



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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PEOPLE WRITE TO SALES

Letters written by people from many walks of life are arriving in Mr. A. de O. Sales's office in a steady stream.

"I am very heartened by this," the Chairman of the new Urban Council said, "particularly because the writers show such genuine interest in the reconstituted Council and a desire to know more about it."

Mr. de Sales said that the letters came from a wide section of the public including many residents of resettlement estates who wrote to him in Chinese.

"I am replying personally to all of these letters," he said.

"There are, however, a number of letters from groups as well as from anonymous individuals."

"Not knowing their addresses I am unable to reply to them, but I should like them to know that I am studying some of their suggestions and following up on their complaints. Where these matters involve other Government departments, these will be referred to the appropriate authorities."

Mr. de Sales said that he would also like to thank all of these correspondents for their kind wishes for the Council's success.

"This has touched us all in the Council very much," Mr. de Sales said.

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CENSUS OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION 1973

Pilot Survey

A three-week pilot survey will be carried out by the Census and Statistics Department to test the proposed questionnaire for the 1973 Census of Industrial Production.

The experience gained from this survey will enable the staff to draw up a final questionnaire and to adjust the related organizational and administrative procedures.

A spokesman for the Department said that although the questionnaire had already been discussed with many manufacturers and their associations, "it is felt that only by testing in the field can it be certain that further amendments are not required."

"In the pilot survey the questionnaire which seeks information on current and capital expenditure and receipts will be related to the year 1972," he added.

Questions would be asked relating to employment, costs of raw materials, services and wages, value of stocks and sales of finished products.

The survey which starts on Monday (April 30), will cover 500 manufacturing establishments selected at random.

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SHEK KIP MEI REHOUSING PROJECT

Start Of Phase Two

The second phase of the Shek Kip Mei rehousing project will start tomorrow (April 30). In the first phase which was completed on April 27, more than 11,000 domestic tenants and 44 shopkeepers were transferred to Pak Tin Estate from 6 blocks (No. 23-28) in Shek Kip Mei Estate.

These blocks have now been handed over to P.W.D. and tenders for carrying out conversion works will shortly be invited.

In the second phase, Block 3 and 4 are affected. Block 4 will be converted into self-contained flats. Block 3 will be demolished to make way for the construction of a road linking Berwick Street and Woh Chai Street to improve traffic conditions for the future Shek Kip Mei Estate.

The 5,000 domestic tenants and 25 shopkeepers in these 2 blocks will be transferred to Pak Tin Estate. Workshop operators will be offered temporary workshop spaces and will be eventually accommodated in the specially built workshop block which is being built near Block 18 Shek Kip Mei Estate.

Re-provisioning arrangements for business premises for the shopkeepers will be on a 'foot-for-foot' basis similar to that offered to shopkeepers in the first phase. The second phase is expected to be completed in four months.

Mr. John Walden, Deputy Head of the Housing Department said: "We are extremely pleased with the way the first phase has gone. To assist almost 12,000 people to voluntarily move their homes and businesses from one place to another without having to evict a single family is a pretty tough job.

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"It shows just how closely the tenants and the staff of the Housing Department co-operate. We have learned many lessons from Phase I which we will be able to use to make the up-rooting easier for the tenants involved in the next phase".

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