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SHA TIN NEW TOWN HOME FOR HALF A MILLION

The new town now being developed at Sha Tin will be a thriving community of some 500,000 people of all ages and incomes living and working in a vastly improved environment where they will be able to develop socially with a sense of pride and belonging.

This was stated today by Mr. Allan Crosby, Chief Planning Officer of the Public Works Department's Sha Tin New Town Development Office, in a luncheon address to the Rotary Club of Kowloon North.

The massive scheme, which is being carried out in two stages of progressive balanced development, would involve a government investment of over \$4,000 million and it was envisaged, he said, that private developers would invest a similar amount.

Mr. Crosby said opportunities to develop a healthy and vigorous community would certainly be provided at Sha Tin, "Facilities will be provided to meet the basic needs of the residents -- their safety, shelter, security, health, education, employment and recreation."

This year, he said, a wide variety of major developments -- ranging from reclamations to high-rise buildings and from railway double-tracking to road works -- would be carried out at Sha Tin by both the P.W.D. and private agencies at a total commitment of about \$1,500 million.

"What is particularly important about most of this work is that it is being carried out as part of a comprehensive plan for the creation of a modern city within the comparatively short period of ten years," he said.

Mr. Crosby said the main goal of the scheme was to house 500,000 people in Sha Tin Valley, which now has a population of only about 30,000, in an attractive environment within the next decade.

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Of the projected population of the new town, he said about 60 per cent would live in eleven public housing estates accommodating about 300,000 people.

The first of these estates, Lek Yuen Estate with accommodation for 23,000, was nearing completion and work had already begun on the next estate at Wo Che, adjoining Lek Yuen.

The Wo Che Estate was scheduled to be completed in early 1979 and would provide homes for another 34,000 people.

Mr. Crosby pointed out that although the government had accepted the challenge to house the largest proportion of the population within the new town, about 80 per cent of the residential land with Sha Tin New Town would be allocated to provide housing of various population densities.

Mr. Crosby stressed however that housing alone did not make a town and it was an essential part of the planning for the new town that every housing estate, both public and private, had its own local primary and secondary schools, local open space and playgrounds, local shops and basic facilities.

In keeping with the needs of the community, he said, a total of 45 additional primary schools and 41 more secondary schools would be built during the course of the development of the new town.

In addition, at least one technical institute would be developed conveniently close to the Sha Tin Railway Station and central bus station to give technical training facilities and serve the local industries for the whole area.

Sites were also being reserved for an additional technical institute, a polytechnic and teachers' training college.

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To support the existing clinic at Sha Tin, Mr. Crosby said, additional clinics would be provided as the population increased. The next clinic would be a clinic to be provided alongside the Lek Yuen Housing Estate.

"In addition, a site has been reserved for a district teaching hospital with 1,200 'acute' beds near Sha Tin Wai together with a special poly-clinic for out-patients.

"Other hospital sites have been reserved such as the Sun Yat Sen private hospital near Lion Rock Tunnel and a possible additional general hospital near Tai Wai if required."

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PREVENTION OF SPREAD OF PLANT PESTS AND DISEASES

New Legislation Proposed

A bill which aims to prevent the spread of plant pests and diseases by controlling the importation of plants and soil was published in today's Gazette for general information.

Entitled Plant (Importation and Pest Control) Bill 1976, it will give legislative effect to the Plant Protection Agreement for South East Asia, the terms of which Hong Kong is committed to comply.

Under the bill, which is expected to be introduced into the Legislative Council shortly, the importation of certain plants and soil will be prohibited unless there is an import licence and a phytosanitary certificate issued by the country from which it was exported.

In certain cases, if imported, the plant must be grown in quarantine. However, the bill will not affect the importation of cut flowers, fruit and vegetables for consumption, grains, seeds and spices for human and animal consumption or for industrial use, timber, dried tobacco and manufactured articles incorporating dried leaves and plants produced in and imported from China.

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WORK STARTS NEXT MONTH ON KOWLOON BAY STATION

Work will begin next month on that part of the overhead Mass Transit Railway known as Kowloon Bay Station and the adjacent line sections, footbridge, and Kwun Tong Road improvements.

Details of the effect on Kwun Tong Road resulting from the construction works are notified in today's Government Gazette.

The station will be sited immediately to the swest of Kwun Tong Road south of the junction with the Ngau Tau Kok and Choi Wan Roads.

From time to time during the period of construction, parts of Kwun Tong Road will be reduced to a minimum of two lanes of traffic in each direction.

However, these restrictions will not be imposed until the new Wai Yip Street Extension has been completed at the end of July 1976. This will provide an alternative route with the additional capacity of four traffic lanes.

Plans showing the areas affected by the project are displayed at the City District Office, Central and Western Enquiries Office, Central Government Offices, West Wing, the Crown Lands and Survey Office, 10th floor, Kowloon Government Offices Building, 405 Nathan Road, and the City District Office, (Kwun Tong), Kwun Tong District Branch Offices Building, Tung Yan Street, 3rd floor 3rd floor, Kowloon.

The Notice gazetted today stipulates that any person making a claim for compensation must send his claim in writing to the Director of Public Works. The claim must reach the office of the Director before the expiration of one year from the date of closure of the street or from the completion of the substantial alteration which is alleged to have caused the pecuniary loss or damage.

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NAVIGATION MARK POST IN EAST LAMMA CHANNEL

The Government will build a navigation mark post at Pollux Rock in the East Lamma Channel to improve safety for vessels passing through there.

The rock lies outside the normal route for local vessels sailing between Aberdeen and Sulphur Channel and is close to shore south of Wah Fu Estate.

However the navigation mark will warn vessels of possible damage when they sail off-course to avoid other vessels.

For the construction of this mark post, a work area of about 10,000 sq. ft. will have to be marked off.

The extent of the area involved is described in a notice published in the Gazette today and posted on notice boards in both English and Chinese near the site.

Anyone who has objections to the project or has any claim of private right should write to the Director of Public Works within the next two months.

Work on the construction of the navigation mark post is expected to take about four months.

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GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR OCTOBER 1975

The Hong Kong Government accounts for the month of October 1975 show a deficit of \$97 million as compared with a deficit of \$163 million in October 1974.

This has resulted in an accumulated deficit of \$603 million for the first seven months of the financial year, compared with a deficit of \$980 million for the same period in the last financial year.

Total revenue for the month at \$437 million was \$61 million more than in October 1974, mainly because of increased receipts from rates and internal revenue.

Total expenditure at \$534 million was \$5 million less than the same month in the last financial year.

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PARTY FOR CHILDREN OF POST OFFICE EMPLOYEES

Note to Editors:

About 1,000 children of Post Office employees will be entertained at a party organised by the Post Office Recreation Club this Sunday (January 11) from 1 to 5 p.m.

Guest artists from Radio Hong Kong, Commercial Radio and H.K.-T.V.B. will be present to give performances.

There will be refreshments and toys for the children and a lucky draw by Mrs. M. Addi, wife of the Postmaster General.

Music will be provided by the Band of the Hong Kong Sea Cadet Corps.

You are cordially invited to cover the event.

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HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY 香港房屋委員會

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NEW ESTATE IN TSUEN WAN

Housing Authority's Ha Kwai Chung Estate in Tsuen Wan is now more than half completed.

Three huge twin-tower blocks of 21 to 24 storeys high are being constructed on a 22-acre terraced site which overlooks the whole of the Tsuen Wan/Kwai Chung area.

These blocks, eventual homes for over 15,000 people, will be completed in about six months.

Meanwhile, tenders are invited for the building of the last phase of the housing project consisting of a 13-storey slab block, a secondary school and a community hall.

The slab block will house about 3,300 people bringing the population of the estate to about 19,000.

Because of the sloping site, housing blocks have to be built on different levels. Housing Department Architects have devised a system of covered walkways and lifts to link the block with the lower-level podium.

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葵涌區下葵涌邨 末期工程將開始

房屋委員會在葵涌區興建的下葵涌邨，工程現已完成過半。

三座雙塔式大廈現正興建中，每座樓高廿一層至廿四層，全部有居住單位超過二千一百個，共可容一萬五千餘人。

此外，並有商場一個及小學二間。商場大廈有停車場，可停放汽車約四百輛，並設有工場、店位、市場攤位及酒樓。

以上的建築工程，可於本年年中期完竣。

該公共屋邨的最後一期建築工程，現已招商投標承建。末期工程預算於明年中期完成，包括興建一座十三層高長型住宅大廈，共可容住客三千三百人，連同此數，該邨將可居住一萬九千人。

另有一座社區中心及一間中學，亦在本期工程之內。

下葵涌邨位於青山道與葵涌道之間，佔地廿二英畝，俯瞰荃灣與葵涌。由於地勢關係，房屋建於高低不同的地盤上，為方便居民來往，一條架空走廊及一部電梯將用以連貫位於高低不同地方的大廈。