



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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NEW MEMBERS APPOINTED TO SPORT COUNCIL

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FOUR NEW MEMBERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT WHICH WAS SET UP BY THE GOVERNMENT TWO YEARS AGO TO PROMOTE AND EXPAND THE USE OF RECREATIONAL AND SPORTING FACILITIES IN HONG KONG.

THE NEW MEMBERS ARE MR. CHAM SIU-LUEN, A PROMINENT LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADER AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION= MR. WAI KEE-SHUN, PUBLISHER OF THE TIN TIN YAT PO, WHO TAKES A KEEN INTEREST IN SPORT= AND MR. YEUNG SIU-CHO, A SOLICITOR WHO HAS CLOSE CONNECTION WITH THE NEW TERRITORIES. ONE NEW OFFICIAL MEMBER HAS BEEN APPOINTED. HE IS MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, WHO IS THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR. DENIS BRAY, AND THE OTHER MEMBERS - THE SECRETARIES FOR SOCIAL SERVICES AND ENVIRONMENT, THE DIRECTORS OF URBAN SERVICES AND EDUCATION, THE DEPUTY FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR. A. DE O. SALES AND MR. H.K. HU - HAVE ALL BEEN REAPPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR FOR ANOTHER PERIOD OF TWO YEARS.

SINCE ITS FORMATION, THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SEVERAL PROJECTS TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTING AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

ONE OF THE PROJECTS INITIATED BY THE COUNCIL WAS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE SCHEME.

THE FIRST PHASE OF THIS SCHEME WAS IMPLEMENTED IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR WITH THE POSTING OF QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL STAFF FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO VARIOUS DISTRICTS TO ORGANISE PHYSICAL RECREATION AND SPORT AND TO MAKE THE BEST POSSIBLE USE OF ALL THE SPORTS FACILITIES, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON IDENTIFYING AND THEN MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

THE SCHEME HAS HAD TREMENDOUS RESPONSE FROM THE PUBLIC AND IN MANY INSTANCES THE DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE OFFICERS HAVE BEEN OVERSUBSCRIBED.

THE SCHEME IS BEING GRADUALLY EXPANDED TO OTHER DISTRICTS AS RESOURCES BECOME AVAILABLE.

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IMPROVED FERRY PIER FACILITIES FOR SHAM SHUI PO AND CHEUNG CHAU

BETTER FERRY PIER FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED AT SHAM SHUI PO AND AT CHEUNG CHAU ISLAND TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING NUMBER OF COMMUTERS AND HOLIDAY CROWDS.

AT SHAM SHUI PO, A NEW PIER CAPABLE OF ACCOMMODATING LARGE TRIPLE-DECK PASSENGER FERRIES WILL BE BUILT TO REPLACE THE EXISTING ONE OFF PEI HO STREET, WHILE THE PRESENT PIER AT CHEUNG CHAU WILL BE RENOVATED AND ENLARGED.

BOTH PROJECTS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED BY THE PORT WORKS DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, WHICH WILL ALSO SUPERVISE THE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

WORK ON THE NEW SHAM SHUI PO PIER, LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWESTERN CORNER OF THE 18.5-ACRE RECLAMATION OFF TUNG CHAU STREET, WILL START IN JANUARY AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN 1977.

RENOVATION WORK ON CHEUNG CHAU PIER IS EXPECTED TO START IN FEBRUARY AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE NEXT TYPHOON SEASON.

MR. HOWARD CHAMBERLAIN, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE PORT WORKS DIVISION, SAID TODAY THE NEW PIER WOULD BE A VAST IMPROVEMENT OVER THE EXISTING ONE AND WOULD PROVIDE BETTER BERTHING AND PASSENGER FACILITIES.

THE PRESENT PIER, HE SAID, WAS ALREADY HEAVILY OVERLOADED AND WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO COPE ADEQUATELY WITH THE EXPECTED INCREASE IN PASSENGERS. LAST YEAR, HE SAID, MORE THAN 26 MILLION PEOPLE USED THE PIER AND THE NUMBER WAS ESTIMATED TO RISE WITH THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF SHAM SHUI PO.

+THE NEW PIER WILL BE LARGER THAN THE EXISTING ONE AND WILL BE SUITABLY EQUIPPED TO ACCOMMODATE LARGER PASSENGER FERRIES SERVING THE AREA,+ HE SAID.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN SAID THE NEW PIER WOULD BE A TWO-STORY STRUCTURE WITH TWO BERTHS EACH FITTED WITH ELECTRICALLY OPERATED LIFTS AND RAMPS TO FACILITATE EMBARKING AND DISEMBARKING PASSENGERS.

+THERE WILL ALSO BE A LARGE CONCOURSE WITH COVERED WALKWAYS, BUS AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUS TERMINI AS WELL AS TAXI RANKS PROVIDING GOOD LAND TRANSPORT CONNECTIONS TO AND FROM THE PIER,+ HE ADDED.

/MR. CHAMBERLAIN

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MR. CHAMBERLAIN POINTED OUT THAT WITH THE OPENING OF THE NEW PIER CONGESTION IN THE AREA SHOULD BE CONSIDERABLY REDUCED.

MEANWHILE, TENDERS FOR THE EXTENSION OF CHEUNG CHAU PIER WILL BE CALLED THIS WEEK AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT WORK WILL START IN FEBRUARY.

THE WORK WILL INVOLVE WIDENING AND EXTENDING THE PIER TO MAKE IT MORE SUITABLE FOR THE LARGER TRIPLE-DECK FERRIES NOW USING IT. ELECTRICALLY-OPERATED LIFTS AND RAMPS WILL ALSO BE INSTALLED.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN NOTED THAT THE PIER WAS ORIGINALLY INTENDED FOR SINGLE-LOADING FERRIES AND WAS NOW NO LONGER ADEQUATE TO COPE WITH THE LARGE NUMBER OF VISITORS AND COMMUTERS TO THE ISLAND.

+LAST YEAR, SOME THREE MILLION PEOPLE USED THE PIER AND IT IS LIKELY THAT THE NUMBER WILL INCREASE FURTHER,+ HE SAID.

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PUBLIC RECREATION GROUNDS OFFICE
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THE PUBLIC RECREATION GROUNDS OFFICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE OPERATING FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION ON THE SEVENTH FLOOR OF THE KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN NATHAN ROAD FROM NEXT MONDAY (DECEMBER 1).

AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID ALL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE SENT TO THE NEW ADDRESS IN FUTURE.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE NEW OFFICE IS 3-884111 EXT. 284.

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RAILWAY FREIGHT TRAFFIC BEGINS AT NEW TERMINUS

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FULL OPERATION OF THE HUNG HOM RAILWAY TERMINUS FOR FREIGHT TRAFFIC COMMENCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

TEST UNLOADINGS OF FREIGHT TRAINS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS TO ENSURE SMOOTH TRANSFER FROM THE TSIM SHA TSUI STATION. WITH THE INSTALLATION OF THE SIGNALLING SYSTEM COMPLETED, THE TRANSFER TOOK PLACE LAST NIGHT.

THE \$150-MILLION HUNG HOM TERMINUS COMPLEX WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, ON MONDAY. THE LARGER AND BETTER EQUIPPED TERMINUS IS CAPABLE OF HANDLING GREATER VOLUME OF FREIGHT TRAFFIC EXPECTED IN THE FUTURE.

THE NEW STATION WILL BE RUNNING NINE DAILY FREIGHT TRAINS AND IT HAS FACILITIES TO HANDLE UP TO 5,000 TONS OF GOODS EACH DAY.

RAILWAY GOODS TRAFFIC HAS GROWN BY ABOUT NINE TIMES IN THE LAST 20 YEARS AND AN AVERAGE OF 1.2 MILLION TONS ARE AT PRESENT BEING HANDLED EACH YEAR.

LINKED FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE TRANS-SHIPMENT OF GOODS ARRIVING BY RAIL TO ROAD TRANSPORT AND TO THE NEARBY WHARVES.

TRANSFER OF THE PASSENGER TERMINUS FROM TSIM SHA TSUI TO HUNG HOM WILL TAKE PLACE THIS SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 30).

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PLAY LEADERSHIP CENTRE FOR LICENSED AREA

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A PLAY LEADERSHIP CENTRE WILL BE OPENED THIS WEEKEND IN LICENSED AREA +E+ IN CHEUNG SHA WAN TO PROVIDE THE RESIDENTS WITH RECREATIONAL AND OTHER FACILITIES.

THE PROJECT WAS PLANNED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE (C.Y.O.) WITH THE HELP OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH KOWLOON AND THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION (B.G.C.A.).

MR. CHAN CHAP-YUN, THE C.Y.O., SAID THAT APART FROM HELPING TO IMPROVE THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT BY PROVIDING A CENTRE FOR MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES, THE PROJECT WOULD INVOLVE MORE DELIBERATE ATTEMPTS TO EDUCATE CHILDREN ON THE USE OF THEIR LEISURE TIME.

+BY ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO JOIN RECREATIONAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF PLAYLEADERS, WE ALSO HOPE TO LEAD THEM INTO THE RIGHT CHANNEL FOR DEVELOPMENT,+ MR. CHAN SAID.

THE ROTARY CLUB HAS DONATED A QUONSET HUT AS THE CENTRE WHILE THE B.G.C.A. WILL PROVIDE A REGULAR WORKING TEAM AT THE CENTRE ON MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS FROM 2 TO 5.30 P.M. AND 6.30 TO 9 P.M. AND ON SATURDAYS BETWEEN 2 AND 5.30 P.M.

THE CENTRE WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED AT 3 P.M. ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 29) BY MR. HENRY AU, SENIOR PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER= MR. GEORGE CHU, PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH KOWLOON ROTARY CLUB AND MR. CHEUNG WING-IN, AN EXECUTIVE MEMBER OF B.G.C.A.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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BUILDING DECLARED DANGEROUS

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (THURSDAY) DECLARED NO. 4 AND 6 THIRD STREET, SAI TAU TSUEN, KOWLOON TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION AND ORDERED DEMOLITION OF THE BUILDING.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THAT THIS THREE-STORY BUILDING WAS PARTIALLY CLOSED AS AN EMERGENCY FOLLOWING A RECENT FIRE.

FULL INSPECTION REVEALED THAT THE WALLS AND FRAMING OF THE BUILDING WERE FRACTURED AND BULGED AND HAD DETERIORATED TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT THERE WAS RISK OF COLLAPSE.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON DECEMBER 22 WAS POSTED TODAY.

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INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S ART EXHIBITION

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MORE THAN 100 WORKS OF ART BY CHILDREN FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD WILL GO ON DISPLAY AT THE TAI HANG TUNG COMMUNITY CENTRE IN KOWLOON FOR THREE DAYS STARTING FROM NEXT TUESDAY (DECEMBER 2).

THE EXHIBITS, 121 IN ALL, ARE THE PRIZE-WINNING ENTRIES IN THE INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN ART COMPETITION SPONSORED EARLIER THIS YEAR BY THE HONG KONG CHILDREN ART ASSOCIATION.

THE DISPLAY WILL BE MOUNTED IN THE HALL OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE IN TONG YAM STREET AND WILL BE OPEN DAILY FROM 10 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

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