



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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NEW HIGHWAY TO EASE PRESSURE ON NATHAN ROAD

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A major traffic route is to be built in Kowloon to serve as a relief route for traffic at present using the already congested Nathan Road.

It will also ease the traffic which will be generated by the re-development of Holt's Wharf and the development of the southern part of the Hung Hom Reclamation.

The project, estimated to cost some \$26 million, comprises a dual three-lane carriageway from Salisbury Road to Peking Road and a dual two-lane carriageway for the elevated section over Haiphong Road, and the remaining section through Kowloon Park to Navy Street.

Construction work is expected to start in December. The new road will be about 2,200 feet long and will branch out from the eastern side of Canton Road at a point near the Canton Road Fire Station.

It will then cut across the south-western corner of the Kowloon Park and the eastern portion of the existing Container Freight Station.

Before joining Salisbury Road near Ashley Road, it will pass to the east of the Tsin Sha Tsui Police Station main building.

The project together with two others - Tong Mi Road Extension and Jordan Road Interchange and Ferry Concourse - will form a primary distributor road along the western side of the Kowloon peninsula.

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Commenting on the project, a spokesman for the Public Works Department said that the establishment of container facilities on Canton Road and the build-up of traffic generated in recent years had resulted in congested conditions on Canton Road during peak traffic hours.

The volume of traffic on Canton Road will continue to increase as further development proceeds and, in particular, following the completion of Tong Mi Road Extension.

However, he added that after the completion of the new road, which would considerably relieve the traffic in the area, the existing Canton Road from Navy Street southwards would be used purely as a service road.

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Note to Editors: Copies of a sketch plan of the project are boxed for collection.

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EX-GRATIA COMPENSATION FOR OPERATORS OF PRIVATE ROOFTOP SCHOOLS

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As a goodwill gesture, the government has decided to pay \$2,000 for each rooftop wing as ex-gratia compensation to the operators of private rooftop schools which will be affected by the Lower Shek Kip Mei rehousing operation.

"The compensation will be given to the operators by the Education Department on the closure of the schools or before the blocks are affected in November 1975," a spokesman for the Department said today.

He said the Supervisors of the private schools concerned had been informed about the Government's decision.

The school Supervisors were also told that there were over 4,500 vacant places in nearby government and aided primary schools to provide alternative accommodation for 1,400 pupils now in Shek Kip Mei rooftop schools.

As a result, reprovisioning of the rooftop schools was not necessary on educational grounds.

But if rooftop school operators were interested in primary schools or kindergartens in other estates, except Pak Tin, they could apply to the Education Department which would consider their requests together with other applications on their own merits.

The spokesman pointed out that the two estate schools which will be available in Pak Tin before 1976-77 have been committed to other sponsoring bodies.

"The eligibility for obtaining kindergarten or subsidized school premises depends on a number of criteria including the status of the applicant body and the operation standards of the existing school sponsored by the body," the spokesman said.

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TRAFFIC RE-ARRANGEMENTS IN KOWLOON TONG

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New traffic arrangements will be introduced in the Waterloo Road area on Wednesday (September 26) to improve traffic flow in the vicinity during the construction of a new flyover.

Under the changes, which will come into effect at 10 a.m. on that day, right turning movement at the junction of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road will not be allowed.

Southbound traffic on Waterloo Road which presently turns right into Prince Edward Road westbound will turn left at Boundary Street, right into Ia Salle Road and right onto Prince Edward Road at the newly installed traffic lights and make use of the Prince Edward Road temporary flyover.

Alternatively it may turn right into Essex Crescent, and proceed by way of Cumberland Road, turning right into Boundary Street.

Also affected will be traffic which at present travels along Prince Edward Road westbound and turns right into Waterloo Road northbound.

Under the new arrangements, this traffic will take a new route - first by turning right at Embankment Road, then using Duke Street, Knight Street and Boundary Street before rejoining Waterloo Road northbound at the Boundary Street junction.

Kowloon Motor Bus Route No. 3C (Tsz Wan Shan - Jordan Road Ferry) which presently turns right from Waterloo Road into Prince Edward Road will be re-routed so as to operate by way of Waterloo Road and Argyle Street.

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BARRIERS TO PROTECT KAI TAK RUNWAY

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Additional barriers are to be constructed near the Kai Tak Airport runway extension to prevent vessels from approaching too close to the marine prohibited area.

The construction of protective dolphins will be extended along the glide approach path to a point 1,900 feet beyond the southeast tip of the extended runway.

A government spokesman explained that vessels approaching too close to the prohibited area might affect the electronic equipment which were necessary to guide aircraft landing.

Notices in English and Chinese, outlining the boundary of the affected area have been posted near the site.

Any person who has objections to the proposal or claims of private right should present his case in writing to the Director of Public Works within two months from the date of notification.

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FREE ENTERTAINMENT FOR RESIDENTS

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Fans of epic swordplay movies are in for a treat next month when the Urban Council presents 'The Dragon Gate Swordsman' for public entertainment in urban and rural areas.

A cartoon will be shown together with the film to cater for the young. The film show is part of a wide ranging entertainment programme being organised by the council for the month of October.

Chinese band concerts and operas have also been lined up in conjunction with Radio Hong Kong. In addition, a series of open air variety shows will be held in playgrounds on Hong Kong Island, in Kowloon and the New Territories. Admission will be free.

After each show a lucky draw will be held, using the serial numbers of admission tickets. Prizes will consist of useful articles and toys.

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CHOLERA QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS

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The Port Health Office today announced that quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from the port of Bombay, India, because of cholera.

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REGISTRATION FACILITIES IN WONG TAI SIN

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A team from the Registration of Persons Department will conduct registrations at the Wong Tai Sin Community Centre in Kowloon from Thursday (September 27) to October 9 for the convenience of residents in the district.

Business hours will be from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. on weekdays, and from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on Saturdays.

The visits will enable parents or guardians to register their children from six to 17 years of age for juvenile identity cards, and young people 17 years of age and over to register for adult identity cards.

Children between six and 17 years of age who have Hong Kong birth certificates or valid travel documents need not attend for registration, but children who do not have birth certificates or valid travel documents must accompany their parents or guardians when registering.

Residents are also reminded to report any changes in their registered particulars.

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UNITED STATES MAYOR CALLS ON URBCO CHAIRMAN

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Note to Editors: The Mayor of Jacksonville, Florida will pay an official visit to the Urban Council Chairman, Mr. A de O. Sales, at the City Hall tomorrow (Tuesday).

Mayor Hans G. Tanzler is with a 70-member American trade group currently visiting Hong Kong.

The meeting was arranged at the special request of the Mayor who will be presenting a memento to the Urban Council.

Reporters and photographers are welcome to cover the event. The visit will take place in the Urban Council Chairman's office in the City Hall foyer at 10 a.m.

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Release time: 7.00 p.m.