



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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FILM CENSORSHIP TOO LAX: SURVEY
STRICTER CONTROL URGED

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MORE THAN HALF OF HONG KONG'S CINEMA-GOERS WOULD LIKE TO SEE STRICTER CENSORSHIP OF FILMS, WHILE ONE THIRD OF FREQUENT CINEMA-GOERS WANT CENSORSHIP STANDARDS RELAXED.

THESE WERE AMONG THE MAJOR FINDINGS OF A RECENT SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE SURVEY RESEARCH HONG KONG LIMITED FOR THE COMMISSIONER FOR TELEVISION AND FILMS.

THE SURVEY ALSO SHOWS THAT THE CHINESE PEOPLE THINK THAT CENSORSHIP OF SEX AND VIOLENCE IN THE CINEMA IS TOO LIBERAL AT PRESENT, AND THEY REGARD SEX AS THE FIRST PRIORITY FOR CENSORSHIP.

A REPORT ON THE STUDY WAS MADE PUBLIC TODAY. AMONG OTHERS, THE STUDY AIMS AT ASSESSING THE CURRENT ATTITUDE AMONG THE CHINESE POPULATION ON SEX, VIOLENCE AND PORNOGRAPHY ON THE SCREEN, AND AT PROVIDING GUIDANCE TO THE FILM CENSORS ON A SERIES OF SPECIFIC ISSUES.

THE REPORT CONCLUDES THAT THOSE WITH HIGHER EDUCATION IN HONG KONG DO NOT EXHIBIT A TENDENCY TO MORE LIBERAL VIEWS ON ISSUES SUCH AS FILM CENSORSHIP. ON THE CONTRARY, THEY ARE MUCH STRICTER.

WOMEN, THE REPORT SAYS, ARE STRICTER THAN MEN IN THEIR VIEWS ON CENSORSHIP OF SEX FILMS, AND THE OLD STRICTER THAN THE YOUNG.

+AT ONE END, 89 PER CENT OF OLDER WOMEN CHOSE STRICTER CENSORSHIP. AT THE OTHER END 67 PER CENT OF YOUNG MEN CHOSE THE SAME. IN EITHER CASE, WHEN FACED WITH A HARD CHOICE, THERE IS AN UNEQUIVOCAL EXPRESSION OF OPINION THAT SEX FILMS SHOULD BE CENSORED MORE STRICTLY IN HONG KONG THAN THEY CURRENTLY ARE.+

IT ALSO STATES THAT THERE WAS SOME EVIDENCE THAT THE FREQUENT CINEMA-GOERS HAD MORE HARDENED SUSCEPTIBILITIES TO SEX AND VIOLENCE ON THE SCREEN.

IT CONTINUES: +THERE IS A VERY CLEAR MAJORITY OPINION THAT THE FANTASY VIOLENCE OF THE MANDARIN MOVIES HAS A MUCH MORE HARMFUL EFFECT ON YOUTH, THAN THE REALISTIC VIOLENCE OF MOST WESTERN CRIME FILMS.

+IT IS THE REALISM ITSELF WHICH MAKES THE LATTER REASONABLE, AND IN A SENSE RATHER TAME. THE MANDARIN MOVIES HOWEVER ARE THOUGHT LIKELY TO EXCEED ALL BUT THE MOST HARDENED 'THRESHOLDS OF VIOLENCE'.+

THE SURVEY SHOWS THAT THERE WAS A LARGE MEASURE OF DISAPPROVAL OF FILMS WITH THEMES OF ROBBERY WHEN THEY GAVE A DETAILED TECHNICAL ACCOUNT OF HOW TO COMMIT THE CRIME. SUCH FILMS WERE WIDELY AND ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY CRITICISED.

FILMS WHICH GLORIFY SADISM AND VENGEANCE WERE ALSO CONDEMNED.

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MORE SOPHISTICATED TRAINING FOR SEAMEN

MODERNISATION OF THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY IN TECHNOLOGICAL, ORGANISATIONAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS HAS PRODUCED A DEMAND FOR HIGHER STANDARDS IN THE QUALIFICATION OF SEAMEN.

ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT THE TRAINING TREND IS NOW TO PRODUCE GENERAL PURPOSE RATINGS -- SEAMEN WHO HAVE THE COMBINED KNOWLEDGE OF BOTH WORK IN THE ENGINE ROOM AND ON DECK.

WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF VLCCS (VERY LARGE CRUDE CARRIERS), CONTAINER VESSELS, AND VESSELS WITH AUTOMATED MACHINERY, A SHIP'S CREW WILL COMPRISE LESS SEAMEN BUT ONES WHO HAVE RECEIVED MORE SOPHISTICATED TRAINING.

TO MEET THIS DEMAND, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, THE DEPARTMENT HAD RECOMMENDED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTRALLY ORGANISED SEA TRAINING SCHOOL TO PROVIDE ADVANCED TRAINING FOR SEAFARERS FOR DECK, ENGINE AND GENERAL PURPOSE QUALIFICATION.

+THIS CENTRAL ORGANISATION WILL ENSURE THAT THE PROPER AND REQUIRED STANDARDS OF ADVANCED TRAINING ARE MET AND THE GREATEST ECONOMIC RETURNS ARE ACHIEVED IN REGARD TO THE UTILISATION OF LAND, OF FINANCE AND OF INSTRUCTING PERSONNEL,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS CONSIDERED THAT AN APPROPRIATE QUALIFICATION SHOULD BE DEVISED FOLLOWING DECK/ENGINE CONVERSION COURSES FOR GENERAL PURPOSE RATINGS,+ HE CONTINUED.

AT PRESENT, TRAINING COURSES FOR OFFICERS ARE OFFERED AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, THE WORLD WIDE SHIPPING CO., AND THE ISLAND NAVIGATION CO. TRAINING FOR RATINGS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE HONG KONG SEA SCHOOL, THE WORLD WIDE SHIPPING CO. AND OTHER PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS.

+EVERY ENCOURAGEMENT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THESE SCHOOLS TO DEVELOP AND INCREASE THEIR CAPACITY AND TO PRODUCE MORE GRADUATES FOR APPOINTMENT AS CADETS OR TRAINEES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE DENIED AN ALLEGATION THAT HONG KONG CREW ARE BEING REPLACED ON SHIPS BY FOREIGN CREW. SINCE JANUARY 1 LAST YEAR, HE SAID, THE REPLACEMENT OF HONG KONG CREW BY FOREIGN CREW HAD DECREASED.

THE CREWS DIVISION OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT ENDEAVOURS TO PROMOTE GOOD LABOUR RELATIONSHIP ABOARD SHIPS, IN ORDER TO PROTECT SEAMEN FROM EXPLOITATION IN THEIR EMPLOYMENT.

THE SEAMEN'S NEWSLETTER AND THE HONG KONG NEWS DIGEST IN CHINESE PROVIDE SHIPPING AND LOCAL NEWS, AND INFORMATIVE TECHNICAL ARTICLES ARE PUBLISHED AT WEEKLY INTERVALS AND DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TO SHIPS MANNED BY HONG KONG SEAMEN.

/THE HONG KONG

THE HONG KONG PORT WELFARE COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY A SENIOR EXECUTIVE FROM THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY, AND WHOSE MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES A SENIOR OFFICER OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, ENSURES THAT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS ALLOCATED TO SAILORS' HOME AND MISSIONS TO SEAMEN (INCLUDING THE MARINERS CLUB), THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA, THE NORWEGIAN SEAMEN'S MISSION, AND THE MERCHANT NAVY SPORTS CLUB. THESE CLUBS PROVIDE BOARD AND LODGING FOR SEAMEN DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD OF CHANGING SHIP, AND OFFER A WIDE RANGE OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES SUCH AS SWIMMING POOLS, FOOTBALL PITCH, CINEMA, AND A BOWLING ALLEY.

WHEN NECESSARY, CASES OF DISTRESSED SEAMEN ARE REFERRED TO OTHER RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS, SUCH AS THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

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CROWN LAND SALE

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FOUR LOTS OF CROWN LAND WITH AN OVERALL AREA OF NEARLY 90,000 SQUARE FEET WILL BE PUT UP FOR SALE AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.

TWO OF THEM ARE FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT. THE FIRST, LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF MARCONI ROAD AND BROADCAST DRIVE, HAS AN AREA OF 17,870 SQUARE FEET, AND THE OTHER AT CLOUD VIEW ROAD ON HONG KONG ISLAND HAS AN AREA OF OVER 21,000 SQUARE FEET.

ANOTHER LOT OF SOME 40,000 SQUARE FEET IS LOCATED AT HIU KWONG STREET IN KWUN TONG, AND HAS BEEN EARMARKED FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

THE FOURTH LOT LOCATED IN CHAI WAN BETWEEN HONG MAN STREET AND KUT SHING STREET, IS RESERVED FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN USAGE. IT HAS AN AREA OF 9,300 SQUARE FEET.

THE AUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY, MAY 31 AT 2.30 P.M. IN THE LECTURE ROOM ON THE 8TH FLOOR OF THE CITY HALL HIGH BLOCK.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR. SALE PLANS MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED THERE.

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HONG KONG RESUMING TEXTILE TALKS IN WASHINGTON

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MR. LAWRENCE MILLS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, COMMERCIAL RELATIONS, LEFT FOR WASHINGTON TODAY (WEDNESDAY) FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG'S EXISTING TEXTILE EXPORT RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS WITH THE UNITED STATES.

THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE BEING HELD UNDER THE RULES OF THE NEW ARRANGEMENT COVERING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES. THEY FOLLOW EARLIER TALKS WHICH TOOK PLACE IN HONG KONG WITH U.S. OFFICIALS IN MARCH THIS YEAR.

MR. MILLS WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THREE OTHER OFFICIALS FROM THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, MR. PETER TSAO, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, COMMERCIAL RELATIONS, MR. T.H. CHAU AND MR. P.L.C. LAU.

THEY WILL BE JOINED LATER BY FOUR MEMBERS OF THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD, MR. FRANCIS Y.H. TIEN, MR. B.I. BARLOW, MR. C.K. CHOW AND MR. JACK C. TANG, WHO WILL BE ADVISERS TO THE HONG KONG DELEGATION.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) AT SALES 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</u>	<u>WHOLESALE PRICE(\$/CATTY)</u>
<u>CHINA RICE</u>	<u>OF SUPPLY</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>
SEE MEW	-	-
- 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	-	-
A1 SUPER EXTRA	-	-
A1 SUPER	-	-
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	-	-
<u>U.S. RICE</u>	GOOD	1.94
<u>AUSTRALIAN RICE</u>	GOOD	1.92
<u>PAKISTAN RICE</u>	-	-
<u>TAIWAN RICE</u>	-	-

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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	4.20	2.40	3.50
BIG-EYES	GOOD	2.60	0.50	1.80
SQUID	NORMAL	4.00	2.00	3.50
HAIR-TAILS	NORMAL	1.40	0.70	1.00
LIZARD FISHES	NORMAL	2.40	1.10	1.80
CROAKERS	NORMAL	1.50	0.80	1.10
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	NORMAL	1.80	1.20	1.50
MELON COAT	--	--	--	--
BREAMS	NORMAL	4.00	3.00	3.50
YELLOW BELLY	GOOD	1.50	0.50	1.00
MACKERELS	NORMAL	3.80	2.80	3.20
RED GOAT FISH	NORMAL	0.60	0.40	0.50
FORK-TAIL	NORMAL	1.10	0.80	0.90
HORSE-HEAD	NORMAL	5.50	2.80	4.00
MELON SEED	--	--	--	--
POMFRETS	SCARCE	8.50	7.00	7.50
GARROUPAS	NORMAL	6.50	5.00	5.00
YELLOW CROAKER	SCARCE	6.80	5.00	6.50

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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	1.60	0.60	1.20
WHITE CABBAGE	GOOD	0.50	0.10	0.30
CHINESE LETTUCE	GOOD	0.50	0.10	0.30
WATER SPINACH	GOOD	0.80	0.20	0.50
CHINESE KALE	LIMITED	1.20	0.40	0.80
SPRING ONION	NORMAL	1.00	0.30	0.60
SPINACH	SCARCE	1.20	0.40	0.80
WATER CRESS	LIMITED	0.80	0.20	0.60
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	NORMAL	0.50	0.10	0.30
CHINESE SPINACH	NORMAL	0.50	0.10	0.30
TOMATO	NORMAL	1.40	0.40	0.80

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(ALL SOURCES)

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY - GOOD

WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORK
(\$/PICUL-LIVE WEIGHT) - 305 (AVERAGE)

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