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DAILY GUIDE TO WHOLESALE PRICES AND SUPPLY OF BASIC FOOD COMMODITIES

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OIL SUPPLIES UNIT TO CONTINUE ON PERMANENT BASIS

THE OIL SUPPLIES UNIT IS TO CONTINUE ON A PERMANENT BASIS AS A NEW DIVISION OF THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY.

MR. ROY PORTER, THE DIRECTOR OF OIL SUPPLIES, HAS RETURNED TO THE DEPARTMENT TO ACT AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (ADMINISTRATION AND INDUSTRY). HE REPLACES MR. JAMES MCGREGOR WHO IS NOW THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

MR. PORTER'S NEW RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE OVERSIGHT OF OIL SUPPLIES, AND THERE WILL BE NO SLACKENING OFF IN THE FUEL CONSERVATION DRIVE.

+THERE IS STILL A WORLD SHORTAGE OF FUEL, AND IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO RELAX OUR EFFORTS TO ECONOMISE AT THIS STAGE,+ HE STRESSED.

MR. PORTER POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT GOVERNMENT PROCEDURES AND SYSTEMS FOR DEALING WITH THE OIL SUPPLY SITUATION WERE NOW WELL ESTABLISHED, AND THIS ENABLED SOME REORGANISATION TO TAKE PLACE.

+WHEN THE OIL SUPPLIES UNIT WAS CREATED IT WAS NOT KNOWN HOW LONG IT WOULD NEED TO CONTINUE IN OPERATION,+ HE ADDED. +IT HAS NOW BEEN DECIDED THAT IT SHOULD FORM A NEW DIVISION OF THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT.+

MR. ALEC PURVES WILL ACT AS AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY TO HEAD THE OIL SUPPLIES DIVISION. HE HAS SERVED WITH THE OIL SUPPLIES UNIT SINCE IT WAS SET UP LAST NOVEMBER, FOLLOWING THE CUTBACK IN OIL PRODUCTION.

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TWO MORE CYOS APPOINTED

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TWO MORE COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICERS WERE APPOINTED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TODAY AS A FURTHER STEP IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS SCHEME TO HAVE ONE SUCH OFFICER IN EACH OF THE DISTRICTS IN HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

APPOINTED TODAY WERE MR. BERNARD MUI KAN-KIT, WHO WILL BE CYO CENTRAL AND MR. WONG KING-TONG, CYO KWUN TONG.

INITIALLY THEY WILL BE HOUSED IN TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION PENDING THE SETTING-UP OF PERMANENT OFFICES FOR THEM. MR. MUI WILL BE LOCATED AT ROOM 328, WESTERN MAGISTRACY BUILDING, HONG KONG AND MR. WONG ON THE 1ST FLOOR OF LAM TIN ESTATE WELFARE BUILDING WEST, KOWLOON.

THEIR APPOINTMENT BRINGS TO ELEVEN THE NUMBER OF CYOS NOW IN OFFICE. THE OTHERS PREVIOUSLY APPOINTED WERE FOR EASTERN, WESTERN AND WANCHAI DISTRICTS OF HONG KONG ISLAND, SHAMSHUIPO, YAUMATEI, MONGKOK, KOWLOON CITY AND WONG TAI SIN IN KOWLOON AND TSUEN WAN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE CYO SCHEME WAS STARTED LAST DECEMBER WITH THE INITIAL APPOINTMENT OF SIX OFFICERS, AND WAS THE RESULT OF AN EXPERIMENTAL PROJECT TO DEVELOP AND CO-ORDINATE, ON A DISTRICT BASIS, THE NUMEROUS COMMUNITY AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES OPERATED IN THE DISTRICT. AMONG THEIR MANY TASKS, THE CYOS ARE NOW ENCOURAGING YOUTH PROJECTS, ADVISING COMMUNITY GROUPS, AND PROVIDING TRAINING COURSES.

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THE C.Y.O. SCHEME IS ONE OF THE MANY PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THE 5-YEAR PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF MR. MUI'S AND MR. WONG'S PHOTOGRAPH WILL BE BOXED FOR COLLECTION LATER TODAY.

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SIX CLINICS OPEN DURING EASTER PERIOD

SIX GOVERNMENT OUT-PATIENT CLINICS WILL REMAIN OPEN FROM 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M. DURING THE FOUR-DAY EASTER HOLIDAYS STARTING ON FRIDAY (APRIL 12).

THESE ARE THE VIOLET PEEL POLYCLINIC IN WAN CHAI, AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN SHAU KEI WAN, ON HONG KONG ISLAND= THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN KWUN TONG, THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN YAU MA TEI AND THE ROBERT BLACK HEALTH CENTRE IN SAN PO KONG= AND THE LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC IN TSUEN WAN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ALL OTHER GOVERNMENT OUT-PATIENT CLINICS AND EVENING CLINICS WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS BETWEEN APRIL 12 AND 15, 1974.

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ABERDEEN RESIDENTS RAISE \$1,628 FOR CHARITY

NOTE TO EDITORS:

A CHEQUE FOR \$1,628.20 WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE COMMUNITY CHEST BY MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S REHABILITATION CENTRE IN ABERDEEN ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 10).

THE MONEY WAS COLLECTED BY 36 RESIDENTS OF THE CENTRE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE CHEST'S FUND RAISING CAMPAIGNS, WALK FOR A MILLION AND CIRCLE WALK.

THE CHEQUE WILL BE HANDED TO A COMMUNITY CHEST REPRESENTATIVE BY TWO MEMBERS OF THE CENTRE - CHAN LAP-HUNG, 16, AND WAN HEI-FOON, 17 - AT THE COMMUNITY CHEST OFFICE IN ROOM 724, GLOUCESTER BUILDING, WEST WING.

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE OCCASION COVERED. THE PRESENTATION TAKES PLACE AT 2.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY.

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ETV-HONG KONG INVITED TO JOIN LONDON EXHIBITION

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THE EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION SERVICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INVITED TO MAKE A SPECIAL DISPLAY AT INTER NAVEX 74, THE INTERNATIONAL AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION, TO BE HELD FROM JULY 16 TO 19 AT OLYMPIA, LONDON.

INTER NAVEX, WHICH IS AN ANNUAL EVENT, HAS THE LARGEST ATTENDANCE IN THE WORLD FOR ANY AUDIO-VISUAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION, AND FEATURES THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM AND OVERSEAS.

MR. COLVYN HAYE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND HEAD OF THE ETV SERVICE, SAID TODAY: "WE ARE PREPARING THE EXHIBITS AND HOPE TO SEND THEM TO LONDON BY THE END OF THIS MONTH. THE EXHIBITS INCLUDE COPIES OF ETV JOURNALS, PUPILS NOTES AND PRODUCTIONS. STILL PHOTOGRAPHS AND TRANSPARANCIES SHOWING THE FACILITIES AND SCOPE OF THE SERVICE WILL ALSO BE SENT AT THE SAME TIME."

ETV-HONG KONG HAS ATTRACTED INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION SINCE THE LAUNCHING OF THE SERVICE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN 1971.

DURING A RECENT STUDY VISIT, MR. ALEXANDER B. EDINGTON, DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION AND RESEARCH AT THE CENTRE FOR EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OVERSEAS (CEDO), LONDON, DESCRIBED ETV-HK AS ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION SERVICES IN THE WORLD, WHICH IS UNIQUE IN ITS PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES, SCOPE AND COST-EFFECTIVENESS.

MR. EDINGTON WAS PREPARING A RESEARCH PAPER ON THE "USE OF NEW MEDIA FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES IN THE COMMONWEALTH", WHICH WILL BE TABLED AT THE NEXT COMMONWEALTH MINISTERS OF EDUCATION CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN JAMAICA IN JUNE.

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BRIGHTER LOOK FOR ESTATES

THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT IS SPENDING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS A YEAR TO GIVE THE OLDER PUBLIC HOUSING BLOCKS A BRIGHTER LOOK.

LAST YEAR THE DEPARTMENT SPENT NEARLY \$3 MILLION IN ITS REPAINTING PROGRAMME INVOLVING SLIGHTLY MORE THAN 100 BLOCKS IN 11 GROUP +B+ ESTATES.

THE FACE LIFT FORMS PART OF THE CONTINUOUS PROGRAMME AIMED AT KEEPING THE ESTATES BRIGHT AND CLEAN. UNDER THIS PROGRAMME, ALL 510 BLOCKS IN THE 25 GROUP +B+ ESTATES WILL BE GIVEN A FRESH COAT OF PAINT.

A SIMILAR PROGRAMME IS ALSO BEING IMPLEMENTED FOR THE GROUP +A+ ESTATES.

THE DEPARTMENT IS NOW INVITING TENDERS FOR THE EXTERNAL REDECORATION OF THE WAH FU ESTATE (PHASES II AND III), VALLEY ROAD ESTATE AND WO LOK ESTATE.

THE WORK INCLUDES THE REPAINTING OR REDECORATION OF THE EXTERNAL WALLS, WINDOWS, DOORS, PUBLIC STAIRCASES, CORRIDORS AND REFUSE ROOMS.

TENDERS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BEFORE 12 NOON ON FRIDAY, APRIL 26.

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SPECIAL INFORMATION KITS ON MID-LEVELS TRAFFIC SCHEME

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AN INFORMATION KIT AND A TELEPHONE ENQUIRY SERVICE HAVE BEEN ARRANGED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO PUT THE GENERAL PUBLIC FULLY INTO THE PICTURE OF THE NEW BUS PRIORITY SCHEME BEING INTRODUCED IN THE MID-LEVELS.

WHEN THE SCHEME GOES INTO OPERATION NEXT TUESDAY (APRIL 16), A SPECIAL ONE-WAY LANE FOR BUSES ONLY WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE MID-LEVELS, WITH ALL OTHER VEHICULAR TRAFFIC TRAVELLING ON THE OTHER LANE IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION.

THE INFORMATION KITS TOGETHER WITH A SKETCH MAP ILLUSTRATING THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE RECEPTION DESK ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD. TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE BY DIALING 5-243111 EXT. 2242 OR 2247.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND A PRESS CONFERENCE IN RELATION TO THE BUS PRIORITY SCHEME TOMORROW (TUESDAY). IT WILL BE HELD AT 3 P.M. IN THE 35 MM THEATRE ON THE 5TH FLOOR OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

MR. GORDON SAPSTEAD, THE HEAD OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, WILL BE CHAIRING THE CONFERENCE. ALSO PRESENT WILL BE TRAFFIC ENGINEERS, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND OF THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

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THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (MONDAY) AT SALES 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 MEU		
- OLD CROP	GOOD	-
- NEW CROP	GOOD	-
S.C.JIEN		
- OLD CROP	GOOD	-
- NEW CROP	GOOD	2.06
PO NGAI	GOOD	1.72
CHU CHO	GOOD	-
<u>THAI RICE</u>		
100% WHOLE	GOOD	2.03
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	2.01
A1 SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	1.90
A1 SUPER	GOOD	1.70
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	-
U.S. RICE	GOOD	1.94
<u>AUSTRALIAN RICE</u>		
	GOOD	1.92
<u>PAKISTAN RICE</u>		
	GOOD	-
<u>TAIWAN RICE</u>		
	GOOD	-

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SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALÉ PRICES OF MARINE FISH

(CFMO CHEUNG SHA VAN WHOLESALÉ FISH MARKET)

SPECIES	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALÉ PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
GOLDEN THREAD	GOOD	3.30	2.40	2.80
BIG-EYES	GOOD	2.80	0.50	2.00
SQUID	LIMITED	5.00	2.50	4.00
HAIR-TAILS	GOOD	1.80	0.80	1.40
LIZARD FISHES	NORMAL	3.50	1.40	2.40
CROAKERS	NORMAL	2.40	0.70	1.50
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	NORMAL	1.60	1.00	1.40
MELON COAT	LIMITED	2.70	1.80	2.30
BREAMS	NORMAL	5.50	3.00	5.20
YELLOW BELLY	GOOD	1.20	0.55	0.80
MACKERELS	NORMAL	4.00	2.80	3.80
RED GOAT FISH	GOOD	0.60	0.30	0.40
FORK-TAIL	GOOD	1.00	0.70	0.80
HORSE-HEAD	NORMAL	5.70	2.80	4.50
MELON SEED	LIMITED	2.50	1.20	2.20
POMFRETS	SCARCE	8.00	7.50	7.80
GARROUPAS	NORMAL	6.00	5.00	5.50
YELLOW CROAKER	GOOD	3.40	2.20	3.40

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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	GOOD	1.00	0.20	0.60
WHITE CABBAGE	GOOD	0.30	0.10	0.20
CHINESE LETTUCE	GOOD	0.60	0.20	0.40
WATER SPINACH	SCARCE	2.40	1.00	1.80
CHINESE KALE	GOOD	0.60	0.20	0.50
STRING BEANS	---	---	---	---
SPRING ONION	NORMAL	1.00	0.20	0.60
SPINACH	GOOD	0.80	0.20	0.50
WATER CRESS	NORMAL	1.00	0.20	0.60
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	GOOD	0.40	0.10	0.30
CHINESE SPINACH	LIMITED	1.40	0.50	1.20
TOMATO	NORMAL	1.40	0.50	1.00

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(CALL SOURCES)

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY - GOOD
 WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORK
 (\$/PICUL-LIVE WEIGHT) - 305 (AVERAGE)