



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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DAILY GUIDE TO WHOLESALE PRICES AND SUPPLY OF BASIC FOOD
COMMODITIES

AUGUST EXPORTS UP BY NEARLY \$250 MILLION

THE VALUE OF HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS LAST MONTH AMOUNTED TO \$2,191 MILLION, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF \$246 MILLION OR 12.6 PER CENT OVER AUGUST 1973.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 19.3 PER CENT TO \$2,965 MILLION WHILE THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS DECREASED BY 9.3 PER CENT TO \$624 MILLION, ACCORDING TO PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY.

FIGURES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY TO AUGUST 1974 SHOW INCREASES BY VALUE OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1973 OF 34.0 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 30.5 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS AND 38.9 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS.

THE 12-MONTH PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 1973 TO AUGUST 1974 SHOWS AN INCREASE BY VALUE OVER THE PREVIOUS 12-MONTH PERIOD OF 36.8 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 43.2 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS AND 43.4 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES A LIST OF COMPARATIVE FIGURES:

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

	AUGUST 1974	AUGUST 1973	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	2,191	1,946	+ 246	+ 12.6
IMPORTS	2,965	2,485	+ 480	+ 19.3
RE-EXPORTS	624	687	- 64	- 9.3
	JUNE-AUGUST 1974	JUNE-AUGUST 1973	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	6,366	5,220	+ 1,146	+ 22.0
IMPORTS	9,190	7,211	+ 1,979	+ 27.5
RE-EXPORTS	1,820	1,755	+ 65	+ 3.7
	JAN.-AUG. 1974	JAN.-AUG. 1973	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	15,763	11,760	+ 4,003	+ 34.0
IMPORTS	23,871	17,192	+ 6,680	+ 38.9
RE-EXPORTS	4,912	3,765	+ 1,148	+ 30.5
	SEPT. 1973 TO AUG. 1974	SEPT. 1972 TO AUG. 1973	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	23,658	17,290	+ 6,368	+ 36.8
IMPORTS	35,684	24,892	+ 10,792	+ 43.4
RE-EXPORTS	7,673	5,359	+ 2,314	+ 43.2

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SPECIAL INFORMATION CENTRE SET UP AT TAI HANG TUNG ESTATE
TO BRIEF TENANTS ON REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

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AN INFORMATION CENTRE HAS BEEN SET UP AT BLOCK 10 OF TAI HANG TUNG ESTATE TO ENABLE RESIDENTS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME FOR THEIR ESTATE.

THE CENTRE IS MANNED BY REDEVELOPMENT STAFF OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT WHO WILL ENDEAVOUR TO EXPLAIN TO THEM DETAILS OF THE PROJECT WHICH AIMS AT IMPROVING THEIR LIVING ENVIRONMENT.

LEAFLETS OUTLINING THE REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRE. THERE IS ALSO A DISPLAY SECTION WITH A MODEL OF WHAT TAI HANG TUNG ESTATE WILL LOOK LIKE WHEN FULLY REDEVELOPED, AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHS AND SKETCHES OF INTERIORS OF FLATS WHICH ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE AT OI MAN AND WAH FU ESTATES.

THERE IS ALSO A SUGGESTION BOX IN WHICH INTERESTED RESIDENTS MAY PUT FORWARD THEIR VIEWS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE DEPARTMENT'S ARCHITECTS.

THE INITIAL STAGE OF THE PROJECT INCLUDES THE BUILDING OF THREE HOUSING BLOCKS ON THE 2.8-ACRE SITE, FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY THE TAI HANG SAI COTTAGE AREA. LATER TWO MORE BLOCKS WILL BE BUILT ON AN ADJACENT SITE.

THE FIVE BLOCKS WILL PROVIDE HOMES FOR ABOUT 10,000 PEOPLE. EACH FLAT WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH A PRIVATE BALCONY, KITCHEN AND TOILET WITH SHOWER.

PILING WORK ON THE FIRST PHASE OF THE PROJECT WILL START LATER THIS YEAR AND THE TENANTS MAY BE MOVING INTO THESE NEW BLOCKS BY THE END OF 1977.

THE TAI HANG TUNG REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT, ESTIMATED TO COST ABOUT \$126 MILLION, IS PART OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S LONG-TERM PLAN TO RELIEVE OVERCROWDING, AND TO IMPROVE THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF TENANTS IN THE OLDER PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

THE EXISTING 14 MARK I BLOCKS WILL BE DEMOLISHED IN STAGES AND 11 TWELVE-STORY BLOCKS WILL BE BUILT IN THEIR PLACE.

THE ESTIMATED POPULATION OF THE ESTATE WILL REMAIN AT 35,000 DESPITE THE LARGER SITE BUT THE POPULATION DENSITY WILL BE CONSIDERABLY REDUCED, FROM 2,700 TO 1,700 PER ACRE.

TO SERVE THE TENANTS AND NEARBY RESIDENTS, THERE WILL BE A COMMERCIAL CENTRE CONTAINING A LARGE NUMBER OF SHOPS AND STORES. THE SCHEME ALSO INCLUDES RESTAURANTS, COMMUNITY HALLS, SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS, A CAR PARK AND TWO ESTATE GARAGES FOR 700 CARS, AS WELL AS SIX ACRES OF OPEN SPACE.

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ADDITIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT FACILITIES BEING PROVIDED
FOR MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED AND ADDITIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES PROVIDED NEXT WEEK IN CONNECTION WITH THIS YEAR'S MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL WHICH FALLS ON SEPTEMBER 30.

PARKING FACILITIES IN THE PEAK AREA ARE VERY LIMITED AND MOTORISTS ARE THEREFORE ADVISED TO MAKE USE OF THE ADDITIONAL TRANSPORT FACILITIES.

THE PRIVATE CAR, MOTOR CYCLE AND PUBLIC OMNIBUS PARKING SPACES AT THE UPPER AND LOWER PEAK TRAM TERMINUS CAR PARKS WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FROM 10 A.M. ON SUNDAY TO 2 A.M. NEXT WEDNESDAY, DURING WHICH ONLY FRANCHISED BUSES, PEAK MAXICABS AND TAXIS WILL BE ALLOWED TO USE THESE SPACES.

IN WANCHAI, PARKING SPACES IN PERCIVAL STREET BETWEEN HENNESSY ROAD AND LEIGHTON ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED BETWEEN 5 P.M. NEXT MONDAY AND 2 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY.

TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE PEAK AREA. TRAFFIC POLICE OFFICERS WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE AND TEMPORARY SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

NO VEHICLES, EXCEPT RESIDENTS' VEHICLES, WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER MOUNT AUSTIN ROAD FROM PEAK ROAD FROM 10 A.M. ON SUNDAY UNTIL 2 A.M. NEXT WEDNESDAY.

ALL TRAFFIC PROCEEDING TO AND FROM THE PEAK AREA WILL BE DIVERTED FROM PEAK ROAD INTO THE UPPER PEAK TRAM TERMINUS CAR PARK AS AND WHEN REQUIRED BY THE POLICE OFFICERS.

DIVERSIONS IN PEAK ROAD AND MAGAZINE GAP ROAD MAY ALSO BE IMPOSED ANY TIME DURING THE FESTIVE PERIOD AS DIRECTED BY THE POLICE OFFICERS WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.

MOTORISTS ARE WARNED THAT ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES MAY BE REMOVED BY THE POLICE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICES.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, IT IS EXPECTED THAT THERE WILL BE HEAVY VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ON TAI PO ROAD FROM SUNDAY TO MONDAY. MOTORISTS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO MAKE USE OF ALTERNATE ROUTES TO THE NEW TERRITORIES, SUCH AS CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND ROUTE TWISK, AND TO DRIVE WITH PATIENCE AND CARE. TRAFFIC POLICE OFFICERS WILL BE ON DUTY ON ALL ROUTES TO GUIDE THEM.

DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD, THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL BUS, PEAK TRAM AND MAXICAB SERVICES TO CATER FOR THE LARGE NUMBERS OF COMMUTERS.

THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY WILL OPERATE A SPECIAL ROUTE, DESIGNATED ROUTE 15B, BETWEEN THE PEAK AND CAUSEWAY BAY AREA ON MONDAY BETWEEN 7 P.M. AND 1 A.M. THE NEXT DAY VIA PEAK ROAD, STUBBS ROAD, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, MORRISON HILL ROAD, TIN LOK LANE, HENNESSY ROAD, PERCIVAL STREET, LEIGHTON ROAD. A FLAT FARE OF \$1 WILL BE CHARGED.

THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL BUS ROUTE 112, AND SHORT JOURNEYS ON ROUTE 101 FROM CHOI HUNG ESTATE TO CAUSEWAY BAY, WILL RUN UNTIL 2 A.M. ON TUESDAY.

THE PEAK TRAM COMPANY WILL OPERATE A SPECIAL FAST SERVICE ON MONDAY UNTIL SUCH TIME AS ALL PASSENGERS HAVE BEEN CATERED FOR.

THE PEAK MAXICAB WILL ALSO RUN A SPECIAL SERVICE FROM 6 P.M. ON MONDAY UNTIL 6 A.M. THE NEXT MORNING, DURING WHICH THE CHARGE WILL BE A FLAT \$2. THESE MAXICABS WILL NOT OPERATE VIA MANSFIELD ROAD AND MOUNT KELLETT ROAD.

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JAPAN OFFERS LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP

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ONE SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDY THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE AT THE TOKYO UNIVERSITY OF FOREIGN STUDIES AS AN UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT IS BEING OFFERED BY THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT TO A STUDENT FROM HONG KONG UNDER THE MOMBUSHO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME FOR THE 1975 ACADEMIC YEAR.

APPLICANTS MUST BE OVER 18 AND LESS THAN 22 YEARS OF AGE ON APRIL 1, 1975. THEY MUST BE WILLING TO RECEIVE UNIVERSITY EDUCATION IN THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE.

STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED FORM LOWER SIX ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 1974 OR POSSESS HIGHER QUALIFICATIONS ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.

APPLICATION FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS REGARDING THIS SCHOLARSHIP AND UNIVERSITY COURSES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BRANCH OFFICE, BONAVENTURE HOUSE, 2ND FLOOR, 91 LEIGHTON ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

ALL COMPLETED FORMS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SECTION BY OCTOBER 5.

THE DIRECTOR OF THE JAPAN INFORMATION AND CULTURAL OFFICE, CONSULATE-GENERAL OF JAPAN WILL CONSIDER APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION.

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REVISED CHAI WAN DEVELOPMENT PLAN APPROVED
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THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THE REVISED OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR CHAI WAN.

THE OBJECT OF THE NEW PLAN, WHICH SUPERSEDES THE PREVIOUS ONE, IS TO PROVIDE A STATUTORY LAND USE PATTERN AND MAJOR ROAD FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH THE USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF LAND MAY BE LEGALLY CONTROLLED, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD SAID TODAY.

THE PLAN, WHICH COVERS AN AREA OF 945 ACRES, AIMS TO DEVELOP CHAI WAN INTO A SELF-CONTAINED TOWNSHIP WITH ALL THE NECESSARY FACILITIES TO SERVE AN ESTIMATED FUTURE POPULATION OF 160,000.

EARMARKED FOR RESIDENTIAL USE ARE 95.3 ACRES OF LAND. THIS INCLUDES THE EXISTING PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND TWO OTHER ESTATES TO BE BUILT ON THE RECLAMATION AND AT THE COTTAGE ESTATE AREA BETWEEN TAI TAM ROAD AND CHAI WAN ROAD.

ALTOGETHER 34.6 ACRES OF LAND HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR A LARGE OPEN SPACE WHICH WILL PROVIDE A BREAK BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT HOUSING ESTATES TO THE SOUTHEAST AND THE PROPOSED COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL AND GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY ZONE TO THE NORTHWEST.

WITHIN THIS AREA A FOUR-ACRE SITE ON THE SOUTH-EASTERN PART OF THE PLAN HAS BEEN SET ASIDE FOR AN OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX WHICH WILL SERVE NOT ONLY CHAI WAN, BUT ALSO SHAU KEI WAN.

LAND EARMARKED FOR GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY USES TOTALS 99.5 ACRES.

A CIVIC CENTRE IS PROPOSED ON THE SITE OF THE EXISTING TYPHOON SHELTER. IT WILL INCLUDE A LIBRARY, EXHIBITION AND COMMUNITY HALL, GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND ESTATE WELFARE ACCOMMODATION.

OTHER PROPOSED COMMUNITY FACILITIES INCLUDE A HOSPITAL, SCHOOLS, A FIRE STATION, TWO MARKETS, TWO BUS TERMINI, A MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK AND A SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT.

COPIES OF THE APPROVED PLAN WITH THE ACCOMPANYING EXPLANATORY STATEMENT ARE AVAILABLE AT \$25 PER COLOURED COPY AND \$5 FOR AN UNCOLOURED COPY, FROM THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 18TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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AUCTION SALES OF CROWN LAND
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THE FOLLOWING SALES OF CROWN LAND TOOK PLACE AT THE CITY HALL AUCTION ROOM TODAY SEPTEMBER 27, 1974. THE AUCTIONEER WAS MR. D. WILKINSON, GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT (ACTING).

SALE NO. 1 -

LOT NO.: INLAND LOT NO. 8357 AT CLOUD VIEW ROAD, HONG KONG
AREA (IN SQ. FT.): 42,000
CROWN RENT: \$1,000 P.A.
BUILDING COVENANT: \$1,890,000 BEFORE 30.9.78
USER: PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL
REALISED PREMIUM: \$7,100,000
REALISED PRICE PER SQ. FT.: \$169.05
NAME OF PURCHASER: DAH SHUN CHONG INVESTMENT CO. LTD.

SALE NO. 2 -

LOT NO.: CHAI WAN INLAND LOT NO. 81 OFF CHAI WAN ROAD, HONG KONG
AREA (IN SQ. FT.): 15,500
CROWN RENT: \$1,000 P.A.
BUILDING COVENANT: \$700,000 BEFORE 30.9.77
USER: PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL
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SALE NO. 3 -

LOT NO.: NEW KOWLOON INLAND LOT NO. 5597 BETWEEN TAI YIP STREET AND THE PROPOSED WAI YIP STREET EXTENSION, KOWLOON
AREA (IN SQ. FT.): 11,600
CROWN RENT: \$1,000 P.A.
BUILDING COVENANT: \$510,000 BEFORE 30.9.77
USER: INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN
REALISED PREMIUM: \$1,330,000
REALISED PRICE PER SQ. FT.: \$114.66
NAME OF PURCHASER: PO YENG PLASTIC MATERIALS CO. LTD.

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LUNG CHEUNG ROAD EXTENSION OPENS ON MONDAY

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MOTORISTS TRAVELLING ALONG LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, KOWLOON, WILL FIND THEIR JOURNEY TIMES REDUCED WITH THE OPENING OF A NEW EXTENSION OF THE ROAD AT 10 A.M. ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 30).

THE TWO-WAY EXTENSION LINKS THE TWO SEPARATED ENDS OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AT ITS JUNCTIONS WITH HAMMER HILL ROAD AND SHATIN PASS ROAD, THUS ENABLING TRAFFIC TO MOVE STRAIGHT ON WITHOUT MAKING DETOURS.

WITH THE OPENING OF THE EXTENSION, KOWLOON MOTOR BUS ROUTE NO. 11C WILL BE RE-ROUTED AS FROM OCTOBER 14 VIA THE EXTENSION INSTEAD OF VIA SHATIN PASS ROAD, CHOI HUNG ROAD AND HAMMER HILL ROAD.

BOTH CARRIAGEWAYS OF THE EXTENSION WILL HAVE DAILY CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS, WITH ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING TO PICK UP OR SET DOWN PASSENGERS, AND TO LOAD OR UNLOAD GOODS, BETWEEN 7 A.M. AND 7 P.M.

ALSO WITH EFFECT FROM MONDAY, A SECTION OF THE GRADE-SEPARATED INTERCHANGE OF PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD WITH LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WILL BE OPENED TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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REPULSE BAY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

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A SECTION OF REPULSE BAY ROAD, NEAR THE JUNCTION OF BEACH ROAD, WILL BE WIDENED NEXT MONTH TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA.

THE CARRIAGEWAY OF THE 500-FOOT SECTION, WILL BE WIDENED BY ABOUT 20 FEET IN ADDITION TO A NINE-FOOT FOOTPATH ALONG THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE ROAD.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING DIAMETER SEWER IN BEACH ROAD WILL BE REPLACED BY A LARGER ONE TO COPE WITH THE EXTENSIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA. STORMWATER DRAINAGE WORKS WILL ALSO BE CARRIED OUT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ROAD WORKS.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN EARLY NEXT MONTH AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN FOUR AND A HALF MONTHS' TIME.

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NEW RULES TO PROTECT COMPANY NAMES

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NEW LEGISLATION, AIMED AT GIVING FURTHER PROTECTION TO COMPANY NAMES, IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHORTLY.

IF ENACTED, THE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 4) BILL 1974 WILL PROHIBIT THE REGISTRATION OF ANY COMPANY UNDER A NAME IDENTICAL, OR DECEPTIVELY SIMILAR, TO THAT OF A FOREIGN COMPANY INCORPORATED OUTSIDE HONG KONG AND CARRYING ON BUSINESS HERE OR THAT OF A BODY CORPORATE INCORPORATED OR ESTABLISHED UNDER AN ORDINANCE.

IT WILL ALSO PROHIBIT THE REGISTRATION OF ANY COMPANY UNDER A NAME WHICH CONTAINS THE WORD "KAIFONG", EXCEPT WITH THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNOR.

COMMENTING ON THE BILL, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT SAID: +THE RESTRICTION ON THE USE OF THE WORD "KAIFONG" HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE NECESSARY TO ENABLE THE REGISTRAR GENERAL TO PREVENT A COMPANY USING THE WORD IN ITS NAME WHEN IT IS NOT REALLY A KAIFONG-TYPE ORGANISATION.

+THE OTHER RESTRICTIONS - RELATING TO NAMES IDENTICAL, OR DECEPTIVELY SIMILAR TO, NAMES OF FOREIGN CORPORATIONS OR STATUTORY BODIES - ARE NECESSARY TO CLOSE UP A NUMBER OF TECHNICAL LOOPHOLES IN THE EXISTING SECTION 20 OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE,+ HE ADDED.

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DANGEROUS BUILDINGS

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FOUR PRE-WAR BUILDINGS IN CENTRAL DISTRICT ARE TO BE PULLED DOWN AS THEY ARE LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

THE BUILDINGS ARE NOS. 215, 217, 221 AND 223 HOLLYWOOD ROAD. ALL ARE FOUR STOREYS HIGH.

THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID TODAY THE LOAD-BEARING BRICK PARTY WALLS OF THESE BUILDINGS WERE FRACTURED AND BULGED AND IT WAS CONSIDERED THAT THERE IS A RISK OF COLLAPSE DURING OR AFTER THE DEMOLITION OF NO. 219 WHICH WAS CLOSED UNDER AN EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER ON SEPTEMBER 25.

THE FOUR BUILDINGS WERE INSPECTED AFTER SUDDEN RECENT MOVEMENT TO THE REAR MAIN WALL OF NO. 219 WAS NOTICED.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS WERE POSTED ON THE FOUR BUILDINGS TODAY. HEARING WILL TAKE PLACE AT 9.30 A.M. IN VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT ON OCTOBER 28.

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NEW BUS SERVICE FOR SHEK O AND STANLEY RESIDENTS

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TWO NEW BUS ROUTES WILL BE INTRODUCED EARLY NEXT MONTH FROM SHEK O AND STANLEY TO CENTRAL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORT FACILITY FOR RESIDENTS NOW USING PRIVATE CARS TO AND FROM WORK.

STARTING ON OCTOBER 7, THE NEW SERVICES WILL RUN FOR A TRIAL PERIOD OF TWO MONTHS. SHOULD THEY PROVE POPULAR, THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY WILL OPERATE THE ROUTES WITH COACHES AS SOON AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF OPERATION, PASSENGERS WILL BE ASKED TO FILL IN QUESTIONNAIRES WITH A VIEW TO DETERMINING THE SUITABILITY OF THE NEW ROUTES AND THE NEED FOR MAKING ANY ADJUSTMENTS.

NO STANDEES WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE ROUTES, WHICH WILL OPERATE ONE RETURN JOURNEY A DAY FROM MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS. THE ROUTES WILL NOT OPERATE ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

THE SHEK O-CENTRAL ROUTE WILL RUN VIA CHAI WAN ROAD, SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AND WATERFRONT ROAD, WITH THE MORNING BUS LEAVING SHEK O AT 7.45 A.M. AND THE EVENING BUS LEAVING THE CENTRAL BUS TERMINAL AT 5.30 P.M. MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS, AND AT 1.15 P.M. ON SATURDAYS. THE CHARGE WILL BE A FLAT \$4.

THE STANLEY-CENTRAL SERVICE, WITH A FLAT FARE OF \$2.5, WILL OPERATE VIA REPULSE BAY ROAD, STUBBS ROAD AND QUEEN'S ROAD EAST. THE MORNING JOURNEY STARTS FROM STANLEY PRISON AT 8 A.M., WHILE THE DEPARTURE TIMES FROM CENTRAL WILL BE THE SAME AS FOR THE SHEK O ROUTE.

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130 ACRES OF NEW LAND TO BE FORMED IN SHA TIN
FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO GRANT A LEASE OF UP TO 58 ACRES OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED ON THE EASTERN COAST OF TIDE COVE, NEW TERRITORIES, FOR PRIVATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT TO HELP MEET THE DEMAND FOR PRIVATE HOUSING AT SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

THE LEASE WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY TENDER AND THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER WILL BE REQUIRED TO RECLAIM AN AREA OF ABOUT 130 ACRES OF WHICH HE WILL BE PERMITTED TO RETAIN UP TO 58 ACRES FOR DEVELOPMENT. THE REMAINDER WILL BE HANDED TO THE GOVERNMENT.

IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE LEASEE SHALL PREPARE A LAYOUT PLAN OF THE DEVELOPMENT FOR APPROVAL. THE PLAN WILL INCLUDE AREAS FOR LOCAL OPEN SPACE, CAR PARKING, SCHOOLS AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES. IT IS ENVISAGED THAT, ON COMPLETION OF DEVELOPMENT, THERE WILL BE ACCOMMODATION FOR UP TO 17,000 PERSONS ON THE LOT.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA INVOLVED IS GIVEN IN A NOTICE IN TODAY'S GAZETTE WHICH CALLS ON ANYBODY HAVING OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL OR ANY CLAIM OF PRIVATE RIGHT TO SUBMIT THEM IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN TWO MONTHS FROM NOW.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS

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HONG KONG STUDENTS OF HIGH INTELLECTUAL PROMISE ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR A LIMITED NUMBER OF 1975 SCHOLARSHIPS BEING OFFERED BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, MALAYSIA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, JAMAICA AND NIGERIA UNDER THE COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP PLAN.

+THE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE INTENDED FOR PERSONS WHO MAY BE EXPECTED TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO LIFE IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES ON THEIR RETURN FROM STUDY ABROAD,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

+THEY ARE PRIMARILY AVAILABLE FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDY OR RESEARCH AT UNIVERSITIES NORMALLY EXTENDING OVER A PERIOD OF TWO ACADEMIC YEARS,+ HE ADDED.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE COMMONWEALTH CITIZENS NORMALLY RESIDENT IN HONG KONG. THEY SHOULD ALSO BE GRADUATES OF RECOGNISED UNIVERSITIES OR EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATIONS.

CANDIDATES SHOULD NOT BE MORE THAN 35 YEARS OF AGE AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP AND PREFERABLY BE LESS THAN 28 YEARS OF AGE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BRANCH OFFICE, BONAVENTURE HOUSE, 2ND FLOOR, 91, LEIGHTON ROAD, HONG KONG.

ALL COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SECTION BY OCTOBER 21, 1974.

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WATER SITUATION REPORT

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THE TOTAL WATER STORAGE IN ALL RESERVOIRS AS AT 9 AM TODAY (FRIDAY) STOOD AT 35,112 MILLION GALLONS, REPRESENTING 52.2 PER CENT OF THE FULL CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS. AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR THERE WERE 65,961 MILLION GALLONS IN STORE.

THIS MORNING'S STORAGE AT PLOVER COVE WAS 27,021 MILLION GALLONS, COMPARED WITH 50,281 MILLION GALLONS ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR. PLOVER COVE'S PRESENT STORAGE REPRESENTS 53.5 PER CENT OF ITS FULL CAPACITY OF 50,500 MILLION GALLONS.

0.7 M.M. (0.03 IN) 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 1,372.7 M.M. (54.04 IN).

THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 STANDS AT 1,967 M.M. (77.44 IN), REPRESENTING A SHORTFALL OF 30.2 PER CENT.

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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
CHINA RICE		
SEE MEW	GOOD	2.02
S.C. JIEN	GOOD	1.86
PO NGAI	GOOD	-
CHU CHO	GOOD	-
THAI RICE		
100% WHOLE	GOOD	1.82
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	1.74
A1 : SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	1.70
A1 : SUPER	GOOD	1.45
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	1.75
U.S. RICE	GOOD	1.97
AUSTRALIAN RICE	GOOD	1.82
PAKISTAN RICE	GOOD	-
TAIWAN RICE	GOOD	-

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(CALL 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	GOOD	3.30	1.40	2.00
BIG-EYES	GOOD	2.50	1.20	1.80
SQUID	NORMAL	4.60	1.80	3.00
HAIR-TAILS	GOOD	1.00	0.30	0.60
LIZARD FISHES	NORMAL	3.00	0.60	1.80
CROAKERS	NORMAL	1.20	0.40	0.80
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	LIMITED	2.20	1.40	1.80
MELON COAT	LIMITED	1.50	0.90	1.30
BREAMS	NORMAL	3.40	1.20	2.00
YELLOW BELLY	GOOD	1.20	0.60	0.80
MACKERELS	NORMAL	4.00	1.40	2.30
RED GOAT FISH	NORMAL	1.30	0.40	0.60
FORK-TAIL	NORMAL	0.60	0.30	0.50
HORSE-HEAD	LIMITED	5.00	1.00	3.50
MELON SEED	LIMITED	1.50	0.40	1.00
POMFRETS	SCARCE	7.00	5.00	6.30
GRAOUPAS	NORMAL	7.50	4.50	6.00
YELLOW CROAKER	SCARCE	5.50	3.10	4.00

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF LOCALLY PRODUCED VEGETABLES

(VMO CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE MARKET)

TYPE OF VEGETABLE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
FLOWERING CABBAGE	LIMITED	1.60	0.50	1.20
WHITE CABBAGE	NORMAL	0.80	0.30	0.50
CHINESE LETTUCE	LIMITED	1.20	0.40	0.80
WATER SPINACH	LIMITED	0.50	0.10	0.30
CHINESE KALE	LIMITED	1.60	0.80	1.20
STRING BEANS	LIMITED	1.60	0.40	1.20
SPRING ONION	LIMITED	1.80	0.50	1.00
SPINACH	---			
WATER CRESS	SCARCE	3.80	2.20	3.00
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	LIMITED	1.00	0.30	0.70
CHINESE SPINACH	LIMITED	0.80	0.20	0.50
TOMATO	SCARCE	4.50	2.50	3.20