



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1976

<u>CONTENTS</u>	<u>PAGE NO.</u>
SIR MURRAY MEETS THE PRESS ON T.V. AND RADIO	1
FIFTY NEW BUILDING PLANS GIVEN APPROVAL LAST MONTH	1
\$444,000 FROM LOTTERIES FUND ALLOCATED FOR SOCIAL WELFARE PROJECTS LAST QUARTER	2
RENEWAL OF CROWN LAND LICENCES	2
CLEARWATER BAY LAND SOLD FOR \$2 MILLION	3
DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED	3
MORE DONATIONS TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALDRICH BAY FIRE VICTIMS	4
HING SHING ROAD IN KWAI CHUNG CLOSED TILL SUNDAY	4
\$230,000 DONATED FOR SCHOOL'S GENERAL SCIENCE LABORATORY .	5
KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE TO BE OPENED BY DR. CHUNG THIS FRIDAY	6

SIR MURRAY MEETS THE PRESS ON AIR

* * * * *

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, IS TO APPEAR ON ALL FIVE HONG KONG TELEVISION CHANNELS AND ON RADIO TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) EVENING, ANSWERING A WIDE RANGE OF QUESTIONS FROM THREE PROMINENT JOURNALISTS.

HE WILL GIVE HIS VIEWS ON HONG KONG'S PROSPECTS FOR THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON, THE PRIORITIES FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENTS, THE RECENT DEFENCE AGREEMENT, THE PROGRESS OF ICAC'S WORK AND THE ROLE OF MACS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME.

THE 30-MINUTE PROGRAMME, WHICH WAS PRE-RECORDED IN RADIO HONG KONG'S STUDIOS, HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO ALL THE TELEVISION AND RADIO STATIONS, EMBARGOED UNTIL 7 P.M. TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

FOR CHINESE VIEWERS AND LISTENING AUDIENCE THE PROGRAMME HAS BEEN DUBBED INTO CANTONESE.

THE JOURNALISTS APPEARING ON THE PROGRAMME ARE MR. ANTHONY LAWRENCE, A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT, WHO HAS A REGULAR PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMME ON R.T.V., MR. SZE CHUSIAN OF T.V.B. AND MR. PETER PUN, NEWS MANAGER OF C.T.V.

- - - - 0 - - - -

50 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED LAST MONTH

* * * * *

A TOTAL OF 50 NEW BUILDING PLANS WERE APPROVED LAST MONTH BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THESE INCLUDED PLANS FOR THREE 14-STOREY DOMESTIC HOUSING BLOCKS OF THE HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY AT KWAI CHUNG, TWO MULTI-STOREY APARTMENT BUILDINGS OF 28 AND 29 STOREYS OFF KING'S ROAD IN SHAU KEI WAN, THE NEW WORLD CENTRE AT SALISBURY ROAD, KOWLOON, SEVEN 18-STOREY BLOCKS FOR A HOTEL AND APARTMENT BUILDING AT CANTON ROAD, THREE STUDENT HOSTELS AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY IN SHA TIN, AND A SCHOOL BUILDING AT CHUNG HAU STREET, KOWLOON.

DURING THE MONTH, B.O.O. ALSO GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 42 NEW BUILDING PROJECTS, INCLUDING THE TAI KOO DOCKYARD REDEVELOPMENT APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL COMPLEX WITH 212 FLATS AT QUARRY BAY, AND A 120-FLAT APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL COMPLEX AT LOCKHART ROAD, WAN CHAI.

SIXTY-ONE OCCUPATION PERMITS WERE ISSUED FOR COMPLETED NEW BUILDINGS, WHICH INCLUDED 33 APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS, A HOME FOR THE AGED AT SAI KUNG, A YOUTH CAMP AT CHEUNG CHAU AND A PRIVATE SCHOOL AT BLUE POOL ROAD.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF THESE BUILDINGS WAS \$99.38 MILLION.

CONSENT WAS ALSO GIVEN FOR DEMOLITION WORK ON SEVENTEEN BUILDINGS.

- - - - 0 - - - -

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1976

- 2 -

OVER \$400,000 ALLOCATED FROM LOTTERIES FUND

A TOTAL OF \$444,521 WAS ALLOCATED FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND IN THE FORM OF GRANTS FOR VARIOUS SOCIAL WELFARE PROJECTS DURING THE LAST QUARTER OF 1975.

THE AMOUNT CONSISTED OF \$369,000 FOR CAPITAL GRANTS AND \$75,521 FOR MINOR GRANTS.

THE BIGGEST OF THE 15 GRANTS AMOUNTED TO \$100,000 AND WAS MADE TO THE NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION TO SUBSIDISE THE CONSTRUCTION COSTS OF THE ROTARY HOSTEL FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED.

ANOTHER GRANT, OF \$93,000, WAS SET ASIDE FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TO BUY A NEW VAN, LIBRARY BOOKS AND PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR ITS MOBILE RURAL SERVICES.

TWO GRANTS -- ONE OF \$80,000 AND THE OTHER \$70,000 -- WERE MADE TO THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CHILDREN'S CENTRE AND LIBRARY AT LAI TAK CHUEN CENTRE AND TO THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO ITS YOUTH CAMP AT LANTAU ISLAND.

AS THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERY SERIES ENDED LAST OCTOBER, THE LOTTERIES FUND NOW OBTAINS ITS PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF 'LUCKY' CAR NUMBERS AND FROM THE MARK SIX LOTTERIES.

- - - - 0 - - - -

RENEWAL OF CROWN LAND LICENCES

THE DISTRICT OFFICE, TUEN MUN, ISSUED A REMINDER TODAY THAT ALL CROWN LAND LICENCES AND MODIFICATION OF TENANCY PERMITS ISSUED DURING 1975 EXPIRED ON DECEMBER 31 AND SHOULD BE RENEWED FROM JANUARY 1 THIS YEAR.

THE DISTRICT OFFICE POINTS OUT THAT ALL CROWN LAND LICENCES AND MODIFICATION OF TENANCY PERMITS ARE VALID FROM JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31 EACH YEAR.

RENEWAL MAY BE MADE BY PAYMENT IN PERSON AT THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS OR BY CHEQUE MADE PAYABLE TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/3

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1976

- 3 -

LAND SALE REALISES \$2 M

A 58,000 SQ. FT. PIECE OF LAND AT TA KU LING, NEAR THE LOOKOUT ON CLEARWATER BAY ROAD, SOLD FOR \$2 MILLION, ALMOST DOUBLE ITS UPSET PRICE, AT AN AUCTION THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE PRICE REALISED WAS \$34.48 PER SQ. FT.

THE PURCHASER WAS SHIU HONG ENTERPRISES LIMITED. THERE WAS ONE OTHER BIDDER.

THE AUCTION, WHICH TOOK PLACE AT THE SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LASTED 25 MINUTES. THE UPSET PRICE WAS \$1,100,000.

THE COMPANY PAID A DEPOSIT OF \$140,000 AND THE BALANCE IS TO BE PAID WITHIN ONE MONTH. IT IS TO FULFIL A BUILDING COVENANT AMOUNTING TO \$1,160,000 BY DECEMBER 31, 1978.

THE SITE IS TO BE USED FOR RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION ONLY, SUBJECT TO A PLOT RATIO OF 0.6. NO BUILDING IS TO EXCEED TWO STOREYS IN HEIGHT.

ONE MONTH AGO, LAND IN THE SAME LAY-OUT AREA SOLD FOR \$20 PER SQ. FT.

THE NEXT LAND SALE IN THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT WILL TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 16.

- - - - - 0 - - - - -

DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON JULY 17, 1975 ON CHENG MUN-YUNG SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO A TERM OF 25 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

CHENG WAS FOUND GUILTY OF FATALLY INJURING TAM KAM-TONG, HIS LANDLORD. DURING HIS TRIAL HE CLAIMED THAT THERE HAD BEEN TROUBLE BETWEEN HIM AND TAM ABOUT HIS TENANCY FOR OVER A MONTH BEFORE THE KILLING.

- - - - - 0 - - - - -

/4

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1976

- 4 -

MORE DONATIONS TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO FIRE VICTIMS

* * * * *

ABOUT \$110 WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO EACH OF THE 3,226 VICTIMS OF THE ALDRICH BAY FIRE THIS FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 20) AT THE SALESIAN SCHOOL AT 2.P.M.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID: +PUBLIC DONATIONS TOTALLING ABOUT \$1 MILLION HAVE BEEN DEPOSITED WITH THE EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND IN AID OF THE FIRE VICTIMS. OF THIS AMOUNT, EACH VICTIM WAS GIVEN \$100 ON FEBRUARY 5 OUT OF THE DONATIONS THEN RECEIVED.+

A FURTHER \$400,000 IS NOW BEING GIVEN TO THESE VICTIMS TO HELP THEM WITH EXPENSES TO REBUILD OR FURNISH THEIR NEW HOMES.

+AT PRESENT, THE BALANCE OF THE DONATIONS NOT YET COMMITTED AMOUNTS TO \$360,000 AND THIS IS BEING DISTRIBUTED AS CASH PAYMENTS ON FRIDAY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TURNING TO FURTHER DONATIONS FOR THE ALDRICH BAY FIRE VICTIMS, THE SPOKESMAN URGED DONORS TO SEND IN THEIR MONEY BEFORE NOON ON THURSDAY IN ORDER TO AVOID THE NEED OF ANOTHER DISTRIBUTION.

- - - - 0 - - - -

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN TSUEN WAN

* * * * *

BECAUSE OF A BURST WATER-MAIN, HING SHING ROAD BETWEEN THE NORTHERN JUNCTION OF KWAI SHING CIRCUIT AND KO FONG STREET HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.

REPAIRS ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, WHEN THE ROAD WILL REOPEN TO TRAFFIC.

TEMPORARY TRAFFIC SIGNS HAVE BEEN PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/5.....

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1976

- 5 -

TOPLEY RECEIVES \$230,000 DONATION FOR SCHOOL LABORATORY

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, THIS AFTERNOON RECEIVED A CHEQUE FOR \$230,000 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FUND RAISING COMMITTEE OF THE INDIAN WOMEN'S CLUB, MRS. KAMLA KAPAH, FOR THE BUILDING OF A SINGLE-STOREY GENERAL SCIENCE LABORATORY AT SIR ELLIS KADOORIE SCHOOL, SOO KUN PO.

THE GOVERNMENT IS TO PROVIDE \$60,000 FOR FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT.

LADY KADOORIE UNVEILED A COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE FOR THE LABORATORY WHICH SHOULD BE READY FOR USE IN THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR.

ON BEHALF OF THE SCHOOL, MR. TOPLEY THANKED THE INDIAN WOMEN'S CLUB FOR ITS VERY GENEROUS DONATION.

+THE SCIENCE LABORATORY INDEED PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN THE PROCESS OF LEARNING SCIENCE BY PUPILS IN A SECONDARY SCHOOL. IT IS THE PLACE WHERE PUPILS LEARN THE SKILL IN HANDLING MATERIALS AND MANIPULATING APPARATUS, MAKING ACCURATE OBSERVATIONS AND CARRYING OUT INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXPERIMENTS OR DESIGNING EXPERIMENTS TO TEST THEIR OWN HYPOTHESIS.

+IN KEEPING WITH THE SPIRIT OF INQUIRY ASSOCIATED WITH SCIENCE LEARNING, PUPILS WORKING INSIDE A LABORATORY CAN DEVELOP THE ABILITY TO OBSERVE CRITICALLY, TO THINK SCIENTIFICALLY AND TO HANDLE PROBLEM SITUATIONS EFFECTIVELY,+ MR. TOPLEY SAID.

----- 0 -----

/6

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1976

- 6 -

DR. CHUNG TO OPEN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

NOTE TO EDITORS :

DR. S.Y. CHUNG, UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE COUNCILS, WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN THE KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 20) AT 3 P.M.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, WILL PRESIDE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

MUSIC WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE BAND.

AS BEFITTING THE OCCASION, DR. CHUNG WILL UNVEIL -- FROM THE ASSEMBLY HALL BY REMOTE PUSH-BUTTON CONTROL -- A COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE SCHOOL.

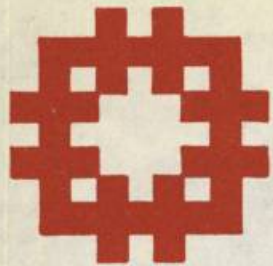
GUESTS IN THE HALL WILL BE ABLE TO WATCH THE PLAQUE UNVEILING ON CLOSE-CIRCUIT T.V.

KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE IS THE THIRD OF A SERIES OF SUCH SCHOOLS PLANNED FOR THE EXPANSION OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

IT BEGAN CLASSES LAST SEPTEMBER AND NOW HAS AN ENROLMENT OF OVER 1,200, INCLUDING PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE AND EVENING CLASS STUDENTS.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY. DR. CHUNG AND MR. ANDREW KINGWELL, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL) WILL SPEAK ON THE OCCASION. THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE IS AT HING SHING ROAD, KWAI CHUNG. A SKETCH MAP SHOWING ITS LOCATION WILL BE PUT IN THE G.I.S. PRESS BOXES FOR COLLECTION THIS EVENING.

- - - - 0 - - - -



HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY 香港房屋委員會

PRESS
RELEASE

新聞稿

Tuesday, February 17, 1976

RENTS FOR GROUP B ESTATE SHOPS REVISED

The rents of all shops and restaurants in Group B public housing estates that are let on month-to-month tenancies will be increased by a maximum of 25 per cent from April 1, the Housing Authority announced today.

There are altogether 11,260 premises affected, ranging in size from 120 sq.ft. to 1,368 sq.ft. The great majority of these shops and restaurants are in the cheaper ranges, with over 6,000 of them having rents below \$100 per month inclusive, and only 51 shops and restaurants having rents over \$300 per month inclusive.

Letters to affected tenants will be delivered tomorrow.

Except for shops in Mark I and II blocks, which had a small increase in 1968/69 (of between \$5 and \$49), none of the tenants have had any increase in rent since construction seven to 12 years ago.

A spokesman for the Housing Authority pointed out that even with the increase, the new rent is substantially lower than the open market value, being about one-eighth to one-fourth of those charged in the private sector.

In view of the Authority's huge deficit in the operation and management of the former resettlement estates, which is estimated to top \$85 million in 1976/77, the spokesman said:

/"There is

"There is clearly no reason why taxpayers should continue indefinitely to subsidise these shops, which are used for commercial purposes with profit making as the prime motive, to the present extent. This increase will produce additional revenue of \$3.45 million per annum", he said.

Meanwhile, the Authority has agreed that the rent increase will not apply for the time being to tenants of the 100-odd shops on Lower Wong Tai Sin Estate where they have claimed that their businesses might be adversely affected by the construction of the Metro.

"These tenants have been advised that if they feel they can substantiate their cases, they may submit a claim to the Director of Public Works who may make an ex-gratia payment," the spokesman said.

.....

Note to Editors: A diagram showing the estimated deficit in the management of Group B estates of the Housing Authority for 1976/1977 is attached.

- - - - 0 - - - -