



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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PROGRESS MADE IN SHA TIN DEVELOPMENT
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STEADY PROGRESS IS BEING MADE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY HOUSE SOME 520,000 PEOPLE IN A MODERN SELF-CONTAINED TOWNSHIP INCORPORATING ALL ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

CONSTRUCTION WORK UNDER STAGE ONE OF THE SCHEME IS PROGRESSING ON A BROAD FRONT AND WORK IS EXPECTED TO START SHORTLY ON TWO MAJOR PROJECTS FOR WHICH TENDERS HAVE BEEN CALLED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ONE OF THESE IS FOR A MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR IMPROVEMENT SCHEME OF A THREE-KILOMETRE SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD BETWEEN TAI WAI AND FO TAN, WHICH FORMS PART OF THE MAJOR HIGHWAY NETWORK FOR THE NEW TOWN.

MR. GEORGE CHIEN, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE P.W.D.'S SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, SAID TODAY WORK ON THE DUAL TWO-LANE ROAD SHOULD START IN MARCH AND WOULD TAKE ABOUT 27 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE IMPROVED ROAD WILL BE AN IMPORTANT LINK IN ROAD COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN KOWLOON AND SHA TIN AND WILL ALSO BENEFIT THROUGH TRAFFIC TO AND FROM AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES NORTH OF SHA TIN.

+THE INTERESTS OF EXISTING VILLAGES AND ACCESS TO PROPERTIES IN THE AREA HAVE ALSO BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT, AND A NUMBER OF BRIDGES, FOOTBRIDGES AND PEDESTRIAN SUBWAYS WILL BE PROVIDED,+ HE SAID.

OF THE TWO BRIDGES TO BE BUILT, ONE WILL SPAN THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY TRACKS NEAR MILESTONE 48 AND THE OTHER WILL BE CONSTRUCTED ACROSS FO TAN NULLAH.

AS PART OF THE ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORKS AN ABUTMENT STRUCTURE WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED IN CONNECTION WITH A FUTURE ROAD INTERSECTION NEAR SHA TIN RAILWAY STATION.

ABOUT TWO KILOMETRES OF A TRUNK SEWER, WHICH WILL FORM AN IMPORTANT SECTION OF THE MAIN SEWERAGE SYSTEM FOR THE NEW TOWN, WILL ALSO BE LAID.

MR. CHIEN SAID WORK WAS ALSO EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN FEBRUARY ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT ONE KILOMETRE OF RIVER WALLS ALONG SHING MUN RIVER TO THE NORTH-EAST OF THE EXISTING SHA TIN BRIDGE.

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THE PITCHED RIVER WALLS WHEN COMPLETED WILL ENABLE FURTHER RECLAMATION TO BE CARRIED OUT IN PROVIDING MORE LAND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOUSING, OPEN SPACE AND VARIOUS OTHER USES.

THE RIVER WALLS ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN MID-1977.

THESE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED BY MESSRS. MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE P.W.D. THE CONSULTANTS WILL ALSO SUPERVISE THE CONSTRUCTION WORKS.

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DRUG EDUCATION PROJECT DESIGN COMPETITION
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THE 15 SECONDARY SCHOOLS WHICH TOOK PART IN THE DRUG EDUCATION PROJECT DESIGN COMPETITION LAST MONTH ARE TO PUT THEIR SUCCESSFUL ENTRIES ON EXHIBITION AT THE CITY HALL NEXT MONDAY (JANUARY 5).

THE COMPETITION WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (A.C.A.N.) AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO HELP STUDENTS GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEMS OF DRUG ABUSE AND DRUG ADDICTION.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES FOR THE SUCCESSFUL ENTRIES WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL AT 2.30 P.M. ON MONDAY (JANUARY 5), AFTER WHICH THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR THREE DAYS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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NOVEMBER BANKING STATISTICS

BANK DEPOSITS AS AT THE END OF LAST NOVEMBER STOOD AT \$35,768 MILLION, COMPRISING \$9,635 MILLION IN DEMAND DEPOSITS, \$13,634 MILLION IN TIME DEPOSITS AND \$12,499 MILLION IN SAVINGS DEPOSITS.

AS AT NOVEMBER 30 THERE WERE 74 LICENSED BANKS IN HONG KONG.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE DISCLOSED TODAY BY THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING, GIVES A DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF BANK LIABILITIES AND ASSETS FOR THE MONTH:

		<u>\$ MILLION</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
1.	DEPOSITS	35,768
2.	AMOUNT DUE TO BANKS ABROAD	20,836
3.	OTHER LIABILITIES	8,540
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	TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>65,144</u>
 <u>ASSETS</u>		
1.	CASH	652
2.	AMOUNT DUE FROM BANKS ABROAD:	
	(I) DEMAND AND SHORT TERM CLAIMS	18,373
	(II) TIME DEPOSITS	<u>2,056</u> 20,429
3.	LOANS AND ADVANCES:	
	(I) HONG KONG	24,537
	(II) ABROAD	<u>10,410</u> 34,947

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4.	INVESTMENTS:		
	(I) HONG KONG	2,772	
	(II) ABROAD	49	2,821
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5.	OTHER ASSETS:		
	(I) HONG KONG	4,415	
	(II) ABROAD	1,880	6,295
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	TOTAL ASSETS		<u>65,144</u>
	AVERAGE LIQUIDITY DURING MONTH		49.29%

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PERSONS REGISTRATION TEAM TO VISIT LANTAO

A TEAM FROM THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS DEPARTMENT WILL SET UP A TEMPORARY OFFICE IN THE SOUTH LANTAO RURAL COMMITTEE FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF RESIDENTS THERE.

THE OFFICE WILL OPEN BETWEEN 11 AM AND 3.30 PM NEXT MONDAY (JANUARY 5) AND BETWEEN 10 AM AND 1 PM ON TUESDAY.

LOCAL RESIDENTS AND THOSE FROM NEARBY AREAS ARE URGED TO MAKE FULL USE OF THE FACILITIES TO REGISTER THEIR 11-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN FOR JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS.

THOSE ALREADY HOLDING A JUVENILE CARD AND HAVING REACHED 18 SHOULD REGISTER FOR ADULT IDENTITY CARDS.

CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT, ADDRESSES AND MARITAL STATUS, OR ANY OTHER PARTICULARS SINCE THEY WERE LAST REGISTERED, SHOULD ALSO BE REPORTED TO THE MOBILE REGISTRATION OFFICE.

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100 LABORATORY TECHNICIANS ATTEND IN-SERVICE COURSE

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LABORATORY TECHNICIANS PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JUNIOR SECONDARY SCIENCE CURRICULUM, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS, MRS. VIVIAN FONG SAID THIS MORNING.

SHE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF AN IN-SERVICE COURSE BEING ATTENDED BY ABOUT 100 LABORATORY TECHNICIANS FROM 80 GOVERNMENT AND AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

MRS. FONG SAID THAT THE AIM OF THE COURSE, ORGANISED BY THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE'S SCIENCE SUBJECTS SECTION, WAS TO GIVE LABORATORY TECHNICIANS IDEAS OF THE EQUIPMENT AND APPARATUS REQUIREMENTS OF THE JUNIOR SECONDARY SCIENCE CURRICULUM AND TO ENCOURAGE THE CONSTRUCTION AND USE OF HOME-MADE APPARATUS.

+IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE JUNIOR SECONDARY SCIENCE SCHEME (FORMERLY KNOWN AS INTEGRATED SCIENCE), IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT PUPILS CARRY OUT AS MUCH PRACTICAL WORK AS POSSIBLE.

+PUPILS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS AND ARE GUIDED TO DRAW THEIR OWN CONCLUSIONS. WITH THESE TEACHING METHODS, THE WORK OF LABORATORY TECHNICIANS IS IMPORTANT,+ MRS. FONG SAID.

TODAY'S FOUR-HOUR SESSION AT THE JOCKEY CLUB GOVERNMENT SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL WAS ON WORKSHOP AND HOME-MADE APPARATUS THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THREE WHOLE DAY SESSIONS ON THE SYLLABUS BEGINNING ON JANUARY 26 AT THE BISHOP HALL JUBILEE SCHOOL, THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND THE NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION RESPECTIVELY.

THE MAIN PART OF THE COURSE IS BEING HELD AT THAT TIME BECAUSE IT IS THE END OF THE SCHOOL TERM WHEN LABORATORY TECHNICIANS CAN BE RELEASED FROM NORMAL DUTIES TO ATTEND THE SESSIONS.

THE TUTORS COMPRISE SCIENCE INSPECTORS, COLLEGE OF EDUCATION LECTURERS, SCIENCE TEACHERS AND LABORATORY TECHNICIANS.

THIS IS THE SECOND COURSE OF ITS KIND FOR LABORATORY TECHNICIANS- THE FIRST OF WHICH WAS HELD IN 1973-74.

IN THE PAST, SEMINARS AND IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSES WERE RUN FOR PRINCIPALS AND SCIENCE TEACHERS TO PROVIDE THEM WITH THE BASIC TRAINING ON THE APPROACH AND METHOD OF TEACHING JUNIOR SECONDARY SCIENCE CURRICULUM.

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