



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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\$420 MILLION MAJOR ROAD PROJECTS TO EASE TAI PO TRAFFIC
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WORK WILL START NEXT YEAR ON TWO MAJOR ROAD PROJECTS COSTING \$420 MILLION TO HELP COPE WITH INCREASED TRAFFIC IN THE TAI PO DISTRICT.

THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. CLIVE OXLEY, SAID TODAY THAT BOTH THE SHA TIN TO TAI PO COASTAL ROAD, WHICH COSTS \$250 MILLION, AND THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD LINKING FANLING TO YUEN LONG SHOULD BE READY FOR USE IN 1981.

HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS COUPLING URBAN DEVELOPMENT OF TAI PO WITH THESE ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES TO COPE WITH THE INCREASE IN MOTOR TRAFFIC.

MR. OXLEY WAS SPEAKING AT A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND VARIETY SHOW TO MARK THE END OF THE TAI PO SIX DISTRICTS 1977 ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

TWELVE MOST ROAD-SAFETY-CONSCIOUS RESIDENTS IN THE SIX DISTRICTS OF TAI PO, TA KWU LING, SHA TAU KOK, SAI KUNG NORTH, SHEUNG SHUI AND FANLING, CHOSEN BY A SPECIAL PANEL OVER A TWO-MONTH PERIOD, WERE PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES BY EACH RURAL DISTRICT CHAIRMAN.

COMMENTING ON THE ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN, MR. OXLEY SAID :
+SINCE OUR ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN IN TAI PO DISTRICT COMMENCED EARLIER THIS YEAR, WE HAVE ACHIEVED PARTICULARLY GOOD RESULTS AND I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONGRATULATE ALL THE SELECTED MODEL DRIVERS AND PEDESTRIANS THROUGHOUT TAI PO DISTRICT WHO WERE CHOSEN BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE EARLIER IN THE CAMPAIGN FOR THEIR EXCELLENT DISPLAY OF ROAD SAFETY MANNERS.

+THE CAMPAIGN IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT ONE BECAUSE IT HELPS TO SAVE PEOPLE'S LIFE. IT HAS BEEN SUPPORTED BY ALL SECTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY AND I PARTICULARLY THANK THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THIS DISTRICT AND ALL OTHER REPRESENTATIVES AND PARTICIPANTS PRESENT HERE TODAY FOR THEIR FULL SUPPORT.

+SPECIAL THANKS ARE ALSO DUE TO MR. LAU YAM-MAN, THE CHAIRMAN OF THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN WHO HAS GIVEN CONSIDERABLE TIME AND EFFORT IN ORGANISING AND PROMOTING BOTH THIS EVENT AND THE TAI PO CAMPAIGN.

+I HOPE THAT ALL RESIDENTS IN THE TAI PO SIX DISTRICTS WILL WORK TOGETHER TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY THROUGH THE EFFORT OF THIS CAMPAIGN.+

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SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN TACKLING SOCIAL PROBLEMS
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ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT AREAS OF CHANGE IN HONG KONG IN RECENT YEARS HAS BEEN THE INCREASED INVOLVEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY WITH THE GOVERNMENT IN TACKLING SOCIAL PROBLEMS, THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES SAID TODAY.

IN AN ADDRESS TO THE 12TH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE HONG KONG JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, HE SAID MORE AND MORE PEOPLE HAD BECOME INVOLVED IN THE POLICY-MAKING PROCESS, ON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES, IN THE CAMPAIGNS TO FIGHT CRIME AND CLEAN HONG KONG, TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND TO DEVELOP RECREATION AND THE USE OF THE COUNTRYSIDE.

+EVEN AT A LOCAL LEVEL, THE FORMATION OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES TO IMPROVE THE CLEANLINESS AND SECURITY OF OUR MULTI-STORY BUILDINGS IS HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT+, MR. AKERS-JONES SAID.

HE SAID THERE WERE NOW 2,300 MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG, AND +WE SHOULD NOT REST UNTIL EVERY BUILDING WHICH NEEDS IT HAS A MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THIS KIND.+

MR. AKERS-JONES SAID PART OF HIS JOB WAS TO ENSURE THAT THE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE NEW TOWNS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WERE INVOLVED IN THE PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR COMMUNITY.

+THIS IS ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT BECAUSE THE NEW TERRITORIES IS FACING A POPULATION EXPLOSION. IN THE NEXT SEVEN YEARS, ABOUT ONE MILLION PEOPLE WILL MOVE TO THE NEW HOMES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.+

HE SAID THEY WOULD NOT ONLY NEED THE ESSENTIALS FOR URBAN LIFE SUCH AS SCHOOLS, POLICE AND FIRE STATIONS AND RECREATION AREAS, BUT IT WAS EQUALLY IMPORTANT THAT THE NEW RESIDENTS SHOULD FEEL A SENSE OF IDENTITY AND INTEREST AND PRIDE IN THEIR LOCAL TOWN.

THE PAST 20 YEARS HAVE SEEN MANY CHANGES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, AND LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS, IN PARTICULAR THE RURAL COMMITTEES AND THE HEUNG YEE KUK, HAVE PLAYED AN INVALUABLE PART DURING THIS PERIOD OF ADJUSTMENT AND CHANGE, HE SAID.

+NOW WE PROPOSE TO TAKE ANOTHER STEP TO FORMALISE THE PROCESS OF CONSULTATION ON RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS, AND ON THE LOCAL IMPACT OF GOVERNMENT'S OVERALL POLICIES AND PLANS, AND TO MAKE A SUITABLE PROVISION OF FUNDS AT A LOCAL LEVEL SO THAT THE RESIDENTS OF EACH TOWN CAN ORGANISE AND PAY FOR EVENTS FOR THEIR OWN ENJOYMENT AND HAVE AVAILABLE SOME MONEY, TO BE SPENT AS THEY DECIDE, ON MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS.

+THUS ANOTHER STRAND IS BEING WOVEN INTO THE TEXTURE OF THE FABRIC OF OUR HONG KONG SOCIETY. IT IS ALL PART OF THAT WIDER THEME THAT YOU HAVE CHOSEN FOR YOUR CONVENTION - 'SERVICE TO HUMANITY',+ MR. AKERS-JONES SAID.

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BRITISH MPS VISIT SHA TIN NEW TOWN

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TWO VISITING BRITISH MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, MR. KENNETH WEETCH AND MR. IAN WRIGGLESWORTH, TODAY WITNESSED ON THE SPOT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES UNDER WAY AT THE NEW TOWN OF SHA TIN.

THE VISIT FOLLOWED BRIEFINGS BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, AND BY THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR. DONALD LIAO. THE MPS WERE ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. JOHN TODD= DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING (ESTATE MANAGEMENT), MR. H.R. HUSBAND= AND THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION'S ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (DEVELOPMENT), MISS FRANCESCA SIDNEY.

THE TOUR TOOK THE MPS TO LEK YUEN ESTATE WHERE THEY VISITED AN OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AND SAW THE VARIOUS COMMUNITY AND SHOPPING FACILITIES PROVIDED FOR THE RESIDENTS. LEK YUEN ESTATE IS THE FIRST OF 12 PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES PLANNED FOR SHA TIN TO HOUSE ABOUT 60 PER CENT OF THE NEW TOWN'S PROJECTED POPULATION.

EARLIER, THE MPS WERE TOLD THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME THAT WOULD TRANSFORM SHA TIN INTO A SELF-CONTAINED, BALANCED COMMUNITY OF 550,000 PEOPLE BY MID-1980'S.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN IS DIVIDED INTO TWO STAGES, WITH THE FIRST COVERING THE CENTRALLY-LOCATED AREAS, MOSTLY RECLAIMED FROM SHA TIN HOI, WHICH HAVE A DESIGNED POPULATION OF ABOUT 260,000.

MAJOR PROJECTS UNDER STAGE ONE DEVELOPMENT INCLUDE HOUSING, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS, LAND RECLAMATION AND DRAINAGE, TRUNK ROADS, SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS, SERVICE RESERVOIRS AND RAILWAY TRACK WIDENING.

STAGE TWO DEVELOPMENT COVERS THE REMAINDER OF THE WORK INVOLVED IN THE COMPLETION OF THE NEW TOWN, WITH A DESIGNED POPULATION OF ABOUT 290,000.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MPS TO GIVE PRESS CONFERENCE

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THE TWO VISITING LABOUR MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, MR. IAN WRIGGLESWORTH AND MR. KENNETH WEETCH WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 17) AT NOON IN THE G.I.S. THEATRE, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO HAVE THE PRESS CONFERENCE COVERED.

TELEVISION CREWS ARE ADVISED TO ARRIVE EARLIER SO THAT THEY HAVE AMPLE TIME TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT.

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HK TAKES PART IN WORLD CONFERENCE OF
INTERNATIONAL ROAD FEDERATION
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MR. SIU CHUEN, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE P.W.D.'S TRAFFIC ENGINEERING (MAINLAND) DIVISION, LEFT FOR TOKYO TODAY (SATURDAY) TO REPRESENT HONG KONG AT THE EIGHTH WORLD MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL ROAD FEDERATION.

THE CONFERENCE STARTS TOMORROW AND WILL BE ATTENDED BY SOME 3,000 ROAD ENGINEERS FROM 70 COUNTRIES.

DURING THE SIX-DAY MEETING, THE DELEGATES WILL DISCUSS TOPICS SUCH AS HIGHWAY POLICY AND PLANNING, HIGHWAY OPERATIONS AND TRAFFIC SAFETY, URBAN TRANSPORTATION, ROADS AND THEIR ENVIRONMENT, AND HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY.

ON THURSDAY, MR. SIU WILL PRESENT A TECHNICAL PAPER ON +A DECADE OF PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAY NETWORK IN HONG KONG+, ON BEHALF OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, AND WILL GIVE A BRIEF TALK ON THE SUBJECT. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A 45-MINUTE DISCUSSION.

A NUMBER OF PHOTOGRAPHS, SENT TO TOKYO EARLIER BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION.

AT THE END OF THE MEETING, SOME 400 MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ROAD FEDERATION WILL VISIT HONG KONG IN GROUPS ON THEIR WAY HOME.

THE FIRST GROUP TO ARRIVE WILL CONSIST OF ABOUT 50 REPRESENTATIVES FROM NORWAY. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY GROUPS FROM SWEDEN, FINLAND, CANADA, AMERICA, AUSTRIA, FRANCE, GERMANY AND MEMBERS OF THE ROAD ENGINEERING ASSOCIATION OF ASIA AND AUSTRALASIA.

WHILE HERE, THEY WILL LOOK AT THE MAJOR ROAD PROJECTS SUCH AS THE \$300 MILLION TUEN MUN HIGHWAY, THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL, THE SECOND LION ROCK TUNNEL, ALL OF WHICH ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION, AND THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL.

A NUMBER OF DELEGATES TO THE IRF WORLD MEETING HAVE VISITED HONG KONG SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THIS MONTH ON THEIR WAY TO THE CONFERENCE.

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LAST ANTI-RABIES OPERATION IN N.T.

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT THE FINAL ROUND OF ITS ANTI-RABIES DOG INOCULATION OPERATION FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES AT SHAM TSENG, TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG NEXT MONDAY AND TUESDAY (OCTOBER 17 AND 18).

THE INOCULATION TEAMS WILL THEN MOVE ON TO THE OUTLYING ISLANDS ON OCTOBER 24 AND 25 TO COMPLETE THE HONG KONG-WIDE ANTI-RABIES INOCULATION DRIVE.

DURING THE TWO-DAY OPERATION AT SHAM TSENG, TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG, THREE TEMPORARY INOCULATION AND LICENSING CENTRES WILL BE SET UP AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS :

- * CHIU CHOW WELFARE ASSOCIATION, SHAM TSENG-
- * JUNCTION OF TAI HO ROAD AND SHA TSUI ROAD (BESIDE THE CHARTERED BANK)- AND
- * JUNCTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND KWAI CHUNG ROAD (BESIDE THE KWONG ON BANK).

DOG OWNERS LIVING IN THESE AREAS ARE REQUESTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GET THEIR PETS IMMUNISED AGAINST RABIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

\$12.5 MILLION CONTRACT FOR TSUEN WAN AUDITORIUM
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THE \$12.5 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF STAGE ONE OF THE TSUEN WAN MULTI-PURPOSE AUDITORIUM WILL BE SIGNED ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 17).

THE SIGNING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, 21ST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, AT 11 A.M.

TELEVISION CREWS ARE ASKED TO ARRIVE NOT LATER THAN 10.45 A.M. SO THAT THEY WILL HAVE AMPLE TIME TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT.

MR. K.M. TSENG, CHIEF ARCHITECT OF THE P.W.D.'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW AFTER THE SIGNING CEREMONY.

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IMPROVED MAXICAB SERVICE FOR SHOUSON HILL RESIDENTS
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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THAT FROM MONDAY (OCTOBER 17), MAXICAB ROUTE 6 WOULD BE REVISED TO OPERATE A 12-MINUTE FREQUENCY BETWEEN CENTRAL AND OCEAN PARK VIA SHOUSON HILL.

ANOTHER MINOR CHANGE IS THAT AFTER 12 NOON ON EVERY SATURDAY RACE MEET MAXICABS ON ROUTES 6 AND 7, ON JOURNEYS FROM CENTRAL, WILL OPERATE VIA QUEENSWAY, JOHNSTON ROAD, WAN CHAI ROAD, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST AND STUBBS ROAD TO WONG NEI CHUNG GAP ROAD BEFORE RESUMING THE NORMAL JOURNEY. ROUTE 7 OPERATES BETWEEN CENTRAL AND MOUNT NICHOLSON.

THE ROUTE CHANGE WOULD ALLEVIATE CONGESTION IN HAPPY VALLEY ON RACE DAYS AND QUICKEN THE MAXICAB RECOVERY TIMES ON THESE ROUTES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS FOR MARINE DEPARTMENT
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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT ITS PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS IN WAN CHAI AND YAU MA TEI AND THE PORT COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE WOULD BE OPEN AS USUAL NEXT FRIDAY (OCTOBER 21), THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL DAY.

OFFICES OF THE MACAU FERRY WHARF UNIT WILL ALSO BE OPEN FROM 7.30 A.M. ON FRIDAY TO 1.30 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY.

ALL OTHER SECTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE CLOSED ON THAT DAY.

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CHI MAN ST. CUL-DE-SAC CLOSED
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE CUL-DE-SAC AT THE SOUTHERN END OF CHI MAN STREET IN HO MAN TIN WOULD CONTINUE TO BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ANOTHER TWO MONTHS TO FACILITATE THE SITE FORMATION WORK IN THE AREA.

APPROPRIATE SIGNS HAVE BEEN PUT UP IN THE AREA TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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