



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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## SECOND LION ROCK TUNNEL

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Work will start in the near future on Stage I construction of the second Lion Rock tunnel which will increase road capacity to meet expected traffic growth between Kowloon and Sha Tin.

Stage I works involve the driving of the tunnel, concrete lining, portal works, formation of approach roads and the associated main drainage.

The tunnel, in fact, will be an enlarged waterworks tunnel required for the multi-million-dollar High Island Water Scheme.

When the Scheme starts gradual operation as planned by 1976, the tunnel will convey increased water output from Sha Tin to the urban areas.

In addition, the tunnel, which will be about one mile long, will provide two lanes to cope with anticipated traffic increase.

It is a duplication of the existing Lion Rock tunnel. When it is completed, each two-lane tube will carry traffic in one direction, the same system as in the cross-harbour tunnel.

Two major development projects will mainly be responsible for increasing the traffic density between Kowloon and Sha Tin. They are the construction of Sha Tin New Town and a second race course.

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About 100 acres of formed land, including 47 acres reclaimed from the sea, will be available for the phase one Stage I development of the new town. It is estimated that 33,000 people will be living in the new town by 1975.

A government low cost housing estate, private residential buildings, shops and factories will be built, and ample space has been reserved for schools, clinics and other community services.

Late last year, the Governor-in-Council approved in principle the decision to allow a race course to be built at Sha Tin by the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club.

A study on traffic growth has shown that if the race course is completed as planned by 1976, and no additional road capacity is provided by then, traffic delays on race days between Kowloon and Sha Tin will be intolerable.

The second Lion Rock tunnel is estimated to cost about \$53 million, and is expected to be finished by early 1976. Stage II of the project which involves the construction of road and ancillary works is now in its planning stage.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSING FOR NEW TERRITORIES

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The District Commissioner, New Territories, Mr. D.C. Bray, disclosed today that plans were now being drawn up for the first of the rural government housing estates.

Earlier this year it was announced that seven estates would be built initially to provide government housing for rural New Territories people.

Mr. Bray made his remarks today at the handing over ceremony of the Self-Help Village on Cheung Chau.

As part of the scheme the Government hopes to house some 5,000 people on Cheung Chau over the next few years. But, Mr. Bray said, the "willingness of the people to contribute towards improving their own living conditions together with the assistance given by generous donors, both in Hong Kong and abroad, will certainly ease the Government's work and will give new homes to these people years before any public housing is ready."

He congratulated the 40 fishing families who were moving into the village for "their genuine effort in self-help".

During the handing over ceremony, the Commissioner for Canada, Mr. R.L. Wales, presented the keys to Mr. Law Chun-wah, a village representative.

Later Mr. Bray joined with Mr. Wales and the Chief of the Refugee and Migration Unit of the American Consulate General, Mr. Richard Hart, in performing the ribbon cutting and plaque unveiling ceremony.

The village was made available with donations from Canada through C.A.R.E. Inc., the Cheung Chau Rural Committee and the local Public Works Fund.

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MEETING RESOLVES QUESTION OF PIG SLAUGHTERING

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Meat merchants in Tsuen Wan have agreed to have their pigs slaughtered in the private slaughterhouse in Yuen Long with immediate effect.

This follows a lengthy meeting at the Tsuen Wan District Office today between eight representatives of meat merchants and officers of government departments concerned, Mr. Augustine Chui, Assistant Director, Urban Services (Abattoirs, Hawkers and Markets), Mr. David Lan, Assistant Director, Urban Services (New Territories) and Mr. H.H. T. Barma, District Officer, Tsuen Wan.

Pigs from Tsuen Wan were until today slaughtered in the government abattoir in Cheung Sha Wan. This has become impossible due to the closure from today of one of the two dressing lines for renovation and the installation of an additional dressing line.

As a result pigs from Tsuen Wan have to be slaughtered in Yuen Long. The meat merchants were informed of this and asked to make preparations for the change several weeks ago.

The new arrangement is intended to improve meat supply both to Kowloon and Tsuen Wan.

At today's meeting, meat merchants complained that they could not make immediate arrangements for the change as required.

As an interim measure, Mr. Chui agreed to provide them with workers for carrying out the slaughtering work in Yuen Long for three days beginning today.

However, the meat merchants have to bear the usual slaughtering charge of \$6 per head.

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It was explained to the meat merchants that as the agreement made with the Yuen Long private slaughterhouse provides for pig slaughtering at 4.30 a.m., two and a half hours earlier than at the Cheung Sha Wan Abattoir, pork can in effect be available in Tsuen Wan earlier than what can be achieved at the present moment.

Besides, the slaughtering charge at Yuen Long is fixed at \$4.10 per head, about \$2 cheaper than at Cheung Sha Wan.

The transfer of pigs to Yuen Long for slaughter might lead to an increase in cost in the region of \$5 per head due to the increase in transport costs.

It was agreed that even if this is to be shifted wholly onto the consumer, assuming the average weight of a pig to be 100 catties, the increase in cost, about five cents per catty, is therefore marginal and unlikely to be disturbing.

The meat merchants were also informed that the government is considering the possibility of setting up a slaughterhouse in Tsuen Wan and that the construction was expected to be completed in two years.

When it is completed, the meat merchants in Tsuen Wan may transfer their pigs for slaughtering locally. If the abattoir is not constructed and completed in two years they may have their pigs slaughtered in Cheung Sha Wan instead of Yuen Long.

It was agreed that by that time Tsuen Wan's quota of pigs for early morning slaughter should be increased to 400 instead of 320 at present.

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NEW ROADS FOR HONG KONG ISLAND

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Two new roads will be built in Quarry Bay and in Stanley on Hong Kong Island to serve residential building developments taking place in these areas.

Associated drainage works will be carried out at the same time.

The 750 foot long road to be constructed in Quarry Bay will be 32 feet wide with an eight-foot-wide footpath on either side.

It will branch out from King's Road near its junction with Mount Parker Road and to the east of a large building development site there.

The new road in Stanley is planned to serve the residential building development area west of Chung Hom Kok Road.

It will branch off Chung Hom Kok Road near R.B.Ls. 854 and 856 and will be about 700 feet long.

The roadway, 24 feet wide with a six-foot-wide footpath on either side, will be constructed with flexible bituminous material.

Work on both schemes is expected to begin in November and be completed in about five months.

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FINES FOR MOSQUITO BREEDING

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The Urban Services Department has again appealed for public co-operation in helping to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes.

This can be done by ensuring that all possible water containers are either constantly emptied or properly protected.

A USD spokesman said the Government has been active in its efforts to control large-scale breeding places such as streams, pools, and vacant blocks of land.

"The control of small breeding places in and around domestic premises is left to constant checking by the public," the spokesman added.

Recently a construction company was fined \$500 in the North Kowloon Magistracy after an Anti-Mosquito Gang of the Urban Services Department found mosquito larvae in a pool of water on the first floor of a building under construction in Waterloo Road.

The discovery was made during a routine survey of the site.

The maximum penalty for allowing the breeding of mosquitoes is \$1,000.

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LANTAU INSPECTION BY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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Note to Editors: The District Commissioner, New Territories, Mr. D.C. Bray will be visiting several districts on Lantau Island this Wednesday (September 27) to carry out on-the-spot examinations of local problems.

He will visit the Tai O, Tung Chung, South Lantau and Mui Wo Rural Committees, and hold informal discussions with rural leaders and village representatives.

Mr. Bray will be accompanied by the District Officer, Islands, Mr. Mayer Ng.

Since the visit covers a large area, the District Commissioner will be travelling by helicopter and car. Because of this press coverage has to be limited to the Mui Wo Rural Committee office, and you are welcome to send a reporter and/or photographer to cover the event.

The launch "Sir Cecil Clementi" will leave Kowloon Public Pier at 1.45 p.m. to take the Press to Mui Wo. The launch will return to Hong Kong at about 5.30 p.m.

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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Mr. Lee Quo-wei has been appointed temporarily to the Executive Council with effect from today during the absence of Sir Yuet-keung Kan.

At the same time Mr. R.H. Lobo ceased to be a member of the Executive Council following the return to Hong Kong of Sir Sydney Gordon.

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