



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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DAILY GUIDE TO WHOLESALE PRICES AND SUPPLY OF BASIC FOOD COMMODITIES

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GOVT ACCEPTS CJ'S RECOMMENDATIONS

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS ACCEPTED A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS PUT FORWARD BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE.

THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOLLOW A REVIEW BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF CERTAIN MATTERS AFFECTING THE JUDICIARY, SOME INVOLVING CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SEPARATE COURT OF APPEAL. THE DECISION TO PROCEED WITH THIS WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RECENTLY. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE LAW SHOULD FORMALLY CONFER SECURITY OF TENURE ON THE OFFICE OF DISTRICT JUDGE. ALTHOUGH THE POSSIBILITY OF THE REMOVAL OF A DISTRICT JUDGE FROM OFFICE HAS NEVER IN PRACTICE ARISEN, IT IS CONSIDERED THAT STATUTORY PROVISION IS DESIRABLE, TO EMPHASIZE THE FULL INDEPENDENCE OF DISTRICT JUDGES.

IT IS PROPOSED TO CONFER ON THEM SIMILAR PROTECTION TO THAT WHICH IS ALREADY CONFERRED BY THE LETTERS PATENT, ON SUPREME COURT JUDGES, WHICH PROVIDE THAT A SUPREME COURT JUDGE CAN ONLY BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE AFTER INVESTIGATION BY A SPECIAL TRIBUNAL AND REFERENCE TO THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE OF PRIVY COUNCIL. THE PRECISE WAY IN WHICH THIS WILL BE ACHIEVED HAS YET TO BE DETERMINED.

AT PRESENT, THE NORMAL RETIRING AGE OF DISTRICT JUDGES IS 55, THE SAME AS THAT FOR MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE. IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO RAISE THIS TO 60, IN ORDER NOT TO LOSE THE BENEFIT OF THEIR EXPERIENCE, AT WHAT IS A COMPARATIVELY YOUNG AGE. THE DECISION TO RAISE THE RETIRING AGE WAS INFLUENCED, AMONG OTHER CONSIDERATIONS, BY THE RECENTLY ADOPTED POLICY OF MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE DISTRICT COURT BENCH FROM LAWYERS IN PRIVATE PRACTICE. TWO SUCH APPOINTMENTS WERE MADE IN 1973 AND, THOUGH SUCH APPOINTMENTS ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE FREQUENT, A RAISING OF THE RETIRING AGE SHOULD ENCOURAGE SUITABLE PRACTISING LAWYERS TO ACCEPT APPOINTMENT.

ANOTHER PROPOSAL, WHICH HAS THE CHIEF JUSTICE'S SUPPORT, IS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION. THIS COMMISSION WOULD ADVISE THE GOVERNOR ON APPOINTMENTS TO VACANCIES IN JUDICIAL OFFICES. IT IS INTENDED THAT THE CHIEF JUSTICE SHOULD BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION AND THAT THE OTHER MEMBERS WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION AND NOT MORE THAN THREE PERSONS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

THE GOVERNMENT .....

THE GOVERNMENT HAS ACCEPTED, IN PRINCIPLE THE NEED TO MAKE LEGAL AID AVAILABLE TO ALL PERSONS CHARGED BEFORE THE DISTRICT COURT. PROVISION FOR LEGAL AID IN DISTRICT COURT CRIMINAL CASES, WHICH WAS FIRST INTRODUCED IN MARCH 1973, EXTENDS AT PRESENT TO ALL PERSONS CHARGED WITH OFFENCES CARRYING A MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF IMPRISONMENT OF 14 OR MORE YEARS, WHO AMOUNT TO ABOUT 75 PER CENT OF ACCUSED PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE DISTRICT COURT.

IT IS HOPED THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO EXTEND LEGAL AID TO THE REMAINING ACCUSED PERSONS IN THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR, THOUGH NECESSARILY LEGAL AID MUST COMPETE FOR AVAILABLE FINANCIAL RESOURCES WITH OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES.

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**NEW PRISON OFFICERS COMPLETE TRAINING**  
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**NOTE TO EDITORS:**

SIXTY-TWO RECRUIT PRISON OFFICERS, INCLUDING THREE WOMEN, WILL BE GRADUATING FROM THE PRISON DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE AT TUNG TAU WAN ROAD, STANLEY, THIS SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 14).

TO MARK THE OCCASION THEY WILL TAKE PART IN A PASSING-OUT PARADE WHICH WILL BE INSPECTED BY MR. H.M.A. BRISTOW, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR SECURITY.

REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE PARADE WHICH WILL START AT 11 A.M. ON SATURDAY.

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NEW LEGCO SESSION STARTS ON OCTOBER 16  
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THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL START ITS 1974/75 SESSION ON OCTOBER 16, INSTEAD OF ON OCTOBER 2 AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED.

THE NEW OPENING DATE HAS BEEN FIXED SO AS TO MAINTAIN THE CUSTOMARY PERIOD OF THE COUNCIL'S ANNUAL RECESS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE COUNCIL'S LAST SESSION, WHICH ENDED ON AUGUST 14, WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO END ON JULY 31, BUT BECAUSE OF THE VOLUME OF LEGISLATION AND OTHER BUSINESS WHICH NEEDED COMPLETION BEFORE THE RECESS IT WAS DECIDED TO HAVE AN ADDITIONAL SITTING ON AUGUST 14. THE OPENING OF THE NEW SESSION HAS THEREFORE BEEN PUT BACK BY TWO WEEKS TO MAINTAIN THE CUSTOMARY PERIOD OF RECESS.

THE GOVERNOR WILL OPEN THE 1974/75 SESSION ON OCTOBER 16 WHEN HE WILL DELIVER HIS ANNUAL ADDRESS.

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+MEET THE MEDIA+ SESSION  
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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MR. VICTOR LADD, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE, WILL BE PRESENT AT A +MEET THE MEDIA+ SESSION AT 12 NOON TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO SPEAK ABOUT THE WORK OF HIS DEPARTMENT.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OCCASION IN THE G.I.S. THEATRE, 5TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

THE USUAL SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED AS WILL FACILITIES FOR RADIO AND TELEVISION COVERAGE.

TO AVOID INCONVENIENCE, RADIO AND TELEVISION CREWS ARE REMINDED TO ARRIVE EARLY TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT BEFORE THE START OF THE MEETING.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT +MEET THE MEDIA+ SESSIONS ARE ARRANGED PURELY TO GIVE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND QUESTION SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICERS ABOUT THEIR WORK, AND IT SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED THAT SUCH SESSIONS DENOTE ANNOUNCEMENTS OF POLICY CHANGES.

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**GRADUATION OF TECHNICAL TRAINEES**

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THE STREAMLINING AND EXPANSION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S TECHNICAL TRAINING PROGRAMME WILL BE REFLECTED IN A PASSING-OUT CEREMONY ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 13) AFTERNOON, WHEN 69 APPRENTICES WILL +GRADUATE+ AT THE END OF COURSES RUN BY THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT 5.30 P.M. MR. ANN TSE-KAI, CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL, WILL BE PRESENTING CERTIFICATES TO THE SUCCESSFUL APPRENTICES.

THESE APPRENTICES WILL BE THE FIRST PRODUCTS OF AN EXTENDED TWO-STREAM SYSTEM OF TRAINING WHICH WAS INTRODUCED IN 1969 TO HELP MEET HONG KONG'S INCREASING DEMAND FOR SKILLED CRAFTSMEN, MECHANICS, TECHNICIANS AND TECHNICAL EXECUTIVES.

ONE STREAM OF THIS SYSTEM WILL BE REPRESENTED BY 22 TECHNICAL APPRENTICES WHO HAVE JUST COMPLETED A FIVE-YEAR TRAINING PROGRAMME CONDUCTED AT THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE'S AND WATERWORKS OFFICE'S WORKSHOPS.

DURING THEIR TRAINING THEY HAVE BENEFITTED FROM A PART-TIME DAY RELEASE FACILITY ENABLING THEM TO STUDY AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC. IT IS INTENDED THAT THESE TECHNICAL APPRENTICES SHOULD EVENTUALLY BE ELIGIBLE FOR MIDDLE MANAGEMENT POSTS IN GOVERNMENT OR INDUSTRY.

THE SECOND STREAM WILL BE REPRESENTED BY 47 CRAFT APPRENTICES WHO HAVE UNDERGONE A FOUR-YEAR PROGRAMME FROM WHICH THEY HAVE EMERGED AS TRAINED CRAFTSMEN.

LIKE THE TECHNICAL APPRENTICES, THESE CRAFT TRAINEES HAVE BEEN RELEASED FOR PART-TIME STUDIES IN THE COURSE OF THEIR TRAINING- IN THEIR CASE AT THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

A HIGHLIGHT OF THE OCCASION WILL BE THE PRESENTATION BY MR. ANN OF THE BROWN CUP FOR THE BEST OF ALL THE APPRENTICES UNDER TRAINING.

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**NOTE TO EDITORS:**

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THIS CEREMONY. ALL GUESTS, INCLUDING NEWSMEN, ARE ADVISED TO BE AT THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE (FIRST FLOOR) BY 5.15 P.M.

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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

<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		NO SALE
CHU CHO		NO SALE
<u>THAI RICE</u>		
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>U.S. RICE</u>		
		NO SALE
<u>AUSTRALIAN RICE</u>		
		1.74
<u>PAKISTAN RICE</u>		
		NO SALE
<u>TAIWAN RICE</u>		
		NO SALE

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE (ALL SOURCES)

<u>AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY</u>	<u>WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORKER (\$/PICUL-LIVE WEIGHT)</u>
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GOOD

\$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	5.00	2.00	3.50
BIG-EYES	GOOD	2.90	0.80	1.80
SQUID	GOOD	2.90	0.90	1.80
HAIR-TAILS	NORMAL	1.70	0.50	1.00
LIZARD FISHES	NORMAL	2.50	0.40	1.00
CROAKERS	NORMAL	3.50	0.60	1.40
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	NORMAL	1.90	1.10	1.50
MELON COAT	LIMITED	2.40	1.50	1.80
BREAMS	LIMITED	6.30	4.60	5.80
YELLOW BELLY	GOOD	2.50	0.70	1.50
MACKERELS	LIMITED	5.50	2.20	3.50
RED GOAT FISH	NORMAL	1.00	0.50	0.70
FORK-TAIL	—		NO SALE	
HORSE-HEAD	NORMAL	6.00	3.70	4.50
MELON SEED	GOOD	2.20	0.70	1.50
POINFRETS	LIMITED	8.50	7.00	7.80
GAROUPAS	LIMITED	10.00	7.20	9.00
YELLOW CROAKER	SCARCE	7.50	4.70	6.20

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	LIMITED	1.80	0.60	1.20
WHITE CABBAGE	LIMITED	1.00	0.30	0.70
CHINESE LETTUCE	SCARCE	1.60	0.60	1.20
WATER SPINACH	NORMAL	0.60	0.15	0.35
CHINESE KALE	SCARCE	1.80	0.80	1.40
STRING BEANS	LIMITED	2.20	0.60	1.20
SPRING ONION	NORMAL	1.50	0.40	1.00
SPINACH	—		NO SALE	
WATER CRESS	SCARCE	3.60	2.00	3.00
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	LIMITED	1.00	0.30	0.70
CHINESE SPINACH	NORMAL	0.90	0.25	0.60
TOMATO	SCARCE	5.00	3.00	4.00