



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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DAILY GUIDE TO WHOLESALE PRICES AND SUPPLY OF BASIC FOOD  
COMMODITIES

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LAI CHI KOK INCINERATOR READY TO BURN

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THE RUBBISH-DISPOSAL CAPACITY AT THE LAI CHI KOK INCINERATOR WILL BE DOUBLED FROM 750 TONS TO 1,500 TONS PER DAY WHEN THE EXTENSION TO THE PRESENT INCINERATION PLANT COMES INTO OPERATION IN ABOUT A MONTH.

CONSTRUCTION WORK AND INSTALLATION OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT OF THE NEW COMPLEX ARE COMPLETED.

HOWEVER, THE TECHNICAL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE PLANT MR. ROBERT FOTHERGILL, SAID THAT THE REFRACTORY LINING WOULD HAVE TO BE DRIED OUT BEFORE FULL OPERATION COULD COMMENCE.

+THIS DRYING OUT PROCESS INVOLVES LIGHTING A WOOD FIRE IN EACH INCINERATOR, AND BY CONTROLLED HAND FEEDING OF THE FIRE, TO SLOWLY WARM THE BRICK WORK, THUS DRIVING OFF TRAPPED MOISTURE WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE CAUSE POCKETS OF HIGH PRESSURE STEAM AND SO DAMAGE THE BRICKWORK.

+THE WHOLE DRYING OUT PROCESS TAKES NINE DAYS FOR EACH INCINERATOR UNIT, FROM STARTING COLD, UNTIL THE INCINERATOR REACHES ITS NORMAL WORKING TEMPERATURE.

+SINCE FOUR INCINERATING UNITS MUST BE TREATED IN THIS MANNER, THE WHOLE DRYING PROCESS WHICH IS DUE TO START IN A FEW DAYS IS EXPECTED TO LAST APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS,+ HE SAID.

THE EXTENSION, COSTING MORE THAN \$40 MILLION, COMPRISES FOUR INCINERATING UNITS OF SIMILAR DESIGN AS THE EXISTING ONES.

ONE IMPORTANT FEATURE OF THE NEW COMPLEX IS THE HEIGHT OF ITS CHIMNEY WHICH IS 300 FEET TALL -- 100 FEET HIGHER THAN THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF ANY BUILDING ALLOWED IN THE AREA UNDER THE HONG KONG AIRPORT (CONTROL OF OBSTRUCTIONS) ORDINANCE.

THE ORDINANCE WAS AMENDED ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO TO MAKE THIS CASE AN EXCEPTION AFTER THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT CONSIDERED THE BENEFITS ACCRUING TO THE COMMUNITY IN GENERAL BY BETTER DISPERSAL OF INCINERATOR CHIMNEY FUMES.

THE DEPARTMENT FELT THAT AN ISOLATED OBSTRUCTION ADEQUATELY LIT AND MARKED, COULD BE TOLERATED IN THE LAI CHI KOK AREA. IT RECOMMENDED THAT THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF THE NEW INCINERATOR CHIMNEY IS 300 FEET, THUS LEAVING THE REQUIRED 300 FEET OF CLEAR AIRSPACE BELOW THE FLIGHT PATH OF AIRCRAFT WELL WITHIN THE SAFETY MARGIN.

AT PRESENT, THE DAILY REFUSE COLLECTION AVERAGES 2,600 TONS IN THE URBAN AREAS -- 800 TONS ON THE ISLAND AND 1,800 TONS IN KOWLOON. ABOUT 1,200 TONS OF THE TOTAL ARE TAKEN CARE OF BY THE TWO INCINERATORS IN KENNEDY TOWN AND LAI CHI KOK WHILE THE REMAINDER IS DISPOSED IN GIN DRINKER'S REFUSE DUMP AND OTHER CONTROLLED DUMPING AREAS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE INCINERATOR ARE  
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REPORT ON CLERK PAY EXPECTED IN A FEW DAYS  
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THE REPORT OF THE PAY INVESTIGATION UNIT'S SURVEY OF THE CLERICAL CLASS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE IS EXPECTED BY THE END OF THIS WEEK.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE SURVEY WAS ONE OF A CONTINUING PROGRAMME OF SUCH SURVEYS BY THE UNIT TO ASSIST IN IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNMENT'S CIVIL SERVICE PAY POLICY.

+THE REPORT, LIKE ALL OTHER REPORTS PREPARED BY THE PIU, IS FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE SENIOR CIVIL SERVICE COUNCIL,+ HE ADDED.

+RECENT STATEMENTS IN THE PRESS, TO THE EFFECT THAT THE PIU HAS BEEN GIVEN A LIMITED TIME IN WHICH TO MEET STAFF DEMANDS, ARE MISLEADING,+ COMMENTED THE SPOKESMAN.

+THEY REFLECT A MISCONCEPTION CONCERNING THE ROLE OF THE PAY INVESTIGATION UNIT. THE UNIT IS A FACT-FINDING BODY WHICH COLLECTS INFORMATION ON PAY AND FRINGE BENEFITS FOR EMPLOYEES IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR WHO ARE ENGAGED ON WORK BROADLY COMPARABLE TO THAT OF THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE.

+THIS COMPARATIVE EXERCISE IS VERY THOROUGH, AND GOES INTO A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF DETAIL SO THAT ALL RELEVANT FACTORS CAN BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

+THE UNIT OBTAINS THE NECESSARY DATA TO ENABLE THE SENIOR CIVIL SERVICE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER WHETHER THE PAY AND FRINGE BENEFITS OF A PARTICULAR GRADE IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE ARE FAIR AND EQUITABLE IN RELATION TO COMPARABLE EMPLOYEES IN PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.

+IT IS FOR THE SENIOR CIVIL SERVICE COUNCIL TO SUBMIT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT.+

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE OFFICIAL SIDE OF THE COUNCIL COMPRISED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH AND FINANCE BRANCH OF THE SECRETARIAT, WHILE THE STAFF SIDE INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THREE MAJOR STAFF ASSOCIATIONS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE: THE HONG KONG CHINESE CIVIL SERVANTS ASSOCIATION, THE SENIOR NON-EXPATRIATE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AND THE ASSOCIATION OF EXPATRIATE CIVIL SERVANTS OF HONG KONG.

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KWAI CHUNG ROAD CLEARWAY  
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A 24-HOUR CLEARWAY SYSTEM WILL BE INTRODUCED ON BOTH CARRIAGEWAYS OF THE SECTION OF KWAI CHUNG ROAD AT LAI CHI KOK BRIDGE, AND ON THE FLYOVER AT LAI CHI KOK INTERCHANGE FROM 10 A.M. ON SATURDAY (MAY 4) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

EXCEPT FOR FRANCHISED BUSES, ALL VEHICLES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING TO PICK UP OR SET DOWN PASSENGERS ALONG THE CLEARWAY.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO INDICATE THE CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS.

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NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED

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A TOTAL OF 56 NEW BUILDING PLANS WERE APPROVED BY THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IN MARCH, INCLUDING PLANS FOR FIVE 21-STORY APARTMENT BUILDINGS AT MEI FOO SUN CHUEN.

THE PLANS INCLUDED 20 FOR APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS, EIGHT FOR APARTMENT BUILDINGS, 14 FOR COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AND 16 FOR RESIDENCES. THIRTY ONE OF THE PLANS WERE FOR BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THREE WERE FOR KOWLOON AND THE REMAINING 22 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

DURING THE MONTH, 48 BUILDINGS -- 19 IN HONG KONG, SEVEN IN KOWLOON AND 22 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES -- WERE COMPLETED AND CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION. THE TOTAL COST OF THE BUILDINGS AMOUNTED TO NEARLY \$250 MILLION.

THE BUILDING AUTHORITY GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO BEGIN ON 25 BUILDING PROJECTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 11 IN KOWLOON AND 19 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES. CONSENT WAS ALSO GIVEN FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 22 BUILDINGS.

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AIR-MAIL SERVICES TO CANADA RESUMED

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AIR-MAIL SERVICES FROM HONG KONG TO CANADA HAVE NOW BEEN RESUMED, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL ANNOUNCED TODAY.

ALL POST OFFICES ARE NOW AGAIN ACCEPTING LETTERS AND PARCELS FOR CONVEYANCE BY AIR TO CANADA.

AIR-MAIL SERVICES TO CANADA WERE DISRUPTED AS A RESULT OF A NATIONWIDE POSTAL STRIKE IN CANADA.

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QUEEN'S MESSAGE OF THANKS

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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN HAS THANKED THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG FOR THEIR MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF HER BIRTHDAY.

A MESSAGE OF THANKS WAS SENT TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

THE MESSAGE READS: †HER MAJESTY COMMANDS ME TO CONVEY TO YOU AND TO ALL THOSE WHO ASSOCIATED THEMSELVES WITH THE TERMS OF YOUR MESSAGE HER SINCERE THANKS FOR YOUR GOOD WISHES, WHICH GAVE MUCH PLEASURE.†

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

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THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (THURSDAY) AT SALES UNDER THE RICE CONTROL SCHEME AND AT THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AND THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AT CTEUNG SHA WAN, KOULOON:

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF RICE

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RICE CONTROL SCHEME  
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GRADE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)
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		AVERAGE
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CHINA RICE		
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- OLD CROP		-
SÉE MEW		
- NEW CROP	GOOD	2.21
- OLD CROP		-
S.C. JIEN		
- NEW CROP	GOOD	2.16
PO NGAI	GOOD	1.72
CHU CHO		-
THAI RICE		
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100% WHOLE	GOOD	2.12
10-15% BROKENS		-
A1 SUPER EXTRA		-
A1 SUPER		-
WHOLE GLUTINOUS		-
U.S. RICE	GOOD	1.94
AUSTRALIAN RICE	GOOD	1.92
PAKISTAN RICE		-
TAIWAN RICE		-

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

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(ALL SOURCES)

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY - GOOD

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

/SUPPLIES AND .....

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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	4.50	2.80	3.50
BIG-EYES	GOOD	2.70	0.60	1.60
SQUID	NORMAL	3.80	2.00	3.00
HAIR-TAILS	LIMITED	1.40	0.70	1.00
LIZARD FISHES	NORMAL	2.40	1.20	1.70
CROAKERS	LIMITED	1.50	0.80	1.30
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	NORMAL	1.60	1.10	1.40
MELON COAT	--		NO SALE	
BREAMS	NORMAL	4.40	2.70	3.40
YELLOW BELLY	GOOD	2.10	0.50	1.80
MACKERELS	NORMAL	3.50	2.80	3.00
RED GOAT FISH	GOOD	0.70	0.40	0.60
FORK-TAIL	NORMAL	1.70	0.80	1.10
HORSE-HEAD	NORMAL	6.20	3.50	4.00
MELON SEED	LIMITED	2.20	1.50	1.80
POMFRETS	SCARCE	8.50	7.50	8.20
GAROUPAS	NORMAL	7.00	4.80	6.00
YELLOW CROAKER	--		NO SALE	

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	0.40	0.10	0.25
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
STRING BEANS	--		NO SALE	
SPRING ONION	NORMAL	1.00	0.20	0.60
SPINACH	SCARCE	1.00	0.40	0.70
WATER CRESS	LIMITED	0.80	0.20	0.60
LEAF MUSTARD	NORMAL	0.50	0.10	0.30
CABBAGE				
CHINESE SPINACH	NORMAL	0.50	0.10	0.30
TOMATO	NORMAL	1.40	0.40	0.80