



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1974

CONTENTS

PAGE NO.

CONTAINER TRADE IN HONG KONG GROWS	1
"MEET THE MEDIA" SESSION TOMORROW	1
MORE PUPILS BENEFIT FROM SCHOOL MEDICAL SCHEME	2
MOBILE REGISTRATION TEAM TO VISIT TSZ WAN SHAN ESTATE .	2
WORKING GROUP TO BE SET UP TO DISCUSS LAND MATTERS AFFECTING NEW TERRITORIES	3
KOWLOON BAY SQUATTERS GIVEN SITES AT SHEK YAM LICENSED AREA TO REBUILD THEIR HUTS	3
YOUTH BALL FOR CENTRAL OFFICE WORKERS PLANNED	4
WATER INTERRUPTION IN HUNG HOM	4
SALE OF LOTTERY TICKETS CLOSES TOMORROW	5

DAILY GUIDE TO WHOLESALE PRICES AND SUPPLY OF BASIC FOOD
COMMODITIES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1974

- 1 -

CONTAINER TRADE DEVELOPING FAST IN HONG KONG
* * * * *

NEARLY 40 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S EXPORTS AND IMPORTS ARE NOW BEING TRANSPORTED IN CONTAINERS.

DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, 225,375 CONTAINERS, EQUAL TO 364,863 TWENTY FOOT EQUIVALENT CONTAINERS (T.E.U.'S), WERE HANDLED IN THE PORT.

IMPORTED CARGO TOTALLED 1,283,099 TONS CARRIED IN 151,638 T.E.U.'S AND EXPORTS TOTALLED 1,198,029 TONS CARRIED IN 163,536 T.E.U.'S WITH THE BALANCE BEING EMPTY CONTAINERS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT CONTAINER TRADE IN HONG KONG HAD BEEN DEVELOPING VERY QUICKLY. +THIS IS ONLY A BEGINNING AND IT WILL CONTINUE TO PROSPER.+

IN 1973, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LOADED CONTAINERS HANDLED IN HONG KONG WAS 491,915 T.E.U.'S COMPARED WITH ABOUT 30,000 IN 1970.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS EXPECTED THAT ANOTHER TWO BERTHS WOULD BE ADDED TO THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL WITHIN THE NEXT FEW YEARS, EACH COVERING A BIGGER AREA THAN ANY ONE OF THE EXISTING THREE BERTHS.

THE THREE EXISTING BERTHS COVER ABOUT 35 ACRES EACH, AND CATER FOR CONTAINER SHIPS OF THE LATEST DESIGN UP TO ABOUT 1,000 FEET IN LENGTH.

THE BERTHS ARE FULLY EQUIPPED WITH MARSHALLING YARDS, CRANES, ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT AND LARGE CONTAINER FREIGHT STATIONS.

THEY ARE OPERATED BY MODERN TERMINALS, KOWLOON CONTAINER WAREHOUSE COMPANY AND SEA-LAND ORIENT.

----- 0 -----

+MEET THE MEDIA+ SESSION TOMORROW
* * * * *

NOTE TO EDITORS:

ANOTHER +MEET THE MEDIA+ SESSION WILL BE HELD AT 3 P.M. TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE G.I.S. 35 MM THEATRE, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

ATTENDING WILL BE MR. HARRY WOOD, DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES.

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE MEETING COVERED. RADIO AND TELEVISION CREWS ARE REQUESTED TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT BEFORE THE START OF THE MEETING TO AVOID INCONVENIENCE.

----- 0 -----

/2

SUPPORT FOR SCHOOL MEDICAL SCHEME URGED

* * * * *

THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE BOARD TODAY APPEALED TO HEADMASTERS TO CONTINUE TO GIVE THEIR SUPPORT BY ENCOURAGING PUPILS TO JOIN THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SCHEME.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID THAT DURING THE LAST ACADEMIC YEAR A TOTAL OF 76,200 PUPILS HAD BENEFITTED FROM THE SCHEME, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 6,000 WHEN COMPARED WITH THE NUMBER OF THE PRECEDING SCHOOL YEAR.

+THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS,+ HE SAID +INDICATED THAT THE SCHEME HAS BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY HEADMASTERS AND THAT SCHOOL CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS HAVE BECOME MORE AWARE OF THE VALUE OF THIS SERVICE.+

THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SCHEME WAS SET UP IN OCTOBER 1964 TO PROVIDE ECONOMICAL MEDICAL TREATMENT TO PUPILS IN REGISTERED SCHOOLS AND ENROLMENT IS LIMITED TO PUPILS IN PRIMARY CLASSES AND FORM I TO III IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

PARTICIPATION OF PUPILS IS VOLUNTARY AND THEY MAY JOIN THE SCHEME ANY TIME THEY WISH FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF ENTRY AT THE COST OF ONLY \$5 A YEAR.

AS THE SCHOOLS MAY BE VERY BUSY AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW SCHOOL TERM, ANYONE WHO WISHES TO MAKE FURTHER ENQUIRIES ON THE SCHEME OR TO OBTAIN A LIST OF DOCTORS PRACTISING IN THE AREA OF THE SCHOOL IS ASKED TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE BOARD DIRECT ON TEL. NO. 5-764765.

- - - - 0 - - - -

MOBILE REGISTRATION TEAM TO VISIT TSZ WAN SHAN ESTATE

* * * * *

RESIDENTS IN THE TSZ WAN SHAN ESTATE AND THE ADJACENT AREAS ARE URGED TO MAKE USE OF THE FACILITIES OF A MOBILE REGISTRATION TEAM WHICH WILL VISIT THERE NEXT WEEK.

THE VISIT IS TO ENABLE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS TO REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN AT THE AGE OF 11 FOR JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS AND HOLDERS OF JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS TO REGISTER FOR ADULT IDENTITY CARDS AT THE AGE OF 18.

THE TEAM WILL OPERATE THERE FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY. THE BUSINESS HOURS WILL BE FROM 9.30 A.M. TO 4.30 P.M.

THE COMMISSIONER OF REGISTRATION TODAY REMINDED PEOPLE LIVING IN THAT AREA OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO REGISTER THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN FOR IDENTITY CARDS.

THEY SHOULD ALSO REPORT CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT OR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES, MARITAL STATUS, OR ANY OTHER PARTICULARS WHICH HAVE CHANGED SINCE REGISTERING FOR THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

- - - - 0 - - - -

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1974

- 3 -

SECRETARY FOR N.T. TO FORM WORKING GROUP
TO DISCUSS LAND MATTERS AFFECTING N.T.

* * * * *

AT ITS MONTHLY MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MEMBERS OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK TODAY CALLED ON GOVERNMENT TO SIMPLIFY ITS LAND EXCHANGE POLICY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES TO DISCOURAGE CORRUPTION.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KUK, MR. CHAN YAT-SAN, SAID HE WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE PRESENT LAND EXCHANGE SYSTEM, WHICH HE ADDED WAS DICTATED BY TOO MANY +EXPERTS+.

THE SECRETARY, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES SAID HE WOULD FORM A SMALL WORKING GROUP COMPRISING HIMSELF, THE GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT AND MEMBERS OF THE KUK TO DISCUSS FRANKLY ABOUT LAND MATTERS AFFECTING THE NEW TERRITORIES.

AMENDMENTS WERE ALSO MADE TO THE NEW TERRITORIES SMALL HOUSE POLICY DURING THE MEETING. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PERIOD DURING WHICH A SMALL HOUSE MUST BE BUILT AFTER THE GRANTING OF THE APPLICATION SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO 30 MONTHS INSTEAD OF 24. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT FINES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE AMENDED REGULATIONS BE REDUCED FROM \$200 TO \$50.

- - - - 0 - - - -

KOWLOON BAY SQUATTERS GIVEN SITES AT SHEK YAM

* * * * *

MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS OF THE KOWLOON BAY ILLEGAL SQUATTERS WHO HAVE TO VACATE THE LAND FOR GENERAL DEVELOPMENT HAVE OBTAINED SITES AT SHEK YAM LICENSED AREA TO REBUILD THEIR HUTS.

UP TO TODAY, MORE THAN 800 OF THE 1,150 SQUATTERS HAVE BEEN OFFERED SITES BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND MANY OF THEM ARE PUTTING UP THEIR HUTS AT THE LICENSED AREA.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT SAID THAT SITE ALLOCATION FOR THE REMAINING SQUATTERS WOULD PROBABLY TAKE TWO OR THREE MORE DAYS TO COMPLETE.

HE CALLED ON THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET APPROACHED THE DEPARTMENT FOR LICENSED AREA SITES TO DO SO WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY SO THAT THEY COULD HAVE MORE TIME TO PREPARE FOR THEIR REMOVAL.

SOME OF THE REMAINING SQUATTERS HAVE BEEN ADOPTING A WAIT-AND-SEE ATTITUDE TO SEE WHETHER THE DEPARTMENT WOULD OFFER THEM SITES IN KOWLOON BAY TO REBUILD THEIR HUTS.

+IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO ALLOW THESE SQUATTERS TO REBUILD IN KOWLOON BAY AS THE FEW REMAINING LICENSED AREA SITES THERE HAVE ALREADY BEEN COMMITTED AND NEW SITES WILL NOT BE READY UNTIL EARLY NEXT YEAR,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/4

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1974.

- 4 -

OFFICE WORKERS TOO NEED RECREATION

* * * * *

WORKERS IN COMMERCIAL FIRMS AND OFFICES, ESPECIALLY THE YOUNG JUNIOR EMPLOYEES LIKE CLERKS, COUNTER SALES PERSONNEL AND OFFICE BOYS HAVE VERY LITTLE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES BECAUSE OF THEIR HOURS OF WORK.

ALSO WHILE MUCH IS DONE RECREATIONALLY FOR INDUSTRIAL WORKERS, STUDENTS AND THE YOUNGER SECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY, THE OFFICE EMPLOYEE IS SELDOM ACCORDED MUCH ATTENTION.

WHAT IS LACKING ARE APPROPRIATE ACTIVITIES IN WHICH THEY CAN RELAX AND ENJOY THEMSELVES LIKE OTHERS AFTER THEIR EXHAUSTIVE DAILY WORK, SAID MR. BERNARD MUI, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICER FOR CENTRAL.

MR. MUI FEELS COMMUNITY WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS SHOULD SHOW GREATER CONCERN FOR THE WELL-BEING OF THIS LOWER LEVEL OF WHITE COLLAR WORKERS WHO SHOULD BE PROVIDED WITH MORE LEISURE AND ENTERTAINMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

WITH THIS IN MIND HIS OFFICE, TOGETHER WITH THE C.D.O. (CENTRAL), IS PLANNING A YOUTH BALL FOR OFFICE WORKERS IN CENTRAL DISTRICT. THIS WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, AT THE FURAMA HOTEL STARTING AT 8.00 P.M.

ACTIVELY SUPPORTING THIS PROJECT IS THE WING ON COMPANY. THE COST OF TICKETS FOR THE EVENING'S ENTERTAINMENT IS \$30.00 A COUPLE WHICH INCLUDES LIGHT REFRESHMENT.

MR. MUI SAID THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BALL LIES NOT IN THE BALL ITSELF, BUT IN THE FACT THAT IT HAS BEEN ARRANGED TO AROUSE OFFICE WORKERS' INTEREST IN ORGANIZING RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND YOUTH CLUBS BY THEMSELVES.

IT WAS HOPED THAT EMPLOYERS TOO WOULD RECOGNIZE THE RECREATIONAL NEEDS OF THEIR STAFF.

- - - - 0 - - - -

WATER INTERRUPTION IN HUNG HOM

* * * * *

WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN HUNG HOM WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS ON SATURDAY STARTING AT 1 P.M.

THE TEMPORARY STOPPAGE IS TO ENABLE A LEAKAGE TEST TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE AREA.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY LOK SHAN ROAD, KAU PUI LOONG ROAD, CHATHAM ROAD, PAK KUNG STREET, HOK YUEN STREET, CHUN TIN STREET, MA TAU WEI ROAD, KOWLOON CITY ROAD AND PAU CHUNG STREET.

- - - - 0 - - - -

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1974

- 5 -

SALE OF LOTTERY TICKETS CLOSES TOMORROW

* * * * *

TOMORROW WILL BE THE LAST DAY FOR PEOPLE TO BUY TICKETS OF THE EIGHTH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY THE SALE OF WHICH WILL CLOSE AT 9 P.M.

UP TO 4.30 P.M. TODAY (THURSDAY), A TOTAL OF 807,000 TICKETS WAS SOLD.

WINNING NUMBERS OF THIS LOTTERY WILL BE DRAWN BY FOUR HK-TV ARTISTES -- MISS PEARL AU, MISS ANGELINA LO, MISS ANNA NG AND MR. HO SOU-SAN -- AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE AT 10 A.M. ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 7).

- - - - 0 - - - -

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1974

CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (THURSDAY) 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

<u>GRADE OF RICE</u>	<u>AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY</u>	<u>WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY) AVERAGE</u>
<u>CHINA RICE</u>		
SEE MEW	GOOD	2.20
S.C. JIEN	GOOD	1.86
PO NGAI	GOOD	NO SALE
CHU CHO	GOOD	NO SALE
<u>THAI RICE</u>		
100% WHOLE	GOOD	1.75
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	1.74
A1 SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	1.70
A1 SUPER	GOOD	1.40
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	NO SALE
<u>U.S. RICE</u>	GOOD	NO SALE
<u>AUSTRALIAN RICE</u>	GOOD	1.74
<u>PAKISTAN RICE</u>	GOOD	NO SALE
<u>TAIWAN RICE</u>	GOOD	NO SALE

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(CALL SOURCES)

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	-	GOOD
WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORK (\$/PICUL-LIVE WEIGHT)	-	320 (AVERAGE)

/SUPPLIES AND

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1974

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF MARINE FISH

(CFMO CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET)

SPECIES	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
GOLDEN THREAD	GOOD	3.80	2.20	3.00
BIG-EYES	GOOD	2.80	1.20	2.00
SQUID	GOOD	3.30	1.30	2.30
HAIR-TAILS	NORMAL	2.70	0.80	1.70
LIZARD FISHES	NORMAL	3.30	1.00	2.10
CROAKERS	LIMITED	1.40	0.40	1.00
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	NORMAL	2.50	1.40	2.00
MELON COAT	NORMAL	2.00	1.40	1.70
BREAMS	NORMAL	5.50	3.50	4.50
YELLOW BELLY	LIMITED	2.00	0.60	1.30
MACKERELS	LIMITED	4.00	1.20	2.60
RED GOAT FISH	LIMITED	0.80	0.40	0.60
FORK-TAIL	NORMAL	0.70	0.40	0.60
HORSE-HEAD	NORMAL	5.80	2.80	4.20
MELON SEED	LIMITED	1.80	0.80	1.30
POMFRETS	SCARCE	8.00	6.00	7.00
GARROUPAS	LIMITED	10.00	6.00	8.00
YELLOW CROAKER	---	---	---	---

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	1.60	0.50	1.00
WHITE CABBAGE	GOOD	0.50	0.10	0.30
CHINESE LETTUCE	LIMITED	1.30	0.40	0.80
WATER SPINACH	GOOD	0.40	0.10	0.25
CHINESE KALE	LIMITED	1.80	0.60	1.20
STRING BEANS	LIMITED	2.20	0.60	1.40
SPRING ONION	NORMAL	1.60	0.30	1.00
SPINACH	---	NO SALE		
WATER CRESS	SCARCE	3.50	1.50	2.60
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	NORMAL	0.70	0.20	0.45
CHINESE SPINACH	NORMAL	0.70	0.20	0.45
TOMATO	SCARCE	5.20	2.50	4.00

TIME : 1430 HOURS/LWK
DATE : 5TH SEPTEMBER, 1974.