



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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DAILY GUIDE TO WHOLESALE PRICES AND SUPPLY OF BASIC FOOD COMMODITIES

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NEED FOR BETTER RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING BETTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECREATION TODAY WHEN HE OPENED THE NEW BRADBURY WING OF THE YMCA IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

HE BELIEVED THAT THERE WAS AN UPSURGE OF INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT AND A REALISATION OF ITS SOCIAL IMPORTANCE, AND NOTED THAT MANY WERE WORKING TO IMPROVE THINGS IN SMALL AND BIG WAYS.

FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS :-

+I AM VERY PLEASED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PERFORM THIS OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NEW BRADBURY WING TODAY. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE LAST GOVERNOR TO HAVE THE HONOUR OF OPENING A NEW YMCA BUILDING IN HONG KONG WAS SIR WILLIAM PEEL WHO LAID THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE WEST WING IN 1933.

+IN THIS DENSELY POPULATED CITY IT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO ENSURE THAT THERE ARE BETTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECREATION. I BELIEVE THERE IS AN UPSURGE OF INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT AND A REALISATION OF ITS SOCIAL IMPORTANCE. MANY ARE NOW WORKING TO IMPROVE THINGS WHETHER IN SMALL WAYS, OR LIKE YOU IN LARGE ONES.

+THE NEW BRADBURY WING WILL HELP TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECREATIONAL NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ALL THIS AREA, AND I CONGRATULATE YOUR ASSOCIATION ON ALL THE HARD WORK AND PRUDENT PLANNING THAT HAS LED TO THE COMPLETION OF THIS NEW BUILDING.

+I HAVE PLEASURE IN DECLARING THIS BRADBURY WING OPEN.+

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GOOD COMMUNICATION VITAL IN TENANT-LANDLORD
RELATIONSHIP
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LADY MACLEHOSE SAID TODAY CONFLICT OF INTERESTS BETWEEN LANDLORDS AND TENANTS COULD ONLY BE SOLVED THROUGH GOOD COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THEM.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE WAH FU RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION PREMISES, THE GOVERNOR'S WIFE SAID ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS MUST PERFORM +IS TO OBTAIN TRULY REPRESENTATIVE VIEWS FROM ALL TENANTS AND THUS BE IN A POSITION TO MAKE THESE VIEWS KNOWN TO THE LANDLORD IN ORDER THAT A SPEEDY, EFFECTIVE AND SMOOTH INTERCHANGE OF IDEAS MAY BE MADE.+

SHE NOTED THAT THE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS HAD PROVED OF GREAT VALUE IN PROMOTING BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AS LANDLORD AND THE TENANTS, AND EXPRESSED GREAT SATISFACTION THAT THE WAH FU RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION ALSO INTENDED TO FOSTER BETTER RELATIONSHIPS AMONG THE RESIDENTS AS WELL AS IMPROVE LIVING CONDITIONS AND ASSIST IN SOLVING PROBLEMS.

FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF LADY MACLEHOSE'S SPEECH :

+MR. LAM, MEMBERS OF THE WAH FU RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE AND FELLOW GUESTS. IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I HAVE ACCEPTED YOUR INVITATION TO BE HERE TODAY AND TAKE PART IN THE OPENING OF THE WAH FU RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION PREMISES. THIS IS, I UNDERSTAND, THE FOURTH SUCH RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION TO BE FORMED WITHIN THE GROUP (A) ESTATES. THESE ASSOCIATIONS HAVE PROVED TO BE OF GREAT VALUE IN PROMOTING BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AS LANDLORD AND THE TENANTS AND I FEEL SURE THAT THE WAH FU RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION WILL BE OF EQUAL VALUE.

+IT IS INEVITABLE THAT THERE MUST AT TIMES BE A CONFLICT OF INTERESTS BETWEEN ANY LANDLORD, HOWEVER BENEVOLENT, AND HIS TENANTS. IT IS ONLY BY GOOD COMMUNICATION THAT SUCH PROBLEMS CAN BE SOLVED. AS I SEE IT ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS THAT THE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS MUST PERFORM IS TO OBTAIN TRULY REPRESENTATIVE VIEWS FROM ALL TENANTS AND THUS BE IN A POSITION TO MAKE THESE VIEWS KNOWN TO THE LANDLORD IN ORDER THAT A SPEEDY, EFFECTIVE AND SMOOTH INTERCHANGE OF IDEAS MAY BE MADE.

+THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HAS ALWAYS ENDEAVOURED TO ENSURE THAT HOUSING MANAGERS POSTED ON AN ESTATE TAKE GREAT INTEREST IN THE OPINIONS AND FEELINGS OF THE TENANTS= DO ALL THEY CAN TO ACCOMMODATE THESE OPINIONS AND FEELINGS= AND MANAGE THESE ESTATES SMOOTHLY. I NOTE WITH GREAT INTEREST AND SATISFACTION THAT THE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION ALSO INTENDS TO FOSTER BETTER RELATIONSHIPS AMONG THE RESIDENTS, TO IMPROVE LIVING CONDITIONS AND ASSIST IN SOLVING ANY PROBLEMS. THESE ARE VERY WORTHY IDEALS AND I CONGRATULATE YOU UPON THEM AND WISH YOU AS CHAIRMAN AND EVERY MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION EVERY SUCCESS.+

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EDUCATION SYSTEM TO BE MORE SOCIALLY DIRECTED

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, SPOKE ABOUT THE CHANGING FUNCTION OF HONG KONG'S EDUCATION SYSTEM IN ITS RELATIONSHIP TO SOCIETY IN HIS LUNCHEON ADDRESS TO THE LIONS CLUB OF BAYVIEW THIS AFTERNOON.

THE EFFECT OF THE NEW SYSTEM MEANS THAT IN FUTURE ALL CHILDREN IN THE 12 TO 14 AGE GROUP WILL BE PROVIDED WITH SUBSIDIZED EDUCATION IN FORMS 1 TO 3.

AT PRESENT SOMETHING LIKE HALF THE CHILDREN IN THIS AGE GROUP ARE GETTING SUBSIDIZED EDUCATION.

HE SAID THE EMPHASIS IN SCHOOLS UP TO NOW HAS BEEN ON THE ACHIEVEMENT OF ACADEMIC STANDARDS. SINCE HONG KONG WAS GOING INTO MASS SECONDARY EDUCATION, PRIORITIES AND THE WHOLE APPROACH TO EDUCATION WERE GOING TO CHANGE.

IN MR. TOPLEY'S VIEW THIS MEANS THAT THE EDUCATION SYSTEM WILL HAVE TO BE MORE SOCIALLY DIRECTED AND THE FUNCTION OF THE SECONDARY TEACHER WILL HAVE TO BE MODIFIED.

MUCH MORE ATTENTION WOULD HAVE TO BE PAID TO THE NEEDS OF PUPILS IN THEIR SOCIAL SETTING.

ON THE QUESTION OF WHAT WAS TO BE DONE TO CHANGE SOME OF THE EMPHASIS IN SCHOOLS FROM PURE ACADEMIC ATTAINMENT TO A MORE SOCIAL TYPE OF EDUCATION, THE DIRECTOR SAID THAT IN HIS VIEW THERE WERE THREE THINGS TO DO.

FIRSTLY, THE SYLLABUSES, I.E. WHAT IS ACTUALLY TAUGHT IN THE CLASSROOM, MUST BE MADE RELEVANT AND APPROPRIATE TO THE LEVELS OF ABILITY AND INTEREST OF THE CHILDREN TAKING THE LESSON.

SECONDLY, +WE NEED MORE CAREER GUIDANCE AND TRAINING IN DECISION-MAKING FOR THE CHILDREN IN OUR SCHOOLS.+

THE PUPILS MUST BE ABLE TO TAKE A REALISTIC VIEW OF THEIR CAPABILITIES AND OF THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO THEM ON LEAVING SCHOOL.

LASTLY, MR. TOPLEY SPOKE ABOUT THE NEED OF SOCIAL WORKERS TO BE ATTACHED TO SCHOOLS OR GROUPS OF SCHOOLS WHO WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSISTING PUPILS WHO HAVE ADJUSTMENT PROBLEMS IN SCHOOLS OR HOME AND FAMILY PROBLEMS WHICH CLEARLY REQUIRED HELP AND ADVICE.

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THE DIRECTOR SAID THAT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN ABLE TO PLAN AND WAS NOW BEGINNING TO IMPLEMENT A PILOT SCHEME.

IN SAYING THAT THE SCHEME WOULD RECEIVE HIS FULLEST CO-OPERATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT, MR. TOPLEY SAID THAT A PROMISING START HAD BEEN MADE IN THE INTER-DEPARTMENTAL PLANNING NECESSARY TO LAUNCH THE SCHEME.

HE SAID THE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE THREE DISTRICTS OF THE FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAVE APPROACHED INFORMALLY A NUMBER OF SCHOOLS IN THEIR AREAS TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING +SUPPORT+ SOCIAL WORK FACILITIES IN THE SCHOOL SETTING.

+THE RESPONSE HAS BEEN MOST ENCOURAGING,+ THE DIRECTOR SAID.

THE PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICERS HAVE AGREED TO LOOK AFTER FIVE SCHOOLS ON A PART-TIME BASIS.

ALTHOUGH THE SCHEME WAS MODEST AND EXPERIMENTAL IT WAS A WELCOME ADDITION TO THE COUNSELLING SERVICES ALREADY PROVIDED IN CERTAIN SCHOOLS BY SEVEN VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES.

POINTING OUT THAT +WE HAVE CLEARLY VERY FAR TO GO IN THIS FIELD,+ MR. TOPLEY STRESSED THAT COUNSELLING WAS COSTLY AND VERY LABOUR INTENSIVE.

+MOREOVER, IN TURNING OUR ATTENTION TO THE SOCIAL ASPECTS OF EDUCATION WE MUST KEEP A SENSE OF PROPORTION AND NOT THROW OUT THE BABY WITH THE BATH WATER. ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND THE PUPIL THAT IS BRIGHT AND OF GOOD POTENTIAL ACADEMICALLY HAVE A SOUND CLAIM FOR OUR SUPPORT AND CLOSE ATTENTION,+ HE SAID.

IN THE SEARCH FOR GREATER EQUALITY AND MORE SOCIAL EMPHASIS, MR. TOPLEY EMPHASISED THAT THE NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE GIFTED PUPIL MUST NOT BE FORGOTTEN.

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CHEUNG SHA WAN SQUATTERS OFFERED LICENSED AREA SITES

ABOUT 40 PEOPLE CLAIMING TO BE SQUATTERS OF THE CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD/FAT TSEUNG STREET AREA CALLED AT THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S SQUATTER CONTROL OFFICE IN MIDDLE ROAD TODAY FOR CLARIFICATION OF THEIR INDIVIDUAL CASES.

THE SQUATTER AREA HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR CLEARANCE TO MAKE WAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MASS TRANSIT STATION.

THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT HAS REGISTERED A TOTAL OF 540 PEOPLE IN THE AREA AND AFTER INITIAL INVESTIGATION HAS OFFERED SITES AT SHEK YAM LICENSED AREA TO 70 FAMILIES COMPRISING 249 PEOPLE. THE OTHER CASES ARE STILL BEING INVESTIGATED.

MR. LEE KING-WAN, SENIOR HOUSING MANAGER (SQUATTER CONTROL), WHO INTERVIEWED THE GROUP REASSURED THEM THAT THEIR CASES WOULD BE INVESTIGATED THOROUGHLY AND NONE OF THEM WOULD BE LEFT OUT IF THEY WERE FOUND TO BE GENUINE RESIDENTS OF THE AREA.

HE ALSO TOLD THEM THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD GIVE THEM AMPLE TIME TO BUILD THEIR NEW HUTS AT SHEK YAM BEFORE CLEARING THE AREA.

+ALL GENUINE SQUATTERS IN THE AREA WILL BE GIVEN 20 DAYS TO PREPARE FOR THEIR REMOVAL AND TEMPORARY TRANSIT ACCOMMODATION WILL BE PROVIDED TO ANY GENUINE SQUATTER WHO CANNOT MOVE IN TIME,+ MR. LEE SAID.

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TEMPORARY WATER CUT IN MONG KOK

WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN MONG KOK WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR A FEW HOURS AS FROM 1 A.M. ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 23) TO FACILITATE A LEAKAGE TEST IN THE DISTRICT.

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

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WATER SITUATION REPORT

THE TOTAL WATER STORAGE IN ALL RESERVOIRS AS AT 9 A.M. TODAY (WEDNESDAY) STOOD AT 54,384 MILLION GALLONS, REPRESENTING 80.8 PER CENT OF THE FULL CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS. AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR THERE WERE 58,266 MILLION GALLONS IN STORE.

THIS MORNING'S STORAGE AT PLOVER COVE WAS 38,707 MILLION GALLONS, COMPARED WITH 45,509 MILLION GALLONS ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR. PLOVER COVE'S PRESENT STORAGE REPRESENTS 76.6 PER CENT OF ITS FULL CAPACITY OF 50,500 MILLION GALLONS.

NO RAINFALL WAS RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS ENDING AT 9 A.M. TODAY. TOTAL RAINFALL RECORDED SO FAR THIS YEAR IS 2,112.3 MM (83.16 IN).

THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 STANDS AT 2,128.0 MM (83.78 IN), REPRESENTING A SHORTFALL OF 0.7 PER CENT.

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WATERLOO ROAD TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED THAT THE SECTION OF WATERLOO ROAD BETWEEN BOUNDARY STREET AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC FOR A FEW WEEKS FROM 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 22).

THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE IS TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SOUTHBOUND ELEVATED ROAD ON WATERLOO ROAD.

SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON WATERLOO ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED ALONG BOUNDARY STREET, EARL STREET AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD TO REJOIN WATERLOO ROAD.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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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)</u>
<u>CHINA RICE</u>		
SEE MEW	GOOD	1.89
S.C. JIEN	GOOD	1.78
PO NGAI	GOOD	-
CHU CHO	GOOD	-
<u>THAI RICE</u>		
100% WHOLE	GOOD	1.77
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	-
A1 SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	-
A1 SUPER	GOOD	1.39
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	1.72
<u>U.S. RICE</u>	GOOD	1.91
<u>AUSTRALIAN RICE</u>	GOOD	1.88
<u>PAKISTAN RICE</u>	GOOD	-
<u>TAIWAN RICE</u>	GOOD	-

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(ALL SOURCES)

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY: GOOD
WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORK (\$/PICUL-LIVE WEIGHT): \$340 (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	5.80	1.50	4.00
BIG-EYES	GOOD	3.55	1.40	2.40
SQUID	NORMAL	5.50	3.80	4.50
HAIR-TAILS	GOOD	2.60	0.70	1.40
LIZARD FISHES	GOOD	3.85	1.30	2.00
CROAKERS	NORMAL	2.50	1.20	1.80
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	NORMAL	3.95	1.60	2.60
MELON COAT	NORMAL	3.00	1.40	2.00
BREAMS	SCARCE	5.30	3.20	4.50
YELLOW BELLY	LIMITED	1.70	0.70	1.10
MACKERELS	SCARCE	5.80	3.00	4.50
RED GOAT FISH	LIMITED	4.65	0.80	1.50
FORK-TAIL	LIMITED	1.00	0.70	0.80
HORSE-HEAD	LIMITED	6.00	3.50	4.80
MELON SEED	SCARCE	3.00	1.50	2.20
POMFRETS	SCARCE	10.00	5.50	7.50
GARROUPAS	LIMITED	11.00	5.00	8.00
YELLOW CROAKER	LIMITED	6.50	2.20	5.00

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 (\$/GATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
FLOWERING CABBAGE	LIMITED	3.20	1.00	2.60
WHITE CABBAGE	LIMITED	2.20	0.80	1.80
CHINESE LETTUCE	LIMITED	2.20	0.80	1.60
WATER SPINACH	SCARCE	0.80	0.30	0.50
CHINESE KALE	LIMITED	3.20	1.20	2.60
STRING BEANS	SCARCE	2.40	1.60	2.00
SPRING ONION	LIMITED	1.80	0.40	1.20
SPINACH	SCARCE	4.50	1.50	3.50
WATER CRESS	LIMITED	3.50	2.00	2.80
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	SCARCE	2.20	0.80	1.60
CHINESE SPINACH	-		NO SALE	
TOMATO	SCARCE	4.20	2.50	3.50