



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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ANOTHER SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD TO BE WIDENED  
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PLANNING IS WELL IN HAND FOR A \$45 MILLION PROJECT TO RECONSTRUCT A SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD IN SHA TIN IN CONNECTION WITH THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE SAID THE RECONSTRUCTION WAS DESIGNED TO COPE WITH THE GROWING VOLUME OF TRAFFIC IN THE AREA.

WHEN CONSTRUCTION BEGINS, THE SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD RUNNING FROM THE RAILWAY LEVEL-CROSSING NEAR TAI WAI TO THE NEW RACE COURSE NEAR HO TUNG LAU WILL BE WIDENED AND REALIGNED. AT PRESENT, THE ROAD ONLY HAS A SINGLE TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY.

CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THIS SECTION OF THE ROAD, MEASURING SOME 4,600 M, WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN TWO STAGES.

STAGE I WILL INCLUDE THE WIDENING AND REALIGNMENT OF ABOUT 2,700 M OF THE ROAD FROM TAI WAI TO FO TAN INTO A DUAL TWO-LANE ROAD 19.5 M ACROSS.

UNDER STAGE II OF THE PROJECT, A TOTAL LENGTH OF 1,900 M OF THE ROAD RUNNING FROM FO TAN NORTH-WESTWARD PAST THE NEW RACE COURSE, WILL BE CONSTRUCTED WITH A DUAL THREE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY. THE CARRIAGEWAY WILL FURTHER BE CONNECTED BY ACCESS ROADS TO THE RACE COURSE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PROJECT IS NOW BEING DESIGNED BY CONSULTING ENGINEERS AND WORK IS EXPECTED TO START EARLY NEXT YEAR.

MEANWHILE, TRAFFIC FLOW IN ANOTHER SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD NEAR THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY HAS MUCH IMPROVED AFTER THE COMPLETION OF A PROJECT TO WIDEN THAT SECTION OF THE ROAD LAST NOVEMBER.

A SPOKESMAN OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HIGHWAY (NEW TERRITORIES) DIVISION SAID THE PROJECT WAS NECESSITATED BY THE TRAFFIC CONDITION WHICH HAD FURTHER DETERIORATED SINCE THE UNITED COLLEGE AND NEW ASIA COLLEGE HAD MOVED TO THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS IN MA LIU SHUI.

AS A RESULT OF THE PROJECT, A 1,500-METRE SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD RUNNING FROM THE BEND NEAR CHUNG CHI COLLEGE TO CHEK NAI PING WAS WIDENED FROM 6.4 M TO 10.1 M, ADDING A THIRD LANE FOR SLOW MOVING TRAFFIC GOING TO TAI PO.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF A PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING PART OF THE SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD WHICH HAS BEEN WIDENED ARE BOXED FOR COLLECTION.

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IMPORTANCE OF FRINGE BENEFITS FOR STAFF UNDERLINED  
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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. IAN PRICE, SAID TODAY GOOD WELFARE FACILITIES AND ATTRACTIVE WORKING CONDITIONS WERE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS IN THE SMOOTH RUNNING OF LARGER FACTORIES.

HE MADE THESE COMMENTS AFTER HIS VISIT TO THE BRITISH-AMERICAN TOBACCO CO. (H.K.) LTD. IN ABERDEEN -- ONE OF HIS REGULAR +KEEPING-UP-TO-DATE+ VISITS.

MR. PRICE, AFTER A TOUR OF THE FACTORY, SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE WELFARE FACILITIES THE COMPANY PROVIDED FOR ITS 330 EMPLOYEES.

IN ADDITION TO NORMAL FRINGE BENEFITS SUCH AS FREE MEDICAL TREATMENT, BONUSES, AND RETIREMENT GRATUITIES, THE COMPANY OFFERS LOW INTEREST LOANS FOR THE PURCHASE OF RESIDENTIAL FLATS TO EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE OVER FIVE YEARS' SERVICE AND EARNING MORE THAN A STIPULATED MINIMUM.

EACH WORKER IS ALSO ENTITLED TO A MEAL SUBSIDY OF \$1.40 PER DAY, AND FREE TRANSPORT IS PROVIDED FOR THOSE LIVING WITHIN THE ABERDEEN AREA. THOSE LIVING FURTHER AWAY ARE GIVEN A TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE OF \$44 A MONTH.

+THESE FRINGE BENEFITS PLAY A MOST IMPORTANT ROLE IN KEEPING THE FACTORY EFFICIENT AND ASSIST IN BUILDING UP A BETTER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE,+ HE SAID.

MR. PRICE ALSO SAID THAT THE COMPANY BY A STRONG AND POSITIVE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT HAD ADOPTED A PROGRESSIVE POLICY TOWARDS GOOD LABOUR RELATIONS.

+IT IS GOOD TO SEE SOME FIRMS IN HONG KONG DISPLAYING A SOUND AND RESPONSIBLE ROLE IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF LABOUR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS,+ HE SAID.

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HOLIDAY POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS

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THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE MAIL DELIVERY NEXT MONDAY (APRIL 21) WHICH IS A GENERAL HOLIDAY.

CERTAIN POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE DAY, BUT FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PUBLIC A NUMBER ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR, INCLUDING SOME IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND OUTLYING ISLANDS WILL OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON.

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BUILDING SURVEY ADVISOR RETIRING  
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MR. E.H. ROWLEY, BUILDING SURVEY ADVISOR, IS RETIRING THIS MONTH AFTER SOME 18 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MR. ROWLEY WAS DUE TO RETIRE LAST OCTOBER, BUT HIS SERVICES WERE EXTENDED BY SIX MONTHS SO AS TO ENABLE HIM TO COMPLETE HIS PRESENT WORK OF REDRAFTING THE BUILDING ORDINANCE.

MR. ROWLEY FIRST JOINED THE P.W.D. IN 1957 AS A BUILDING SURVEYOR IN THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE.

BEFORE COMING TO HONG KONG, HE HAD BEEN WORKING FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF UGANDA AS QUANTITY SURVEYOR IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SINCE 1951.

MR. ROWLEY WAS PROMOTED TO THE POST OF CHIEF BUILDING SURVEYOR IN SEPTEMBER 1961 AND BECAME GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR IN 1970. HE WAS PROMOTED BUILDING SURVEY ADVISOR IN APRIL 1973.

MR. ROWLEY ACTED AS DIRECTOR OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT ON A FEW OCCASIONS.

TO MARK HIS RETIREMENT, MR. ROWLEY WILL BE PRESENTED WITH A GIFT BY THE DIRECTOR OF P.W.D. MR. D.W. MCDONALD. THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY (APRIL 17) AT 4.30 PM AT THE STAFF CANTEEN ON THE MEZZANINE FLOOR OF MURRAY BUILDING.

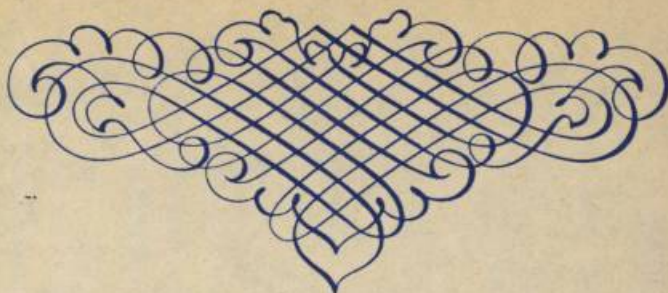
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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE CEREMONY COVERED. PRESS REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE STAFF CANTEEN NOT LATER THAN 4.25 PM.

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# ROYAL VISIT PRESS RELEASE



Tuesday, April 15, 1975

## COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE AT HUNG HOM RAILWAY TERMINUS

### Queen To Perform Unveiling Ceremony

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The Queen will unveil a plaque at the Hung Hom railway terminus on the afternoon of May 5 to commemorate her historic visit to Hong Kong. She will be accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh.

The plaque will symbolise in a simple yet permanent form the Queen's short stay in Hong Kong - the first time a reigning British monarch has ever come here.

The new railway terminus is the largest single current construction job under way in the urban areas. It is now in its final stage before completion either in late July or early August.

In the autumn, the new terminus at Hung Hom will take over from the one presently in use at Tsim Sha Tsui on the tip of Kowloon peninsula.

When the Queen and the Duke visit the site of this \$150 million Public Works Department project on the eastern shore of the peninsula, they will be able to see that the main station building has now taken shape. The six platforms for passenger trains down below are also recognisable. The most conspicuous feature on the skyline is a multi-storey seven-deck car park, now structurally complete.

Work on the goods station and marshalling yards is nearing completion. In fact, some goods trains, bringing in oil for transshipment and storage, have been using the terminus since last August.

/The Queen .....

The Queen and the Duke will be told that the complex is being built on a reclaimed site which only ten years ago was part of the harbour. The terminus is located in an area fast becoming the nerve centre for transportation in Hong Kong.

In addition to its own car park, the complex includes a bus terminal, while the goods station has its own installations for the movement of cargo, eventually including containers, to lighters.

Close by is the Kowloon portal of the cross-harbour road tunnel. The site also adjoins a ferry terminal and is on the proposed route for the mass transit system. About a mile away to the northeast, is Hong Kong's International Airport.

The main structural feature of the terminus complex is a vast podium on which the passenger station building, the car park, and the bus station stands. Below are the tracks and platforms.

An even larger area of the podium has been set aside for eventual transformation into the future Hung Hom indoor stadium.

The passenger station will be able to handle up to 14,000 people an hour, while the goods station will have a capacity of up to 5,000 tons of goods a day.

Other impressive statistics underlining the dimensions of this construction and engineering task include the 36,000 cubic yards of concrete that have gone into the podium alone, while some foundations had to be taken down 120 feet, into rock.

/The Queen will .....

The Queen will learn that the most distinctive item of moving mechanical equipment in the completed station will be a locomotive "traverser" - a huge trolley which can carry locomotives laterally from track to track, so that an engine can, for example, be switched from one end of its own train to the other.

The idea of moving the present terminus from Tsim Sha Tsui derives in part from a wish for better land utilisation. The terminus is vacating a useful but rather cramped site at Tsim Sha Tsui in exchange for a larger area at Hung Hom. But the chief objective is to build a modern and capacious station which will dramatically enhance Hong Kong's transportation facilities.