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DAILY GUIDE TO WHOLESALE PRICES AND SUPPLY OF BASIC  
FOOD COMMODITIES

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SEPTEMBER EXPORTS UP BY \$61 MILLION

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THE VALUE OF HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR WAS \$1,981 MILLION, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF \$61 MILLION OR 3.2 PER CENT BY VALUE OVER THE SAME MONTH IN 1973.

ACCORDING TO PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS DECREASED BY 0.9 PER CENT TO \$2,681 MILLION WHILE THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS ALSO DECREASED BY 18.9 PER CENT TO \$598 MILLION.

FIGURES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 1974 SHOW INCREASES BY VALUE OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1973 OF 29.7 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 22.4 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS AND 33.5 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES A LIST OF COMPARATIVE TRADE FIGURES :-

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

	SEPTEMBER 1974		SEPTEMBER 1973		INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$	MN.	\$	MN.	\$	MN. %
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	1,981 (76.8%)		1,920 (72.2%)		+ 61	+ 3.2
IMPORTS	2,681		2,704		- 24	- 0.9
RE-EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	598 (23.2%)		738 (27.8%)		-140	-18.9
	JULY-SEPT 1974		JULY-SEPT 1973		INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$	MN.	\$	MN.	\$	MN. %
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	6,273		5,503		+ 770	+14.0
IMPORTS	8,713		7,533		+1180	+15.7
RE-EXPORTS	1,812		1,976		- 164	- 8.3

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	- 2 - JAN.-SEPT 1974		JAN.-SEPT 1973		INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$	MN.	\$	MN.	\$	MN. %
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	17,745 (76.3%)		13,680 (75.2%)		+4064	+29.7
IMPORTS	26,552		19,896		+6656	+33.5
RE-EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	5,510 (23.7%)		4,503 (24.8%)		+1008	+22.4
	OCT. 1973 TO SEPT 1974		OCT. 1972 TO SEPT 1973		INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$	MN.	\$	MN.	\$	MN. %
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	23,539		17,724		+5814	+32.8
IMPORTS	35,660		25,692		+9968	+38.8
RE-EXPORTS	7,533		5,703		+1830	+32.1

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WATER SITUATION REPORT  
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THE TOTAL WATER STORAGE IN ALL RESERVOIRS AS AT 9 A.M. TODAY (FRIDAY) STOOD AT 52,901 MILLION GALLONS, REPRESENTING 78.6 PER CENT OF THE FULL CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS. AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR THERE WERE 61,034 MILLION GALLONS IN STORE.

THIS MORNING'S STORAGE AT PLOVER COVE WAS 36,129 MILLION GALLONS, COMPARED WITH 47,505 MILLION GALLONS ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR. PLOVER COVE'S PRESENT STORAGE REPRESENTS 71.5 PER CENT OF ITS FULL CAPACITY OF 50,500 MILLION GALLONS.

116.5 MM (4.59 IN) OF RAINFALL WAS RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS ENDING AT 9 A.M. TODAY. TOTAL RAINFALL RECORDED SO FAR THIS YEAR IS 2,091.1 MM (82.33 IN).

THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 STANDS AT 2,096.1 MM (82.52 IN), REPRESENTING A SHORTFALL OF 0.24 PER CENT.

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NEW LABOUR SAFETY REGULATIONS COME INTO FORCE

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NEW REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE SAFE OPERATION OF LIFTING APPLIANCES AND GEAR CAME INTO EFFECT TODAY - ANOTHER IMPORTANT STEP IN THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S DRIVE FOR INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

THE NEW REGULATIONS - WHICH CARRY A FINE OF \$5,000 - WILL AFFECT OWNERS OF INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS, QUALIFIED GEAR EXAMINERS AND WORKERS.

THEY WERE DESIGNED TO COVER SPECIFICALLY INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS USING LIFTING APPLIANCES AND GEAR.

THE EQUIPMENT IS MOST COMMONLY USED IN GARAGES, PLASTICS AND METAL WARE FACTORIES, FOUNDRIES, DOCKS, WHARVES, QUAYS, WAREHOUSES AND CONTAINER TERMINALS.

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. DAVID LIN, SAID TODAY THE INTRODUCTION OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (LIFTING APPLIANCES AND LIFTING GEAR) REGULATIONS SHOULD MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

+THEY ARE PART OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF PEOPLE AT WORK.

+THE REGULATIONS WERE APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JANUARY 30, ALLOWING MANAGEMENT NINE MONTHS TO MAKE THE NECESSARY PREPARATIONS,+ MR. LIN SAID.

UNDER THE NEW REGULATIONS, OWNERS MUST ENSURE THEIR LIFTING APPLIANCES AND GEAR ARE OF SOUND CONSTRUCTION. THE EQUIPMENT MUST BE TESTED AND EXAMINED BY COMPETENT EXAMINERS BEFORE BEING USED AND MUST HAVE PERIODICAL TESTS AFTER THAT.

LIFTING APPLIANCES AND GEAR MUST NOT BE USED FOR LOADS GREATER THAN THEIR MAXIMUM WORKING LOADS, WHICH MUST BE LEGIBLY MARKED ON THE EQUIPMENT. THEY MUST ALSO BE FITTED WITH EFFICIENT BRAKES TO PREVENT SUSPENDED LOADS FROM FALLING.

MR. LIN POINTED OUT THAT PENALTY CLAUSES IN THE NEW REGULATIONS APPLIED TO PROPRIETORS OF INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS, COMPETENT EXAMINERS WHO BREACH THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND WORKERS WHO WILFULLY AND WITHOUT REASONABLE CAUSE ENDANGER THEMSELVES OR OTHERS.

+WE HAVE RECENTLY PUBLISHED A GUIDE ON THE REGULATIONS TO ENABLE EMPLOYERS, WORKERS AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTORS TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE LAW.

+THE GUIDE WAS SENT TO ALL INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS USING LIFTING APPLIANCES AND GEAR, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CONSTRUCTION SITES WHICH ARE UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS.

+MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE REGULATIONS CAN CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE ON 3-689458 FOR FREE COPIES,+ MR. LIN ADDED.

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**EXPORT LICENSING SCHEME FOR PLASTIC RAW MATERIALS TERMINATED**

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EXPORT LICENCES FOR PLASTIC RAW MATERIALS ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED, THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

AN AMENDMENT TO THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (GENERAL) REGULATIONS ABOLISHING LICENSING REQUIREMENTS WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT IS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

AN EXPORT LICENSING SCHEME FOR PLASTIC RAW MATERIALS WAS INTRODUCED ON JANUARY 1 THIS YEAR AFTER THE OIL SITUATION RAISED SUPPLY UNCERTAINTIES FOR THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY.

FIVE KEY MATERIALS USED BY THE LOCAL PLASTICS INDUSTRY WERE SUBSEQUENTLY PLACED UNDER EXPORT QUOTA CONTROL.

THESE CONTROLS WERE LIFTED IN JULY THIS YEAR TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF AN IMPROVED SUPPLY SITUATION, BUT EXPORT LICENSING WAS RETAINED AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE FOR MONITORING PURPOSES.

+RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SUPPLY SITUATION HAVE SHOWN FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXTENT THAT THERE IS NO LONGER ANY NEED TO CONTINUE WITH THE EXISTING EXPORT LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS,+ A D.C. AND I. SPOKESMAN SAID.

+ON THE ADVICE OF THE TRADE AND INDUSTRY ADVISORY BOARD WE ARE THEREFORE DISCONTINUING THE NEED FOR EXPORT LICENCES TO BE OBTAINED FOR PLASTIC RAW MATERIALS.+

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**ENTRY PERMIT OFFICE MOVES HOUSE TOMORROW**

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT'S ENTRY PERMIT OFFICE WILL MOVE INTO NEW PREMISES AT THE MACAO FERRY WHARF TOMORROW (NOVEMBER 2).

THE NEW OFFICE WHICH IS OPPOSITE TO THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS TERMINAL AT THE RUMSEY STREET RECLAMATION, WILL OPEN FOR BUSINESS ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE IN THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE OFFICE, WHICH IS 5-458031 EXT. 58.

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INCREASED PENALTIES FOR OFFENCES AGAINST MERCHANT SHIPPING ORDINANCE  
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AMENDING LEGISLATION IS SOON TO BE INTRODUCED TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE IN THE PENALTIES FOR CONTRAVENTION OF THE MERCHANT SHIPPING ORDINANCE, AND TO CONFER ON THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE CERTAIN POWERS GOVERNING THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY FOR OFFICERS AND SEAMEN OF THE MERCANTILE MARINE.

THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1974 PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE SEEKS TO SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE THE PENALTIES IMPOSED ON CONTRAVENTION OF THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE TO MAKE THEM CURRENTLY COMMENSURATE WITH THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE OFFENCE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THE INCREASE WAS NECESSARY DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE EXISTING RATE OF PENALTIES WAS INCONSISTENT WITH PRESENT MONETARY VALUES.

THE BILL ALSO PROPOSES TO CONFER UPON THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE POWERS TO MAKE RULES IN CONNECTION WITH CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY AS MASTERS, FIRST AND SECOND MATES OR ENGINEERS IN THE MERCHANT NAVY.

IT ALSO PROPOSES THAT THE DIRECTOR SHOULD HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE THE STANDARD OF COMPETENCY TO BE ATTAINED, THE PROCEDURES, SUBJECTS AND METHOD OF CONDUCTING THE RELATED EXAMINATIONS, THE APPOINTMENT OF EXAMINERS ETC.

IN ADDITION, THE BILL SEEKS TO EMPOWER THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE TO EXAMINE CANDIDATES FOR CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY AS TRAWLING MASTERS OR ENGINEERS, AND ALSO THAT FOR LOCAL CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY AS MASTERS OR ENGINEERS OF FERRIES, LAUNCHES, RIVER STEAMERS AND SMALL CRAFT.

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YOUTH SEMINARS ON EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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A YOUTH SEMINAR ON "STUDENTS AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES" HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI YOUTH SOCIAL SERVICE TEAM UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S WAN CHAI COMMUNITY AND YOUTH WORK OFFICE.

THE SEMINARS WILL TAKE PLACE TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AND NOVEMBER 3 IN THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE YOUTH CAMP WHICH IS LOCATED AT LUNG YUK TAU, FANLING, NEW TERRITORIES.

PROGRAMMES WILL INCLUDE KEYNOTE SPEECHES BY MR. LAM HARK-CHEE, THE WAN CHAI COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICER, THE CHAIRMEN OF THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION, AND THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION= SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS, REPORTING BACK SESSIONS AND SOCIAL GATHERINGS.

SIXTY STUDENT LEADERS CHOSEN FROM 16 SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE SEMINAR WHICH IS BEING FINANCED THROUGH THE SIR ROBERT BLACK TRUST FUND.

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TEMPORARY BUILDING RESTRICTIONS IN POK FU LAM TO BE LIFTED

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A BILL PROPOSING THE LIFTING OF THE TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS ON DEVELOPMENT IN POK FU LAM BY THE END OF 1974 IS TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHORTLY.

THE BILL, ENTITLED +THE TEMPORARY RESTRICTION OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT (POK FU LAM AND MID-LEVELS)(AMENDMENT)(NO.2) BILL, WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

WHEN THE QUESTION OF EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM ON DEVELOPMENT IN THE MID-LEVELS AND POK FU LAM AREAS WAS DISCUSSED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN JULY, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS GAVE AN ASSURANCE TO THE COUNCIL THAT THE RESTRICTIONS IN RESPECT OF POK FU LAM WOULD BE LIFTED BY THE END OF THE YEAR. AT THE SAME TIME, HE TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE EXTENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT PERMITTED WOULD BE LIMITED TO THAT PERMITTED UNDER EXISTING LEASE CONDITIONS AND WITH PRESENT PLANNING CONTROLS.

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KOWLOON HOSPITAL TO HOLD ATHLETIC MEETING

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THE KOWLOON HOSPITAL WILL HOLD ITS EIGHTH ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEETING ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, IN THE HOSPITAL'S GROUNDS, BEGINNING AT 9.30 AM.

THE EVENT HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE SPORTS COMMITTEE OF THE HOSPITAL.

DOCTORS, NURSES, AND OTHER STAFF WILL COMPETE IN ABOUT 20 EVENTS. MEMBERS OF OTHER HOSPITALS AND UNITS OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE IN SOME OF THE TRACK AND FIELD COMPETITIONS.

A +ROUND-THE-HOSPITAL+ RACE AND A TUG-OF-WAR ARE TWO INTERESTING EVENTS PLANNED FOR THE AFTERNOON.

DR. GERALD CHOA, DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE OCCASION COVERED.

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### MORE GOVERNMENT FAMILY PLANNING CLINICS

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TWO MORE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION CLINICS WERE INTEGRATED INTO THE GOVERNMENT'S FAMILY HEALTH SERVICE TODAY, BRINGING THE TOTAL OF FPA CLINICS NOW ABSORBED TO 25.

IN ADDITION, FIVE NEW GOVERNMENT CLINICS OFFERING FAMILY PLANNING SERVICE ARE NOW IN OPERATION.

THE FPA INTEGRATION SCHEME BEGAN IN OCTOBER 1973, AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR WHEN 32 OF THE ASSOCIATION'S CLINICS WILL HAVE BEEN ABSORBED.

BY JANUARY 1975, THE TOTAL OF GOVERNMENT CLINICS PROVIDING FAMILY PLANNING SERVICE WILL TOTAL 37.

ONE NEWLY-INTEGRATED CLINIC IN THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICE IS AT THE TSAN YUK HOSPITAL. THE OTHER IS AT THE KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE.

ELIGIBLE WOMEN MAY USE THE DEPARTMENT'S FAMILY PLANNING SERVICE IN ALL THE CLINICS AT \$1 A VISIT.

A SPOKESMAN DESCRIBES THE PROGRESS OF THE INTEGRATION SCHEME AS +EXCELLENT, AND ATTENDANCES ARE GOOD AND GROWING.+

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### TRAINING VILLAGE SERVICE GROUPS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICER IN EASTERN IS HOLDING A TRAINING CAMP THIS WEEKEND TO PREPARE VOLUNTEERS FOR SERVICE TO THEIR OWN HILLSIDE VILLAGES IN SHAU KI WAN.

CO-OPERATING IN THE PROJECT IS THE O' PUI LOONG VILLAGE ASSOCIATION AND EXPENSES WILL BE COVERED BY A \$1,700 GRANT FROM THE SIR ROBERT BLACK TRUST FUND.

ABOUT 40 YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING IN THE HILLSIDE VILLAGES OF O' PUI LOONG, FA YUEN, SHING ON AND HOLY CROSS PATH, WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE CAMP WHICH IS BEING HELD IN TAI MONG TSAI IN SAI KUNG.

THEY WILL BE TAUGHT BOTH THE THEORIES AND PRACTICES OF VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP AND HOW TO CONDUCT SERVICE PROJECTS FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN THEIR OWN VILLAGES.

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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

GRADE OF RICE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY) AVERAGE
<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	1.65
A1 SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	1.70
A1 SUPER	GOOD	1.45
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	1.75
U.S. RICE	GOOD	1.92
<u>AUSTRALIAN RICE</u>	GOOD	1.74
<u>PAKISTAN RICE</u>		-
<u>TAIWAN RICE</u>		-

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	SCARCE	6.20	2.50	4.30
BIG-EYES	LIMITED	3.80	1.00	2.00
SQUID	LIMITED	5.50	1.50	3.50
HAIR-TAILS	LIMITED	2.80	1.40	2.00
LIZARD FISHES	SCARCE	4.70	1.50	3.00
CROAKERS	NORMAL	3.40	1.80	2.40
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	SCARCE	3.60	2.40	3.00
MELON COAT	NORMAL	4.50	2.50	3.50
BREAMS	SCARCE	5.50	2.50	3.90
YELLOW BELLY	NORMAL	2.00	1.20	1.60
MACKERELS	SCARCE	6.20	3.00	4.60
RED GOAT FISH	LIMITED	1.20	0.80	1.00
FORK-TAIL	NORMAL	2.30	1.30	1.80
HORSE-HEAD	SCARCE	6.00	3.20	4.60
MELON SEED	LIMITED	3.50	1.80	2.60
POMFRETS	SCARCE	8.50	7.50	8.00
CARROUPAS	SCARCE	10.00	8.00	9.00
YELLOW CROAKER	SCARCE	15.00	8.00	11.00

**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	SCARCE	3.50	1.20	2.50
WHITE CABBAGE	LIMITED	2.50	0.80	1.80
CHINESE LETTUCE	SCARCE	2.60	1.00	1.80
WATER SPINACH	SCARCE	1.60	0.60	1.20
CHINESE KALE	LIMITED	3.20	1.00	2.40
STRING BEANS	SCARCE	3.20	1.20	2.40
SPRING ONION	LIMITED	2.40	0.50	1.40
SPINACH	SCARCE	3.50	1.00	2.50
WATER CRESS	SCARCE	4.50	2.50	3.50
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	SCARCE	2.40	0.80	1.40
CHINESE SPINACH	SCARCE	1.80	0.50	1.20
TOMATO	SCARCE	4.50	2.50	3.50