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NEW RULES PLANNED TO REGULATE APPRENTICESHIPS
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING LEGISLATION TO PROMOTE AND REGULATE APPRENTICESHIPS.

THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. NEIL HENDERSON, SAID TODAY IT WAS HOPED TO INTRODUCE AN APPRENTICESHIP BILL INTO THE NEXT SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT WAS ALSO CONSIDERING INCLUDING PROVISIONS IN THE BILL STIPULATING THAT INDUSTRIALISTS WOULD HAVE TO EMPLOY A SET QUOTA OF APPRENTICES TO EXISTING SKILLED STAFF.

ADDRESSING THE LIONS CLUB OF TAI PING SHAN, MR. HENDERSON SAID A BILL HAD BEEN BASICALLY FRAMED BUT THERE WAS STILL MUCH CONSULTATION, CONSIDERATION AND FURTHER DRAFTING WORK TO BE DONE.

HE SAID THE PROPOSED BILL, COVERING DESIGNATED TRADES AND OCCUPATIONS, WOULD:

- + PROVIDE THAT A YOUNG PERSON WOULD NOT BE EMPLOYED IN A DESIGNATED TRADE OR OCCUPATION UNLESS HE WAS ON AN APPRENTICESHIP CONTRACT OR HE HAD COMPLETED ONE.**
- + REGULATE THE CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT AND ITS TERMINATION BY EITHER PARTY.**
- + ENABLE THE APPROPRIATE EDUCATION PROGRAMMES TO BE LAID DOWN.**
- + REQUIRE SUFFICIENT SKILLED STAFF AND EQUIPMENT TO ENSURE ADEQUATE TRAINING.**

MR. HENDERSON SAID THE BILL WOULD PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR BOTH PARTIES AND HELP ASSURE THE MAINTENANCE OF HIGH STANDARDS OF APPRENTICE TRAINING.

HOWEVER THERE WAS ANOTHER, PERHAPS MORE SERIOUS PROBLEM RELATED TO INDUSTRIAL TRAINING, HE SAID.

MANPOWER SURVEYS CONDUCTED BY THE OLD INDUSTRIAL TRAINING COUNCIL AND THE NEWLY-FORMED BOARDS OF THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING COUNCIL HAD SHOWN A SERIOUS SHORTFALL IN THE SUPPLY OF NECESSARY TRAINED PERSONNEL FOR INDUSTRY.

+THIS MEANS EITHER THAT JOBS ARE NOT GETTING DONE OR THAT THE SKILL FACTOR IN DOING THEM IS FAR TOO LOW FOR THE SOPHISTICATED INDUSTRIAL COMMUNITY HONG KONG IS FAST BECOMING,+ HE SAID.

SOME INFORMED INDUSTRIALISTS HAD SUGGESTED THAT THE PROPOSED BILL SHOULD CONTAIN STRONG PROVISIONS TO PROMOTE APPRENTICESHIP.

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THIS COULD BE DONE BY GIVING THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR POWERS TO REQUIRE EMPLOYEES IN APPROPRIATE AND DESIGNATED TRADES TO EMPLOY A CERTAIN RATIO OF APPRENTICES TO THEIR EXISTING SKILLED STAFF, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

HE ADDED: +THIS COULD BE REGARDED BY SOME AS SOMEWHAT DRACONIAN MEASURE, BUT HONG KONG'S INDUSTRY DEPENDS UPON THE SKILL OF ITS WORKERS, AND SIGNIFICANT SHORTFALLS IN ADEQUATE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING MUST BE MET, OR THE LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES WOULD BE VERY HARMFUL TO HONG KONG'S ECONOMY.

+SO SERIOUS CONSIDERATIONS MUST BE GIVEN TO PROPOSALS OF THIS KIND, UNLESS THERE IS A MARKED UPSURGE OF INTEREST AMONG INDUSTRIALIST TO INITIATE AND INCREASE APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME TO PROVIDE THEIR FUTURE REQUIREMENTS FOR SKILLED WORKERS.+

MR. HENDERSON SAID THE SITUATION NEEDED HIGHLIGHTING BY THE INTRODUCTION OF AN APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR AWARD TO DISCOURAGE THE 'IDLE APPRENTICES', AND AN AWARD FOR THE EMPLOYER WHO HAD DONE MOST TO PROMOTE APPRENTICESHIP DURING THE YEAR.

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SLIGHT INCREASE IN NOTIFICATIONS OF ENTERIC FEVER

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HEALTH RETURNS FOR JULY ISSUED TODAY BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SHOW THAT THERE WAS A SLIGHT INCREASE IN THE NOTIFICATIONS OF ENTERIC FEVER.

IN JUNE, THERE WERE 39 REPORTS OF THIS DISEASE, BUT IN JULY THE TOTAL ROSE TO 48. VIRAL HEPATITIS ALSO ROSE SLIGHTLY FROM 63 IN JUNE TO 69 IN JULY.

NOTIFICATIONS OF MEASLES DROPPED TO 18 FROM 35, AND THAT FOR CHICKENPOX FROM 41 TO 12. THERE WERE NO DEATHS FROM EITHER DISEASE.

THIRTEEN CASES OF BACILLARY DYSENTERY WERE REPORTED, ONE OF CEREBROSPINAL MENINGITIS AND MENINGOCOCCAL INFECTION, AND 44 CASES OF FOOD POISONING.

OF THE 68 DEATHS RECORDED DURING JULY, 58 WERE CAUSED BY TUBERCULOSIS -- A DROP FROM THE 75 DEATHS FROM THE SAME DISEASE RECORDED IN JUNE -- TWO BY TYPHOID, FOUR BY VIRAL HEPATITIS AND FOUR BY TETANUS.

NO CASES OF DIPHTHERIA WERE NOTIFIED. THE RECORD FOR POLIOMYELITIS ALSO REMAINED CLEAN WITH NO CASES NOTIFIED. THE INCIDENCE OF OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES SHOWED NO APPRECIABLE VARIATION.

DURING THE MONTH, HONG KONG REMAINED FREE FROM CHOLERA AND OTHER QUARANTINABLE DISEASES.

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NEW HOMES FOR 3,400 BY OCTOBER

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MEI TUNG ESTATE AT TUNG TAU CHEUN ROAD IN KOWLOON WILL BE READY FOR OCCUPATION IN ABOUT MID-OCTOBER.

BUILT AT A COST OF ABOUT \$8 MILLION, THE ESTATE WILL PROVIDE HOMES FOR ABOUT 3,400 PEOPLE IN MORE THAN 500 DOMESTIC FLATS OF VARIOUS SIZES.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, IS ALMOST READY TO HAND OVER THE ESTATE TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

INTAKE OF TENANTS IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN EARLY OCTOBER.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE ESTATE STARTED IN NOVEMBER 1972. IT IS BUILT ON A FIVE-ACRE SITE DIRECTLY OPPOSITE THE KOWLOON WALLED CITY, AND COMPRISES ONE BIG BLOCK OF 10 AND 11 STOREYS. INCORPORATED INTO THIS BLOCK ARE A RESTAURANT OF 3,000 SQ. FT. AND 27 SHOPS.

THE 500-ODD DOMESTIC FLATS ARE ALL SELF-CONTAINED AND EACH HAS ITS OWN PRIVATE BALCONY, KITCHEN AND TOILET WITH SHOWER.

THE FLATS ARE FOR FAMILIES OF FIVE, SEVEN, NINE AND 10 PEOPLE AND THE MONTHLY RENT IS \$175, \$220, \$270 AND \$325 RESPECTIVELY.

THE FLATS MEASURE, 262, 331, 411, AND 498 SQ. FT. INCLUDING SERVICE AREA.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE ESTATE ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION.

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"MEET THE MEDIA" SESSION ON LEGAL AID
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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A "MEET THE MEDIA" SESSION ON LEGAL AID WILL BE HELD AT 12 NOON TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE G.I.S. THEATRE ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AID, MR. D. O'REILLY MAYNE, WILL BE PRESENT TO SPEAK ABOUT THE WORK OF HIS DEPARTMENT.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OCCASION.

AS USUAL, SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED AS WELL AS FACILITIES FOR RADIO AND TELEVISION COVERAGE.

TO AVOID INCONVENIENCE, TELEVISION AND RADIO CREWS ARE REQUESTED TO HAVE THEIR EQUIPMENT SET UP BEFORE THE START OF THE MEETING.

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PROPOSED ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMME
ENDORSED BY TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TODAY ENDORSED A PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES AIMED AT FURTHER PROMOTING ROAD SAFETY IN HONG KONG IN THE YEAR 1975-76.

THE TAC WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE RESULTS OF THE +CROSS IN SAFETY + CAMPAIGN CONDUCTED LATE LAST YEAR, WHICH SAW AN IMMEDIATE REDUCTION IN ACCIDENTS AND CASUALTIES IN THE CAMPAIGN'S SIX-WEEK PERIOD COMPARED TO THE SAME PERIOD IN 1972.

DURING THAT PERIOD, THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 12, AT WHOM THE CAMPAIGN WAS DIRECTED AT, FELL BY 21.8 PER CENT, AND CASUALTIES FOR THE SAME CATEGORY OF CHILDREN DROPPED BY 22 PER CENT.

OTHER FIGURES FOR THE SAME PERIOD SHOWED A DROP OF 13.8 PER CENT IN INJURY ACCIDENTS= 18.89 PER CENT IN CASUALTIES= 8.9 PER CENT IN FATAL ACCIDENTS= 10.5 PER CENT IN FATAL CASUALTIES= 19.1 PER CENT IN PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS= AND 18.3 PER CENT IN PEDESTRIAN CASUALTIES.

STATISTICS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR WERE AGAIN ENCOURAGING, SHOWING AN EVEN HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF REDUCTION IN ACCIDENTS AND CASUALTIES COMPARED TO THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR.

HOWEVER, IT APPEARS THAT THE EFFECTS OF THE CAMPAIGN ARE NOW BEGINNING TO WEAR OFF AS THE NUMBERS OF ACCIDENTS AND CASUALTIES WERE SLIGHTLY HIGHER IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF THIS YEAR THAN IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER AND IN THE SIX-WEEK PERIOD OF THE CAMPAIGN.

THE TAC WAS TOLD THAT THIS ILLUSTRATED THE NEED FOR FREQUENT MAJOR ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGNS IF THE IMPACT WAS NOT TO BE LOST AND ACCIDENT RATES RETURN TO AN UNACCEPTABLY HIGH LEVEL.

THE PROPOSED ROAD SAFETY ACTIVITIES ENDORSED TODAY FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR INCLUDE BOTH GENERAL AND SPECIFIC CAMPAIGNS, THE SETTING UP OF MORE SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY PATROLS, FILMS AND PAMPHLETS.

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NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE BEGINS WORK

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MR. MORRIS MORGAN, FORMERLY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, TODAY ASSUMED DUTIES AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE.

MR. MORGAN, WHO RETURNED FROM LEAVE LAST (WEDNESDAY) NIGHT, HAS BEEN IN HONG KONG SINCE 1961 AND HELD VARIOUS POSTS IN DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THE COLONIAL SECRETARIAT, THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, AND THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT BEFORE MOVING TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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NEW BUS ROUTE TO WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED A NEW ROUTE TO BE OPERATED BY THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY IN ABERDEEN TO PROVIDE A NEW BUS SERVICE FOR RESIDENTS OF TIN WAN AND WONG CHUK HANG ESTATES.

THE NEW SERVICE, ROUTE NO. 18, WILL RUN BETWEEN THE TWO ESTATES VIA ABERDEEN, STARTING FROM NEXT MONDAY (AUGUST 26).

IT WILL OPERATE EVERY 15 MINUTES DURING PEAK HOURS, PROVIDING A NEW PUBLIC TRANSPORT FACILITY FROM TIN WAN AND, AT THE SAME TIME, AN ADDITIONAL SERVICE FROM WONG CHUK HANG, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE FARE WILL BE A FLAT 30 CENTS. ON FACTORY WORKING DAYS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL JOURNEYS TO CATER FOR THE NEED OF WORKERS COMMUTING IN THE ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

OPERATING FREQUENCY WILL BE 15 TO 30 MINUTES ON WEEKDAYS= LESS OFTEN ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS WHEN DEMAND IS EXPECTED TO BE LESS.

FROM TIN WAN, THE NEW SERVICE WILL OPERATE VIA TIN WAN NEW STREET, TIN WAN HILL ROAD, SHEK PAI WAN ROAD, ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD, WONG CHUK HANG ROAD AND NAM LONG SHAN ROAD.

FROM WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE, BUSES WILL TRAVEL VIA NAM LONG SHAN ROAD, WONG CHUK HANG ROAD, ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD, LOK YEUNG STREET, CHENG TU ROAD, SHEK PAI WAN ROAD, TIN WAN STREET AND TIN WAN NEW STREET.

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SALE OF LOTTERY TICKETS CLOSES TOMORROW

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IF YOU HAVEN'T YET BOUGHT A TICKET IN THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT LOTTERY TO GIVE YOURSELF A CHANCE AT STRIKING IT RICH, TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO DO SO. SALE OF TICKETS CLOSE AT 9 P.M.

UP TO 4.30 P.M. TODAY (THURSDAY) 804,000 TICKETS WERE SOLD AND THE FIRST PRIZE WILL PROBABLY BE WORTH MORE THAN \$700,000.

WINNING NUMBERS WILL BE DRAWN ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 24) AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE BY FIVE RADIO HONG KONG ARTISTES: MR. TSANG KONG, MR. LEUNG MING, MISS FUNG SIU-CHUNG, MISS CHAN KAR-YEE AND MISS KIMMY GOT. THEY PLAY THE KO FAMILY OF 'BELOW THE LION ROCK', A SERIAL DRAMA PRODUCED BY THE TELEVISION UNIT.

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SOCIAL SERVICE GROUP FOR SHEK LEI ESTATE
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S ESTATE COMMUNITY WORK OFFICE IN SHEK LEI HOUSING ESTATE HAS FORMED A VOLUNTARY SOCIAL SERVICE GROUP TO ORGANIZE RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH AND CHILDREN.

THE GROUP IS MADE UP OF 50 WORKING YOUTHS AND STUDENTS WHO HAVE HAD SOME EXPERIENCE IN VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY WORK SUCH AS HELPING OUT IN THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES IN TSUEN WAN AND IN THE BUYING AND SELLING OF USED SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS SCHEME.

TO ASSIST THE GROUP IN CARRYING OUT USEFUL AND MEANINGFUL COMMUNITY SERVICES A COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED COMPRISING OFFICIALS OF VARIOUS VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE GROUP WILL BE FORMALLY INAUGURATED ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 25) AT THE SHEK LEI ESTATE WELFARE BUILDING AT 3 P.M.

OFFICIATING WILL BE MR. ALEXANDER FUNG, THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICER FOR TSUEN WAN AND MR. DAVID CHAN, THE HON. PRESIDENT OF THE COMMITTEE.

THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE COMMUNITY WORK OFFICE, MR. KO KAI-MAN, WHO WILL BE AN ADVISOR, SAID THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME SUCH A GROUP HAD BEEN ORGANIZED IN THE ESTATE.

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JAPANESE FIRE PREVENTION MISSION
TO HONG KONG

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A PARTY OF 80 MEMBERS OF THE HYOGO PREFECTURE FIRE PREVENTION ASSOCIATION OF KOBE, JAPAN, WILL ARRIVE HERE ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 24) FOR A THREE-DAY FIRE PREVENTION STUDY.

THE ASSOCIATION INCLUDES BOTH PROFESSIONAL AND VOLUNTEER FIREMEN, FIRE PREVENTION ADMINISTRATORS AND OTHERS INTERESTED IN COMMUNITY FIRE PREVENTION.

LEADING THE PARTY WILL BE MR. KATSUME YAMANE, CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

THE HONG KONG FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS ARRANGED VISITS TO TSIM SHA TSUI FIRE STATION AND TO THE TRAINING SCHOOL IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, WHERE THE PARTY WILL SEE A DEMONSTRATION OF FIRE FIGHTING TECHNIQUES. THERE WILL ALSO BE A FORUM AT THE EXCELSIOR HOTEL WHEN MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION WILL PUT QUESTIONS TO A PANEL CONSISTING OF FIRE OFFICERS.

THE PARTY RETURNS TO JAPAN ON TUESDAY.

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IMPORTANCE OF ORGANISED YOUTH LEADERSHIP STRESSED

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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, MR. PETER WILLIAMS, TODAY EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF ORGANISED LEADERSHIP TO CATER TO THE NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN HONG KONG.

ADDRESSING MEMBERS OF THE KOWLOON ROTARY CLUB IN HIS CAPACITY AS SECRETARY OF THE AREA COMMITTEE OF THE HONG KONG SEA CADET CORPS, MR. WILLIAMS NOTED THAT +WE HAVE AN UNPRECEDENTED SOURCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WILL RESPOND TO THE SLIGHTEST OPPORTUNITY OF LEADERSHIP.+

THIS WAS EVIDENT IN THE OVERWHELMING RESPONSE FROM YOUNGSTERS IN VARIOUS YOUTH UNITS SUCH AS THE SCOUTS, THE JUNIOR LEADER SQUADRONS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT, THE CIVIL AID SERVICES CADETS AND THE SEA CADETS CORPS, AMONG OTHERS.

ONE OF THE BIGGEST CONCERNS FACING EVERYONE IN HONG KONG, HE WENT ON, WAS THAT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THEIR EARLY TEENS. BUT THIS SPIRIT NEEDED CONSTANT NURTURING BECAUSE THERE WAS A GREAT MASS OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP.+ DEDICATED AND ORGANISED LEADERSHIP IS ONE MAJOR ANSWER,+ HE SAID.

MR. WILLIAMS SAID THERE WAS REMARKABLE POTENTIAL FOR EXPANSION OF THE HONG KONG SEA CADET CORPS -- THE CORPS WAS FORMING A SAILING BASE AT STANLEY AND A NEW BASE WAS BEING ALLOCATED IN THE NEW EXTENSION OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB. IN ADDITION IT WAS MOVING INTO YUEN LONG.

AT PRESENT, HE SAID, THE CORPS' MAIN CONCERN WAS TRAINING OF INSTRUCTORS +BECAUSE THE YOUNGSTERS ARE 'CRYING OUT' TO JOIN.+

THE CORPS WAS FORMED IN 1969 WITH THE AIM OF GIVING BOYS AND GIRLS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 12 AND 20 A MIXTURE OF DISCIPLINE AND ADVENTURE TRAINING WITH A NAUTICAL FLAVOUR. AT PRESENT IT HAS A MEMBERSHIP OF ABOUT 500.

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S.W.D. SETS UP 22ND SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNIT
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ANOTHER SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNIT, THROUGH WHICH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT OPERATES ITS PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND DISABILITY AND INFIRMITY ALLOWANCES SCHEMES, HAS BEEN SET UP.

THE NEW FIELD UNIT IS THE 22ND OF ITS TYPE AND IS KNOWN AS THE TO KWA WAN SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNIT. IT IS LOCATED ON THE 17TH FLOOR OF THE KOWLOON CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING AT 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

WITH THE SETTING UP OF THIS NEW FIELD UNIT CHANGES IN THE GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES WILL BE MADE AS THIS UNIT WILL TAKE OVER PART OF THE CASES FROM THE YAU MA TEI AND MONG KOK FIELD UNITS.

THE TO KWA WAN SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNIT'S OPERATIONAL AREA WILL COVER MA TAU CHUNG, MA TAU WAI, HO MAN TIN, TO KWA WAN AND HUNG HOM. THIS MEANS THAT ANYONE LIVING WITHIN THE AREA BOUNDED BY PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, WATERLOO ROAD, WYLIE ROAD, GASCOIGNE ROAD, CHATHAM ROAD AND THE PRECINCT OF THE BLUE FUNNEL WHARF AND GODOWN WQMMUMHS TO APPLY FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OR DISABILITY AND INFIRMITY ALLOWANCES SHOULD DO SO AT THIS NEW OFFICE.

THE OPERATIONAL AREA OF THE YAU MA TEI SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNIT IS BEING REVISED TO COVER TSIM SHA TSUI AND YAU MA TEI BOUNDED BY DUNDAS STREET, WYLIE ROAD, GASCOIGNE ROAD AND CHATHAM ROAD WITH THE PRECINCT OF THE BLUE FUNNEL WHARF AND GODOWN INCLUDED.

THE OPERATIONAL AREA OF THE MONG KOK SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNIT WILL THEN COVER MONG KOK AND TAI KOK TSUI BOUNDED BY BOUNDARY STREET, WATERLOO ROAD AND DUNDAS STREET.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THIS NEW FIELD UNIT WHICH HAS A STAFF OF 20, IS 3-884111, EXTENSION 390 AND 393.

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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, KOULOON:

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF RICE

GRADE OF RICE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY) MODE
<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	1.86
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	1.72
A1 SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	1.70
A1 SUPER	GOOD	1.45
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	1.77
U.S. RICE	GOOD	1.79
AUSTRALIAN RICE	GOOD	1.72
PAKISTAN RICE	---	---
TAIWAN RICE	---	---

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(CALL SOURCES)

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

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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	GOOD	3.90	1.30	2.80
BIG-EYES	GOOD	2.80	0.50	1.30
SQUID	NORMAL	3.50	1.50	2.50
HAIR-TAILS	LIMITED	1.70	0.40	1.00
LIZARD FISHES	NORMAL	3.40	4.50	1.70
CROAKERS	LIMITED	1.80	0.70	1.10
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	NORMAL	2.20	1.50	1.80
MELON COAT	SCARCE	2.30	1.10	1.70
BREAMS	LIMITED	6.50	3.00	5.50
YELLOW BELLY	GOOD	2.20	0.55	1.40
MACKERELS			NO SALE	
RED GOAT FISH	NORMAL	0.80	0.50	0.60
FORK-TAIL	NORMAL	1.20	0.50	0.80
HORSE-HEAD	GOOD	5.90	2.90	3.60
MELON SEED	NORMAL	1.70	0.60	1.00
POMPRETS	SCARCE	9.00	8.00	8.50
GARROUPAS	NORMAL	11.00	5.80	9.20
YELLOW CROAKER			NO SALE	

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	NORMAL	1.20	0.40	0.80
WHITE CABBAGE	GOOD	0.40	0.10	0.25
CHINESE LETTUCE	LIMITED	1.00	0.40	0.70
WATER SPINACH	GOOD	0.40	0.10	0.25
CHINESE KALE	SCARCE	1.50	0.50	1.00
STRING BEANS	NORMAL	1.50	0.40	1.00
SPRING ONION	LIMITED	1.80	0.50	1.20
SPINACH	--	-	-	-
WATER CRESS	SCARCE	3.00	1.20	2.50
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	GOOD	0.40	0.10	0.25
CHINESE SPINACH	GOOD	0.40	0.10	0.25
TOMATO	SCARCE	4.00	1.50	3.00