUE BUS TERMINUS, AND FOUR CAR PARKS WILL BE BUILT.

THIS IS PART OF A GOVERNMENT'S PLAN TO PROVIDE BETTER LIVING CONDITION AND TRANSPORT AND PARKING FACILITIES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF VARIOUS ESTATES.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 16 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE \$76 MILLION ESTATE, PROVIDING HOME FOR SOME 18,800 PEOPLE, IS NOW IN THE FINAL STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION.

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+EXPENSIVE+ RIDE FOR YOUTH
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A 16-YEAR-OLD YOUTH WHO TRIED TO CATCH A FREE RIDE LAST SATURDAY ON A TRAIN TO FANLING TODAY FOUND THAT HE HAD TO PAY TEN TIMES THE AMOUNT OF THE FARE REQUIRED.

THE YOUTH APPEARED BEFORE MR. A.G.T. WANE AT THE FANLING MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING ON A CHARGE OF FARE EVASION.

THE COURT WAS TOLD THAT THE YOUTH BOARDED UPTRAIN NO. 14 AT MONG KOK STATION AT 1 P.M. ON AUGUST 10 AND GOT OFF AT FANLING STATION WITHOUT PAYING THE REQUIRED FARE, \$1.25.

HE WAS FINED \$12.50.

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**SALARY INCREASES FOR WELFARE ASSISTANTS
IN SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT APPROVED**

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED AN INCREASE IN THE SALARY OF WELFARE ASSISTANTS IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT FROM \$815 TO \$940 WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1974 IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR INCREASED RESPONSIBILITIES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID THIS INCREASE TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED GENERAL PAY AWARD FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE.

THE REVISION APPLIES TO ALL EXISTING STAFF IN THE GRADE WHOSE SALARIES WOULD NOW BE AUTOMATICALLY ADJUSTED.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

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THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (FRIDAY) 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

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

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(CALL SOURCES)

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	-	GOOD
WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORK (\$/PICUL-LIVE WEIGHT)	-	320 (CAVERAGE)

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SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF MARINE FISH

(FMO CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET)

SPECIES	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
GOLDEN THREAD	NORMAL	5.50	2.00	3.20
BIG-EYES	GOOD	2.60	0.50	1.70
SQUID	GOOD	3.80	1.30	2.00
HAIR-TAILS	NORMAL	2.40	0.45	1.00
LIZARD FISHES	NORMAL	2.70	0.40	1.20
CROAKERS	LIMITED	2.60	0.40	1.40
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	NORMAL	3.40	1.20	2.40
MELON COAT	LIMITED	3.00	1.70	2.80
BREAMS	LIMITED	5.00	1.70	3.00
YELLOW BELLY	GOOD	1.50	0.40	0.80
MACKERELS	SCARCE	5.50	3.00	4.50
RED GOAT FISH	LIMITED	1.60	0.55	1.20
FORK-TAIL	GOOD	0.80	0.40	0.55
HORSE-HEAD	LIMITED	5.70	2.00	4.80
MELON SEED	NORMAL	2.50	0.40	1.60
POMFRETS	LIMITED	9.50	6.00	8.00
GARROUPAS	LIMITED	7.80	5.00	6.50
YELLOW CROAKER	---	-	-	-

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	LIMITED	1.50	0.60	1.00
WHITE CABBAGE	GOOD	0.45	0.10	0.30
CHINESE LETTUCE	SCARCE	1.00	0.40	0.70
WATER SPINACH	GOOD	0.40	0.10	0.25
CHINESE KALE	SCARCE	1.80	0.80	1.20
STRING BEANS	LIMITED	2.40	0.60	1.50
SPRING ONION	NORMAL	1.40	0.40	0.80
SPINACH	---	-	-	-
WATER CRESS	SCARCE	3.00	1.50	2.40
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	GOOD	0.40	0.10	0.30
CHINESE SPINACH	GOOD	0.40	0.10	0.25
TOMATO	SCARCE	4.50	2.00	3.50

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