



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

Saturday, November 11, 1972

URBAN COUNCIL TO HOLD ANNUAL CONVENTIONAL DEBATE

The Urban Council will hold its annual conventional debate next week and in December in the Council Chamber.

During the Debate sessions, simultaneous interpretation will be introduced for the first time into the Council. Members may use either Cantonese or English in Council proceedings.

Council members will speak on a motion on the Statement of Aims setting out Urban Council policy in various fields for 1973.

The debate will be held on November 14 and 16, and on December 12 starting at 2.30 p.m. each day.

Unofficial members will speak on the first two days, and Official Members will reply to points raised by them on December 12.

Nine unofficial members will speak on November 14 in the following order: Mr. A. de O. Sales; Mr. Hilton Cheong-Leen; Mr. R.H. Lobo; Mrs. Elsie Elliott; Mr. Kenneth T.C. Lo; Mr. Henry H.L. Hu; Mr. Peter P.K. Ng; Dr. Denny Huang and Peter P.F. Chan.

On the second day, another eight unofficial members will speak, in the following order: Mr. Raymond Y.K. Kan; Mr. Lo Tak-shing; Mr. Peter C.K. Chan; Mr. John MacKenzie; Mr. Henry Wong; Mr. Charles C.C. Sin; Miss Cecilia Yeung and Mr. Brook Bernacchi.

Note to Editors: Copies of the Urban Council's Statement of Aims for 1973, in Chinese and English, are distributed separately in the G.I.S. Press Boxes this afternoon.

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SHEK KIP MEI REHOUSING SCHEME PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY

The Shek Kip Mei rehousing scheme, which was put into action exactly one month ago, is progressing smoothly, a Resettlement Department spokesman said today.

He said a number of families have already moved from their overcrowded homes at Shek Kip Mei into Pak Tin Estate - the latest government public housing scheme.

It is estimated that between 700 and 800 families would be living in the estate by the end of this month, he added.

The Housing Authority which manages Pak Tin has already offered tenancies to 690 families and interviewed another 250.

"It is hoped that all 1,856 families affected by the first phase of the rehousing scheme would have moved into the estate by the end of the year," the spokesman said.

Meanwhile the Social Welfare Department is providing a "reaching-out service" to the 120 families claiming to have difficulties.

A Social Welfare Officer attached to the rehousing unit has been paying home visits to these families in an effort to find out their real needs and to offer appropriate assistance including rehabilitation and counselling service.

The enquiry centre especially set up at Block six of Shek Kip Mei Resettlement Estate is providing a very useful service to tenants of the estate.

Nearly 2,500 people have approached the centre for information about the rehousing project.

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The Shek Kip Mei rehousing scheme which will be carried out in five stages is aimed at providing radical improvement in the living condition of the 62,000 tenants of the oldest estate.

It is also the first major scheme launched by government to improve the living condition of 240 old Mark I and II resettlement blocks housing over half a million people.

Projects as such, however, would require careful study and planning, including their priority and timing. Details will be announced as soon as they have been finalised.

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SUBMARINE OUTFALL OFF WAN CHAI

A submarine outfall will be built off the seawall of Wan Chai to diffuse and dilute screened sewage discharged into the harbour, and to give an increased capacity to sewers in the Wan Chai district.

Work will involve the construction of a twin 48-inch diameter pipe, one about 1,650 feet and the other 2,000 feet, laid in a foundation trench dredged at about right angles to the seawall in the seabed and the associated connecting sewers on land.

Construction work is expected to start in January next year and should take about 18 months to complete.

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CAMPAIGN FIGURES FOR FOURTH WEEK

A total of 13,529 doses of the combined anti-diphtheria and tetanus vaccine was administered during the week ended November 4, according to statistics released today by the Medical and Health Department.

Of these, 1,134 doses were administered on the Island, 3,547 in Kowloon, and 8,848 in the New Territories.

In the four weeks since the routine campaign began on October 9, a total of 64,552 doses has been administered.

The campaign will continue for the rest of the year. Free vaccine is available at all government maternal and child health centres and clinics.

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NEW PLAYGROUND FOR NGAU TAU KOK

A new playground has been built in Ngau Tau Kok area in Kowloon to provide additional recreational facilities for residents living in the area.

An area of about 10,000 square feet, located at the junction of Ngau Tau Kok Road and Chun Wah Road, has been developed into a junior basketball court and a recreation area with park benches and flower beds.

The area was formerly the old Ngau Tau Kok Market. The playground, built at a cost of \$100,000, has already been opened to public use.

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PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD TO BE WIDENED

A section of Po Kong Village Road in Tze Wan Shan is to be widened early next year to provide a smoother flow of traffic there.

The section, to be widened into a four-lane carriageway of 44 feet wide, is about 900 feet long, starting 300 feet north of the road's junction with Fung Tak Road to a point near Block 2 of the Tze Wan Shan Resettlement Estate.

Works will also involve the construction of footways of nine feet and 12 feet wide. The existing drainage system will be improved and provision will be made for bus bays and amenity planting.

Construction work is expected to start in January next year, and should be completed in about six months' time.

Work on the construction of the Po Kong Interchange to the south of this section of road is now underway.

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KOWLOON TSAI PARK LIBRARY TO BE EXTENDED

The existing Boys' and Girls' Club Association library at Kowloon Tsai Park will have its size doubled to cope with the increasing needs of the children in Kowloon Tsai area.

The expansion project involves the conversion of the existing covered shelter of the park into a library and the conversion of the existing library into a table tennis area.

Work is expected to start in the middle of next month and should be completed in three months' time.

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GOVERNMENT DENIES C.C.S.A. STATEMENT

"The Government has not departed in any way from the terms of the agreement with the three main staff associations in setting up the Working Group to consider the appropriate salary scale for Certificated Masters."

This was stated by a Government spokesman today who denied a statement by Chinese Civil Servants Association published this morning.

"On the contrary", the spokesman said, "the agreement clearly laid down the matters which were not referable to a committee of enquiry. The Government was thus perfectly free to set up the Working Group to deal with the grading of Certificated Masters just as it had set up the original 1971 Salaries Commission to look at the main salary structure of the Civil Service."

The spokesman repeated the Governor's hope, already conveyed by letter to the C.C.S.A., that in the interests of its own members involved, it would still change its mind and make representations to the Working Group which was still prepared to receive representations.

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ISSUE OF SUNDAY D.I.B.

Note to Editors: There will be an issue of the Daily Information Bulletin tomorrow (Sunday).

Copies of the Sunday D.I.B., in Chinese and English, will be available for collection as from 3 p.m. tomorrow at the G.I.S. Press Room, sixth floor, Beaconsfield House.

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