



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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DAILY GUIDE TO WHOLESALE PRICES AND SUPPLY OF BASIC  
FOOD COMMODITIES

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SAUDI ARABIA AGREES TO INCREASE OIL SUPPLIES TO H.K.

LIGHTING RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE OIL POLICY COMMITTEE, MR. DEREK JONES, ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT EFFORTS BY THE HONG KONG AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS TO OBTAIN MORE OIL FOR HONG KONG FROM THE MIDDLE EAST HAVE PROVED SUCCESSFUL.

+WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED CONFIRMATION THAT THE SAUDI ARABIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE AGREED TO INCREASE OUR SUPPLIES WHICH WE ESTIMATE WILL NOW BE SUFFICIENT TO MEET NORMAL DEMANDS.+

MR. JONES SAID THAT THIS WAS VERY HEARTENING NEWS AFTER A NUMBER OF WORRYING MONTHS. +AS WE HAVE SAID THAT WE WOULD NOT MAINTAIN MANDATORY LIGHTING RESTRICTIONS LONGER THAN NECESSARY IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT ALL THE RESTRICTIONS SHOULD NOW BE LIFTED,+ HE ADDED.

+THE EMERGENCY ADVERTISING, DISPLAY AND FLOODLIGHTING RESTRICTION WILL THEREFORE BE REVOKED AT MIDNIGHT TONIGHT+, MR. JONES SAID.

HE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE PUBLICITY DRIVE URGING THE PUBLIC TO VOLUNTARILY REDUCE THEIR ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION WILL NOT BE CONTINUED.

COMMENTING ON THE RESPONSE BY THE PUBLIC TO THE GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGNS TO SAVE FUEL MR. JONES SAID: +I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE IN THE COMMUNITY WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR SUPPORT IN HELPING HONG KONG TO SAVE FUEL. THEIR CO-OPERATION HAS ENABLED US TO GET THROUGH WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN A VERY DIFFICULT PERIOD WITH A MINIMUM OF INCONVENIENCE AND WITHOUT SERIOUSLY AFFECTING THE ECONOMY.+

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RATES IN SIX ESTATES TO GO UP FROM JULY 1

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TENANTS OF SIX PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL HAVE TO PAY A FEW DOLLARS MORE EACH MONTH AS A RESULT OF INCREASED RATES.

THE INCREASE, RANGING FROM \$4 TO \$7, WILL BE EFFECTIVE FROM JULY 1. IT WILL CONCERN TENANTS OF FUK LOI, SHEK YAM, LEI MUK SHUE, KWAI HING, KWAI FONG AND KWAI SHING ESTATES.

+AS RENT FOR ALL PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IS INCLUSIVE OF RATES, TENANTS MUST NOT MISTAKE THIS INCREASE AS AN ADJUSTMENT IN RENT,+ A HOUSING DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED.

THE INCREASE OF RATES FROM 11 PER CENT TO 15 PER CENT OF THE RATEABLE VALUE FOR PREMISES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WAS PROPOSED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN HIS 1974-75 BUDGET SPEECH AND PASSED LATER BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THOUGH THE INCREASE BECAME EFFECTIVE ON APRIL 1, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY DECIDED TO BEAR THE COST OF THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR AMOUNTING TO ABOUT \$340,000, INSTEAD OF RECOVERING THIS SUM FROM TENANTS.

THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT IS NOW PREPARING NOTICES TO TENANTS INFORMING THEM OF THE INCREASED RATES BEGINNING JULY 1. THESE NOTICES WILL BE DESPATCHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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EXHIBITION ON WELFARE SERVICES IN TSZ WAN SHAN

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AN EXHIBITION IS TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK IN THE TSZ WAN SHAN HOUSING ESTATE TO INTRODUCE TO THE RESIDENTS THE VARIETY OF WELFARE SERVICES THAT ARE BEING PROVIDED IN THE AREA BY BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS.

THE EXHIBITION, INITIATED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY WORK OFFICE IN THE ESTATE, WILL CONSIST OF PHOTOGRAPHS, CHARTS, AND MODELS, SO THAT TENANTS CAN EASILY UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENT KINDS OF RESOURCES PROVIDED WHICH THEY CAN MAKE USE OF EVERYDAY.

FROM THE EXHIBITION THEY WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO LEARN HOW AN ORGANISATION OPERATES IN THE DISTRICT AND WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE, LEADING TO A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR SURROUNDING CONDITIONS.

THE PARTICIPATING BODIES IN THE EXHIBITION ARE FROM DIFFERENT FIELDS AND INCLUDE WELFARE ORGANISATIONS, YOUTH CENTRES, LIBRARIES, NURSERIES AND MEDICAL SERVICES.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT THE HALL OF THE TSZ WAN SHAN ESTATE WELFARE BUILDING FROM MONDAY, MAY 27 TO SATURDAY, JUNE 1 FROM 10.00 A.M. TO 9.00 P.M. DAILY.

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BIG DROP IN INCIDENCE OF MEASLES  
CAMPAIGN SHOWS RESULTS  
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HEALTH RETURNS FOR APRIL ISSUED TODAY BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SHOW THAT EIGHT CHILDREN DIED FROM MEASLES, A CONSIDERABLE DROP COMPARED WITH THE 13 DEATHS RECORDED IN MARCH.

NOTIFICATIONS OF MEASLES DURING THE MONTH DROPPED TO 307, COMPARED WITH THE 349 IN MARCH AND 384 IN FEBRUARY.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, A SPOKESMAN SAID THEY SHOWED THAT THE CURRENT ANTI-MEASLES CAMPAIGN WAS PRODUCING A SATISFACTORY RESPONSE -- BUT THERE WAS STILL NO ROOM FOR COMPLACENCY.

+AS ALREADY ANNOUNCED, THE ANTI-MEASLES CAMPAIGN IS CONTINUING UNTIL THE END OF MAY,+ HE STRESSED. +FREE VACCINE IS AVAILABLE AT ALL MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRES, NOT ONLY DURING THIS EXTENDED CAMPAIGN PERIOD, BUT ALSO THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

+PARENTS OF SUSCEPTIBLE CHILDREN BETWEEN SIX MONTHS AND FIVE YEARS SHOULD HAVE THEM IMMUNISED.+

OF THE 93 OTHER DEATHS RECORDED DURING APRIL, 81 WERE CAUSED BY TUBERCULOSIS -- A DROP FROM THE 111 DEATHS FROM THE SAME DISEASE IN MARCH -- FOUR BY CEREBROSPINAL MENINGITIS AND MENINGOCOCCAL INFECTIONS, ONE BY CHICKENPOX, FOUR BY VIRAL HEPATITIS, AND THREE BY TETANUS.

THERE WERE 40 NOTIFICATIONS OF BACILLARY DYSENTERY, A RISE FROM THE 23 RECORDED IN MARCH. NOTIFICATIONS OF CHICKENPOX ALSO ROSE FROM 151 IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH TO 211.

TWO CASES OF DIPHTHERIA WERE RECORDED, ONE ON THE ISLAND AND ONE IN KOWLOON. THE RECORD FOR POLIOMYELITIS REMAINED CLEAN WITH NO CASES NOTIFIED. THE INCIDENCE OF OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES SHOWED NO APPRECIABLE VARIATION.

DURING THE MONTH, HONG KONG REMAINED FREE FROM CHOLERA AND OTHER QUARANTINABLE DISEASES.

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ASSURANCE TO SUBSIDIZED PRIMARY TEACHERS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TODAY REITERATED ITS ASSURANCE THAT IT WOULD HELP ANY SUBSIDIZED PRIMARY TEACHER, WHO MIGHT BE OUT OF A JOB BECAUSE OF FALLING ENROLMENTS IN HIS SCHOOL, TO FIND WORK FOR HIM IN ANOTHER SCHOOL.

A SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ANY TEACHER WHO FOUND HIMSELF IN SUCH A POSITION SHOULD CONTACT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND HIS CASE WOULD BE INVESTIGATED.

HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD NOT SO FAR RECEIVED ANY COMPLAINTS REGARDING DISMISSALS IN THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR AS A RESULT OF FALLING ENROLMENTS.

THE SPOKESMAN RECALLED THAT IN MAY LAST YEAR A SIMILAR ASSURANCE WAS GIVEN TO AIDED PRIMARY TEACHERS WHO MIGHT LOSE THEIR JOBS BECAUSE OF FALLING ENROLMENTS. THAT EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO FIND WORK FOR THEM IN OTHER SCHOOLS.

THE DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN FINDING SUITABLE ALTERNATIVE TEACHING JOBS FOR MANY OF THE TEACHERS LAST YEAR, HE SAID.

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PRESS CONFERENCE ON TEXTILE EXPORTS

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

DETAILS OF THE NEW AGREEMENT COVERING EXPORTS OF HONG KONG TEXTILES TO THE UNITED STATES WILL BE RELEASED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 11.30 A.M. TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE 35 MM FILM THEATRE, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, FIFTH FLOOR.

PRESIDING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE MR. LAWRENCE MILLS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, WHO LED THE HONG KONG DELEGATION WHICH NEGOTIATED THE NEW AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MR. PETER TSAO, AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE NEGOTIATING TEAM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THIS PRESS CONFERENCE.

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FURTHER STEP IN DC AND I REORGANISATION

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A FURTHER STAGE IN THE REORGANISATION OF THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY. IT INVOLVES THE CREATION OF A NEW DIVISION TO DEAL EXCLUSIVELY WITH TEXTILE QUOTA CONTROLS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TWO EXISTING COMMERCIAL RELATIONS DIVISIONS HAVE BEEN REPHASED. THERE WILL NOW BE ONE DIVISION CONCERNED SOLELY WITH EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, WHILE THE OTHER WILL HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL OTHER REGIONS.

THE NEW STRUCTURE TAKES ACCOUNT OF A HEAVY SCHEDULE OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS ARISING FROM THE NEW ARRANGEMENT COVERING WORLD TRADE IN TEXTILES. ANOTHER BIG COMMITMENT INVOLVES EFFORTS TO IMPROVE HONG KONG'S STATUS IN THE GENERALISED PREFERENCE SCHEMES WHICH HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED BY MANY OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

VARIOUS STAFF MOVEMENTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT, PRINCIPALLY IN THE COMMERCIAL RELATIONS FIELD. MR. LAWRENCE MILLS HAS SUCCEEDED MR. BILL DORWARD AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (COMMERCIAL RELATIONS).

MR. PETER TSAO IS THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR HEADING THE EUROPE DIVISION AND MR. JOHN ROBERTS IS THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR IN CHARGE OF THE DIVISION DEALING WITH REGIONS OTHER THAN EUROPE.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR HEADING THE NEW DIVISION RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL TEXTILE CONTROLS IS MRS. FRANCES HSIUNG.

TWO OTHER APPOINTMENTS TO SENIOR POSTS HAVE BEEN MADE. MR. JUSTIN YUE IS NOW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR IN CHARGE OF THE INDUSTRY DIVISION, AND MR. KEN HARDY IS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR HEADING THE ADMINISTRATION DIVISION.

EARLIER THIS YEAR THE DEPARTMENT CREATED A NEW TRADE DIVISION WHICH IS CONCERNED WITH CERTIFICATION, LICENSING AND TRADE INVESTIGATION MATTERS. THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR IN CHARGE IS MR. PAUL WONG.

A DC AND I SPOKESMAN COMMENTED: +THE CHANGES IN THE STRUCTURE OF THE DEPARTMENT REFLECT THE NEED TO KEEP ABREAST OF EXPANDING COMMITMENTS IN VARIOUS AREAS. IT IS QUITE LIKELY THAT FURTHER REVISION WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE FUTURE.+

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**GODOWN COMPANY FINED \$24,000 FOR ILLEGALLY STORING  
DANGEROUS GOODS  
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ALERT OFFICERS OF THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU, WHO NOTICED FROM A SHIPPING MANIFEST THAT A GODOWN COMPANY WAS ABOUT TO RECEIVE MORE DANGEROUS GOODS THAN IT WAS CAPABLE OF STORING LEGALLY, VISITED THE GODOWN AT KING LAM STREET, KOWLOON, AND FOUND DANGEROUS GOODS BEING STORED IN AN UNLICENSED AREA.

THE SEQUEL TO THIS VISIT WAS THE APPEARANCE IN NORTH KOWLOON MAGISTRACY TODAY (THURSDAY) OF THE DICKSON GODOWN COMPANY, OF 30 HING LUNG STREET, GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG, ON SEVEN SUMMONSES RELATING TO CONTRAVENTIONS OF THE DANGEROUS GOODS ORDINANCE.

THE COMPANY PLEADED GUILTY TO ALL SEVEN SUMMONSES AND FINES TOTTALLING \$24,000 WERE IMPOSED BY THE MAGISTRATE, MR. E.S. Y. LIM.

ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL OFFICER YOUNG BIU PROSECUTED ON BEHALF OF THE FIRE SERVICES AND THE COMPANY WERE REPRESENTED BY MR. VINCENT CHEUNG, OF PHILIP K.H. WONG AND COMPANY.

THE COURT HEARD THAT FIVE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF DANGEROUS GOODS, TOTTALLING 21,000 POUNDS OF POISON, 5,750 GALLONS OF INFLAMMABLE LIQUID AND 82,000 POUNDS OF CORROSIVE SUBSTANCES WERE BEING STORED WITHOUT A LICENCE.

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**TWO MPS TO VISIT HONG KONG  
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TWO BRITISH MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WILL BE ARRIVING THIS SATURDAY (MAY 25) FOR A ONE-WEEK VISIT AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT.

THEY ARE MR. PETER HORDERN, CONSERVATIVE MEMBER FOR WEST SUSSEX (HORSHAM), AND MR. KENNETH CLARKE, CONSERVATIVE MEMBER FOR NOTTINGHAM (CRUSHCLIFFE). THEY WILL BE MET AT THE AIRPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL, BRIGADIER R.G. LEWTHWAITE.

DURING THEIR STAY, THEY WILL SEE AT FIRST HAND VARIOUS HOUSING PROJECTS AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AND TOUR A NUMBER OF AREAS TO SEE LIVING CONDITIONS.

THEY WILL ALSO BE HOLDING TALKS WITH SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICERS, UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, AND MEMBERS OF THE URBAN COUNCIL.

MR. HORDERN AND MR. CLARKE WILL BE MEETING MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES BEFORE LEAVING ON JUNE 1.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: FOR YOUR INFORMATION, MR. HORDERN AND MR. CLARKE ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE AT KAITAK AIRPORT AT ABOUT 6.45 P.M. ON B.O.A.C. FLIGHT BA 880.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

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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

GRADE OF RICE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICES(\$/CATTY) AVERAGE
<u>CHINA RICE</u>		
SEE NEW		
- OLD CROP	-	-
- NEW CROP	GOOD	2.21
S.C. JIEN		
- OLD CROP	-	-
- NEW CROP	GOOD	2.16
PO NGAI	GOOD	1.72
CHU CHO	-	-
<u>THAI RICE</u>		
100% WHOLE	GOOD	2.12
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	1.95
A1 : SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	1.87
A1 : SUPER	GOOD	1.67
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	1.98
U.S. RICE	GOOD	1.94
AUSTRALIAN RICE	GOOD	1.91
PAKISTAN RICE	-	-
TAIWAN RICE	-	-

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(CALL SOURCES)

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	-	GOOD
WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORK (\$/PICUL-LIVE WEIGHT)	-	305 (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	3.20	2.00	2.50
BIG-EYES	GOOD	3.00	0.70	1.80
SQUID	LIMITED	6.50	3.00	5.00
HAIR-TAILS	NORMAL	1.10	0.60	0.70
LIZARD FISHES	NORMAL	2.80	1.50	2.00
CROAKERS	NORMAL	1.80	0.70	1.10
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	NORMAL	1.60	1.00	1.40
MELON COAT	---	---	---	---
BREAMS	LIMITED	5.20	3.80	4.30
YELLOW BELLY	GOOD	1.30	0.60	1.00
MACKERELS	NORMAL	3.80	2.50	3.00
RED GOAT FISH	LIMITED	0.60	0.40	0.50
FORK-TAIL	NORMAL	1.10	0.70	0.80
HORSE-HEAD	GOOD	5.20	2.50	4.20
MELON SEED	LIMITED	2.00	1.30	1.80
POMFRETS	NORMAL	7.50	6.50	7.00
GARROUPAS	NORMAL	7.00	5.00	6.00
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	GOOD	0.60	0.20	0.40
WHITE CABBAGE	GOOD	0.40	0.10	0.30
CHINESE LETTUCE	GOOD	0.40	0.10	0.30
WATER SPINACH	GOOD	0.40	0.10	0.30
CHINESE KALE	LIMITED	1.00	0.30	0.60
STRING BEANS	GOOD	1.50	0.40	1.00
SPRING ONION	LIMITED	1.40	0.40	1.00
SPINACH	---	---	---	---
WATER CRESS	LIMITED	0.80	0.20	0.50
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	LIMITED	0.70	0.15	0.40
CHINESE SPINACH	GOOD	0.40	0.10	0.25
TOMATO	NORMAL	0.80	0.30	0.50