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DAILY GUIDE TO WHOLESALE PRICES AND SUPPLY OF BASIC FOOD COMMODITIES

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**SPECIAL RECREATION AND SPORTS UNIT FORMED
TO PROMOTE SPORTING ACTIVITIES DISTRICT LEVEL**

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ANOTHER MAJOR STEP HAS BEEN TAKEN IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF RECREATION AND SPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL RECREATION AND SPORTS UNIT.

IN ANNOUNCING THE SCHEME TODAY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, MR. DENIS BRAY, SAID THE MOST IMPORTANT FUNCTION OF THE NEW UNIT WOULD BE TO SET UP AND ADMINISTER AN ORGANISATION OF RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICERS AT DISTRICT LEVEL.

+THE FUNCTIONS OF EACH DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICER WILL BE TO ASSIST THE COMMUNITY TO MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF ALL SPORTS FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

+ONE OF THE MAIN AIMS OF THE NEW SCHEME+, MR. BRAY ADDED, +IS TO PROVIDE SUITABLE OUTLETS FOR THE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN AT WORK, FOR THESE PEOPLE NOW FIND IT VERY DIFFICULT TO JOIN IN ANY ORGANISED RECREATIONAL OR SPORTING ACTIVITY.+

THE DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICERS WILL SUPERVISE, LEAD AND ORGANISE SPORT AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, COURSES AND COMPETITIONS COVERING PHYSICAL RECREATION, AND ENCOURAGE GREATER PARTICIPATION IN LEAGUES AND COMPETITIONS AT DISTRICT LEVEL.

THEY WILL BE INVOLVED IN FORMING DISTRICT SPORTS COUNCILS, WHERE THESE DO NOT YET EXIST, IN STIMULATING ACTIVITY IN RECREATION AND SPORT BY VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATIONS AND CLUBS, AND WILL LIAISE WITH THE VARIOUS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS AND SPORTS CLUBS.

THE OFFICERS WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICERS AND DISTRICT OFFICERS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICERS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICERS AND THE DISTRICT STAFF OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN JOINTLY PROMOTING ACTIVITIES IN PHYSICAL RECREATION AND SPORTS FOR ALL AGE GROUPS.

THE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF OFFICERS IN THE NEW SCHEME WILL BE TO CONCENTRATE ON RECREATION AND SPORT INVOLVING AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE.

MR. BRAY SAID THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENTIRE SCHEME WOULD BE PHASED OVER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD. IN THE NORMAL COURSE, FUNDS FOR A NEW SCHEME SUCH AS THIS COULD NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE UNTIL THE NEW FINANCIAL YEAR BUT IN ORDER TO GET THE SCHEME OFF TO AN EARLY START INITIAL EXPENSES ARE TO BE COVERED FROM THE SPECIAL FUND FOR RECREATION.

/EXPERIENCED OFFICERS

EXPERIENCED OFFICERS FROM THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ARE TO BE POSTED TO THIS WORK WHILE NEW STAFF IS RECRUITED TO NEW POSTS RECENTLY APPROVED.

+WITHOUT THIS CONTRIBUTION FROM THE SPECIAL FUND IT WOULD BE MID-1975 BEFORE WE GOT GOING+ MR. BRAY SAID. +AS IT IS, THE SCHEME WILL BE OPERATIONAL IN SIX DISTRICTS IN A MONTH'S TIME.+

+IT IS HOPED THAT THE FIRST DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICERS WILL BE OPERATING BY OCTOBER THIS YEAR AND THE SIX DISTRICTS WE PROPOSE TO START IN ARE WESTERN, EASTERN, SHAM SHUI PO, WONG TAI SIN, KWUN TONG AND YUEN LONG+.

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REMINDER ON TAX RETURNS

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THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE TODAY REMINDED EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES, WITHIN THE TAXABLE BRACKET, OF THEIR OBLIGATION UNDER THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT TAX RETURNS TO THE DEPARTMENT WHETHER OR NOT THEY HAVE BEEN ASKED TO DO SO.

IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSPAPERS, EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE NOT YET SUBMITTED AN EMPLOYER'S RETURN SHOWING FULL DETAILS OF EMOLUMENTS PAID OR PAYABLE BY THE EMPLOYER TO THE EMPLOYEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1974, ARE ASKED TO DO SO WITHOUT DELAY.

THEY ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO NOTIFY THE COMMISSIONER IN WRITING OF THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THOSE OF THEIR EMPLOYEES WHO ARE LIKELY TO BE CHARGEABLE TO SALARIES TAX.

EMPLOYEES, WHOSE INCOME HAS REACHED THE TAXABLE BRACKET AND WHO HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED A SALARIES TAX RETURN FOR 1974/75 FOR COMPLETION, ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO NOTIFY THE COMMISSIONER IN WRITING TO THIS EFFECT.

THESE INCLUDE PENSIONERS WHOSE INCOME BEFORE DEDUCTING THEIR LIVING AND PERSONAL EXPENSES EXCEEDS THE TAX FREE INCOME LEVEL ALLOWED.

FAILURE TO DO SO IN EITHER CASE MAY CONSTITUTE AN OFFENCE UNDER SECTION 80 (1) (C) OF THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE.

COMMENTING ON THE NOTICE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THE NUMBER OF SALARIES TAXPAYERS HAD INCREASED FROM 85,000 IN MARCH 1972 TO 120,000 IN 1974.

THIS DRAMATIC INCREASE, HE SAID, HAD PLACED A HEAVY WORKLOAD ON THE STAFF.

COMPLETING AND RETURNING THE EMPLOYER'S RETURN AND SALARIES TAX RETURN EARLY WOULD GREATLY HELP THE STAFF IN THEIR WORK, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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FOLLOWING IS A TABLE SHOWING THE TAX FREE INCOME LEVEL ALLOWED FOR SINGLE AND MARRIED PERSON :

TABLE

	<u>SINGLE PERSON (INCLUDING WIDOW AND WIDOWER)</u>	<u>MAN AND WIFE TOGETHER</u>
	<u>TAX FREE INCOME</u>	<u>JOINT</u> <u>TAX FREE INCOME</u>
(A) WITHOUT DEPENDENT CHILDREN -	\$ 835 PER MONTH	\$1670 PER MONTH
(B) WITH 1 DEPENDENT CHILD -	\$1085 PER MONTH	\$1920 PER MONTH
(C) WITH 2 DEPENDENT -	\$1290 PER MONTH	\$2125 PER MONTH
(D) WITH 3 DEPENDENT -	\$1420 PER MONTH	\$2250 PER MONTH
(E) WITH 4 DEPENDENT -	\$1500 PER MONTH	\$2335 PER MONTH
(F) WITH 5 DEPENDENT -	\$1585 PER MONTH	\$2420 PER MONTH
(G) WITH 6 DEPENDENT -	\$1670 PER MONTH	\$2500 PER MONTH
(H) WITH 7 DEPENDENT -	\$1710 PER MONTH	\$2540 PER MONTH
(I) WITH 8 DEPENDENT -	\$1750 PER MONTH	\$2585 PER MONTH
(J) WITH 9 DEPENDENT -	\$1790 PER MONTH	\$2625 PER MONTH

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MORE THAN 34,000 TO GET BETTER HOMES
WORK ON NEW N.T. ESTATE TO START IN NOVEMBER
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ANOTHER PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE, WHICH WILL PROVIDE BETTER HOMES FOR SOME 34,000 PEOPLE, WILL BE BUILT IN SHA TIN NEXT TO THE LEK YUEN ESTATE.

KNOWN AS WO CHE ESTATE, THE NEW HOUSING COMPLEX HAS BEEN PLANNED TO FORM A NEIGHBOURHOOD UNIT WITH LEK YUEN ESTATE WHICH WILL HAVE A POPULATION OF 23,000.

WO CHE ESTATE FORMS PART OF THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT SCHEME AND MARKS ANOTHER STEP FORWARD IN THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S 10-YEAR HOUSING PROGRAMME.

THE ESTATE WILL BE BUILT IN TWO STAGES, WITH PILING WORK FOR THE FIRST STAGE DUE TO START IN NOVEMBER. BUILDING WORK ON PHASE ONE SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN 1977.

THE WHOLE PROJECT, COMPRISING SIX TWIN-TOWER BLOCKS AND THREE SLAB BLOCKS TOGETHER WITH A HUGE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX AND SIX SCHOOL BUILDINGS, WILL BE FINISHED IN 1979. MORE THAN 16 ACRES OF LAND WILL BE RESERVED AS OPEN SPACE AND ADEQUATE WELFARE FACILITIES WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED.

PHASE ONE INVOLVES THE BUILDING OF THREE TWIN-TOWER BLOCKS WHICH WILL HOUSE ABOUT 15,000 PEOPLE.

THESE FLATS, SIMILAR TO OI MAN ESTATE WILL ALL BE SELF-CONTAINED COMPLETE WITH A PRIVATE BALCONY, KITCHEN, AND TOILET AND SHOWER, WITH LIVING/SLEEPING AREAS RANGING FROM 245 SQUARE FEET TO 315 SQUARE FEET.

ALSO TO BE CONSTRUCTED UNDER THIS PHASE WILL BE THREE SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND HALF OF THE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX WHICH WILL ACCOMMODATE SHOPS, TWO CAFES, A RESTAURANT, A WELFARE HALL, A CHILDREN/YOUTH CENTRE, TWO BANKS, A POST OFFICE AND AN ESTATE OFFICE. ABOUT 400 PARKING SPACES WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE BUILDING.

THE SECOND AND LAST PHASE OF THE ESTATE, COMPRISES THE BUILDING OF THREE MORE TWIN-TOWER BLOCKS, THREE SLAB BLOCKS, THREE SCHOOL PREMISES, AND THE OTHER HALF OF THE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX. WORK ON THIS PHASE WILL BEGIN LATE NEXT YEAR AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN 1979.

THE SLAB BLOCKS WILL PROVIDE TWO BEDROOM UNITS EACH WITH A LIVING AREA OF 450 SQ. FT.

ALL THE +WET+ TRADES, INCLUDING MARKET STALLS AND GROCERY STORES, WILL OCCUPY THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX, WHILE SHOPS, SUPERMARKETS, COOKED FOODSTALLS AND A SECOND RESTAURANT WILL OCCUPY THE UPPER FLOORS.

THE WHOLE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX WILL BE READY FOR USE BY THE TIME THE FIRST TENANTS MOVE INTO THEIR NEW HOMES IN 1977.

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CAS ANNUAL SWIMMING GALA

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THE CIVIL AID SERVICES WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL SWIMMING GALA ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 6) AT THE MORRISON HILL SWIMMING POOL, WANCHAI.

C.A.S. ADULT VOLUNTEER MEMBERS AND CADETS WILL COMPETE IN 20 EVENTS THE HEATS OF WHICH WERE HELD IN THE MIDDLE OF LAST MONTH.

TAKING PART IN THE INVITATION RELAY EVENTS WILL BE REPRESENTATIVES FROM 16 GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND SEVEN YOUTH ORGANISATIONS.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE COMPETITION, MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB WILL GIVE A DEMONSTRATION ON LIFE-SAVING.

MRS. WILFRED WONG, WIFE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR WILL PRESENT TROPHIES TO THE WINNERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE EVENT COVERED. IT WILL START AT 6 P.M. ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 6). THE PRIZE PRESENTATION WILL TAKE PLACE AT ABOUT 8.30 P.M.

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WATER INTERRUPTION IN KOWLOON

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RESIDENTS OF A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN MONG KOK AND HUNG HOM WILL BE WITHOUT WATER FOR FIVE HOURS BEGINNING AT 1 A.M. ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 6).

THE TEMPORARY WATER STOPPAGE IS TO ALLOW LEAKAGE TESTS TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE TWO AREAS BY WATER WORKS OFFICE.

IN MONG KOK, THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY NATHAN ROAD, DUNDAS STREET, SHANGHAI STREET AND SHAN TUNG STREET.

THE AREA AFFECTED IN HUNG HOM IS BOUNDED BY PAU CHUNG STREET, LOK SHAN ROAD, YUK YAT STREET, SHUN FUNG STREET, MA TAU KOK ROAD, KING WAN STREET AND TO KWA WAN ROAD.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

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THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) 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	2.02
S.C.JIEN	GOOD	1.86
PO NGAI	--	-
CHU CHO	--	-
<u>THAI RICE</u>		
100% WHOLE	GOOD	1.80
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	1.74
A1 SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	1.70
A1 SUPER	GOOD	1.45
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	1.75
<u>U.S. RICE</u>		
AUSTRALIAN RICE	GOOD	1.74
<u>PAKISTAN RICE</u>		
<u>TAIWAN RICE</u>		

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(ALL 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

(CFMO CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET)

SPECIES	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
GOLDEN THREAD	GOOD	4.80	1.80	3.50
BIG-EYES	GOOD	3.00	1.30	2.00
SQUID	GOOD	3.20	0.90	2.40
HAIR-TAILS	NORMAL	2.60	0.60	1.20
LIZARD FISHES	LIMITED	4.00	0.50	2.50
CROAKERS	LIMITED	1.60	0.30	0.80
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	NORMAL	3.00	1.05	2.00
MELON COAT	LIMITED	2.80	1.80	2.30
BREAMS	LIMITED	4.70	2.50	3.80
YELLOW BELLY	GOOD	1.20	0.40	0.80
MACKERELS	SCARCE	5.50	2.00	4.20
RED GOAT FISH	---	-	-	-
FORK-TAIL	NORMAL	1.00	0.40	0.70
HORSE-HEAD	GOOD	6.50	3.00	4.20
MELON SEED	NORMAL	1.80	0.70	1.20
POMFRETS	SCARCE	8.50	4.20	7.50
GARROUPAS	LIMITED	10.50	6.80	8.50
YELLOW CROAKER	SCARCE	5.50	3.50	4.70

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	0.40	0.05	0.25
CHINESE LETTUCE	LIMITED	1.30	0.40	0.80
WATER SPINACH	GOOD	0.45	0.10	0.25
CHINESE KALE	LIMITED	1.80	0.60	1.20
STRING BEANS	LIMITED	2.00	0.50	1.40
SPRING ONION	LIMITED	1.80	1.20	
SPINACH			NO SALE	
WATER CRESS	SCARCE	3.40	1.50	2.60
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	NORMAL	0.60	0.15	0.40
CHINESE SPINACH	NORMAL	0.70	0.20	0.45
TOMATO	SCARCE	5.20	2.50	4.00