



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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TWO MORE AREAS IN SHA TIN TO BE DEVELOPED

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL SOON DEVELOP TWO LARGE AREAS IN SHA TIN TO PROVIDE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOUSING, MARKET FACILITIES, DISTRICT OPEN SPACE AND SITES FOR LIGHT INDUSTRY.

THE TWO DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS INCLUDE THE BUILDING OF SAN TIN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE - THE THIRD IN THE NEW TOWN - WHICH WILL ACCOMMODATE 29,000 PEOPLE.

WORK ON SITE FORMATION, ROADS AND DRAINAGE SYSTEMS FOR THE FIRST PROJECT IN AN AREA AROUND SAN TIN WAI AND TAI WAI IS SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR. WORK FOR THE SECOND PROJECT AT THE MOUTH OF SHING MUN RIVER OPPOSITE THE NEW RACE COURSE IS SCHEDULED TO START IN JULY. THE PROJECTS WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. GERRY HIGGINSON, TODAY (MONDAY) DESCRIBED THE PROJECTS AS +YET ANOTHER BIG STEP FORWARD IN THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF SHA TIN INTO A BALANCED, SELF-CONTAINED COMMUNITY OF HALF A MILLION PEOPLE BY MID 1980'S.+

TO FACILITATE THE WORKS ON THE SAN TIN WAI PROJECT, MR. HIGGINSON SAID, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD RESUME 251,902 SQUARE METRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AND 242 SQUARE METRES OF BUILDING LAND.

THE LAND RESUMPTION WILL INVOLVE THE CLEARANCE OF 288 TEMPORARY DOMESTIC STRUCTURES. OF THESE 99 ARE ON CROWN LAND AND 189 ON PRIVATE LAND.

ABOUT 270 FAMILIES COMPRISING MORE THAN 1,300 PEOPLE OCCUPYING THESE DOMESTIC STRUCTURES WILL BE OFFERED PUBLIC HOUSING IN WO CHE ESTATE IN SHA TIN, IF THEY ARE ELIGIBLE. FAMILIES NOT ELIGIBLE WILL BE OFFERED TEMPORARY HOUSING IN SHA TIN.

IN ADDITION, A TOTAL OF 777 OTHER TEMPORARY STRUCTURES, INCLUDING SHOPS, WORKSHOPS AND PIGSTIES, WILL HAVE TO BE CLEARED.

KUNG MIU VILLAGE WITH 11 VILLAGE HOUSES WILL BE RESITED IN THE DISTRICT UNDER THE VILLAGE REMOVAL SCHEME.

AS FOR THE SECOND PROJECT, MR. HIGGINSON SAID, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD RESUME 88,604 SQUARE METRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AND 145 SQUARE METRES OF BUILDING LAND NEAR THE VILLAGES OF SIU LEK YUEN, NGAU PEI SHA AND AH KUNG KOK.

THE LAND RESUMPTION WILL INVOLVE THE CLEARANCE OF 35 TEMPORARY DOMESTIC STRUCTURES OF WHICH, 16 ARE ON CROWN LAND AND 19 ON PRIVATE LAND.

TWENTY-SIX FAMILIES OCCUPYING THESE TEMPORARY DOMESTIC STRUCTURES WILL BE OFFERED PUBLIC HOUSING IN SHA TIN, IF THEY ARE ELIGIBLE. FAMILIES NOT ELIGIBLE WILL BE OFFERED TEMPORARY HOUSING IN SHA TIN.

IN ADDITION, A TOTAL OF 123 OTHER TEMPORARY STRUCTURES, INCLUDING SHOPS, WORKSHOPS AND PIGSTIES, WILL HAVE TO BE CLEARED.

A FOUR-CLASSROOM SCHOOL AT SIU LEK YUEN WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE RESITED.

MR. HIGGINSON SAID A SCREENING SURVEY FOR THE SECOND PROJECT WAS CONDUCTED IN JANUARY THIS YEAR AND OCCUPIERS OF THE LAND HAD HAD FIVE MONTHS' FORMAL NOTICE OF CLEARANCE.

THREE MONTHS' NOTICE OF THE LAND RESUMPTION FOR BOTH PROJECTS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE EARLIER THIS MONTH.

AS THE LAND TO BE RESUMED LIES WITHIN THE NEW TOWN BOUNDARIES, OWNERS OF AGRICULTURAL AND BUILDING LAND WILL BE OFFERED THE ALTERNATIVE OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS OR CASH COMPENSATION.

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CROWN LAND FOR SALE

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THREE LOTS OF CROWN LAND WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY THE P.W.D.'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON MAY 26 AT 2.30 P.M.

THE FIRST LOT, MEASURING 4,400 SQUARE METRES, IS SITUATED AT TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD, HONG KONG. IT IS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

ANOTHER SITE, INTENDED FOR RESIDENTIAL AND NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES, IS LOCATED AT PAK TIN, KOWLOON. IT MEASURES 530 SQUARE METRES.

THE LAST LOT, LOCATED AT 135 TEMPLE STREET, KOWLOON, WILL BE USED FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES. IT HAS AN AREA OF 63.4 SQUARE METRES.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR.

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INCREASED SUBVENTION FOR CHILD CARE SERVICE

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THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHILD CARE SERVICE IN HONG KONG IS TAKING ANOTHER STRIDE FORWARD THIS YEAR WITH A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE OF \$7.7 MILLION IN GOVERNMENT SUBVENTION.

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, DISCLOSED THIS TODAY AND SAID SUBVENTION PROVISION FOR CHILD CARE SERVICE THIS YEAR HAD GONE UP TO \$24.7 MILLION FROM LAST YEAR'S \$17 MILLION.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CARITAS DAY NURSERY IN CHAI WAN, MR. LEE SAID THIS REPRESENTED THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUED SUPPORT TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN MAINTAINING AND EXPANDING CHILD CARE SERVICE.

HE SAID THE INCREASED PROVISION, APART FROM FINANCING THE ADDITIONAL 1,000 SUBVENTED CHILD CARE PLACES TO BE MADE AVAILABLE THIS YEAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EXISTING POLICY, WOULD ALSO COVER THE COST FOR IMPROVING SERVICE QUALITY.

+ON TOP OF THAT, NON-RECURRENT EXPENDITURE SUCH AS CAPITAL OUTLAY FOR THE SETTING UP OF NEW CENTRES, REPROVISIONING OF EXISTING ONES AND THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT, WILL BE PAID FOR BY THE LOTTERIES FUND,+ HE SAID.

MR. LEE RECALLED THAT IT HAD BEEN STRESSED TIME AND AGAIN THAT THE PROVISION OF COMPREHENSIVE WELFARE SERVICES COULD ONLY BE ACHIEVED WITH CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR.

+WITH EXAMPLE-SETTING ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS THE CARITAS TAKING THE LEAD, ONE SHOULD BE CONFIDENT OF THE PROGRESS MADE BY THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN THIS SPECIFIC FIELD,+ HE SAID.

MR. LEE PRAISED THE CARITAS FOR ITS OUTSTANDING SOCIAL SERVICE ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE LAST 25 YEARS, PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELD OF CHILD CARE SERVICE WITH 10 DAY NURSERIES ALREADY SET UP ALL OVER HONG KONG.

APART FROM THE EXPANSION IN CAPACITY TOTALLING 1,340 PLACES AT PRESENT, HE SAID IT WAS GRATIFYING TO LEARN THAT CARITAS WORKERS WERE CONSTANTLY AWARE OF THE NEED FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF SERVICE QUALITY.

THEIR IDEAL OF FOSTERING THE PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL, INTELLECTUAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHILDREN PLACED UNDER CARE COINCIDED IN FULL WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF THE CHILD CARE CENTRES ORDINANCE ENFORCED LAST YEAR, HE SAID.

+WITH CONCERTED EFFORTS FROM ALL SECTORS, I AM SURE THAT THE COMING YEAR, WHICH ALSO HERALDS THE ADVENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S YEAR, WILL WITNESS CONSIDERABLE ADVANCEMENT IN THE CHILD CARE FIELD IN HONG KONG.+

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SENIOR MARINE OFFICER LEAVING GOVERNMENT
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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE SENIOR MARINE OFFICER OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, MR. D.A. SANDISON, WILL SOON LEAVE THE CIVIL SERVICE AFTER SERVING MORE THAN 12 YEARS IN THE DEPARTMENT.

TO MARK HIS DEPARTURE, THE ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR. W.D. LEIGHTON, WILL PRESENT FAREWELL GIFTS ON BEHALF OF HIS COLLEAGUES TO MR. SANDISON AT A CEREMONY IN ROOM 104 OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS, 102 CONNAUGHT ROAD, CENTRAL, AT 4 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 19).

MR. SANDISON FIRST JOINED THE MARINE DEPARTMENT AS A MARINE OFFICER IN 1966 AND WAS PROMOTED TO THE PRESENT POSITION IN 1972.

HE WILL LEAVE HONG KONG ON APRIL 30 ON LEAVE PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF SERVICES AGREEMENT.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY ON WEDNESDAY.

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HOLIDAY POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS
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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THERE WILL BE NO MAIL DELIVERY ON FRIDAY (APRIL 21) WHICH IS A GENERAL HOLIDAY.

IN ADDITION, ALL POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON THAT DAY.

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