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DAILY GUIDE TO WHOLESALE PRICES AND SUPPLY OF BASIC FOOD COMMODITIES

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NEW LANDS TRIBUNAL SET UP

A COMPLETELY NEW LANDS TRIBUNAL WILL BE SET UP ON DECEMBER 1 WITH POWER TO ADJUDICATE CLAIMS AGAINST GOVERNMENT FOR COMPENSATION FOR THE EFFECTS ON PRIVATE INTERESTS OF PROCESSES LIKE LAND RESUMPTION, RECLAMATION AND STREET ALTERATIONS WHICH CANNOT BE SETTLED BY NEGOTIATION.

THIS MEANS THAT SUCH CLAIMS SHOULD BE DEALT WITH MORE QUICKLY AND EFFECTIVELY THAN IN THE PAST, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

THE SETTING UP OF THE TRIBUNAL COMES WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN TODAY'S GAZETTE THAT THE LANDS TRIBUNAL ORDINANCE 1974 ENACTED EARLIER IN THE YEAR WILL COME INTO FORCE THIS SUNDAY. THE TRIBUNAL WILL BE A PERMANENT JUDICIAL BODY REPLACING THE MANY SEPARATE BOARDS AND TRIBUNALS SET UP IN THE PAST UNDER DIFFERENT LAWS FOR INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS OR UNDERTAKINGS.

NOT ONLY SHOULD THE TRIBUNAL SPEED THE SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS BUT BECAUSE OF ITS CONTINUITY IT SHOULD BE ABLE TO GAIN EXPERTISE IN LAND VALUATION MATTERS AND PRODUCE A GREATER DEGREE OF CONSISTENCY BETWEEN ITS DECISIONS THAN HAS BEEN POSSIBLE IN THE PAST UNDER THE DIVERSE ARRANGEMENTS EXISTING, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE TRIBUNAL WILL BE ABLE TO ADJUDICATE ON LAND AND PROPERTY VALUES UNDER THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES :

THE CROWN LANDS RESUMPTION ORDINANCE, THE STREET (ALTERATION) ORDINANCE, THE FORESHORES AND SEABED ORDINANCE, THE PUBLIC RECLAMATION AND WORKS ORDINANCE, THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY (LAND ACQUISITION AND RELATED PROVISIONS) ORDINANCE, THE HONG KONG AIRPORT (CONTROL OF OBSTRUCTIONS) ORDINANCE, THE RATING ORDINANCE, THE WATERWORKS ORDINANCE, AND THE DEMOLISHED BUILDINGS (REDEVELOPMENT OF SITES) ORDINANCE.

IT WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO PERFORM SIMILAR FUNCTIONS UNDER OTHER LAWS SHOULD THIS BECOME NECESSARY IN FUTURE.

THE TRIBUNAL WILL INITIALLY CONSIST OF A FULL-TIME PRESIDENT, TWO PERMANENT MEMBERS WHO MAY BE CHARTERED SURVEYORS AND A PANEL OF ABOUT TWENTY-TWO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WHOSE ASSISTANCE THE PRESIDENT WILL BE ABLE TO CALL UPON IN THE VARIOUS DELIBERATIONS OF THE TRIBUNAL. HALF OF THE ADDITIONAL MEMBERS WILL BE SURVEYORS OR VALUERS AND HALF SOLICITORS OR BARRISTERS- THEY WILL NOT BE CIVIL SERVANTS. THE NAMES OF THE FIRST GROUP OF PANEL MEMBERS APPOINTED ALSO APPEAR IN TODAY'S GAZETTE.

DETAILED RULES GOVERNING THE WAY THE TRIBUNAL WILL WORK ARE BEING FORMULATED AND THE FIRST SET OF SUCH RULES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE VERY SOON.

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LAND REGISTRATION FEES REVISED

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FEES FOR CERTAIN SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE LAND OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT WILL BE REVISED AS FROM SUNDAY (DECEMBER 1).

THE FEES INVOLVED ARE THOSE COLLECTED BY THE LAND OFFICE IN CONNECTION WITH THE REGISTRATION OF DEEDS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS UNDER THE LAND REGISTRATION ORDINANCE AND SEARCHES MADE OF LAND OFFICE RECORDS.

HOWEVER, THE FEES FOR SUPPLYING A MANUSCRIPT COPY OR A PHOTOSTATIC COPY OF ANY INSTRUMENT REMAIN UNCHANGED.

DETAILS OF THE REVISION WERE CONTAINED IN THE LAND REGISTRATION FEES (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1974 AND THE LAND REGISTRATION (NEW TERRITORIES) FEES (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1974 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

COMMENTING ON THE REVISION A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT SAID THE FEE REVISION WAS NECESSARY TO MEET THE INCREASED ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.

+THE FEE FOR REGISTRATION WERE LAST REVISED IN 1958 AND FOR SEARCHES IN 1963,+ HE SAID.

AMONG THE FEES AFFECTED BY THE NEW REGULATIONS ARE THOSE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF DEEDS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS. THESE RANGE FROM \$5 TO \$240 ACCORDING TO THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY OR SHARE INVOLVED. THE EXISTING FEES RANGE FROM \$1 TO \$120.

THE FEES FOR SEARCHES MADE OF LAND OFFICE RECORDS WILL BE RAISED TO \$5 FROM \$1 FOR EACH RECORD PRODUCED WHILE THE CHARGE FOR REGISTRATION OF WILLS, PROBATES AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION WILL NOW BE \$30 INSTEAD OF \$15.

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TWO NEW URBCO MEMBERS APPOINTED

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MR. SHUM CHOI-SANG AND MRS. GRACE HO HAVE BEEN APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE URBAN COUNCIL BY THE GOVERNOR.

THEY REPLACE MR. LO TAK SING, AND MISS KO SIU WAH, WHO HAVE RESIGNED FROM THE COUNCIL.

MR. SHUM'S TERM OF OFFICE WILL LAST FROM DECEMBER 1 THIS YEAR TO MARCH 31, 1978 WHILE THAT OF MRS. HO FROM DECEMBER 1 THIS YEAR TO MARCH 31, 1976.

MR. SHUM, M.B.E., J.P., IS MANAGING EDITOR OF WAH KIU YAT PO. AT PRESENT, HE SITS ON A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEES, INCLUDING THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, RADIATION BOARD AND SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE BOARD. HE WAS PREVIOUSLY CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND A MEMBER OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE. HE IS ALSO CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF THE CONSUMER COUNCIL.

MR. SHUM HAS ALWAYS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE PROMOTION OF THE KAIFONG MOVEMENT. HE IS NOW CHAIRMAN OF THE CAUSEWAY BAY KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION AND THE FEDERATION OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDING ORGANISATION, EASTERN DISTRICT, HONG KONG. HE WAS ALSO FORMERLY CHAIRMAN OF THE KAIFONG ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION.

HE COMPLETED HIS EDUCATION AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY WHERE HE OBTAINED A MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN ECONOMICS.

MRS. HO, J.P., IS CURRENTLY DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER OF THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATEI FERRY COMPANY LIMITED.

SHE IS A MEMBER OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION BOARD OF MANAGEMENT. UNTIL RECENTLY, SHE SAT ON THE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD.

MRS. HO WAS EDUCATED AT THE DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG WHERE SHE OBTAINED HER BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE. SHE LATER WENT TO ENGLAND AND WAS CALLED TO THE ENGLISH BAR AT GRAY'S INN WHERE SHE WAS ADMITTED AS A BARRISTER-AT-LAW. SHE HAS THREE CHILDREN.

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BETTER BUS SERVICES ON LANTAO ISLAND

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BUSES ON LANTAO ISLAND WILL RUN AS FROM SUNDAY (DECEMBER 1) ON NEW TIMETABLES WHICH WILL PROVIDE IMPROVED FREQUENCIES AND BETTER CONNECTING FACILITIES WITH FERRY SERVICES TO THE ISLAND.

AGREEMENT ON THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS HAS BEEN REACHED BETWEEN THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW LANTAO BUS COMPANY FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS ON WAYS TO IMPROVE BUS SERVICES ON THE ISLAND.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY BUSES ON THE ISLAND WOULD OPERATE ON FIVE ROUTES DESIGNED TO MEET MORE ADEQUATELY THE TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS OF THE LOCAL RESIDENTS AS WELL AS HOLIDAY-MAKERS VISITING THE ISLAND ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

APART FROM INCREASED FREQUENCIES ON WEEKDAYS, THE NEW TIMETABLES WILL PROVIDE EVEN BETTER FREQUENCIES ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS TO CATER FOR THE LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE FLOCKING TO THE POPULAR HOLIDAY RESORT, HE SAID.

+THESE NEW ARRANGEMENTS ARE IN LINE WITH OUR CONTINUOUS EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT THE BUS OPERATION ON LANTAO ISLAND MEET THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUTERS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE FIVE ROUTES WILL BE: (1) BETWEEN MUI WO AND TAI O VIA PUI O, CHEUNG SHA, TONG FUK, SHUI HAU AND KEUNG SHAN- (2) BETWEEN MUI WO AND NGONG PING VIA PUI O, CHEUNG SHA, TONG FUK, SHUI HAU AND PAVILION- (3) BETWEEN MUI WO AND TUNG CHUNG VIA PUI O, CHEUNG SHA, AND TUNG CHUNG ROAD- (4) BETWEEN MUI WO AND CHEUNG SHA VIA PUI O- AND (5) BETWEEN TAI LONG WAN AND MUI WO VIA TAI LONG WAN ACCESS ROAD AND SOUTH LANTAO ROAD.

FOR THE MUI WO-TAI O ROUTE, THE MORNING JOURNEY STARTS AT 5.15 A.M. FROM TAI O, AND THE LAST JOURNEY AT 9.55 P.M. FROM MUI WO. ON SATURDAYS, THERE WILL BE AN EXTRA JOURNEY LEAVING MUI WO AT QUARTER PAST MID-NIGHT AFTER MEETING THE LAST FERRY FROM HONG KONG.

FOR THE MUI WO-NGONG PING ROUTE, THE FIRST JOURNEY LEAVES AT 8.20 A.M. FROM NGONG PING, AND THE LAST JOURNEY, AT 6 P.M.

THE MUI WO-TUNG CHUNG SERVICE STARTS AT 6.20 A.M. FROM TUNG CHUNG WITH THE LAST JOURNEY DEPARTING AT 7.05 P.M. FROM MUI WO.

THE MUI WO-CHEUNG SHA SERVICE STARTS AT 9.35 A.M. FROM MUI WO WITH THE LAST JOURNEY LEAVING AT 7.05 P.M. FROM MUI WO, EXCEPT ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS WHEN THE FIRST JOURNEY WILL LEAVE MUI WO AT 9.00 A.M.

FOR THE TAI LONG WAN-MUI WO ROUTE, THERE WILL BE ONE JOURNEY LEAVING TAI LONG WAN AT 6.15 A.M. ARRIVING AT MUI WO AT 6.48 A.M. WITH A RETURN JOURNEY FROM MUI WO AT 4.35 P.M.

COPIES OF THE FULL TIMETABLES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT ALL BUS TERMINI FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMUTERS.

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**NEW ESTATE TO HOUSE 27,000

ANOTHER NEW PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IN THE KWAI CHUNG AREA OF TSUEN WAN IS TAKING SHAPE UNDER THE TEN-YEAR HOUSING PROGRAMME.

THE FIRST TWO 15-STOREY BLOCKS OF THE ESTATE, LAI KING, NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION, WILL BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT SEVEN MONTHS.

TOGETHER WITH TWO OTHER BLOCKS - ONE 15 STOREYS AND THE OTHER 13 STOREYS WHICH WILL BE COMPLETED LATER - THEY WILL PROVIDE HOMES FOR ABOUT 15,000 PEOPLE.

A BUS TERMINAL AND FIVE CAR PARKS WILL SHORTLY BE CONSTRUCTED WITHIN THE ESTATE TOGETHER WITH 390 METRES OF INTERNAL ROADS.

TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROADS AND ANCILLARY DRAINS ARE BEING INVITED. THE WORKS, DESIGNED BY THE HIGHWAY (NEW TERRITORIES) DIVISION OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN NEXT JANUARY AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN 14 MONTHS TIME.

LAI KING ESTATE WHICH WILL BE FULLY DEVELOPED IN 1976 WILL BE ABLE TO HOUSE ABOUT 27,000 PEOPLE.

THE WHOLE ESTATE WILL COMPRISE TWO 22-STOREY AND FIVE 15-STOREY BLOCKS. PROVISION HAS ALSO BEEN MADE FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, KINDERGARTEN, SHOPPING CENTRE AND RESTAURANTS AS WELL AS RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

IT IS ALSO INTENDED TO BUILD AN UNDERGROUND STATION IN THE CENTRE OF THE ESTATE WHEN THE MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM IS COMPLETED.

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GASCOIGNE ROAD FLYOVER

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ROAD WORKS IN KOWLOON TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW BOTH WITHIN THE CITY AREA AND ROAD LINKS TO THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY.

AMONG THE MANY PROJECTS IN HAND IS THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR SCHEME WHICH, ON COMPLETION, WILL PROVIDE A MAJOR DISTRIBUTION ROUTE IN WESTERN KOWLOON AND A DIRECT LINK FROM THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL TO KWAI CHUNG AND TSUEN WAN.

TENDERS ARE NOW BEING INVITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FOUNDATIONS FOR THE WESTERN SECTION OF THE FIRST STAGE OF THE ELEVATED ROAD FROM GASCOIGNE ROAD TO TONG MI ROAD. THE ELEVATED ROAD FORMS PART OF THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR SCHEME.

CONSTRUCTION IS AT AN ADVANCED STAGE FOR THE EASTERN SECTION OF STAGE I WHICH CONSISTS OF A 600-METRE LONG ELEVATED ROAD STARTING IN GASCOIGNE ROAD NEAR WYLIE ROAD AND TERMINATING AT THE YAU MA TEI MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK.

THE WESTERN SECTION WILL CONTINUE THE ELEVATED ROAD ALONGSIDE KANSU STREET FOR ANOTHER 600 METRES TO LINK UP WITH THE RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED TONG MI ROAD EXTENSION ADJACENT TO THE YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT WORK ON THE FOUNDATIONS FOR THE WESTERN SECTION OF STAGE I WILL BEGIN NEXT JANUARY AND TAKE SOME NINE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

A FURTHER CONTRACT FOR THE REMAINING PART OF STAGE I, THAT IS THE SUPERSTRUCTURE FOR THE WESTERN SECTION, IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN NEXT YEAR.

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ESTATE TENANTS PAY NEW RENTS

MORE THAN 10,000 FAMILIES LIVING IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES HAVE PAID THEIR RENTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER IN ADVANCE.

THE RENTS FOR PUBLIC HOUSING, EXCEPT THE FORMER HOUSING AUTHORITY ESTATES, HAVE BEEN RECENTLY REVISED AND WILL COME INTO FORCE ON DECEMBER 1. FOR MOST TENANTS, IT WILL BE THEIR FIRST INCREASE IN 10 YEARS.

MOST OF THE FAMILIES AFFECTED ARE HAVING TO PAY ONLY A FEW DOLLARS MORE A MONTH.

THE NUMBER OF FAMILIES APPLYING FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN SMALL. UP TO NOW, THE ESTATE STAFF HAVE ASSISTED ONLY 130 FAMILIES IN MAKING APPLICATIONS TO THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT. THOSE ALREADY ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE WILL HAVE THEIRS AUTOMATICALLY ADJUSTED.

+TWO OTHER CASES OF HARDSHIP, IN WHICH THE APPLICANTS WERE NOT ENTITLED TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, WERE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE, BUT NO CASE WAS REPORTED IN THE OTHER SEVEN DISTRICT ASSISTANCE COMMITTEES, + THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

COMMENTING ON A NEWSPAPER REPORT TODAY THAT MORE THAN HALF OF THE 23 FORMER RESETTLEMENT ESTATES HAVE Banded TOGETHER TO PROTEST AGAINST THE RENT INCREASE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE REPORT WAS HIGHLY EXAGGERATED.

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SECRETARY FOR SECURITY TO INSPECT C.A.S. PASSING-OUT PARADE

THE CIVIL AID SERVICES WILL HOLD ITS 9TH RECRUIT PASSING-OUT PARADE AT THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) PARADE GROUND, SPORTS ROAD, HAPPY VALLEY, ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 1).

THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR. LEWIS DAVIES, WILL INSPECT THE PARADE WHICH COMPRISE 200 MALE AND FEMALE RECRUITS. THEY HAVE COMPLETED ONE YEAR'S BASIC TRAINING COURSES IN FIRST AID, LIGHT RESCUE, WARDEN DUTIES AND GENERAL TRAINING.

MR. DAVIES WILL BE MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE COMMISSIONER, THE HON. P.C. WOO, AND THE CHIEF STAFF OFFICER, CAS, MR. J.A. FORTUNE.

HE WILL AWARD SPECIAL CERTIFICATES TO THE THREE MOST OUTSTANDING RECRUITS AND PRESENT CIVIL DEFENCE LONG SERVICE MEDALS TO 20 RECIPIENTS AND THE F.E. D'ALMADA REMEDIOS CUP TO THE WINNER OF THE ANNUAL FOOTDRILL COMPETITION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE EVENT COVERED. MR. DAVIES WILL ARRIVE AT THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT PARADE GROUND AT 10 A.M.

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**ANOTHER PART OF SECURITIES LAW BROUGHT INTO FORCE
SECURITIES DEALERS REMINDED OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

A NEW PART OF THE SECURITIES ORDINANCE DEALING WITH TRADING IN SECURITIES HAS BEEN BROUGHT INTO OPERATION WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

IT IS PART VIII OF THE ORDINANCE WHICH COVERS SUCH SUBJECTS AS OFFERS AND CALLS BY DEALERS TOGETHER WITH MORE DETAILED REQUIREMENTS OF CONCERN TO THE PRACTISING DEALER IN SECURITIES.

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF BRINGING INTO OPERATION THIS PART OF THE ORDINANCE IS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE.

WITH THE ENACTMENT OF PART VIII, ALL SECTIONS OF THE LEGISLATION ARE NOW IN OPERATION WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PART IX, RELATING TO THE AUDIT OF DEALERS' ACCOUNTS, AND SECTION 140 OF PART XII WHICH DEALS WITH INSIDER TRADING.

IT IS HOPED THAT PART IX WILL BE IMPLEMENTED SOON.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES, MR. JAMES SELWYN, ALSO REMINDED THE PUBLIC TODAY THAT DEALERS IN SECURITIES HAD UNTIL THE END OF DECEMBER TO APPLY FOR REGISTRATION UNDER PART VI OF THE ORDINANCE.

+ALL APPLICATIONS MAY NOT NECESSARILY BE SUCCESSFUL,+ HE SAID, +SO IN THE MEANTIME, ANY PERSON BUYING SECURITIES OTHER THAN THROUGH A STOCK EXCHANGE SHOULD BE CAREFUL TO ASCERTAIN THAT HE DEALS WITH A PERSON OR FIRM OF GOOD STANDING AND REPUTE.+

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**H.K. OFFICIAL TO ATTEND TRADE TALKS IN BANGKOK

MR. P.K.Y. TSAO, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, WILL BE LEAVING FOR BANGKOK ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 1) TO ATTEND THE 18TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC COMMITTEE ON TRADE.

MR. TSAO WILL LATER BE JOINED BY MRS. SUSAN YUEN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE HONG KONG SHIPPERS' COUNCIL.

THE COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW DEVELOPMENTS IN TRADE AND TRADE POLICIES IN 1974 IN THE ESCAP REGION, AND DISCUSS TRADE PROMOTION, SHIPPING AND OTHER COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES.

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GOVERNOR OPENS PHOTO EXHIBITION

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, TODAY OPENED THE 29TH HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL SALON OF PHOTOGRAPHY ORGANISED BY THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF HONG KONG IN THE CITY HALL.

FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH :

+I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR INVITATION TO OPEN THIS INTERNATIONAL SALON, AND FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW MY ACQUAINTANCE OF THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF HONG KONG.

+OF THE SOCIETY'S PROWESS AND INTERNATIONAL STANDING I AM WELL AWARE. PERHAPS THIS HAS BEEN HELPED BY THE FACT THAT YOU LIVE IN ONE OF THE MOST PHOTOGENIC CITIES OF THE WORLD. IT IS, NEVERTHELESS A JUST TRIBUTE TO THE SOCIETY THAT IT SHOULD BE ABLE TO MOUNT A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL SALON ANNUALLY AND TO PUT UP SO MANY EXHIBITS OF SUCH HIGH QUALITY.

+I AM GLAD THAT THE SALON'S STANDING HAS SUCH HIGH INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION. THIS IS EVIDENCE BY THE NUMBER OF OVERSEAS PARTICIPANTS AND BY THE GREAT CONTRIBUTION THEY MAKE TO THE SUCCESS OF THE EXHIBITION. TO THEM I SHOULD LIKE TO SAY A SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS AND GREETING.

+NOW, I HAVE MUCH PEASURE IN DECLARING OPEN THE 29TH HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL SALON OF PHOTOGRAPHY.+

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NEW QUARTERS FOR KCR STAFF

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CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW RAILWAY STAFF QUARTERS LOCATED NEAR CHATHAM ROAD AND THE CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL APPROACH ROAD WILL BEGIN SHORTLY.

THE NEW STAFF QUARTERS FORM PART OF THE HUNG HOM DEVELOPMENT SCHEME WHICH CALLS FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE EXISTING STATION AT TSIM SHA TSUI TO HUNG HOM. THEY WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING ONES SITUATED AT SALISBURY AND CHATHAM ROADS.

COMPRISING ONE SIX-STOREY AND ONE 14-STOREY BUILDINGS, THE NEW QUARTERS WILL BE SO NEAR TO THE NEW TERMINAL BUILDING THAT STAFF REQUIRED FOR NIGHT WORK AND IRREGULAR SHIFTS WILL NOT HAVE TO RELY ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO GET TO THEIR PLACES OF WORK.

THERE WILL BE A TOTAL OF 102 QUARTERS TO ACCOMMODATE STAFF OF THE ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT OF THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY AND STAFF OF THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL BEGIN IN JANUARY AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 14 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE EXISTING RAILWAY STAFF QUARTERS WILL BE EVENTUALLY BE DEMOLISHED IN ORDER TO MAKE ROOM FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT.

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CONTROLLED REFUSE TIP FOR NGAU CHI WAN

A 10-HECTARE SITE PROVIDING SPACE FOR RECREATIONAL, COMMUNITY AND EDUCATIONAL USE WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE IN NGAU CHI WAN ON COMPLETION OF A CONTROLLED REFUSE TIP IN 1978.

TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR FORMATION OF THE SITE TO BE USED FOR THE SYSTEMATIC DISPOSAL OF REFUSE BY INOFFENSIVE AND SANITARY METHODS.

THE WORKS CONSIST, AMONG OTHERS, OF THE EXCAVATION OF SOME 150,000 CUBIC METERS OF EARTH FROM A HILLSIDE OFF CLEARWATER BAY ROAD TO MAKE WAY FOR THE TIP AS WELL AS DRAINAGE AND SLOPE PROTECTION WORKS.

INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT IS THE SITE PREPARATION OF AN AREA TO ALLOW THE COMMENCEMENT OF CONTROLLED TIPPING OF REFUSE TOWARDS THE END OF 1975.

AT THE SAME TIME, A 750-METRE-LONG SECONDARY ROAD PROVIDING DIRECT ACCESS TO THE TIPPING SITE FROM CLEARWATER BAY ROAD WILL ALSO BE BUILT. THE ROADWORKS WILL FORM THE FIRST STAGE OF A SECONDARY ROUTE FINALLY LINKING CLEARWATER BAY ROAD WITH PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD.

WORK ON THE WHOLE PROJECT IS TO BEGIN EARLY NEXT YEAR AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN 15 MONTHS.

THE SCHEME HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE DEVELOPMENT AND AIRPORT DIVISION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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DANGEROUS BUILDING

THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY DECLARED NO. 29G TA TIT STREET, NEW KOWLOON TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION.

THIS SMALL SINGLE-STOREY PRE-WAR BUILDING FORMS PART OF A GROUP OF SIMILAR STRUCTURES, ONE OF WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN CLOSED, RECENTLY FOLLOWING THE COLLAPSE OF PART OF ITS TIMBER ROOF.

THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THIS MORNING THAT AS DEMOLITION OF THE CLOSED BUILDING WOULD MOST LIKELY AFFECT NO. 29G, IT IS NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THIS BUILDING AS WELL. PORTIONS OF THE LOAD BEARING WALLS OF NO. 29G WERE BULGED AND THE ROOF TIMBERS HAD SAGGED.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON DECEMBER 30 WAS POSTED TODAY.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (FRIDAY) 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	1.73
PO NGAI	GOOD	-
CHU CHO	GOOD	-
<u>THAI RICE</u>		
100% WHOLE	GOOD	1.77
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	1.64
A1 SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	-
A1 SUPER	GOOD	1.35
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	1.69
<u>U.S. RICE</u>	GOOD	1.91
<u>AUSTRALIAN RICE</u>	GOOD	1.84
<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	NORMAL	5.30	1.80	4.50
BIG-EYES	GOOD	3.00	1.00	1.80
SQUID	NORMAL	5.50	1.80	4.00
HAIR-TAILS	GOOD	1.80	0.40	1.20
LIZARD FISHES	NORMAL	3.55	1.10	2.40
CROAKERS	NORMAL	2.20	0.40	1.40
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	NORMAL	2.90	2.00	2.60
MELON COAT	NORMAL	2.50	1.50	1.80
BREAMS	LIMITED	5.00	3.00	4.50
YELLOW BELLY	GOOD	1.70	0.60	1.10
MACKERELS	NORMAL	4.80	2.60	3.50
RED GOAT FISH	LIMITED	3.90	0.50	1.40
FORK-TAIL	NORMAL	0.90	0.55	0.70
HORSE-HEAD	LIMITED	6.00	2.50	5.00
MELON SEED	NORMAL	3.00	1.60	2.40
POMFRETS	SCARCE	9.00	3.00	7.00
GARROUPAS	LIMITED	8.50	5.00	6.70
YELLOW CROAKER	LIMITED	5.80	5.00	5.30

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	2.20	0.80	1.60
WHITE CABBAGE	NORMAL	0.80	0.20	0.50
CHINESE LETTUCE	NORMAL	1.50	0.50	1.00
WATER SPINACH	SCARCE	0.50	0.20	0.30
CHINESE KALE	LIMITED	2.20	1.00	1.60
STRING BEANS	SCARCE	2.20	1.50	1.80
SPRING ONION	NORMAL	1.20	0.30	0.80
SPINACH	SCARCE	3.00	1.00	2.20
WATER CRESS	NORMAL	2.20	1.00	1.60
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	LIMITED	0.80	0.30	0.50
CHINESE SPINACH	---	---	---	---
TOMATO	SCARCE	4.50	2.50	3.50

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