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Study of NT military sites for residential development

The Director of Planning, Dr Peter Pun, has recently signed a consultancy agreement with Urbis Travers Morgan Limited to commission the firm to undertake a study of military sites in the New Territories for residential development.

"The purpose of the study is to ensure that redevelopment of ex-military sites is compatible with the environment and will not overtax the infrastructure at both local and regional levels," a spokesman for the Department said today (Friday).

"The study will examine the flat production capacity of five selected military sites in the New Territories and, if required, recommend the provision of new infrastructure to support the proposed development.

"It will also assess the development potential and impact of the proposed redevelopment of these sites; make recommendations on actions required to address the potentially adverse impacts; advise on the need to modify the planning parameters to optimise development; and prepare layouts and planning brief for each of these sites."

The five selected military sites are located in the rural areas of Tuen Mun and Fanling/Sheung Shui districts. They are Dills Corner Camp, Burma Lines, Perowhe Barracks and Gordon Hard, Pearl Island Married Quarters and Beas Stables Married Quarters.

The study is anticipated to be completed by early 1996.

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Big demand for land projected

Continuing population growth, expansion of key economic activities and new port activities are expected to create an overall demand for the provision of between about 900 and 1,500 hectares of land over the next 15 years.

This was stated by the Principal Government Town Planner of the Planning Department, Dr E G Pryor, in his address to a luncheon meeting of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce today (Friday). In his talk, he gave a wide ranging, illustrated account of the factors that generate demands for urban growth in the territory.

To meet the projected demand, Dr Pryor said the Planning Department, in association with other departments and also from studies by specialist consultants, had over the past five years assessed the potential suitability of land for various kinds of development throughout the territory.

"This work forms part of the Review of the Territorial Development Strategy (TDS) which is now in its final stages of completion.

"The general conclusion is that there should be sufficient land resources in the territory to meet forecast long-term needs but that both land-based sites and harbour reclamations will be required, with each area fulfilling a particular role," he said.

Dr Pryor, in responding to points of concern recently raised by various bodies over harbour reclamations, defended the Government's proposals on the basis that such proposals were the outcome of a very careful and comprehensive series of studies, involving a series of extensive public consultation programmes.

"The planning of such projects at all levels of planning has taken account of such matters as impacts on tidal flows, water quality, urban design, transport needs and land use objectives. Harbour reclamations have a key role to play both as part of the Airport Core Projects (ACP) - such as the West Kowloon Reclamation - and for the restructuring of congested parts of the Metro Area," he said.

Dr Pryor, however, equally accepted that further development in suitable parts of the New Territories can be expected. He pointed out that over the past 20 years, substantial resources had been deployed to develop the new towns and infrastructure in the New Territories with the consequence that the balance of population had shifted substantially.

In 1986, about 78 per cent of the population lived in the Metro Area with the balance of 22 per cent in the New Territories. By this year, the relative proportions were 69 per cent and 31 per cent respectively. By 2011, the balance could be about 56 per cent and 44 per cent respectively.

"It is clear that the TDS does not concentrate Hong Kong's future growth in the Metro Area and that the New Territories is getting its fair share of development," Dr Pryor concluded.

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Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance gazetted

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The ordinance which provides for the establishment of non-government mandatory provident fund schemes was gazetted today (Friday).

A government spokesman reiterated that the MPF Schemes Ordinance was only enabling legislation outlining the main features of the MPF system and that it would not be brought into operation until the subsidiary rules and regulations were in place.

"It is Government's plan to bring together the relevant subsidiary legislation in about two years' time," he said, adding that the MPF Schemes Ordinance has yet to be brought into effect.

Meanwhile, the spokesman stated that voluntarily established occupational retirement schemes will continue to be regulated under the Occupational Retirement Schemes Ordinance (ORSO). He reminded employers operating occupational retirement schemes to apply to the Registrar for registration or exemption of their schemes before October 15, 1995.

Under the MPF Schemes Ordinance, members of registered ORSO schemes, whether defined benefit or defined contribution schemes, would be exempt if they satisfied requirements specified in the regulations to be made under the Ordinance.

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Seven more nominations of LegCo candidates

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Seven nominations of candidates for the Legislative Council Elections in September were received today (Friday).

They were Mrs Chow Liang Shuk-ye, Selina, for the Wholesale and Retail functional constituency; Mr Tang Ying-yen, Henry, for the Import and Export functional constituency; Mrs Lau Kin-ye, Miriam, for the Transport and Communication functional constituency; Mr Chan Ming-yiu for the Manufacturing functional constituency; Mr Ting Yin-wah for the New Territories South-west; and Mr Tse Wing-ling, John, and Mr Cheung Bing-leung for the Election Committee constituency.

Their personal particulars are as follows:

Mrs Chow Liang Shuk-ye, Selina

Sex: F
Age: 50
Occupation: politician
Telephone: (Day) 2537 2415
(Night) 2526 3838

Inc/Pol*: Liberal Party

Mr Tang Ying-yen, Henry

Sex: M
Age: 43
Occupation: managing director
Telephone: (Day) 2317 2333
(Night) 2336 1233

Inc/Pol: Appointed LegCo Member 1991-95/Liberal Party

Mrs Lau Kin-ye, Miriam

Sex: F
Age: 48
Occupation: solicitor and notary public
Telephone: (Day) 2394 4233
(Night) 2805 2260

Inc/Pol: Liberal Party

Mr Chan Ming-yiu

Sex: M
Age: 45
Occupation: executive officer
Telephone: (Day) 2370 7822
(Night) 9092 6700

Inc/Pol: Nil

Mr Ting Yin-wah

Sex: M

Age: 41

Occupation: full-time council member

Telephone: (Day) 2433 8144
(Night) 112238931

Inc/Pol: Kwai Tsing DB/Regional Council member Association for Democracy
and People's Livelihood

Mr Tse Wing-ling, John

Sex: M

Age: 40

Occupation: senior lecturer

Telephone: (Day) 2788 8969
(Night) 2712 9712

Inc/Pol: Wan Chai DB member/Democratic Party

Mr Cheung Bing-leung

Sex: M

Age: 42

Occupation: head of department, City University of Hong Kong

Telephone: (Day) 2788 8759
(Night) 2788 3204

Inc/Pol: Democratic Party

*Inc - incumbent District Board/Council member

Pol - political affiliation

That brings the total number of nominations to 81 as at the close of nomination today.

The personal particulars of Mr Chan Wai-yip, Albert, for the New Territories Central, who was registered yesterday, are as follows:

Sex: M

Age: 40

Occupation: LegCo Member

Telephone: (Day) 2411 3107

2416 2382

(Night) 1128632-9002

Inc/Pol.: Tsuen Wan DB member/Democratic Party

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Construction of drainage channel in Yuen Long

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The Government will construct a concrete drainage channel in Yuen Long to alleviate the flooding problems in Kam Tin area.

The works will be carried out within an area of 0.47 hectares of foreshore and sea-bed at the upstream of Kam Tin River, beginning in early 1996 for completion by about mid-1998.

The extent of the area affected is notified in the Government Gazette today (Friday).

The notice and its related plan can be seen at the Lands Department's Survey and Mapping Office, 14th floor, Murray Building, Garden Road; and the Yuen Long District Office, ground floor, Yuen Long District Branch Offices Building, 269 Castle Peak Road, Yuen Long.

The plan can also be purchased at the Survey and Mapping Office.

Any person who considers that his interest, right or easement in or over the foreshore and sea-bed involved will be affected by the works may send a written claim of compensation to the Director of Lands on or before August 4, 1996.

He should state the sum of money which he is willing to accept in full and final settlement of his claim and should submit particulars to substantiate his claim.

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New pumping station for Sai Wan

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The Water Supplies Department invites tenders for the construction of a new pumping station and the laying of about 530 metres of ductile iron fresh water mains with a diameter of 300 millimetres in Sai Wan.

On completion of the works, the pumping station will provide fresh water supply from Pak Kong Water Treatment Works to the Shek O area. This will replace the existing source of supply from the Sai Wan Treatment Works, due to be closed down after some 40 years of service.

Works are expected to start in October for completion in about 16 months.

Tender forms and further particulars can be obtained from the Water Supplies Department, Immigration Tower, 44th floor, 7 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

Tender offers will close at noon on August 25.

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Laying of a submarine cable

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The Government has given authorisation for China Light and Power Limited to install a submarine cable for providing permanent electricity supply to a Civil Aviation Department radar station at Siu Mo To Island.

The works will be carried out in two phases, commencing in November for completion by the end of January next year. Phase I will be conventional dredging at both sides of the landing points while Phase II will be laying of the submarine cable from Sham Shui Kok to Siu Mo To Island within an area of 26.80 hectares of foreshore and sea-bed.

The extent of the area affected is notified in the Government Gazette today (Friday).

The notice and its related plan can be seen at the Lands Department's Survey and Mapping Office, 14th floor, Murray Building, Garden Road; the Tuen Mun District Office, second floor, Tuen Mun Government Offices, 1 Tuen Hi Road, Tuen Mun; and at the Tsuen Wan District Office, first floor, Tsuen Wan Station Multi-storey Carpark Building, 174-208 Castle Peak Road, Tsuen Wan.

The plan can also be purchased at the Survey and Mapping Office.

Any person who considers that his interest, right or easement in or over the foreshore and sea-bed involved will be affected by the works may send to the Director of Lands a written claim of compensation on or before August 4, 1996.

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New public piers for Sai Kung

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The Government will construct two new public piers at Tung Lung Chau and Tai Tau Chau in Sai Kung to provide better berthing and landing facilities to the islands.

Both projects are proposed by Sai Kung District Office and form part of the Rural Planning and Improvement Strategy (RPIS) programme.

The works will be carried out within 5,005 square metres of foreshore and sea-bed near Nam Tong Village on Tung Lung Chau and 3,185 square metres of foreshore and sea-bed at Leung Shuen Wan Hoi on Tai Tau Chau.

The works will begin in mid 1996 for completion in about two years.

The extent of the areas affected are notified in the Government Gazette today (Friday).

The notices and its related plans can be seen at the Lands Department's Survey and Mapping Office, 14th floor, Murray Building, Garden Road; and the Sai Kung District Office, ground floor, Sai Kung Government Offices, 34 Chan Man Street, Sai Kung.

The plans can also be purchased at the Survey and Mapping Office.

Any person who considers that his interest, right or easement in or over the foreshore and sea-bed involved will be affected may send to the Director of Lands a written claim of compensation on or before August 4, 1996.

He should state the sum of money which he is willing to accept in full and final settlement of his claim and should submit particulars to substantiate his claim.

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Two lots of land up for auction

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Two lots of Government land in the New Territories will be offered for sale at a public auction on August 31 (Thursday), it was notified in the Gazette today (Friday). The auction will start at 2.30 pm in the Concert Hall of the Hong Kong Cultural Centre, Tsim Sha Tsui.

The first lot, located in Area 37, Tai Po, has an area of 15,300 square metres for residential use.

The developer has to complete a gross floor area of not less than 7,344 square metres on or before September 30, 1999.

The second lot, located in Shing Yiu Street, Kwai Chung, has an area of 6,525 square metres for industrial or godown use.

The developer has to complete a gross floor area of not less than 29,360 square metres on or before September 30, 1998.

Full particulars and conditions of sale can be obtained from the Lands Department, 14th floor, Murray Building, Garden Road; and the Kowloon District Lands Offices, Yau Ma Tei Car Park Building, 10th floor, 250 Shanghai Street, Kowloon.

Conditions of sale will also be available at the District Lands Offices of Sha Tin, Tuen Mun, Yuen Long, Tsuen Wan, Sai Kung, Kwai Tsing, Tai Po, North and Islands.

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Opening hours of advice centre for S5 leavers extended

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The Education Department's Careers Education Centre will extend its office hours to assist Secondary 5 students seeking advice and information about studies and careers from next Tuesday (August 8) when the results of the Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination are released.

The Centre - at Room 206, Mong Kok Government Offices, 30 Luen Wan Street, Mong Kok - will be opened without lunch break from 8.45 am to 5.30 pm from August 8 to 11.

An Education Department spokesman said: "In expectation of an increase number of students will visit the centre during these four days, officers at the centre are available to answer enquiries.

"An education counsellor will be present to provide assistance to students with emotional problems from the afternoon of August 8 to August 11.

"Students can also talk with the education counsellor or educational psychologist on 2712 7958 and 2714 7852," the spokesman said.

At the centre, students can get access to materials on opportunities for further studies and training, and information on various professions.

The centre will resume its normal office hours on August 14 from 8.45 am to 12.45 pm and 2.15 to 4.45 pm from Mondays to Fridays, and 9.15 am to 11.45 am on Saturdays.

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Whiz kids to represent HK at Maths Olympiad

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Eleven gifted school children will represent Hong Kong at the third National Primary Mathematical Olympiad which will take place in Huizhou, Guangdong, between August 8 and 10.

They were selected from some 140 primary school pupils who have undergone a rigorous selection and training programme organised by the Gifted Education Council and Po Leung Kuk.

They will also visit Tokyo on August 27 to compete with other teams from Japan, China, Taiwan and South Korea at the Asian Mathematical Olympiad.

Additionally, Po Leung Kuk will send an eight-member team of students from its primary schools to take part in the same contest in China.

The local Primary Mathematical Olympiad is one of the items of the Hong Kong Youth Cultural and Arts Competitions under the auspices of the Home Affairs Department.

This would be the first time ever that a team representing the territory is sent overseas by the Hong Kong Youth Cultural and Arts Competitions. Their trip would be funded by the Epsom Foundation, Bank of China, Education Department and Sing Tao Limited.

To mark the occasion, a ceremony was held today (Friday) at which the Hong Kong flag was presented to the Chairmen of Po Leung Kuk and the Gifted Education Council - joint organisers of the local Olympiad as well as the preparation programme for the gifted children.

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Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund for overseas studies

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At the sending-off party for the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Overseas Fellows and Scholars 1995-96 held at the China Club today (Friday), the Chairman of the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council, Mr Ronald Arculli, bid farewell to an outstanding group of Hong Kong students selected for the award, congratulated them and wished them the very best in the future.

The Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund (SEYMF) was established in April 1987 with public donation to commemorate the late Hong Kong Governor, Sir Edward Youde. The purpose of the Fund is to provide for and encourage the education or learning of or research by the people of Hong Kong.

Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fellowships and Scholarships for Overseas Studies is one of the six major existing award schemes instituted and administered by the SEYMF Council. The scheme aims at encouraging the achievement of scholastic excellence by Hong Kong students in overseas studies leading to a postgraduate degree or undergraduate studies leading to a first degree. For 1995-96, thirteen awards including one to a disabled student are offered for overseas postgraduate and undergraduate studies.

During the period 1988-89 to 1994-95, a total of 32 fellowships and 38 scholarships including one to a disabled student have been granted. Many of the fellows and scholars who have studied overseas have now returned to contribute towards the betterment of Hong Kong.

Mr Arculli also extended his warm welcome to the past fellows and scholars who attended the party and wished the Sir Edward Youde Scholars Association every success in achieving its objectives of fostering solidarity, scholarship and social awareness among its members.

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Shark warning flags still up

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Shark warning flags are still being hoisted at eight Sai Kung gazetted beaches.

This serves to remind the public to remain vigilant and to stay away from these beaches and also waters in the area for the time being, a spokesman for the Recreation and Culture Branch said today (Friday).

Members of the public, in particular students now on holiday, wishing to take a dip in the sea, or engage in water activities, should do so only at other gazetted beaches or in waters outside Sai Kung. They can also make use of the 27 swimming complexes under the two municipal councils.

"We will keep the public posted of the latest developments but it is most important for them to co-operate with the Government by paying full attention to our advice," he said.

Shark warning flags have been hoisted at the Campers, Clear Water Bay First, Clear Water Bay Second, Hap Mun Bay, Kiu Tsui, Pak Sha Chau, Silverstrand and Trio beaches since June 2.

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Heavy penalties for trading in tiger/rhino medicines

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People in possession of medicines containing or claiming to contain tiger or rhino ingredients for trading purpose could face heavy fines or even jail terms upon conviction.

The reminder came from the Agriculture and Fisheries Department's (AFD) Senior Conservation Officer, Mr Chan Jee-keung, after a shop and a man were fined \$40,000 and \$20,000 respectively for selling medicines claiming to contain tiger and rhino ingredients in two separate cases recently.

Mr Chan said a single fine of \$40,000 was the highest handed down by a magistrate under the Animals and Plants (Protection of Endangered Species) Ordinance since its maximum penalties were increased to \$5 million plus two years' imprisonment in January this year.

"We hope that the higher fines imposed recently by magistrates on people trading or possessing in endangered species, whether alive, in specimen or medicine form, could serve a deterrent effect," he said.

Mr Chan took the opportunity to call on members of the public to refrain from buying medicines containing or claiming to contain tiger or rhino ingredients as it would encourage traders taking in more such endangered species goods. He also urged the public to report illegal trade or possession of endangered species to AFD by calling 2733 2144.

On the two cases, he said AFD field officers had conducted searches on two separate shops in Tsuen Wan and Aberdeen respectively in January following tip-off and subsequent investigations.

Two bottles of medicines claiming to contain tiger bone and rhino horn were seized from the Tsuen Wan shop, while three bottles of claimed tiger medicines had been taken away from the Aberdeen premises.

Summonses were later served on the operators of the shops.

The Tsuen Wan shop was fined \$40,000 by the Tsuen Wan Magistracy on July 19.

In the second case, the 39-year-old defendant pleaded guilty to the offence and was fined \$20,000 by the Western Magistracy on August 1.

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Hong Kong Monetary Authority money market operations

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	<u>\$ million</u>	<u>Time (hours)</u>	<u>Cumulative change (\$million)</u>
Opening balance in the account	1,861	0930	+488
Closing balance in the account	2,301	1000	+484
Change attributable to :		1100	+484
Money market activity	+475	1200	+475
LAF today	-35	1500	+475
		1600	+475

LAF rate 4.25% bid/6.25% offer TWI 119.6 *+0.0* 4.8.95

Hong Kong Monetary Authority

EF bills		EF notes				
Terms	Yield	Term	Issue	Coupon	Price	Yield
1 week	5.26	2 years	2705	6.40	100.71	6.06
1 month	5.36	3 years	3807	6.16	99.30	6.52
3 months	5.44	5 years	5006	6.60	98.05	7.20
6 months	5.54	5 years	M501	7.90	101.51	7.66
12 months	5.63					

Total turnover of EF bills and notes - \$11,961 million

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