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OVER \$260 MILLION WORTH OF BUILDINGS COMPLETED IN AUGUST

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The total declared cost of new buildings completed in August amounted to \$260.59 million, according to figures issued today by the Buildings Ordinance Office of the Public Works Department.

This compares with \$112.42 million in the same month last year.

The total usable floor area of the new buildings completed last month amounted to 281,976.8 square metres, comprising 169,447.9 square metres of non-domestic floor area and 111,628.9 square metres of domestic floor area.

Plans for a 44-storey commercial building in Great George Street, a petrol filling station at Chai Wan, a church and youth centre at Yuen Long, a student hostel at the Chinese University and the Cho Yiu Chuen Estate Centre were among 74 building plans approved last month by the Buildings Ordinance Office.

Of these plans approved, 25 were for projects on Hong Kong Island, 15 for Kowloon and 31 for the New Territories.

During the month, the Buildings Ordinance Office gave consent for work to start on 40 new building projects, including a power station at the junction of Argyle Street and Shamchun Street, a telephone exchange at Tsing Yi Island and a school extension at Yuen Long.

Forty-nine completed buildings were certified for occupation last month. They included a school of nine storeys at the junction of Tin Hau Temple Road and Cloud View Road and a petrol service station at Pokfulam Road.

The Buildings Ordinance Office also consented to the demolition of 43 buildings.

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PWD TO INVITE TENDERS FOR LAND FORMATION

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The Public Works Department will invite tenders later this week for the formation of more than 28 hectares of land in Tuen Mun New Town.

The works, which form part of the Tuen Mun Town stage two development, involve excavating 1.2 million cubic metres of material from an area to the west of the junction of Pui To Road and Pillar Point Road to fill the low-lying areas to the north of the town.

Mr. Nicky Chan, P.W.D.'s Project Manager (Tuen Mun), said the land obtained after site formation near the junction of Pui To Road and Pillar Point Road would include about eight hectares for a public housing estate capable of accommodating 20,000 people.

"Of the 21 hectares of land formed in the low-lying areas to the north of Tuen Mun, about 12 hectares will be available for the construction of a new hospital and nine hectares for other government, institutional and community facilities and private residential development.

Other works associated with the project include the construction of three multiple cell stormwater box culverts, two rectangular channels for surface-water drainage and access roads.

To prevent flooding of the low-lying Lam Tei and Fu Tei areas, Mr. Chan said about 1,600 metres of the river channels would be constructed.

He added that to maintain access across these river channels, four reinforced concrete single span footbridges and one reinforced concrete single span roadbridge would be built to replace the existing bridges.

Work on this project is scheduled to begin in November and will take about 18 months to complete.

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Note To Editors:

WALK TO RAISE FUNDS FOR JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE

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A mammoth community walk to raise funds in aid of the Silver Jubilee Appeal Fund will be held in the New Territories in November. The "Walk For Sport" is part of a New Territories-wide drive to raise money as the N.T. people's contribution towards the Appeal Fund which will be used to help finance the Jubilee Sports Centre to be built in Sha Tin.

A press conference, at which details of the walk will be announced, will be held on Thursday (September 29) at 2.45 p.m. in the G.I.S. Theatre on the fifth floor of Beaconsfield House.

You are cordially invited to send your representatives to attend.

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PUBLIC CAR OWNERS INFORMED OF TAXI CONVERSION SCHEME

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A spokesman for the Transport Department announced today (Tuesday) that all registered owners of public cars have been informed in writing of the details of the scheme for converting public cars into urban taxis or private cars with a hire car permit.

The spokesman advised that any registered owners of public cars who have not received the letter yet should call at the Public Vehicle Section of the Transport Department in Murray Road Multi-storey Carpark with their identity cards or certificates of incorporation (in case of limited companies) to obtain a copy of the letter for reference.

The conversion scheme will commence on November 1.

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CLOTHING INDUSTRY MANPOWER SURVEY

A manpower survey of Hong Kong's clothing industry will be conducted from October 10 to 31 to collect up-to-date information on training requirements of the industry.

The survey is the fourth in the series to be conducted by the Clothing Industry Training Board of the Hong Kong Training Council, with the assistance of the Labour Department and the Census and Statistics Department.

Questionnaires and explanatory letters have been sent to all selected clothing mills.

Officers of the Census and Statistics Department will call at each of these mills during the survey period to help complete and to collect the questionnaires.

The information which employers are requested to supply includes the number of workers at present employed or under training, the number of existing vacancies and a forecast of additional workers required in the next 12 months.

Mr. Francis Tien, Chairman of the Clothing Industry Training Board, stressed: "The information collected will be handled in strict confidence and will be published only in the form of statistical summaries without reference to any individual mill.

"As the information to be collected from this survey is of vital importance for formulating meaningful training plans for the benefit of the industry, co-operation of those covered in the survey is sincerely solicited."

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COMPUTATION OF DEATH SENTENCE

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The Governor, after taking into consideration the advice of the Executive Council, has decided that the death sentence passed on Ho So-kuen on December 17, 1976, should be commuted to life imprisonment.

Ho was found guilty of the murder of Wong Fat-nip.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT

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A photographic competition is being jointly organised by the City District Office (Central and Western), Mid-levels (Western) Area Committee and the Asaki Photographic Supplies.

The theme of the competition is "Modern and Historical Features of Central and Western District" and the objective is to promote interest in photography among the residents of Central and Western district.

Entries of black and white or coloured prints of sizes ranging from 8" X 10" to 16" X 20", should reach the following offices not later than October 22:

- * City District Office (Central and Western),
205A, Des Voeux Road West;
- * CDO Enquiry Sub-office, G/F Central Government Offices
(West Wing); and
- * Pentax Camera Club, 27, Ashley Road, Chiap Lee Building,
Kowloon.

There will be 13 prizes including valuable cameras and watches to be given away in addition to cash awards ranging from \$100 to \$300.

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PRIZE-GIVING TO WINNERS OF
RECORDED PLAYS IN CHINESE COMPETITION

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A prize-giving ceremony for the inter-school competition on recorded plays in Chinese for intermediate classes in primary schools will take place on Thursday (September 29) afternoon at the Chinese Language Teaching Centre, Ma Tau Kok Government Offices.

The competition, organized by the Chinese Language Teaching Centre, is aimed at encouraging schools to place greater emphasis on speech training and extra-curricular activities in connection with Chinese language teaching.

About 100 people, including school heads and pupils of the participating schools, are expected to attend the ceremony during which the Deputy Director of Education (Professional), Mr. Ho Nga-ming will distribute the prizes.

The scripts of the plays were limited to stories and materials based on texts for Chinese language in Primary 3 and 4, so as to stimulate more interest among school children in learning the language.

According to the Senior Inspector of the Chinese Language Teaching Centre, the standard of all the entries for this competition was very high.

All recorded tapes submitted by participating schools are now kept in the centre for the reference of all primary school teachers. Schools wishing to have the tapes dubbed are advised to apply direct to the centre.

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Note to Editors :

You are invited to send representatives to cover the prize-giving ceremony of inter-school competition on recorded plays in Chinese on Thursday (September 29) at 2.30 p.m. at the Chinese Language Teaching Centre, Ma Tau Kok Government Offices, second floor, No. 1 Ma Tau Kok Road.

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