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GOVERNMENT TO SPEND \$60 MILLION ON DEVELOPMENT OF
OUTLYING ISLANDS

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Government is expected to spend about \$60 million on the first stage engineering works to develop outlying islands.

Disclosing this today on RTHK's Chinese service "New Territories weekly" programme, the District Officer Islands, Mr. Victor Yung, said Government has already drafted four development layouts on outlying islands.

"These four development layouts are at Mui Wo and Tai O on Lantau Island, and on Cheung Chau and Peng Chau Islands," he added.

At the same time, Mr. Yung said, the development plan on Lamma Island was also being actively studied by Government. "I believe that the layout will soon be announced."

"Development plans for the existing four layouts will mainly include public housing and other related facilities such as markets, cooked-food stalls and recreational facilities.

The District Officer also gave a brief account of the development plans for each of the four areas.

At Tai O, there will be public housing to accommodate about 3,000 islanders. About 60 per cent of the reclamation work have been completed and it is estimated that the reclamation will be completed in March next year and then it will be handed over to the Housing Authority for the construction of public housing. It is expected that flats will be ready for occupation by 1979.

At Mui Wo, development plan also includes reclamation work. A new pier will be built for large and small ferries, including the Hong Kong Yaumati triple-deckers.

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On Cheung Chau, work will start soon on the reclamation which will involve the resumption of land and houses. The Government will pre-arrange temporary accommodation for villagers so that their daily life will not be affected.

The plans for the dumb-bell shaped island also call for investment in light industry and residential development. A second public pier will be constructed to cope with the increasing need for ferry transport.

Peng Chau has completed its preliminary estimates on the construction of a new pier since the existing one cannot cope with the busy sea traffic. Construction work is expected to start towards the end of next year.

Mr. Yung also outlined other development plans.

On land transport, road widening work on South Lantau is in progress and double-decker buses are expected to be on the road as experimental tests have proved successful.

Country parks are also planned for Lantau Island and boundaries have been marked.

Bungalows and hotels will be built for the convenience of tourists and holiday-makers and Crown Land will be auctioned for this purpose at suitable time.

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POST OFFICE PHILATELIC BUREAU
POPULAR WITH OVERSEAS STAMP COLLECTORS

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The Philatelic Bureau of the Post Office, set up in 1974 to meet the growing interest in Hong Kong stamps by overseas collectors, has been so successful that it is regularly serving about 350 philatelists and philatelic dealers all over the world.

A spokesman for the Post Office said new enquiries were continually received concerning past and future stamp issues and from these it was obvious that growth of business and the service of the bureau would continue.

For the overseas collectors the Bureau can provide stamps of the current definitive issue, commemorative stamps issued within the last 12 months and a first day cover service. Postage due labels, registered envelopes and souvenir folders are also available.

In the last financial year, it sold some \$270,000 postage stamps and folders, an increase of \$80,000 or 42 per cent, over 1975-76, its first year of operation.

Overseas customers can obtain details and open a deposit account by writing to the Bureau at the General Post Office in Hong Kong.

Another service, a special philatelic counter for local stamp collectors and tourists, was opened at the General Post Office in January, 1975.

Items available to overseas collectors are also on sale here, including souvenir sets of definitive stamps in attractive folders which show picturesque scenes of Hong Kong.

These souvenir sets have proved to be particularly popular with tourists and besides being sold at the GPO in Connaught Place they are also on sale at the Tsim Sha Tsui Post Office.

Hong Kong commemorative stamp issues also continue to be popular with collectors. The recent issue with the tourism theme was very well received both locally and overseas. It is expected that the forthcoming Hong Kong orchids issue due for release on October 12 will be similarly sought after.

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Note To Editors:

USD TO INTRODUCE COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES SCHEME

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A news conference will be held by the Urban Services Department tomorrow (Monday) to announce details of a scheme to introduce commemorative plaques to Hong Kong.

It will take place at 3 p.m. in the conference room of the Urban Services Department Headquarters, on the 12th floor of the Central Government Offices (West Wing). Representatives of radio and television stations are requested to arrive early for the setting up of equipment.

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REGISTRATION TEAM TO OPERATE IN KAM TIN

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The Registration of Persons Office announced today that a registration team will operate at the office of Kam Tin Rural Committee for six days between 9.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. daily on October 13, 14, 17, 18, 19 and 20.

The arrangement is to enable parents or guardians in the area to register their children or wards between 11 and 17 years of age for juvenile identity cards and holders of juvenile identity cards to register for adult identity cards on reaching 18 years of age.

All persons living in this area are reminded of their responsibility to register themselves and their children for identity cards and to report changes of employment or residential addresses, marital status, or any other particulars which have changed since registering for their identity cards.

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