



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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EXTENSION FOR YAU MA TEI MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK

Pressure on parking spaces in Kowloon will be eased when an extension is built to the existing Yau Ma Tei multi-storey car park.

The 11-storey extension, to be sited adjacent to the present car park, will provide an additional 401 parking spaces on eight floors. Office accommodation is planned for the ground, mezzanine and the two uppermost floors.

The project forms Stage Two of the Yau Ma Tei multi-storey car park scheme. When completed Stage Two together with Stage One will form one single building providing a total of 821 parking spaces.

The existing car park, which is situated behind the Kowloon Government Offices, is nine storeys high, but the new project also includes the construction of an additional two storeys to be used as office space.

But the most unusual aspect of the scheme is the construction of an elevated roadway which will pass through the new 11-storey extension on the second and third floor levels.

The elevated road is planned as part of the West Kowloon Corridor Scheme and will pass over busy roads in Yau Ma Tei to provide through traffic flow between Gascoign Road and Tong Mi Road.

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As in the existing car park, the eight floors for parking in the new section will be of a split level design with short ramps between the different levels.

The facilities provided in the present car park have been designed so that they can serve the extension without any additions or alterations.

The cost of the project, including office accommodation, air conditioning and the section of elevated road, is estimated at about \$12.5 million.

It is expected that tenders for the project will be called early next year. Work is expected to start by mid-1973 and should be completed by the end of 1974.

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QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS ON TWO PORTS IN PHILIPPINES

The Port Health Authority has imposed quarantine restrictions on people arriving from two ports in the Philippines because of cholera.

The ports affected are Cebu and Catbalogan.

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KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER COMPLEX OPENS

The first berth of Hong Kong's \$500 million container complex at Kwai Chung was used for the first time today when the giant Tokyo Bay moored alongside.

The docking of the 59,000 ton container ship came just two years after initial construction work began on the 125 acre site, which is still being developed mainly on reclaimed land.

The number one berth, which came into operation today, is owned and operated by Modern Terminals Limited. It has an area of about 32 acres and is the first of three being phased into service during the next 12 months.

The three berths will have a total sea frontage of some 4,000 feet.

When the tenders for the three berths were awarded in 1970, a Government spokesman said "they will go a long way towards ensuring that Hong Kong will be able to maintain its position as a leading port in the era of containers which is now developing".

To enable the large container ships to reach the berths at Kwai Chung, the Government has dredged more than three million cubic yards of seabed material from the Rambler Channel.

The approach channel was dredged to a depth of 40 feet below chart datum -- the minimum depth required for large container ships.

One-and-a-half miles of roads and a flyover are being built to provide easy access to the container terminal. The Kowloon Foothills Road Corridor, due for completion in 1975, will greatly improve traffic flow between Kwai Chung and industrial towns in Kowloon.

Two other container lots at Kwai Chung are being held in reserve by the Government and can be made available for future development when a clear need develops.

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PAYMENTS TO DISASTER VICTIMS CONTINUE

Payments from the Community Relief Trust Fund to victims of the June rainstorm disasters are continuing, and outstanding claims are still being met.

At the end of August, 4,623 families, or 21,974 individuals, had been registered with the Social Welfare Department as victims of the rainstorm.

The figures showed substantial increases compared with those at the end of July, which then stood at 3,894 families, or 19,050 individuals. The higher figures are the result of late registration.

Payments in such cases are not always immediate, because investigations are necessary, but when these are satisfactorily concluded, claimants receive all the cash assistance to which they are entitled as registered victims of the June rainstorms.

Mr. Tsau Tsor-yan, Senior Principal Social Welfare Officer and head of the Public Assistance Division, says it will take some time before registration lists are closed because it is present policy to accept all claims, subject to investigation.

In a reference to payments for victims of the Kotewall Road disaster, he says they have equal right to assistance from the Community Relief Trust Fund. There is no discrimination against them simply because the Mid-levels represent a more prosperous area than, for example, Sau Mau Ping.

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There is recognition of the fact that the collapse of Kotewall Court did affect seriously the financial position of some of the survivors.

"For this reason," says Mr. Tsau, "all applications are investigated and considered on their merits. Some delay in payments has resulted from the long time it has taken to remove the dead from the debris."

At the end of August, accounts showed that \$17,138,640.57 had been donated to the Fund from members of the public. Expenditure amounted to \$9,566,833, with \$2 million held in reserve in rehabilitation and orphans' funds, and \$1,000,000 earmarked for use in delayed payments.

A rough balance of about \$4.4 million may be available for ultimate disposal, and the Fund's management committee is considering legislation to permit it to carry the money forward for use among victims of future disasters.

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CAMP FOR YOUNG DELINQUENTS

About 100 residents of the Castle Peak Boys' Home moved into the Junk Bay Youth Camp today (September 5) for a three-day holiday.

The boys will take part in carnivals, variety shows, group discussions, barbecues, swimming and hiking. Highlights of the activities will be a Scout Parade and an Athletic Meet.

The camp is a part of the summer programme of the Castle Peak Boys' Home, and is designed to explore the needs of the youths and to promote mutual understanding.

A Government spokesman said that these activities will help to "cultivate the social adjustment of the young delinquents."

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NEW DEVICE TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY

A new piece of equipment to demonstrate the latest safety devices for industrial machinery is to be displayed by the Labour Department's Industrial Safety Training Centre in Kowloon.

The new device, to be fitted to a paper - cutting guillotine, is worked by a photo-electric cell. The ones at present on display are fitted with simpler fixed guards or interlocking devices.

The Industrial Safety Training Officer, Mr. A.H. Carter, pointed out that the safety method to be demonstrated by the machine is suitable for large power presses and guillotines now in use in Hong Kong, and would contribute towards reducing accidents in industry.

One of the aims of the Industrial Safety Training Centre is the reduction of industrial accidents through the instruction of supervisors and foremen who will in turn teach their workers the rudiments of accident prevention.

The new machine, costing \$27,500, is expected to arrive from Germany in about two months.

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ANOTHER TWO LABOUR DISPUTES SETTLED

Two recent labour disputes have been settled with advice and conciliation service given by the Labour Department.

One dispute involved the payment of wages in lieu of notice and the other concerned work procedure.

As a result of advice from officers of the Labour Relations Service, 15 coffee shop waiters of the Imperial Hotel were each given one month's wages in lieu of notice for termination of employment in accordance with the provisions of the Employment Ordinance.

In the second dispute between 40 female workers and the management of the South Sea Manufacturing Company in Quarry Bay over certain work procedure, a settlement was reached as a result of conciliation. The two parties signed an agreement in the presence of two officers of the Labour Relations Service.

In this dispute, officers of the Labour Department visited the parties concerned on September 1 and a joint meeting was held the following day in the Hong Kong Regional Office of the Labour Department at Queensway.

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