



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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THIRD CONTRACT FOR MAJOR DEVELOPMENT IN YUEN LONG
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL BE INVITING TENDERS LATER THIS WEEK FOR THE FORMATION OF 14.5 HECTARES OF LAND IN YUEN LONG WHICH FORMS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S DEVELOPMENT SCHEME.

THE CONTRACT, THE THIRD TO BE LET FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF YUEN LONG UNDER THE RURAL NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS, DRAINS AND SEWERS.

MR. BOSCO KEOWN, SENIOR ENGINEER OF THE P.W.D.'S NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT BRANCH, SAID TODAY THAT THE WORK WOULD BEGIN TOWARDS THE END OF THIS YEAR AND WOULD TAKE ABOUT 21 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

+THE LAND FORMED TO THE EAST OF THE TOWN WILL BE USED FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING OPEN SPACES AND A NEW POST OFFICE, A MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK AND A PRIMARY AND A SECONDARY SCHOOL,+ HE SAID.

+THE SOUTH-WESTERN SITE NEAR THE EXISTING SPORTS STADIUM WILL BE USED FOR A NEW SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX, BASKETBALL COURTS, OPEN AREAS AND CAR PARKING SPACE WHILE THE SITE TO BE FORMED TO THE EAST OF SHUI PIN WAI WILL BE DEVELOPED AS A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE WITH A PLANNED POPULATION OF 13,000.+

MR. KEOWN POINTED OUT THAT FACILITIES WITHIN THE ESTATE WOULD INCLUDE A NURSERY, KINDERGARTEN, PRIMARY SCHOOL, MARKET AND COOKED FOOD STALLS.

A TRAINING CENTRE FOR MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN SERVING THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT IS ALSO PLANNED TO BE SET UP WITHIN THE ESTATE.

HE SAID THAT THE COMPLETION OF THE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IN DECEMBER 1980 WOULD ENABLE MAJOR CLEARANCES WITHIN THE TOWN TO BE UNDERTAKEN.

+THOSE CLEARED WILL BE REHOUSED AND THIS WILL PERMIT THE COMPLETION OF THE PACKAGE DEVELOPMENT WITHIN YUEN LONG TOWN BY MID-1980'S,+ MR. KEOWN SAID.

THE ENGINEERING WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS, BINNIE AND PARTNERS (H.K.) FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR PERMANENT MARKET FOR TSUEN WAN
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PILING WORK WILL BEGIN IN DECEMBER ON THE NEW MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR PERMANENT MARKET IN TSUEN WAN.

CONTRACT FOR THE WORK, COSTING JUST UNDER \$1 MILLION, HAS BEEN AWARDED TO THE WAH YIP PILING AND CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD.

MR. C.S. CHIU, CHIEF STRUCTURAL ENGINEER OF THE P.W.D.'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE, SAID TODAY THAT PILING WORK WOULD TAKE ABOUT FOUR MONTHS TO COMPLETE, FOLLOWED BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SUPERSTRUCTURE WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN APRIL NEXT YEAR.

+THE TWO-STOREY MARKET WILL BE BUILT ON A 3,620-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT THE CORNER OF TSUEN WAN MARKET STREET AND CHUNG ON STREET.+

+IN ADDITION TO THE 200 ODD VEGETABLE HAWKER STALLS, THE GROUND FLOOR WILL HAVE A MARKET OFFICE, REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS AND A PUBLIC LATRINE,+ HE SAID.

ON THE FIRST FLOOR THERE WOULD BE A TOTAL OF 42 MEAT, FISH AND POULTRY STALLS AND 29 COOKED FOOD STALLS.

ONE OF THE FEATURES OF THE MARKET WOULD BE THE TWO ESCALATORS. THEY ARE TWO OF THE FIRST TO BE FITTED IN NEW MARKETS.

THE ROOF WOULD BE USED AS A PLAYGROUND WITH FLOWER BEDS AND BENCHES.

MR. CHIU SAID THAT THIS WAS PART OF THE URBAN COUNCIL'S PLAN IN MAKING FULL USE OF AVAILABLE SPACE WITHOUT DETRACTING FROM THE FUNCTION OF MARKETS.

MEANWHILE, AT A MEETING TODAY WITH LOCAL RURAL LEADERS, THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE EXPLAINED THE GOVERNMENT'S PLANS TO RESITE TRADERS FROM THE OLD MARKET AREA WHICH IS TO BE CLEARED TO MAKE WAY FOR THE PROJECT.

A NEW TEMPORARY MARKET HAS BEEN BUILT IN THE NEARBY JUNCTION OF YAN CHAI AND TAK WAH STREETS TO ACCOMMODATE THE TRADERS BEFORE THE PERMANENT MARKET IS COMPLETED, A TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID. THE TRADERS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO MOVE FROM THE OLD MARKET AREA BEFORE DECEMBER 1.

+THE NEW TEMPORARY MARKET OPENS UP A MORE SPACIOUS, BETTER-EQUIPPED AND MORE HYGENIC AREA WHICH WILL GREATLY BENEFIT BOTH TRADERS AND SHOPPERS,+ HE SAID.

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RECORD JOB PLACEMENTS FOR DISABLED LAST MONTH

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EIGHTY-ONE DISABLED PEOPLE HAVE FOUND JOBS LAST MONTH THROUGH THE JOB PLACEMENT UNIT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT - THE HIGHEST MONTHLY RECORD SINCE THE UNIT WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1967.

THIS BROUGHT TO 139, THE NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS DURING THE LAST THREE MONTHS.

COMMENTING ON THIS RECORD MONTHLY FIGURE, THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE UNIT, MR. CHAN SHIU-WING SAID THE INCREASE WAS DUE TO THE OPEN-MINDEDNESS OF EMPLOYERS AND THE DEPENDABLE WORKING APTITUDE OF THE HANDICAPPED.

+THE INCREASE IN PLACEMENTS NOT ONLY INDICATES THAT EMPLOYERS ARE BECOMING MORE CONSCIOUS TO THEIR SOCIAL OBLIGATION, BUT IT ALSO SHOWS THAT DISABLED WORKERS HAVE PROVED THEIR EFFICIENCY AND RELIABILITY,+ MR. CHAN SAID.

THOSE WHO FOUND WORK LAST MONTH WERE 16 BLIND, 19 DEAF, 28 CRIPPLED, TWO FORMER TUBERCULOSIS PATIENTS, FIVE EX-MENTAL PATIENTS AND 11 MENTAL RETARDATES.

MOST OF THEM WERE PLACED IN ELECTRONICS AND METAL-WORK FACTORIES AS ASSEMBLING WORKERS, WHILE OTHERS BECAME MACHINE-SEWING WORKERS, TELEPHONE OPERATORS AND CLERICAL ASSISTANTS.

THEY ARE RECEIVING A MONTHLY RATE AVERAGED AT \$650 OR AT A DAILY RATE RANGING FROM \$16 TO \$28.

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THREE WORKERS' REPRESENTATIVES
ELECTED TO LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD

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THREE TRADE UNION MEMBERS WERE TODAY ELECTED AS WORKERS' REPRESENTATIVES TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AS MEMBERS OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE YEAR 1978.

THEY ARE MR. TSUI SAU-CHU OF THE BUILDING SUPERVISORS AND CARETAKERS UNION, MR. LEE SHING-CHU OF THE HONG KONG STEVEDORES UNION (CHAP YIN) AND MR. CHAN YUN-CHE OF THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON MOTOR CAR DRIVERS GENERAL UNION.

THE ELECTION - HELD BY SECRET BALLOT AT THE REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IN NEW RODNEY BLOCK, QUEENSWAY - WAS SUPERVISED BY OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THE BOARD IS A NON-STATUTORY BODY WHICH ADVISES THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR ON MATTERS AFFECTING LABOUR, INCLUDING LEGISLATION AND INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. IT COMPRISES SIX EMPLOYERS' REPRESENTATIVES AND SIX EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES WITH THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR AS CHAIRMAN.

THREE OF THE EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES ARE ELECTED BY REGISTERED TRADE UNIONS AND THREE ARE SELECTED FOR APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

GOVERNMENT OFFICERS TO ATTEND ANNUAL SPEECH DAY
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MRS. MABEL HAYES, CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER (HONG KONG) AND MR. HO NGA-YEN, SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, WILL JOINTLY OFFICIATE AT THE ANNUAL SPEECH DAY OF THE WAN CHAI KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION SCHOOL ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 27) AT 3 P.M. AT 30, OI KWAN ROAD, MORRISON HILL, WAN CHAI.

MRS. HAYES WILL PRESENT CERTIFICATES TO THE PRIMARY SIX GRADUATES WHILE MR. HO WILL PRESENT PRIZES AND CERTIFICATES TO THE STUDENTS WHO HAD WON THE VARIOUS COMPETITIONS ORGANISED BY THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ROAD JUNCTION
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THE JUNCTION OF SOCIAL AVENUE AND LUNG CHEUNG ROAD IN DIAMOND HILL WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC BETWEEN 7 P.M. ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 27) AND 7 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORKS BY THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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