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HEATED POOL FOR KOWLOON

More Swimming Pool Complexes To Be Built

The first all-weather swimming pool in Kowloon will be built in Hung Hom.

The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council has approved funds of about \$10 million to build the complex on a 3.6 acre site adjoining Hong Kong and Whampoa Docks in Tai Wan Road.

Part of the site has been reserved for development as a park.

The complex of standard design will consist of two major pools -- designed in accordance with Olympic competitive standards -- three teaching pools, a diving pool, a children's pool and a paddling pool.

The main pool will be heated during winter months and its surroundings enclosed.

Like its counterpart at Morrison Hill, the temperature of the heated pool will be adjusted in accordance with air temperatures.

A spokesman for the Urban Council said the Morrison Hill pool complex had proved to be very popular since its opening last November.

"The average attendance is over 25,500 a month and this is increasing steadily," he added.

The Tai Wan pool complex can accommodate 5,000 swimmers at any one time. It will have the usual facilities such as changing rooms, showers, toilets, a refreshment cafe and a grandstand for 800 spectators.

In addition, it will have a separate entrance to facilitate handicapped swimmers.

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The spokesman said more swimming pool complexes, including some heated ones, were now being planned.

"When ready for the swimming season in 1976, the Tai Wan pool will be the ninth of its kind under the management of the Urban Council. We hope that by 1979 we will have about 15 separate public swimming pools and installations in total."

He said the ultimate aim of the Council was to provide standardised pool installations in every district which had a population of about 250,000.

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WATER INTERRUPTION

All premises in the Shiu Fai Terrace and the Freni Memorial Convalescent Home on Stubbs Road will be without water for nine hours starting from 9 a.m. on Monday (May 14).

The interruption is to enable staff of the Waterworks Office to carry out works at Shiu Fai Terrace.

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FINAL CLEARANCE WORK FOR STRAIGHTENING QUEENSWAY BEND TO START SOON

The only remaining buildings standing in the way of the Queensway realignment scheme will soon be demolished as part of the process to eliminate the dangerous road bends.

Demolition of the twelve buildings in the Old Naval Dockyard is expected to begin in the middle of next month and will take about three months to complete. Alterations will also be made to two adjacent structures.

Road improvement works, which include realignment of the tram tracks, will commence shortly thereafter for completion in mid-1975.

A spokesman for the Public Works Department said the buildings, formerly occupied by various government departments, were beyond economic repair and their demolition was a necessary part of the \$5 million Queensway widening and realignment scheme.

Last June, two buildings near the Naval Terrace were pulled down and the site of one of them will be used to widen the road.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR FEBRUARY 1973

The Hong Kong Government accounts for the month of February 1973 show a surplus of \$174 million compared with a surplus of \$100 million in February last year.

This has resulted in a total surplus of \$1,076 million for the first eleven months of the 1972-73 financial year.

Total revenue for the month at \$495 million was \$149 million more than in February 1972.

The total revenue for the first eleven months of the financial year 1972-73 at \$4,438 million was \$1,159 million more than the same period last year.

Total expenditure amounted to \$321 million, an increase of \$75 million over the same month last year.

This brings the total expenditure for the first eleven months of the financial year to \$3,362 million, which was \$823 million more than the same period last year.

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SPECIAL HOUSING OFFICE FOR NGAU TAU KOK CLEARANCE

The Housing Department will open a temporary office in Ngau Tau Kok Kaifong Welfare Association building on Monday (May 14) to speed up the intake of residents from land to be cleared along Kwun Tong Road, into Lam Tin Public Housing Estate.

Housing Department staff will also process factory owners from the area who are eligible for Government flatted factories and advise those who are not eligible on their removal problems.

Officers of the Labour Department will be there to help workers find alternative employment.

Clearance of the land is due to start on June 12 to make way for the construction of the main maintenance depot and administrative buildings of the Mass Transit Railway.

All 500 people who live in the area will be given accommodation. Those who do not qualify for public housing will be offered a licensed area site or transit accommodation.

About 50 factory owners have been offered tenancies in the government flatted factory at Kwai Chung and 10 shopkeepers will be paid an ex-gratia cash allowance up to \$20,000.

Clearance notices were issued to occupiers on the site in March this year, but Crown Land permits in the area were cancelled over a long period.

The last cancellation took effect in September last year, and all undertakings were screened by Housing Department officers.

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MEET THE MEDIA ON FIGHT VIOLENT CRIME

Note to Editors:

A 'Meet the Media' session in connection with the Fight Violent Crime campaign will be held in the G.I.S. theatre 5th floor, Beaconsfield House on Monday (May 14).

It will commence at 3.15 p.m. with a briefing by the Chief Police Information Officer, Mr. Ted Thomas, who will present a display of all the publicity material produced to date in connection with the campaign. After this, a panel composed of the following will answer questions:

Mr. Jack Cater, Secretary for Information;
Mr. P.C. Woo, Senior Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council;
Mr. C.P. Sutcliffe, Commissioner of Police;
Mr. I.F.C. Macpherson, District Commissioner, New Territories;
Mr. J.M. Rowlands, Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs; and
Mr. G.C. Thornton, Solicitor General.

You are invited to send your representatives to attend both Mr. Thomas's briefing and the question and answer session by the panel. They should be in the theatre shortly before 3.15 p.m.

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Release Time: 2.30 p.m.