



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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DAILY GUIDE TO WHOLESALE PRICES AND SUPPLY OF BASIC FOOD COMMODITIES

MARCH EXPORTS UP BY 42.8 PER CENT

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THE VALUE OF HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS LAST MONTH WAS \$1,870 MILLION -- AN INCREASE OF \$561 MILLION OR 42.8 PER CENT OVER MARCH 1973, ACCORDING TO PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

IMPORTS INCREASED IN VALUE BY 59.3 PER CENT AND RE-EXPORTS BY 40.5 PER CENT OVER THE FIGURES FOR MARCH LAST YEAR.

FIGURES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY TO MARCH 1974, SHOW INCREASES OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1973 OF 39.9 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 53.4 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS AND 41.3 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS.

FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD APRIL 1973 TO MARCH 1974, FIGURES SHOW AN INCREASE OVER THE PREVIOUS 12-MONTH PERIOD OF 33.6 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 60.5 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS AND 38.2 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR MARCH WITH COMPARISONS.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS	:	\$1,870 MILLION
IMPORTS	:	\$3,079 MILLION
RE-EXPORTS	:	\$ 639 MILLION

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

	MARCH 1974	MARCH 1973	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	1,870	1,310	+ 561	+42.8
IMPORTS	3,079	1,934	+1,146	+59.3
RE-EXPORTS	639	455	+ 184	+40.5

  

	JAN - MAR 1974	JAN - MAR 1973	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	5,273	3,769	+1,503	+39.9
IMPORTS	8,065	5,708	+2,357	+41.3
RE-EXPORTS	1,805	1,176	+ 628	+53.4

  

	APRIL 1973 TO MARCH 1974	APRIL 1972 TO MARCH 1973	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	20,978	15,704	+5,274	+33.6
IMPORTS	31,362	22,697	+8,665	+38.2
RE-EXPORTS	7,153	4,456	+2,698	+60.5

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NEW SPECIALIST CLINIC FOR WANCHAI

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WORK IS NOW IN PROGRESS ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TANG CHI NGONG SPECIALIST CLINIC -- A MODERN EIGHT-STOREY BUILDING IN WANCHAI NEXT TO THE TANG SHIU KIN HOSPITAL.

IT IS ENVISAGED THAT ON COMPLETION IN MID-1975, THE NEW SPECIALIST CLINIC WILL REPLACE THE SPECIALIST OUT-PATIENT FACILITIES NOW AVAILABLE IN THE VIOLET PEEL POLYCLINIC IN WANCHAI. THE PRESENT VIOLET PEEL POLYCLINIC WILL, HOWEVER, CONTINUE TO PROVIDE GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINIC FACILITIES.

BUILT ON A 12,000-SQUARE-FOOT SITE AT QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, THE TANG CHI NGONG SPECIALIST CLINIC WILL HAVE SPECIALIST OUT-PATIENT FACILITIES FOR MEDICINE, SURGERY, PAEDIATRICS, EYE, EAR-NOSE-AND-THROAT AS WELL AS SOCIAL HYGIENE.

THERE WILL BE 21 CONSULTING ROOMS AS AGAINST NINE IN THE VIOLET PEEL POLYCLINIC. OTHER FACILITIES INCLUDE TWO OPERATING THEATRES FOR MINOR SURGICAL AND OPHTHALMIC CASES, VISUAL ACUITY AND TEST ROOMS, TREATMENT ROOMS, DISPENSARIES, LABORATORIES, SPEECH THERAPY OFFICES AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES. A CAR PARK WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED.

EACH FLOOR OF THE CLINIC IS BEING DESIGNED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO ACCOMMODATE A PARTICULAR TYPE OF SPECIALIST SERVICE, SUCH AS EYE, EAR-NOSE-AND-THROAT DISEASES AND SO ON.

THE NEW CLINIC IS EXPECTED TO PLAY A USEFUL ROLE IN THE PROVISION OF SPECIALIST OUT-PATIENT FACILITIES PARTICULARLY FOR RESIDENTS ON THE EASTERN HALF OF HONG KONG ISLAND.

SIR SHIU-KIN TANG HAS MADE A DONATION OF NEARLY \$1.5 MILLION TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION COSTS AND IT IS AFTER HIS FATHER, THE LATE TANG CHI NGONG, THAT THE CLINIC IS BEING NAMED. THE GOVERNMENT WILL MEET THE REMAINDER OF THE EXPENSES AND THE RECURRENT COSTS.

THE OVERALL COST OF THE PROJECT IS ESTIMATED TO BE IN THE REGION OF \$6.3 MILLION.

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MEI FOO-CENTRAL WATER TAXI SERVICE STARTS WEDNESDAY

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THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUTER-TYPE FERRY SERVICES IN HONG KONG WILL ADVANCE ANOTHER STAGE ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 1) WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF A SERVICE BETWEEN THE MASSIVE MEI FOO SUN CHUEN HOUSING SCHEME AND CENTRAL DISTRICT.

THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY WILL USE ITS RECENTLY DEVELOPED 67-SEATER WATER TAXIS ON THE RUN AND THESE WILL BE AUGMENTED, IF NECESSARY, BY A TRIPLE DECK FERRY AT THE MORNING PEAK PERIOD AND WATER BUSES IN THE AFTERNOON.

THE FARES ON THE WATER TAXIS WILL BE \$1 AND FOR THE TRIPLE DECKER IT WILL BE \$1 ON THE TOP DECK AND 50 CENTS ON THE LOWER DECKS AND ON THE WATER BUS.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT THE INTRODUCTION OF THE FERRY SERVICE WILL FURTHER IMPROVE THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT FACILITIES FROM THIS FAST DEVELOPING AREA IN NORTH WEST KOWLOON.

THE WATER TAXIS WILL COVER THE 3.5 NAUTICAL MILES IN JUST 16 MINUTES. DURING PEAK HOURS THE VESSELS WILL OPERATE ON A 10-MINUTE FREQUENCY AND OFF-PEAK WILL BE EVERY 15 MINUTES.

ON WEEKDAYS THE FIRST WATER TAXI WILL LEAVE MEI FOO AT 7.15 A.M. AND THE LAST ONE AT 7.20 P.M. FROM CENTRAL THE FIRST VESSEL WILL BE AT 7.35 A.M. AND THE LAST ONE AT 7.20 P.M. THE SAME TIMETABLE WILL OPERATE ON SATURDAYS EXCEPT THAT THE LAST SERVICE WILL LEAVE MEI FOO AT 2 P.M. AND CENTRAL AT 1.52 P.M.

THE NEW SERVICE WILL BE OFFICIALLY INAUGURATED ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON WITH THE FIRST WATER TAXI LEAVING MEI FOO AT 2.45 P.M. THE FULL TIMETABLE WILL NOT BEGIN OPERATING UNTIL THURSDAY MORNING.

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ANTI-POLIO CAMPAIGN PHASE II

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A TOTAL OF 9,836 DOSES OF ANTI-POLIOMYELITIS VACCINE WAS ADMINISTERED IN THE TWO WEEKS ENDING ON APRIL 6 IN CONNECTION WITH THE SECOND PHASE OF THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE DISEASE.

DURING THE PERIOD, 1,763 DOSES WERE ADMINISTERED AMONG CHILDREN ON THE ISLAND, 5,365 IN KOWLOON, AND 2,708 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

OF THESE, 3,856 WERE FIRST-DOSE, 3,338 SECOND-DOSE, AND 2,642 BOOSTER-DOSE.

THE SECOND PHASE WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE END OF THIS MONTH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY ANTI-POLIOMYELITIS VACCINE WAS AVAILABLE FREE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AT ALL THE DEPARTMENT'S MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRES.

HE REPEATED THAT THESE ANNUAL CAMPAIGNS WERE INTENDED TO REMIND MOTHERS OF THE AVAILABILITY OF THE VACCINE, AND TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT.

CAMPAIGNS ALSO ENABLE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRES TO DEAL WITH CASES THAT DO NOT COME UP DURING NORMAL SESSIONS.

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SIR MURRAY TO VISIT SHATIN

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL PAY A VISIT TO THE SHATIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT AREA ON THURSDAY (MAY 2).

SIR MURRAY WILL ARRIVE AT THE SHATIN SITE OFFICE AT 2.45 P.M. WHERE HE WILL BE MET BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES AND OTHER OFFICIALS.

THE GOVERNOR'S ITINERARY INCLUDES A VISIT TO A VILLAGE AND A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE VISIT.

A NINE-SEATER VAN (AM 2315) WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TAKE MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA TO THE SITE OFFICE. IT WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON SUB-POOL BEHIND THE TSIMSHATSUI POST OFFICE AT 1.45 P.M.

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TRAFFIC RE-ARRANGEMENTS IN NORTH POINT AND CENTRAL  
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A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC RE-ROUTINGS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN NORTH POINT FROM 10 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 1) WHEN THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT THE KING'S ROAD-TONG SHUI ROAD JUNCTION AND THE KING'S ROAD-SHU KUK STREET JUNCTION COME INTO OPERATION.

FROM THAT DATE THE WESTERN SECTION OF TONG SHUI ROAD BETWEEN KING'S ROAD AND JAVA ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED FOR ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC ONLY, BUT TRAMS WILL BE PERMITTED TO TRAVEL IN BOTH DIRECTIONS.

TO FACILITATE PEDESTRIANS CROSSING KING'S ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH SHU KUK STREET, THE LEFT TURNING MOVEMENT FROM THE SOUTHERN SECTION OF SHU KUK STREET TO KING'S ROAD WILL BE BANNED FROM WEDNESDAY.

MEANWHILE, FROM 10 A.M. ON THURSDAY (MAY 2), THE SECTION OF CLEVERLY STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND DES VOEUX CENTRAL WILL BE RE-OPENED FOR SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE SECTION OF DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN MORRISON STREET AND CLEVERLY STREET WILL BE REVERTED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC, AND VEHICLES WILL AGAIN BE PERMITTED TO TURN FROM MORRISON STREET TO DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

BUSES RUNNING ON ROUTES 5, 5A, 5B, 10 AND 101 WILL BE REVERTED TO OPERATE VIA CLEVERLY STREET.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICES

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THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (MONDAY) 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

GRADE OF RICE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE(\$/CATTY) AVERAGE
CHINA RICE		
SEE MEW		
- OLD CROP	GOOD	-
- NEW CROP	GOOD	2.12
S.C. JIEN		
- OLD CROP	GOOD	-
- NEW CROP	GOOD	2.06
PO NGAI	GOOD	-
CHU CHO	GOOD	-
THAI RICE		
100% WHOLE	GOOD	2.03
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	2.01
A1 SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	1.90
A1 SUPER	GOOD	1.70
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	-
U.S. RICE	GOOD	1.94
AUSTRALIAN RICE	GOOD	1.92
PAKISTAN RICE	GOOD	-
TAIWAN RICE	GOOD	-

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SUPPLIES AND WHOLESAL PRICES OF MARINE FISH

(CFMO CHEUNG SHA VAN WHOLESAL FISH MARKET)

SPECIES	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESAL PRICE(\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
GOLDEN THREAD	GOOD	3.20	1.80	2.50
BIG-EYES	GOOD	2.70	0.70	1.80
SQUID	NORMAL	3.70	2.00	3.20
HAIR-TAILS	NORMAL	1.60	0.70	1.30
LIZARD FISHES	NORMAL	2.10	1.20	1.80
CROAKERS	NORMAL	2.00	0.70	1.10
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	NORMAL	1.60	1.00	1.30
MELON COAT	---	---	---	---
BREAMS	NORMAL	5.00	3.00	3.80
YELLOW BELLY	GOOD	1.50	0.50	1.20
MACKERELS	GOOD	3.60	2.50	3.20
RED GOAT FISH	GOOD	0.80	0.40	0.60
FORK-TAIL	NORMAL	1.10	0.80	0.50
HORSE-HEAD	GOOD	5.80	2.50	4.80
MELON SEED	LIMITED	2.40	1.70	2.30
POMFRETS	SCARCE	9.00	7.50	8.00
GARUPAS	NORMAL	6.50	4.50	5.50
YELLOW CROAKER	---	---	---	---

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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	NORMAL	1.20	0.20	0.70
CHINESE KALE	LIMITED	1.20	0.40	0.80
STRING BEANS	-	-	-	-
SPRING ONION	NORMAL	1.00	0.30	0.60
SPINACH	SCARCE	1.20	0.40	0.80
WATER CRESS	LIMITED	1.00	0.30	0.60
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	NORMAL	0.50	0.10	0.30
CHINESE SPINACH	NORMAL	0.60	0.15	0.35
TOMATO	NORMAL	1.50	0.50	1.00

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(CALL SOURCES)

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY

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GOOD

WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORKER  
(\$/PICUL-DIVE WEIGHT)

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