



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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## LANDSLIDE BUILDINGS TO REOPEN

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Four buildings in the Mid-Levels area, closed by the June landslides, are expected to be ready for reoccupation in about one week's time.

The buildings are:- Block II Emerald Gardens 36 Kotewall Road; Mirror Marina 47 Conduit Road; 53 Conduit Road; and 55 Conduit Road.

The Building Authority said that the closure of these buildings will be lifted as soon as certain works and precautionary tests have been completed, and once the authorised architects, appointed to check on the properties, have indicated that they are structurally stable and habitable.

Today's announcement follows the completion of the details of the remedial works to be carried out in the area. A spokesman for the Public Works Department said their possible effect on the buildings around the perimeter of the work site is now more fully appreciated and this, coupled with the virtual end of the year's wet season, makes it possible for a full review of all closed buildings in the area in consultation with the owners and their architects.

He also announced that Kotewall Road had now been resurfaced and would be opened to traffic on Tuesday (October 17).

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In a review of other affected properties in the area, the spokesman said that in the case of Blocks A and B, Po Shan Mansions 10-16 Po Shan Road, the arrangements will take a little longer. But if the reports of the authorised architects are satisfactory these buildings could be reoccupied in less than one month.

The House at 21 Po Shan Road, and Skyline Mansion at 51 Conduit Road must remain closed until major structural repairs are completed and the hillside between these two properties has been made safe.

Proposals have been submitted to the Buildings Ordinance Office for the repair of Block I Emerald Gardens and this building will also remain closed until the work has been completed satisfactorily.

However, the extent of the damage to the four apartment blocks at 125 Robinson Road as a result of the landslide has not yet been fully ascertained.

The authorised architect is investigating the stability of the structure and retaining walls and proposals for repair work are expected to be submitted to the Buildings Ordinance Office shortly.

Building work on phase II of Skyline Mansion at 49A Conduit Road can also recommence as soon as slope stabilising works within the site and arrangements for access have been completed.

The P.W.D. spokesman said that a government contractor was about to start on the permanent remedial works in the Po Shan Road/Conduit Road area and these are scheduled to be substantially completed before the start of the next wet season.

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"These works are essential to make the area safe", he added.

Over 170,000 cubic yards of earth and rock will be excavated from the hillside and part of this will be used to construct an earth embankment 130 feet high between Conduit Road and Po Shan Road.

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WEEK-LONG ANTI DRUG CAMPAIGN FOR TSUEN WAN

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An Anti Drug Campaign will be held for the first time in the Tsuen Wan District from October 19 to 25 to disseminate information about drugs and drug addiction.

The main feature of the campaign will be an exhibition displaying photos, charts, posters, samples of various kinds of drugs and drug-taking instruments.

The exhibition will be held in the hall of the Princess Alexandra Community Centre daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

During the week, four film shows will be held in housing and resettlement estates in the Tsuen Wan area. Talks will be given by senior officers from various sponsoring organisations and departments in three secondary schools in the Tsuen Wan District.

Initiated by the Princess Alexandra Community Centre, the campaign is jointly organised by SARDA, the Royal Hong Kong Police Force, the Commerce and Industry Department, the Tsuen Wan Rural Committee, the Federation of Societies in Tsuen Wan District, and various welfare and kaifong associations in Tsuen Wan.

To mark the start of the Campaign, an opening ceremony will be held in the community centre next Wednesday (October 18) at 8p.m., to be followed by an anti-drug variety show.

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Note to Editors: You are invited to send a reporter and/or  
photographer to cover the opening ceremony of the  
Campaign Week.

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PREMIERE PERFORMANCE OF CHINESE OPERA

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The Urban Council will present a premiere performance of the Chinese opera Tien Ku, or The Sweet Girl, at the City Hall Concert Hall next Saturday (October 21).

The opera, first published in Peking in 1962, was based on a Chinese folk-lore in the Shansi Province.

The story tells how a native girl fought against the mountain devil to get water for her village. She lost both her sight and her voice as a result of her duel with the devil, but her valour was praised by the people of the village.

On October 21, 14 numbers from the opera arranged by the local composer, Doming Lam, will be sung for the first time in Hong Kong.

Performing in the concert are Barbara Fei (soprano), Lin Siang-yuen (tenor) and Chan Kung-sang (bass-baritone), who are all well-known singers in Hong Kong. They will be accompanied at the piano by Nancy Loo.

In addition to the opera, Barbara Fei, Lin Siang-yuen and Chan Kung-sang will each sing a group of Chinese folksongs and Nancy Loo will play two pieces by Doming Lam.

Tickets at \$1 (for students), \$2 and \$3 are available daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the City Hall Box Office.

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Note to Editors: You are invited to a press conference arranged by the performers in conjunction with the Urban Council on Tuesday (October 17) from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. in the Salisbury Room, First Floor, Peninsula Hotel where several pieces of the opera will be performed.

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

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The Transport Department has announced that as from 10 a.m. on Wednesday (October 18), public light buses will not be permitted to pick up or set down passengers in the section of Shanghai Street between Mong Kok Road and Fife Street.

This is to enable road works in that area to be carried out. The works will last for about six months.

Also from the same time and day, Fife Street (between Hong Lok Street and Shanghai Street), Nelson Street (between Portland Street and Shanghai Street), and Shangtung Street (between Reclamation Street and Shanghai Street) will be closed to through traffic for about two months for the same purpose.

Appropriate traffic signs will be erected to indicate the restricted area for public light buses and to guide motorists.

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WEEKLY MEDICAL AND HEALTH STATISTICS

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Statistics released today by the Medical and Health Department for the week ended on September 30 are as follows:-

\* Notifications of infectious cases (previous week's figures in brackets) -- total 157 (218); amoebiasis -- two (nil); bacillary dysentery -- 12 (seven); chickenpox -- one (four); tuberculosis -- 126 (187); diphtheria -- nil (one); enteric fever (typhoid) -- ten (nine); enteric fever (paratyphoid) -- one (nil); leprosy -- nil (two); measles -- one (three); ophthalmia neonatorum -- one (three); poliomyelitis -- nil (one); malaria (fresh case) -- two (nil), and puerperal fever -- one (1).

\* Births -- total registered 1,742; 427 on Hong Kong Island, 1,103 in Kowloon, and 212 in the New Territories.

\* Deaths -- 482 from all causes; 176 on the Island, 286 in Kowloon and 20 in the New Territories.

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ISSUE OF D.I.B. ON MONDAY

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Note to Editors: There will be an issue of the Daily Information Bulletin on Monday (October 16). A special supplement will also be issued on the same day.

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