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DAILY GUIDE TO WHOLESALE PRICES AND SUPPLY OF BASIC FOOD COMMODITIES

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NEW POST FOR MR. KNIGHT

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MR. HORACE KNIGHT HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO A NEWLY-CREATED POST OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF LABOUR (INDUSTRIAL TRAINING), TO HEAD THE DEPARTMENT'S ENLARGED INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DIVISION.

THE POST HAS BEEN CREATED FOLLOWING THE RECENT SETTING-UP OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL, RECOMMENDED BY THE FORMER INDUSTRIAL TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

MR. KNIGHT, WHO WAS BORN IN HONG KONG, IS A CHARTERED MECHANICAL ENGINEER WHO STARTED HIS CAREER AS A TECHNICIAN ENGINEERING APPRENTICE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND LATER READ ENGINEERING AT SOUTHAMPTON AND LONDON UNIVERSITIES. HE LECTURED AT THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL COLLEGE AND HONG KONG UNIVERSITY BEFORE HIS APPOINTMENT IN JUNE 1969 AS SENIOR TRAINING OFFICER (APPRENTICESHIP) WITH THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT. IN MARCH 1971, HE WAS APPOINTED HEAD OF THE THEN NEWLY-CREATED INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DIVISION, AND SECRETARY OF THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

HE SAID TODAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALSO APPROVED ADDITIONAL STAFF FOR HIS DIVISION, AND RECRUITMENT TO FILL THE NEW POSTS WAS NOW UNDER WAY.

MR. KNIGHT, WHO IS ALSO SECRETARY TO THE TRAINING COUNCIL, SAID THE ENTIRE NEW STAFF OF HIS DIVISION WOULD CONSIST OF PEOPLE WHO HAD BOTH TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS AND INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE. +WE WOULD HOPE TO HAVE ALL THESE NEW TRAINING OFFICERS AT WORK IN A FEW MONTHS' TIME,+ HE SAID.

THE EXPANDED DIVISION WOULD SERVICE THE ENTIRE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL COMPLEX OF INDUSTRIAL TRAINING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

IT WOULD ALSO WORK TO ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST INDUSTRY TO START PROPER TRAINING OF THE TECHNICAL MANPOWER NECESSARY FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRY. AT A LATER STAGE, ITS ACTIVITIES WOULD BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE THE COMMERCIAL AND SERVICE SECTORS.

HE SAID THE COUNCIL WOULD THEN BE IN A POSITION TO ENSURE A COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF TRAINING GEARED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF HONG KONG INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE AS THEY DEVELOPED.

+ALL THE 10 INDUSTRIAL TRAINING BOARDS HAVE NOW BEEN SET UP, AND THEY SHOULD BE IN FULL SWING SOON,+ MR. KNIGHT SAID. +THEY COVER HONG KONG'S MAJOR INDUSTRIES - AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS AND SERVICING= BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING= CLOTHING= ELECTRICAL APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES= ELECTRONICS= MACHINE SHOP AND METAL WORKING= PLASTICS= PRINTING= SHIP-BUILDING AND SHIP REPAIRS= AND TEXTILES.

+THE BOARDS WILL FORMULATE POLICY ON INDUSTRIAL TRAINING, MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES, INITIATE ACTION TO IMPLEMENT THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS AND EXERCISE A GENERAL SUPERVISORY FUNCTION.

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+THREE OF THE MAIN COMMITTEES - ON TECHNICAL TRAINING IN INSTITUTIONS= ON APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING= AND ON VOCATIONAL TRAINING - ARE ALREADY OPERATING, AND A COMMITTEE ON TRANSLATION AND A COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTOR TRAINING SHOULD BE SET UP IN THE NEAR FUTURE.+

THE COMMISSIONER OF LABOUR, MR. NEIL HENDERSON, SAID TODAY= +THE CREATION OF THIS NEW POST OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER AND THE EXPANSION AND STRENGTHENING OF THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DIVISION WITH SPECIALLY-QUALIFIED STAFF IS AN INDICATION OF THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE GOVERNMENT ATTACHES TO THE CONTINUING GROWTH OF INDUSTRY.

+WITH THE GROWING SOPHISTICATION OF OUR INDUSTRIALLY-BASED ECONOMY, IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY THAT WE HAVE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF TRAINED MANPOWER, BOTH IN TERMS OF QUANTITY AND QUALITY.

+WITH THE SETTING-UP OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL, THE STRENGTHENING OF THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING SIDE OF LABOUR DEPARTMENT, THE PROJECTED GROWTH IN TECHNICAL EDUCATION FACILITIES AND, HOPEFULLY, A MORE ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE FROM INDUSTRY, WE WOULD HOPE TO SEE AN ACCELERATION IN THE PROPER TRAINING OF THE PEOPLE OUR INDUSTRIES NEED.+

NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF MR. KNIGHT'S PHOTOGRAPH ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE G.I.S. PRESS ROOM, 6TH FLOOR; BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

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FIRE SERVICES CONTINGENT IN QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PARADE

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AN ADDED ATTRACTION AT THIS YEAR'S QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PARADE IN KOWLOON WILL BE THE PARTICIPATION IN THURDAY'S MARCH DOWN NATHAN ROAD OF A CONTINGENT FROM THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THIS IS BELIEVED TO BE THE FIRST TIME THE FIRE SERVICES WILL HAVE TAKEN PART IN THE PARADE.

THE CONTINGENT WILL CONSIST OF A LANDROVER, A TURNTABLE LADDER, A PUMP, A HYDRAULIC PLATFORM (SNORKEL), A RESCUE ESCAPE AND A LIGHT RESCUE UNIT. EACH APPLIANCE WILL BE MANNED BY TWO MEN.

THE CONTINGENT WILL MOVE INTO NATHAN ROAD AT ABOUT 11 O'CLOCK AND SPLIT INTO TWO COLUMNS OF THREE. THE POSITION OF THE FIRE SERVICES IN THE PARADE WILL BE BEHIND THE MILITARY AND POLICE UNITS, BUT IN FRONT OF THE MASSED PIPES AND DRUMS.

THE MARCH WILL TAKE ABOUT AN HOUR FROM THE TIME OF ENTERING NATHAN ROAD FROM BOUNDARY STREET UNTIL IT TURNS INTO KANSU STREET AND DISPERSES IN WYLIE ROAD.

PRIOR TO THE MARCH, A PARADE WILL BE HELD ON THE ARMY POLO GROUND IN BOUNDARY STREET COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M.

NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF A PHOTOGRAPH OF SOME OF THE FIRE APPLIANCES THAT WILL TAKE PART IN THE PARADE WILL BE BOXED FOR COLLECTION LATER TODAY.

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14 BUILDINGS IN CENTRAL TO BE PULLED DOWN

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY DECLARED NOS. 316 AND 330 QUEENS ROAD CENTRAL TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION, AND NOS. 318-328, 332-334 QUEENS ROAD CENTRAL TOGETHER WITH NOS.2-8 TUNG STREET AS LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

THIS GROUP OF 14 BUILDINGS, ALL OF WHICH HAVE REVERTED TO THE CROWN, LIES WITHIN THE URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICT, PILOT SCHEME AREA.

THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THEIR CONDITION HAS BEEN OF CONCERN FOR SEVERAL YEARS, BUT IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT ALMOST ALL ARE ONLY PARTLY OCCUPIED OR ARE VACANT, AND IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT THE REMAINING OCCUPIERS WOULD VACATE IN THE NEAR FUTURE, IT WAS CONSIDERED EXPEDIENT TO KEEP THEM UNDER OBSERVATION.

A RECENT INSPECTION, HE SAID, HAD REVEALED ACCELERATED DETERIORATION INCLUDING MOVEMENT OF THE FRONT VERANDAH IN NO.316 QUEENS ROAD CENTRAL AND IT WAS CONSIDERED THAT THERE IS NOW A RISK OF FAILURE LEADING TO A COLLAPSE.

A SIMILAR TYPE OF MOVEMENT WAS ALSO OBSERVED IN NO.330 QUEENS ROAD CENTRAL.

+THE CONDITION OF THE PARTY WALLS OF ALL THESE BUILDINGS IS SUCH THAT IN THE EVENT OF ONE BEING DEMOLISHED THERE IS A RISK OF FAILURE DURING OR AFTER THE OPERATION OF THOSE ADJOINING.

+IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT A NUMBER OF OTHER DEFECTS SUCH AS BADLY DECAYED TIMBER ACTION MUST NOW BE TAKEN AND THOSE BUILDINGS WHICH ARE OCCUPIED MUST BE CLOSED AND THE WHOLE GROUP DEMOLISHED IN ONE OPERATION,+ HE SAID.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS FOR NOS.320-332 QUEENS ROAD CENTRAL AND NOS.2, 4 ANB 8 TUNG STREET WERE POSTED TODAY.

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NEW SUB-TREASURY OPENING SOON IN KOWLOON CITY

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INTERNAL MODIFICATION WORK ON THE OFFICE PREMISES OF A NEW SUB-TREASURY IN KOWLOON IS NEARING COMPLETION AND THE NEW OFFICE SHOULD OPEN FOR BUSINESS SHORTLY.

THIS NEW SUB-TREASURY, WHICH WILL BE THE SECOND TREASURY OFFICE IN KOWLOON, WILL OPEN ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF MAN SANG COMMERCIAL BUILDING AT 348-352, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD NEAR JUNCTION ROAD, KOWLOON CITY.

IT WILL HANDLE ALL THE NORMAL TREASURY FUNCTIONS IN THE COLLECTION OF RATES, PROPERTY TAX, WATER BILLS, FIXED PENALTIES IN RESPECT OF TRAFFIC CONTRAVENTIONS AND ANY OTHER DEMAND NOTES PAYABLE AT THE TREASURY.

IT WILL ALSO MAKE PAYMENTS TO PERSONS WHO PREFER TO USE THIS OFFICE AND SHOULD BE OF PARTICULAR BENEFIT TO CIVIL SERVICE PENSIONERS LIVING IN THE AREA.

IT WILL BE CALLED THE KOWLOON CITY SUB-TREASURY. THE PRESENT KOWLOON SUB-TREASURY, SITUATED IN THE KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405, NATHAN ROAD, WILL BE RENAMED THE YAU MA TEI SUB-TREASURY.

THE NEW SUB-TREASURY WILL NOT ONLY ENABLE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE KOWLOON CITY AND NEIGHBOURING DISTRICTS TO PAY GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS AT THE OFFICE NEAREST TO THEIR HOMES BUT SHOULD ALSO HELP REDUCE CONGESTION AT OTHER TREASURY OFFICES, PARTICULARLY AT THE YAU MA TEI SUB-TREASURY.

THE DECISION TO OPEN A SECOND TREASURY OFFICE IN KOWLOON WAS TAKEN ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM A SURVEY CARRIED OUT BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF UNIVERSITY UNDER-GRADUATES.

RESULTS OF THE SURVEY SHOWED THAT THERE WAS SUFFICIENT DEMAND TO JUSTIFY ADDITIONAL TREASURY FACILITIES IN THE KOWLOON CITY AREA.

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NEW JURY LIST

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A FURTHER LIST OF COMMON JURORS WILL BE POSTED ON THE NOTICE BOARD NEAR THE LIFT INSIDE THE SOUTH-WEST ENTRANCE OF THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING NEXT MONDAY (APRIL 29).

THIS LIST WILL REMAIN POSTED FOR 14 DAYS. DURING THIS PERIOD ANY PERSON MAY APPLY BY NOTICE IN WRITING TO THE REGISTRAR REQUIRING THAT HIS NAME OR THE NAME OF SOME OTHER PERSON BE POSTED OR REMOVED UPON CAUSE DULY ASSIGNED IN SUCH NOTICE.

THE REGISTRAR SHALL IN HIS DISCRETION, POST OR REMOVE SUCH NAME ACCORDINGLY AND SHALL IF NECESSARY ALTER THE LIST.

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ONE WEEK LEFT TO APPLY FOR WELFARE ACCOMMODATION
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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TODAY REMINDED VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS THAT THERE WAS ONLY ONE WEEK LEFT FOR THEM TO APPLY FOR SPACE TO OPERATE SERVICES IN THE NEW LEI MUK SHUE ESTATE WELFARE COMPLEX NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

A NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN RECEIVED, SAID MISS ELLEN CHAN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY (PLANNING), BUT SHE HOPED MORE AGENCIES WOULD APPLY SO THAT A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF SERVICES COULD BE PROVIDED FOR PEOPLE IN THE ESTATE AND ITS SURROUNDS.

SHE ENVISAGED THAT THESE SERVICES WOULD INCLUDE A LOW-COST CLINIC, A FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC, A LIBRARY AND STUDY ROOMS, FAMILY WELFARE SERVICES, A DAY NURSERY, CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND OTHER SERVICES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY.

MORE DETAILS AND APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED BY CALLING MISS CHAN AT 5-773249.

ACCOMMODATION FOR WELFARE SERVICES IN LEI MUK SHUE ESTATE WILL DIFFER FROM THAT PROVIDED IN OTHER HOUSING ESTATES IN THAT WELFARE ORGANISATIONS WILL BE GIVEN SPACE IN THE LOWER FLOORS OF BLOCKS 1 AND 2 WHILE A SEPARATE BUILDING WILL HOUSE A COMMUNITY HALL.

THE WELFARE PREMISES WILL BE MANAGED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT WHILE THE COMMUNITY HALL WILL BE UNDER THE CHARGE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

LEI MUK SHUE ESTATE IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION SOMETIME NEXT YEAR AND WILL THEN CONSIST OF 18 RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS. SO FAR, EIGHT OF THESE HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND OCCUPIED.

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INCREASE IN PENSIONS
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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED AN EIGHT PER CENT INCREASE IN PENSIONS WITH EFFECT FROM DECEMBER 1, 1973.

THIS INCREASE WILL BE PAID TO ALL GOVERNMENT PENSIONERS IN RECEIPT OF PENSIONS ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 1973, AS WELL AS TO OFFICERS RETIRING AFTER THIS DATE, AND WHO HAVE REACHED THE AGE OF 55.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS PENSIONS WILL ALSO BE INCREASED BY EIGHT PER CENT WITH EFFECT FROM DECEMBER 1.

PENSIONERS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE INCREASED BENEFITS WILL RECEIVE THEM IN THEIR REVISED PAYMENTS FOR JUNE 1974. ARREARS WILL BE PAID IN AUGUST 1974.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE
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THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (MONDAY) AT SALES UNDER THE PRICE CONTROL SCHEME 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
CHINA RICE		
SEE MEW		
- OLD CROP	GOOD	-
- NEW CROP	"	2.12
S.C. JIEN		
- OLD CROP	"	-
- NEW CROP	"	2.06
PO NGAI	"	-
CHU CHO	"	-
THAI RICE		
100% WHOLE	"	2.03
10-15% BROKENS	"	2.01
A1 SUPER EXTRA	"	-
A1 SUPER	"	1.70
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	"	-
U.S. RICE	"	1.94
AUSTRALIAN RICE	"	1.92
PAKISTAN RICE	"	-
TAIWAN RICE	"	-

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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	3.30	2.20	2.50
BIG-EYES	GOOD	2.80	0.50	2.00
SQUID	NORMAL	4.00	2.00	3.60
HAIR-TAILS	GOOD	1.40	0.70	1.20
LIZARD FISHES	LIMITED	3.50	1.20	2.20
CROAKERS	LIMITED	2.20	0.80	1.30
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	NORMAL	1.60	1.20	1.50
MELON COAT	--	--	--	--
BREAMS	NORMAL	3.50	2.60	3.20
YELLOW BELLY	GOOD	1.90	0.60	1.60
MACKERELS	GOOD	2.90	2.00	2.60
RED COAT FISH	NORMAL	0.50	0.40	0.45
FORK-TAIL	GOOD	1.50	0.80	1.20
HORSE-HEAD	NORMAL	5.00	2.50	4.00
MELON SEED	LIMITED	2.40	1.70	2.00
POMFRETS	SCARCE	10.50	8.50	9.00
GAROUPAS	NORMAL	6.50	4.50	5.50
YELLOW CROAKER	--	--	--	--

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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	0.50	1.00
WHITE CABBAGE	GOOD	0.50	0.10	0.30
CHINESE LETTUCE	GOOD	0.50	0.10	0.30
WATER SPINACH	NORMAL	1.50	0.30	1.00
CHINESE KALE	LIMITED	1.00	0.40	0.70
SPRING ONION	GOOD	0.70	0.20	0.50
SPINACH	SCARCE	0.80	0.40	0.60
WATER CRESS	LIMITED	1.00	0.20	0.60
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	NORMAL	0.50	0.10	0.30
CHINESE SPINACH	NORMAL	0.80	0.20	0.50
TOMATO	NORMAL	1.50	0.50	1.00

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(ALL SOURCES)

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY - GOOD

WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORK ($/PICUL-LIVE WEIGHT) - 305 (AVERAGE)

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