



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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## PROGRESS REPORT ON PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL \* \* \* \* \*

ORGANISATIONAL PROCEDURES AND GENERAL PRACTICES ARE BEING DEvised FOR THE PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL IN LAI CHI KOK, WHOSE GENERAL WING IS EXPECTED TO BE OPENED EARLY IN 1975.

THE COMMISSIONING UNIT OF THE NEW \$50 MILLION HOSPITAL, LED BY DR. KENNETH CRAIG, MEDICAL ADMINISTRATOR, IS ALSO CONSIDERING NECESSARY IN-SERVICE TRAINING TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE SECOND HALF OF THIS YEAR.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE GENERAL WING, THE MAIN BUILDING OF THE COMPLEX, HAS ALMOST BEEN COMPLETED, AND IS SCHEDULED TO BE HANDED OVER TO THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SOME TIME THIS JUNE. FINAL TOUCHES TO INTERIOR WORK ARE NOW PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY.

AN ADVANCE PARTY OF ABOUT 15 MEMBERS OF THE HOSPITAL'S STAFF ARE ALREADY WORKING ON THE SITE, RECEIVING, FOR EXAMPLE, EQUIPMENT FOR THE OPERATION THEATRES, FOR X-RAY, AND OTHER SPECIALIST SERVICES.

INTAKE OF PATIENTS AFTER THE OPENING OF THE GENERAL WING IS PLANNED ON A PHASED BASIS STRETCHING OVER THREE MONTHS OR SO, AND ENDING WITH THE OPENING OF THE CASUALTY SECTION.

BY THAT DATE, ALL SUPPORTING AND CLINICAL SECTIONS WILL BE OPERATIONAL, AND SPECIALISED UNITS OF ALL CLINICAL SECTIONS WILL BE ADDED GRADUALLY AS THE NECESSARY STAFF BECOME AVAILABLE.

THE 1,350-BED GENERAL SECTION WILL HAVE, BESIDES OTHERS, A GERIATRIC UNIT FOR THE TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OF THE ELDERLY, AND A UNIT FITTED WITH ARTIFICIAL KIDNEY EQUIPMENT OF THE LATEST DESIGN.

WHEN FULLY OPERATIONAL, THE GENERAL WING OF THE PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL WILL NEED MORE THAN 130 DOCTORS AND MORE THAN 800 NURSES AND OTHERS. THE HOSPITAL IS DESIGNED TO SERVE THE GROWING POPULATION IN THE NORTHWEST AREAS OF KOWLOON, AND THE TWO RAPIDLY-DEVELOPING TOWNS OF KWAI CHUNG AND TSUEN WAN.

PROGRESS ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE COMBINED STAFF QUARTERS IS PRESENTLY CAUSING SOME CONCERN, BECAUSE THE GENERAL WING CAN NOT BE OPENED UNTIL AT LEAST ONE MONTH AFTER COMPLETION OF THE QUARTERS.

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AS FAR AS ACCESS TO THE HOSPITAL FROM THE KWAI CHUNG ROAD GOES, WORK IS PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY, AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF NOVEMBER. THE APPROACH ROAD, LEADING FROM THE LAI CHI KOK AMUSEMENT PARK, WILL BE RE-SURFACED, AND ANOTHER APPROACH ROAD CONNECTED TO CHING CHEUNG ROAD IS NOW BEING PLANNED.

THE SPECIALIST AND FOLLOW-UP CLINIC OF THE HOSPITAL WILL BE LOCATED AWAY FROM THE HOSPITAL ITSELF IN THE SOUTH KWAI CHUNG POLYCLINIC STAGE II. THIS IS NOT UNUSUAL IN THE CASE OF HOSPITALS SERVING A LARGE AREA. THE POLYCLINIC WILL NOT BE OPENED UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF 1975, BUT A SPECIALIST CLINIC IN CONSULTATION ROOMS IN THE ALREADY-OPENED STAGE I SOUTH KWAI CHUNG CLINIC IS PROPOSED AS A TEMPORARY ALTERNATIVE.

THE REMAINING PORTION OF THE COMPLEX, THE 1,300-BED PSYCHIATRIC WING, IS NOW IN CATEGORY A OF THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME. IT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN 1977.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL COMPLEX, AS IT NOW LOOKS, ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION IN THE NEWS ROOM OF THE G.I.S., 6TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

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NO SPECIAL RATE FOR OLD TYPE AEROGRAMMES  
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THE POST OFFICE TODAY REMINDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT ONLY AEROGRAMMES OF THE APPROVED INTERNATIONAL STANDARD MAY NOW BE POSTED AT THE SPECIAL RATE OF 50 CENTS.

AS FROM THIS MONTH, OLD-TYPE AEROGRAMMES ARE LIABLE TO THE FULL AIRMAIL LETTER RATE, AND ANY SUCH AEROGRAMME WHICH DOES NOT BEAR THE FULL RATE WILL BE TREATED AS UNDERPAID.

A SPOKESMAN SAID THAT SOME AEROGRAMMES OF THE OBSOLETE TYPE WERE STILL BEING POSTED. HE URGED THE PUBLIC IN THEIR OWN INTEREST TO USE ONLY THE NEW-TYPE AEROGRAMME.

STAMPED AEROGRAMMES OF THE APPROVED PATTERN MAY BE OBTAINED AT ANY POST OFFICE. THOSE WHO PREFER TO USE UNSTAMPED AEROGRAMMES SHOULD ENSURE THAT THE AEROGRAMMES BEAR ON THE REVERSE A LICENCE NUMBER WITH THREE FIGURES.

+COMMERCIALY PRODUCED AEROGRAMMES WHICH BEAR ONLY A TWO-FIGURE LICENCE NUMBER ON THE REVERSE ARE NOW OBSOLETE,+ THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED.

+APPROVAL TO MANUFACTURE THESE WAS WITHDRAWN IN 1971 AND MANUFACTURERS WERE ADVISED OF THE NEW REQUIREMENTS IN SEPTEMBER THAT YEAR.+  
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