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DAILY GUIDE TO WHOLESALE PRICES AND SUPPLY OF BASIC FOOD
COMMODITIES

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DOUBLE TRACKING OF RAILWAY TO START SOON

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN THE GREEN LIGHT FOR THE DOUBLE-TRACKING OF THE RAILWAY BETWEEN HUNG HOM AND SHA TIN, EXCLUDING BEACON HILL TUNNEL, TO COPE WITH THE EXPECTED INCREASE IN PASSENGER TRAFFIC IN THE FUTURE.

MR. WONG U-LAM, ACTING GENERAL MANAGER OF KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY SAID TODAY THE PROPOSED PROJECT HAD BEEN APPROVED AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$24 MILLION.

DETAILED DESIGNS AND TENDER DOCUMENTS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING WORKED OUT, AND CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START LATER THIS YEAR. +IT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN 1976 WHEN SHA TIN NEW TOWN WILL HAVE A POPULATION OF ABOUT 106,000+, MR. WONG SAID.

MEANWHILE, THE ROLE OF THE K.C.R. IS BEING REVIEWED AS PART OF THE OVERALL COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORT STUDY UNDER-TAKEN BY THE CONSULTANTS.

+IT IS PROBABLE THAT THE ROLE OF THE K.C.R. WILL BE CONSIDERABLY ENHANCED AND VARIOUS ASPECTS OF POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT ARE STILL BEING STUDIED,+ SAID MR. WONG.

THE FEASIBILITY OF EXTENDING THE PROJECTED DOUBLE-TRACKING TO COVER THE STRETCH BETWEEN SHA TIN AND TAI PO WAS ALSO UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION, HE SAID, AND THE ENGINEERING ASPECTS WERE BEING INVESTIGATED.

+OTHER NEW PROJECTS INCLUDE THE LAYING OF A SPUR LINE TO THE NEW RACE COURSE, BUILDING A RACE COURSE STATION AT SHA TIN AND REMODELLING MONGKOK, SHA TIN AND LO WU STATIONS.

+THE FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING A NEW LINE TO KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL AREA FROM THE PROPOSED SHA TIN SIDING IS ALSO UNDER PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION,+ MR. WONG SAID.

REFERRING TO THE 40 CARRIAGES ORDERED BY THE K.C.R., MR. WONG SAID THEY SHOULD BE ARRIVING THIS SUMMER. TWENTY EIGHT OF THEM WILL REPLACE THE OLD ROLLING STOCK WHILE THE REMAINING 12 WILL BE USED TO LENGTHEN TRAINS DURING THE WEEK-DAY RUSH PERIODS AND TO FORM ADDITIONAL TRAINS ON HOLIDAYS.

MR. WONG DESCRIBED THIS AS A STEP FORWARD IN THE LONG TERM MOVE TOWARDS MEETING THE DEMAND OF INCREASING PASSENGER TRAFFIC.

DURING 1973, THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS CARRIED BY THE K.C.R. REACHED ANOTHER RECORD OF 13,284,576, SHOWING AN INCREASE OF NINE PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR. MOVEMENT OF GOODS TRAFFIC ALSO REACHED AN ALL-TIME RECORD OF 1,337,160 METRIC TONS, AN INCREASE OF 15 PER CENT ON 1972.

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THE NUMBER OF GOODS WAGONS SENT FROM CHINA WAS EXPECTED TO INCREASE FURTHER THIS YEAR DUE TO AN EXTENSION IN THE HOURS OF OPERATION AND MR. WONG SAID THAT FACILITIES AT VARIOUS GOODS YARDS HAD BEEN IMPROVED TO DEAL WITH THE EXPECTED ADDITIONAL FREIGHT.

TOUCHING ON THE NEW HUNG HOM PROJECT, MR. WONG SAID THAT THE NEW TERMINUS WAS BEING CONSTRUCTED ON A GIANT PODIUM WHICH STOOD OVER THE RAILWAY TRACKS AND PLATFORMS.

+CONSTRUCTION IS NOW IN FULL SWING AND ON SCHEDULE AND IT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN JULY NEXT YEAR.+

THE NEW TERMINUS INCORPORATES A PART MEZZANINE FLOOR AND COMPRISES A LARGE STATION CONCOURSE, ADMINISTRATION OFFICES, WAITING AREAS, A V.I.P. ROOM, SHOPS, RESTAURANTS AND RENTED OFFICES.

+WE HOPE TO MOVE THE RAILWAY TERMINUS FROM TSIM SHA TSUI TO HUNG HOM BY JULY OF NEXT YEAR AND ALL SOUTH-BOUND TRAINS WILL THEN BE TERMINATED AT HUNG HOM,+ MR. WONG SAID.

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RECORD TONNAGE OF CARGO HANDLED IN MARCH

THE WEIGHT OF CARGO HANDLED IN THE PORT OF HONG KONG LAST MONTH WAS THE HIGHEST FOR ANY ONE MONTH.

ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, A TOTAL OF 1.6 MILLION DEADWEIGHT TONS OF CARGO WAS HANDLED OVER ALL PUBLIC CARGO WATERFRONTS. THIS SHOWED AN INCREASE OF OVER 473,000 TONS COMPARED WITH THE FIGURE FOR THE CORRESPONDING MONTH LAST YEAR.

OF THE TOTAL, 1,166,685 TONS OF GOODS INCLUDING GENERAL GOODS, FUEL OIL, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND CEMENT WERE IMPORTED WHILE 422,896 TONS OF OUR PRODUCTS INCLUDING GENERAL GOODS, IRON ORE AND SCRAP IRON WERE EXPORTED OUT OF HONG KONG.

THE NUMBER OF OCEAN-GOING VESSELS ENTERING PORT LAST MONTH TOTALLED 648 COMPARED WITH 629 FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

COMMENTING ON THE STATISTICS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID THE INCREASE IN THE CARGO HANDLING BUSINESS REFLECTS THE CONTINUING PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG IN TERMS OF GOODS IMPORTED AND EXPORTED BY WEIGHT.

IT ALSO REFLECTS HONG KONG'S TRADING POSITION IN THE WORLD, HE ADDED.

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NEW STATISTICAL REVIEW ON SALE

THE FIRST OF A NEW SERIES OF ANNUAL STATISTICAL REVIEWS HAS BEEN COMPILED BY THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT TO REPLACE ITS OLD STYLE ANNUAL DEPARTMENTAL REPORT.

COVERING THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1972-73, IT CONTAINS 26 TABLES OF STATISTICS ON TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL MATTERS. DETAILED INFORMATION IS GIVEN TO SHOW PERFORMANCE AGAINST QUOTA LIMITS IN MARKETS WHERE HONG KONG TEXTILE EXPORTS ARE UNDER RESTRAINT.

THE NEW PUBLICATION IS ON SALE AT \$7 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, STAR FERRY CONCOURSE.

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GOVERNOR TO VISIT SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL VISIT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON TO SEE SOME OF THE WORK IT IS DOING, AND TO DISCUSS WITH THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL ASPECTS OF SOCIAL WORK.

THE GOVERNOR WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY.

SIR MURRAY'S VISIT WILL START AT THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE WHERE HE WILL BE SHOWN SOME OF THE SERVICES BEING PROVIDED FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, AND MEET TWO RECENTLY APPOINTED COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICERS.

HE WILL ALSO INSPECT THE NON-PROFIT MAKING NURSERY RUN BY A VOLUNTARY WELFARE ORGANIZATION, THE SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY.

FROM THERE HE WILL CROSS THE HARBOUR TO VISIT THE INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL WORK TRAINING WHICH IS NOW IN ITS FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION AND WILL BE SHOWN AROUND BY THE PRINCIPAL, MR. L.B. MACQUARRIE. FOLLOWING THIS, SIR MURRAY WILL CALL AT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS IN LEE GARDENS WHERE HE WILL DISCUSS DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF SOCIAL WORK WITH THE DIRECTOR, AND MR. THOMAS LEE, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MISS ANNIE CHAN, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (SOCIAL WORK) AND OTHER SENIOR STAFF.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE AND THE INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL WORK TRAINING.

SIR MURRAY IS DUE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 104, CHING TAK STREET, WONG TAI SIN, AT 2.50 P.M. AND AT THE INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL WORK TRAINING AT 44, OI KWAN ROAD, WANCHAI AT 3.50 P.M. TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. PRESS REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD MEET AT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC RELATIONS UNIT IN ROOM 528A, 5TH FLOOR, LEE GARDENS, AT 2.00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17.

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WATER INTERRUPTIONS
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN SHA TIN WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 P.M. ON THURSDAY (APRIL 18) TO FACILITATE A WATER MAINS CONNECTION TO BE MADE NEAR THE 10-1/2 MILESTONE AT TAI PO ROAD.

ALL PREMISES ALONG TAI PO ROAD BETWEEN FOR TAN ROAD AND MA LIU SHIU UNIVERSITY RAILWAY STATION WILL BE AFFECTED, INCLUDING SHUNG KEE UNIVERSITY.

ON FRIDAY (APRIL 19), WATER SUPPLY TO PREMISES BOUNDED BY JORDAN ROAD, NATHAN ROAD, SAIGON STREET AND SHANGHAI STREET IN YAU MA TEI WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. THE TEMPORARY STOPPAGE IN YAU MA TEI IS TO ENABLE A TEST FOR LEAKAGE TO BE CARRIED OUT.

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PRESENTATION OF INSIGNIA

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THE INSIGNIA AWARDS MADE BY THE QUEEN TO 29 HONG KONG RESIDENTS AND THREE MEMBERS OF THE SERVICES WILL BE PRESENTED AT A CEREMONY IN GOVERNMENT HOUSE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE HONOUR RECIPIENTS HAVE BEEN DECORATED EITHER IN THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS OR IN THE NEW YEAR HONOURS.

THE INSIGNIA WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE. THEY INCLUDE ONE C.M.G., TWO C.B.E.S, TWO O.B.E.S AND SEVEN M.B.E.S.

THE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD IN THE BALLROOM STARTING FROM 11.30 A.M. AND GUESTS ATTENDING THE FUNCTION SHOULD USE THE MAIN GATE.

DURING THE CEREMONY, PARKING IN CERTAIN ROADS IN THE LOCALITY OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE WILL BE RESTRICTED AND THE OPERATION OF SOME PARKING METERS SUSPENDED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF A LIST OF RECIPIENTS OF THE
----- INSIGNIA WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM
THE PRESS ROOM, G.I.S., 6TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD
HOUSE, AT 11.30 A.M. TOMORROW.

ONLY PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS WITH SPECIAL PASSES
WILL BE ADMITTED TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE. THEY SHOULD
MEET G.I.S. OFFICERS IN THE GUARD ROOM OF
GOVERNMENT HOUSE NOT LATER THAN 11 A.M.

NEWSPAPERS NOT RECEIVING PASSES WILL BE ABLE
TO OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS BY MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR
THE SUPPLY OF PRINTS IN THE ORDINARY WAY WITH
MING YUEN STUDIO, AT NO. 22 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
OR ON TELEPHONE NO. H-224310.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

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THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (TUESDAY) 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

GRADE OF RICE CHINA RICE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE(\$/CATTY) AVERAGE
SEE MEW		
- OLD CROP	GOOD	-
- NEW CROP	GOOD	2.12
S.C. JIEN		
- OLD CROP	GOOD	-
- NEW CROP	GOOD	2.06
PO NGAI	GOOD	-
CHU CHO	GOOD	-
THAI RICE		
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	2.30
U.S. RICE	GOOD	-
AUSTRALIAN RICE	GOOD	-
PAKISTAN RICE	GOOD	-
TAIWAN RICE	GOOD	-

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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	3.20	2.20	2.80
BIG-EYES	GOOD	2.60	0.50	1.80
SQUID	GOOD	4.00	2.00	3.30
HAIR-TAILS	GOOD	1.70	1.10	1.40
LIZARD FISHES	LIMITED	3.20	1.50	2.30
CROAKERS	NORMAL	1.50	0.60	1.00
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	NORMAL	1.70	1.20	1.50
MELON COAT	---	---	---	---
BREAMS	LIMITED	3.70	3.00	3.20
YELLOW BELLY	GOOD	1.80	0.50	1.20
MACKERELS	NORMAL	3.20	2.80	3.00
RED GOAT FISH	GOOD	1.00	0.50	0.70
FORK-TAIL	GOOD	1.60	0.80	1.20
HORSE-HEAD	GOOD	4.50	2.50	3.80
MELON SEED	LIMITED	2.20	1.60	2.00
POMFRETS	SCARCE	8.50	8.00	8.20
GARROUPAS	NORMAL	7.50	5.00	6.00
YELLOW CROAKER	NORMAL	1.80	1.60	1.70

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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	NORMAL	1.50	0.40	1.00
WHITE CABBAGE	GOOD	0.50	0.10	0.30
CHINESE LETTUCE	GOOD	0.50	0.20	0.35
WATER SPINACH	LIMITED	1.50	0.50	1.00
CHINESE KALE	NORMAL	1.00	0.30	0.60
STRING BEANS	-	-	-	-
SPRING ONION	GOOD	0.60	0.10	0.40
SPINACH	LIMITED	1.00	0.30	0.60
WATER CRESS	NORMAL	1.00	0.30	0.60
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	GOOD	0.50	0.10	0.30
CHINESE SPINACH	LIMITED	1.20	0.30	0.80
TOMATO	LIMITED	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

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