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DAILY GUIDE TO WHOLESALE PRICES AND SUPPLIES OF BASIC FOOD COMMODITIES

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ECONOMIC REPORT, OCTOBER 1974
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HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED, IN QUANTITY TERMS, BY AN ESTIMATED 8 PER CENT IN THE 12 MONTHS TO THE END OF JUNE THIS YEAR. THIS COMPARES WITH AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 3 PER CENT OVER THE SAME PERIOD TO JUNE 1973.

PRICES FOR THESE EXPORTS INCREASED BY ABOUT 28 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH 11 PER CENT THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

THESE AND OTHER DETAILED STATISTICS ARE CONTAINED IN THE LATEST EDITION OF THE ECONOMIC REPORT, DATED OCTOBER, WHICH TAKES ACCOUNT OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1974. THE REPORT, PREPARED THREE TIMES A YEAR, IN APRIL, JULY AND OCTOBER, COMPLEMENTS +THE BUDGET: ECONOMIC BACKGROUND+ PUBLICATION PREPARED IN JANUARY.

THE FIGURES FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1974 SHOW THAT DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE WORTH \$6,199 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF \$927 MILLION OVER THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1974. THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED OVER THE SAME PERIOD BY \$89 MILLION.

IMPORTS ALSO INCREASED BY \$1,709 MILLION DURING THE QUARTER, LEAVING A VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT FOR THE QUARTER OF \$1,681 MILLION.

THE REPORT SHOWS THAT DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF TRANSISTORISED RADIOS INCREASED BY 33 PER CENT, IN QUANTITY TERMS, IN THE SECOND QUARTER AND THAT THE INCREASE FOR FOOTWEAR WAS AS HIGH AS 17 PER CENT.

IT ADDS THAT, IN THE CASE OF ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS, +THE QUANTITIES EXPORTED WERE HIGHER THAN IN ANY QUARTER IN THE PREVIOUS TWO YEARS, AND, RESPECTIVELY, 27 PER CENT AND 52 PER CENT MORE THAN IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1973+ EXPORTS OF TEXTILE FABRICS, IN QUANTITY TERMS, INCREASED BY 10 PER CENT.

ON THE OTHER HAND, EXPORTS OF CLOTHING DURING THE SECOND QUARTER DECLINED IN QUANTITY BY 4 PER CENT, DESPITE A CONSIDERABLE INCREASE, AMOUNTING TO 64 PER CENT, IN THE QUANTITY SOLD TO AUSTRALIA.

THE REPORT NOTES THAT, IN THE SECOND QUARTER, HONG KONG'S TERMS OF TRADE (THAT IS, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EXPORT AND IMPORT PRICES) CONTINUED TO DETERIORATE, THOUGH marginally IN THE SECOND QUARTER, BUT ADDS THAT THIS MUST BE SHOWN AGAINST A +BACKGROUND OF RAPIDLY RISING WORLD PRICES+, AND TO SOME EXTENT IS TO BE EXPECTED. IMPORT PRICES OF FUELS INCREASED BY AS MUCH AS 199 PER CENT AND FOODSTUFFS AND RAW MATERIAL PRICES ROSE BY 50 PER CENT AND 53 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

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THE REPORT SAYS THAT, DESPITE THE INCREASE IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS, EMPLOYMENT IN REGISTERED AND RECORDED MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS DECLINED, REFLECTING A SLACKENING OF ORDERS FROM ABROAD AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF A SLOWING DOWN IN THE GROWTH OF WORLD DEMAND GENERALLY.

THE FIGURES SHOW THAT EMPLOYMENT IN THESE ESTABLISHMENTS DECLINED BY ABOUT 28,600, OR 5 PER CENT DURING THE 12 MONTHS TO JUNE THIS YEAR, COMPARED WITH AN INCREASE OF 3 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS PERIOD. THERE WAS ALSO A DECLINE IN REPORTED VACANCIES.

ON A BRIGHTER NOTE, THE GENERAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REMAINED STEADY IN THE SECOND QUARTER, COMPARED WITH A RISE OF SOME 5 PER CENT IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. ON A SEASONALLY ADJUSTED BASIS, THE INDEX INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT IN THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 1974, AGAINST A RISE OF 16 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTH PERIOD.

THE FOODSTUFFS COMPONENT OF THE INDEX DECLINED BY 3 PER CENT IN THE SECOND QUARTER, BUT, DESPITE THIS, CHANGES IN FOOD PRICES STILL MADE BY FAR THE LARGEST CONTRIBUTION - 66 - TO THE OVERALL RISE IN THE INDEX OVER THE 12 MONTHS.

ACTIVITY IN THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY REMAINED RELATIVELY QUIET IN THE SECOND QUARTER, WITH PROPERTY PRICES CONTINUING TO FALL AND WITH INCREASES IN PRIVATE SECTOR RENTS SHOWING FURTHER SIGNS OF SLOWING DOWN OR LEVELLING OFF.

IN THE SECTION ON THE MONEY AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS, THE REPORT SAYS THAT THE INCREASE IN BANK DEPOSITS IN THE SECOND QUARTER WAS LOWER THAN FOR EACH OF THE PREVIOUS TWO QUARTERS. IN CONTRAST, THE INCREASE FOR ADVANCES AND LOANS WAS HIGHER. IN JUNE, THE AVERAGE RATIO OF BANKS' LIQUID ASSETS TO DEPOSITS WAS 41 PER CENT.

IT ADDS THAT THE EXTERNAL VALUE OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR REMAINED FIRM AND, IN THE 12 MONTHS TO JUNE THIS YEAR, THE CUMULATIVE APPRECIATION OF THE HONG KONG CURRENCY, IN TERMS OF A WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF OTHER CURRENCIES, AMOUNTED TO 3.5 PER CENT.

COMMENTING ON THE REPORT, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE FACT THAT HONG KONG'S EXPORTS HAVE RISEN IN VOLUME TERMS BY 8 PER CENT IN THE 12 MONTHS TO THE END OF JUNE +IS ENCOURAGING+, COMPARED WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF OTHER TRADING COUNTRIES AND AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF WORLD ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES. +AND THE PROSPECTS OF MAINTAINING OUR EXPORTS, AND, CERTAINLY, OF BEING ABLE TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF ANY FUTURE RECOVERY IN WORLD DEMAND WHEN IT COMES, ARE FAVOURABLE BECAUSE HONG KONG'S PRODUCTIVITY IS NOW HIGH AND OUR COMPETITIVE POSITION ABROAD IS VERY STRONG.+

HE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THE REPORT DOES REFER TO THE SECOND QUARTER OF THE YEAR AND THAT, IN THE PERIOD SINCE THEN, IT HAS BECOME MORE EVIDENT THAT HONG KONG IS BEGINNING TO FEEL THE EFFECTS OF A SLOWING DOWN IN WORLD TRADE AS A RESULT OF THE OIL CRISIS. AND IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THIS IS CONTINUING TO HAVE AN EFFECT ON EMPLOYMENT IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

HOWEVER, IT WAS PROBABLE THAT A NUMBER OF THESE WORKERS HAVE BEEN ABSORBED ELSEWHERE IN THE ECONOMY RATHER THAN THAT UNEMPLOYMENT HAS RISEN SUBSTANTIALLY.

+AT THE SAME TIME,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED, +THE VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT IS NOW NARROWING AGAIN AND THERE ARE ALSO INDICATIONS THAT THE TERMS OF TRADE ARE BEGINNING TO IMPROVE.+ IT APPEARED THAT IMPORT PRICES WERE INCREASING LESS RAPIDLY, WHILE EXPORT PRICES WERE +HOLDING UP.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE OVERALL BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, INCLUDING INVISIBLE AND CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS, STILL SEEMED TO BE IN SURPLUS AND THAT THIS WAS REFLECTED IN THE CONTINUING STRENGTH OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR. +INDEED,+ HE ADDED, +THE HONG KONG ECONOMY IS SHOWING ITS USUAL REMARKABLE ABILITY TO ADJUST TO EXTERNAL EVENTS.+

+IT IS ALSO ENCOURAGING TO SEE,+ THE SPOKESMAN CONCLUDED +THAT INTERNATIONAL INTEREST RATES ARE NOW BEGINNING TO FALL FROM THEIR PVIOUS VERY HIGH LEVELS AND THAT THIS IS BEING REFLECTED IN THE RATES CHARGED IN HONG KONG.+

+THIS WILL OBVIOUSLY BE WELCOME TO OUR TRADERS AND MANUFACTURERS IN FULFILLING THEIR PLANS FOR EXPANSION,+ HE ADDED.

COPIES OF THE ECONOMIC REPORT FOR OCTOBER WILL BE AVAILABLE SHORTLY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$3.

NOTE TO EDITORS: ADVANCE COPIES OF THE ECONOMIC REPORT FOR OCTOBER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION IN THE GIS PRESS BOXES THIS EVENING.

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WATER SITUATION REPORT *****

THE TOTAL WATER STORAGE IN ALL RESERVOIRS AS AT 9 AM TODAY (THURSDAY) STOOD AT 53,859 MILLION GALLONS, REPRESENTING 80 PER CENT OF THE FULL CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS. AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR THERE WERE 60,148 MILLION GALLONS IN STORE.

THIS MORNING'S STORAGE AT PLOVER COVE WAS 37,436 MILLION GALLONS, COMPARED WITH 46,796 MILLION GALLONS ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR. PLOVER COVE'S PRESENT STORAGE REPRESENTS 74.1 PER CENT OF ITS FULL CAPACITY OF 50,500 MILLION GALLONS.

NO RAINFALL WAS RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS ENDING AT 9 AM TODAY. TOTAL RAINFALL RECORDED SO FAR THIS YEAR IS 2,100.8 MM (82.71 IN).

THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 STANDS AT 2,105.5 MM (82.89 IN), REPRESENTING A SHORTFALL OF 0.22 PER CENT.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONIES

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SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONIES WILL BE HELD THROUGHOUT HONG KONG ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 10) IN HONOUR OF THOSE WHO DIED DURING THE TWO WORLD WARS.

THE MAIN MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CENOTAPH IN STATUE SQUARE.

AMONG THOSE ATTENDING WILL BE THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, MR. DENYS ROBERTS- THE THREE SERVICE COMMANDERS LED BY THE COMMANDER, BRITISH FORCES, LT. GEN. SIR EDWIN DRAMALL- THE CHIEF JUSTICE, MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMANDING OFFICERS' COMMITTEE, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MERCHANT NAVY, COMMONWEALTH COMMISSIONERS, THE DOYEN OF THE CONSULAR CORPS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION AND EX-SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS.

TWO HONOUR GUARDS WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) AND THE 7TH DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S OWN GURKHA RIFLES. THE BAND OF THE ROYAL HAMPSHIRE REGIMENT WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE.

THE CEREMONY WILL BEGIN WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE GOVERNOR AT 10.58 A.M. FOLLOWING THE PLAYING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND THE SOUNDING OF THE LAST POST, A TWO-MINUTE SILENCE WILL BE OBSERVED AT 11 A.M. THE BEGINNING AND ENDING WILL BE MARKED BY THE FIRING OF A GUN FROM H.M.S. TAMAR.

DURING THIS PERIOD, ALL SHIPOWNERS, SHIPMASTERS AND PEOPLE IN CHARGE OF SMALL CRAFT ARE REQUESTED TO CO-OPERATE IN REDUCING TO THE MINIMUM OF SOUNDING OF WHISTLES, HORNS OR SIRENS IN THE VICINITY OF THE CENOTAPH.

AFTER THE CEREMONY AT THE CENOTAPH, THE GOVERNOR WILL ATTEND A REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE IN ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND ALL SERVICE OFFICERS, APART FROM THOSE OFFICIALLY INVITED, WHO WISH TO LAY WREATHS AT THE CENOTAPH MAY DO SO AFTER THE SERVICE DEPARTMENTS HAVE MOVED AWAY FROM THE STATUE SQUARE AREA.

PRIOR TO THE CENOTAPH TRIBUTE, A SHORT CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 10 A.M. AT THE CHINESE WAR MEMORIAL IN THE BOTANIC GARDENS.

THE GOVERNOR AND THE COMMANDER, BRITISH FORCES, WILL LAY WREATHS THERE. THEY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS AND CHINESE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE AND URBAN COUNCILS.

AT SEK KONG, UNITS OF THE 48 GURKHA INFANTRY BRIGADE WILL BE TAKING PART IN A DRUMHEAD SERVICE OUTSIDE ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH AT 11 A.M.

AT STANLEY, THE ANNUAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE WILL BE HELD AT THE STANLEY CLUB AT 10.45 A.M. AFTER THE SERVICE, WREATHS WILL BE LAID ON THE GRAVES OF THE FALLEN IN STANLEY MILITARY CEMETERY. THE BAND OF THE CAPE COLISION TRAINING CENTRE WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOR THE CENOTAPH CEREMONY, THERE WILL BE LIMITED ACCOMMODATION FOR NEWSPAPER REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS AT THE WESTERN END OF THE FIRST FLOOR BALCONY OF THE SUPREME COURT.

THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL PRESS POSITION WITHIN THE STATUE SQUARE PERIMETER.

FOR THEIR PART, PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO OBSERVE THE SOLEMNITY OF THE OCCASION, AND NOT TALK UNNECESSARILY DURING THE SERVICE, PARTICULARLY DURING THE TWO-MINUTE SILENCE.

NEWSPAPERS WISHING TO STATION REPRESENTATIVES ON THE SUPREME COURT BALCONY, SHOULD SUPPLY THEIR NAMES TO THE DUTY OFFICERS, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, BY NOON ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 8).

IN VIEW OF THE LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE ON THE SUPREME COURT BALCONY, IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO RESTRICT ACCOMMODATION TO PHOTOGRAPHERS ONLY. SPECIAL LAPEL BADGES WILL BE ISSUED ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON. G.I.S. OFFICER, MR. ANDREW YUEN, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST PRESS REPRESENTATIVES.

CHINESE WAR MEMORIAL CEREMONY

EDITORS ARE ADVISED THAT PRESS REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED INSIDE THE ROPE CORDON AROUND THE CHINESE WAR MEMORIAL IN THE BOTANIC GARDENS.

PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WILL STAND EITHER ON THE EAST OR WEST SIDE OF THE ROPE CORDON. THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO STAND ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE MEMORIAL ARCH.

PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ARE PARTICULARLY REQUESTED, IN VIEW OF THE LIMITED ACCOMMODATION, TO OBSERVE THE DIRECTION OF POLICE OFFICERS ON DUTY.

SERVICE AT STANLEY

THE PRESS ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SERVICE, BUT PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TAKE PICTURES INSIDE THE CLUB DURING THE SERVICE. HOWEVER, THEY ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PICTURES AT THE WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY AT THE CEMETERY.

SERVICE AT SEK KONG

THE PRESS ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE CEREMONY, WHICH STARTS AT 11 A.M.

TWO SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS VISIT H.K. POLYTECHNIC
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WORK HAS BEGUN ON LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS FOR A NEW BUILDING WHICH WILL TRANSFORM THE CAMPUS OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AT HUNG HOM.

PHASE I OF THE PROJECT CALLS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FIVE WINGS OF A MULTI-PURPOSE TEACHING AREA AND A LIBRARY BUILDING.

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE POLYTECHNIC, DR. Y.K. CHING, SAID TODAY THAT IT WAS HOPED TO CALL TENDERS FOR THE SUPERSTRUCTURE NEXT MONTH WITH THE WORK BEGINNING EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR.

PHASE I, WHICH IS COSTING SOME 90 MILLION DOLLARS, IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SUMMER OF 1976.

ONCE IT IS OPENED, THE POLYTECHNIC WILL BE CAPABLE OF ACHIEVING AN ENROLMENT OF 6,000 FULL-TIME DAY STUDENTS. THE LIBRARY BUILDING WILL HAVE ROOM FOR 400,000 BOOKS AND STUDY SPACES FOR SOME 3,000 STUDENTS.

MEANWHILE, THE ENROLMENT AT THE POLYTECHNIC IS CONTINUING TO INCREASE. AT THE OPENING OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR LAST MONTH THE TOTAL ENROLMENT FOR FULL-TIME DAY STUDENTS WAS 3,111 AND THERE WERE ANOTHER 1,455 DAY RELEASE STUDENTS WHO ATTEND THE POLYTECHNIC ONCE A WEEK. ABOUT 13,000 STUDENTS ARE ENROLLED IN THE EVENING COURSES.

DR. CHING SAID THAT THIS REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF ALMOST 30 PER CENT IN FULL-TIME STUDENTS AND THE EVENING ENROLMENT HAS INCREASED BY ABOUT 2,000 STUDENTS.

OF THE 14 DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE POLYTECHNIC, THE BIGGEST, IN TERMS OF NUMBERS, CONTINUES TO BE THE TEXTILE DEPARTMENT WHICH RUNS COURSES ON TEXTILE TECHNOLOGY, TEXTILE CHEMISTRY AND CLOTHING TECHNOLOGY. THE ENROLMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT STOOD AT 500 FULL-TIME AND DAY RELEASE STUDENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MONTH.

BUT THE MOST REMARKABLE EXPANSION HAS OCCURRED IN THE COMMERCIAL FIELD SUCH AS ACCOUNTANCY AND BUSINESS STUDIES. THE ACCOUNTANCY DEPARTMENT WHICH HAD ABOUT 100 STUDENTS IN 1972 NOW HAS AN ENROLMENT OF 420 STUDENTS- WHILE THE BUSINESS STUDIES DEPARTMENT WHICH WAS SET UP ONLY LAST YEAR NOW HAS ALMOST 300 FULL-TIME STUDENTS.

THIS MORNING, THE DEPUTY COLONIAL SECRETARY, MR. MICHAEL CLINTON, AND THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, MR. LI FOOK-KOW, SPENT SEVERAL HOURS VISITING THE POLYTECHNIC AND TOURING THE CAMPUS TO SEE THE DEVELOPMENT TAKING PLACE AND MEET SOME OF THE STUDENTS.

NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE VISIT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED SEPARATELY IN PRESS BOXES THIS EVENING.

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BE WARY OF BOGUS FIREMAN : PUBLIC WARNED
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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY WARNED THE PUBLIC TO LOOK OUT FOR A BOGUS FIREMAN OPERATING IN KOWLOON. HE CLAIMS TO BE ON THE STAFF OF THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU AND SAYS HE HAS BEEN ORDERED TO INSPECT FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT.

ABOUT A WEEK AGO, THE MAN WENT TO A MASSAGE PARLOUR IN TO KWA WAN, GIVING A FALSE NAME AND NUMBER. AFTER CARRYING OUT AN INSPECTION HE TOLD THE OWNERS THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT DID NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT FIRE PREVENTION EQUIPMENT AND THAT THEY WERE LIABLE TO A FINE. HOWEVER, HE WENT ON TO SAY THE MATTER COULD BE DEALT WITH ON THE SPOT BY PAYMENT OF +TEA MONEY+ AND WAS GIVEN \$200.

THE OWNERS REALISED THEY HAD BEEN TAKEN FOR A RIDE WHEN THEY VISITED THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU OFFICE A FEW DAYS LATER TO MAKE ENQUIRIES.

THE +FIREMAN+, ABOUT 27 YEARS OF AGE, WAS IN PLAIN CLOTHES. HE IS OF MEDIUM HEIGHT AND BUILD.

A FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID ALL FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU PERSONNEL ARE ISSUED WITH A NUMBERED WARRANT CARD AND THEY ALSO CARRY A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD BEARING THE HOLDER'S PHOTOGRAPH. ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC IN THE SLIGHTEST DOUBT SHOULD FIRST ASK TO SEE THESE CARDS SO AS TO ESTABLISH THAT THE PERSON IS GENUINE. IF THEY ARE NOT SATISFIED THEY SHOULD TELEPHONE THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE MAN, HAVING BEEN SUCCESSFUL ON ONE OCCASION, WOULD VERY LIKELY TRY AGAIN AND THE PUBLIC SHOULD BE ON THEIR GUARD.

+APART FROM BEING CRIMINAL,+ HE SAID, +THIS TYPE OF ACTION BRINGS UNWARRANTED DISCREDIT UPON THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.+

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CHRISTMAS AEROGRAMMES
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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCES THAT CHRISTMAS PICTORIAL AEROGRAMMES WILL BE ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 11).

THE DESIGN DEPICTING HONG KONG ISLAND WAS DRAWN BY A GOVERNMENT ARTIST.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE SAID: +CHRISTMAS AEROGRAMMES ARE A CONVENIENT AND INEXPENSIVE WAY OF SENDING CHRISTMAS GREETING ABROAD AND CAN BE POSTED TO ANY PART OF THE WORLD AS FIRST CLASS AIRMAIL FOR ONLY 50 CENTS.+

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

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

<u>GRADE OF RICE</u>	<u>AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY</u>	<u>WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)</u>
<u>CHINA RICE</u>		
SEE MEW	GOOD	1.94
S.C. JIEN	GOOD	1.78
PO NGAI	GOOD	--
CHU CHO	GOOD	--
<u>THAI RICE</u>		
100% WHOLE	GOOD	1.76
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	--
A1 SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	1.66
A1 SUPER	GOOD	1.39
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	1.72
<u>U.S. RICE</u>	GOOD	1.91
<u>AUSTRALIAN RICE</u>	GOOD	1.92
<u>PAKISTAN RICE</u>	GOOD	--
<u>TAIWAN RICE</u>	GOOD	--

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(ALL 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	LIMITED	6.00	1.60	5.00
BIG-EYES	GOOD	3.50	1.50	2.00
SQUID	LIMITED	5.20	0.90	3.20
HAIR-TAILS	GOOD	2.40	1.00	1.60
LIZARD FISHES	NORMAL	3.80	1.30	2.00
CROAKERS	NORMAL	2.40	0.60	1.60
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	LIMITED	3.00	1.20	2.50
MELON COAT	GOOD	3.30	2.40	3.00
BREAMS	LIMITED	5.00	4.50	4.00
YELLOW BELLY	NORMAL	2.10	0.80	1.40
MACKERELS	LIMITED	5.00	2.00	4.00
RED GOAT FISH	NORMAL	1.30	0.70	1.00
FORK-TAIL	NORMAL	1.60	0.70	1.10
HORSE-HEAD	SCARCE	6.70	1.50	5.00
MELON SEED	LIMITED	3.30	1.40	2.00
POMFRETS	---			
GARROUPAS	LIMITED	12.50	6.00	9.00
YELLOW CROAKER	LIMITED	8.50	4.50	6.00

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	2.80	1.00	2.00
WHITE CABBAGE	LIMITED	1.80	0.50	1.00
CHINESE LETTUCE	SCARCE	2.20	0.80	1.50
WATER SPINACH	SCARCE	0.70	0.30	0.50
CHINESE KALE	LIMITED	2.60	1.00	2.00
STRING BEANS	SCARCE	2.40	1.50	2.00
SPRING ONION	SCARCE	2.00	0.60	1.40
SPINACH	SCARCE	3.50	1.20	2.50
WATER CRESS	LIMITED	3.50	2.00	2.80
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	SCARCE	1.80	0.50	1.00
CHINESE SPINACH			NO SALE	
TOMATO	SCARCE	3.80	2.00	3.00

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