



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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## NEW BAGGAGE-HANDLING SYSTEM FOR AIRPORT

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AN IMPROVED BAGGAGE-HANDLING SYSTEM IS TO BE PROVIDED FOR PASSENGERS ARRIVING AT HONG KONG'S INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ELIMINATING DELAYS FOR INCOMING PASSENGERS.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS INVITED TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF A NEW ARRIVAL BAGGAGE-HANDLING SYSTEM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING EXTENSION, THE CONSTRUCTION OF WHICH IS NOW IN AN ADVANCED STAGE. THE EXTENSION CONSISTS OF THREE FLOORS, EACH MEASURING 84,000 SQUARE FEET.

LAST MONTH, THE DEPARTMENT CALLED TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF A SEMI-AUTOMATED SYSTEM TO HANDLE AND SORT BAGGAGE FOR DEPARTING AIR PASSENGERS.

MR. JACK WALLACE, PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, WHICH WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SUPERVISION OF THE INSTALLATION OF THE TWO BAGGAGE SYSTEMS, SAID TODAY THE ARRIVAL SYSTEM TO BE INSTALLED IN THE BASEMENT OF THE THREE-STORY EXTENSION WOULD BE CAPABLE OF TRANSFERRING BAGGAGE AT THE RATE OF ABOUT 3,000 ITEMS AN HOUR TO THE +RECLAIM HALL+ ON THE GROUND FLOOR FOR COLLECTION BY PASSENGERS.

THE EXISTING SYSTEM IN THE TERMINAL BUILDING PROPER HAS A CAPACITY OF ABOUT 2,500 ITEMS AN HOUR, AND MR. WALLACE SAID THAT TOGETHER THE TWO SYSTEMS SHOULD REMOVE WHAT IS OFTEN A MAJOR CAUSE OF DELAY FOR ARRIVING PASSENGERS.

INSTALLATION OF THE NEW ARRIVAL BAGGAGE SYSTEM IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR, AT THE SAME TIME AS THE INSTALLATION OF THE NEW DEPARTURE BAGGAGE HANDLING AND SORTING SYSTEM.

BOTH SYSTEMS WERE SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY THE BEGINNING OF JANUARY 1977 TO COINCIDE WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE \$33 MILLION TERMINAL BUILDING EXTENSION.

MR. WALLACE SAID THE SEMI-AUTOMATED SYSTEM TO HANDLE AND SORT BAGGAGE FOR DEPARTING AIR PASSENGERS WOULD INITIALLY BE CAPABLE OF TRANSFERRING 3,000 ITEMS OF BAGGAGE PER HOUR FROM THE CHECK-IN COUNTERS IN THE DEPARTURE HALL TO THE BAGGAGE MARSHALLING AREA IN THE BASEMENT OF THE BUILDING.

LATER, THE HANDLING CAPACITY OF THE SYSTEM WOULD BE EXTENDED TO 6,000 ITEMS OF BAGGAGE PER HOUR - EQUIVALENT TO AN HOURLY THROUGHPUT OF 3,000 PASSENGERS.

THIS WOULD BE ABOUT THREE TIMES THE CAPACITY OF THE PRESENT MANUAL SYSTEM, WHICH HAD BEEN INSTALLED IN 1962 AND WAS NOW OPERATING ABOVE DESIGNED CAPACITY.

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FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU INSPECTIONS IN OCTOBER  
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THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT INSPECTED ANOTHER 112 VEHICLES LICENSED TO CARRY FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS AND COMPRESSED GASES IN OCTOBER AS A MEASURE TO IMPROVE SAFETY STANDARDS OF VEHICLES CARRYING DANGEROUS GOODS.

THIS BRINGS TO 336 THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES WHICH HAVE UNDERGONE INSPECTION SINCE APRIL WHEN NEW REGULATIONS INVOLVING THE ANNUAL LICENSING OF DANGEROUS GOODS CARRYING VEHICLES WERE INTRODUCED.

DURING THE MONTH, A TOTAL OF 6,692 COMPLAINTS WERE INVESTIGATED, OF WHICH 5,412 RELATED TO MEANS OF ESCAPE FROM BUILDINGS. ANOTHER 1,106 INSPECTIONS ON MEANS OF ESCAPE WERE CARRIED OUT WHICH DID NOT ARISE FROM COMPLAINTS.

THERE WERE 718 INSPECTIONS MADE ON PREMISES LICENSED TO STORE OR MANUFACTURE DANGEROUS GOODS= 1,811 INSPECTIONS ON FACTORIES AND 351 INSPECTIONS ON PLACES OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY.

BUREAU OFFICERS INVESTIGATED ELEVEN FIRES IN DEPTH.

OTHER INSPECTIONS WERE: FIRE SERVICES INSTALLATIONS (386), NEON SIGNS (7), SCHOOLS (373), TIMBER YARDS AND STORAGE (29), VENTILATION SYSTEMS (216) AND MISCELLANEOUS (180).

IN ADDITION, BUREAU STAFF FINALISED 441 PLANS FOR NEW BUILDING PROJECTS= AND ISSUED AND RENEWED A TOTAL OF 277 DANGEROUS GOODS AND TIMBER STORES LICENCES.

MORE THAN 300 FIRE HAZARD ABATEMENT NOTICES WERE ISSUED, AND 86 PROSECUTIONS FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WERE UNDERTAKEN RESULTING IN THE IMPOSITION OF FINES AMOUNTING \$28,550.

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ANOTHER HOUSING ESTATE FOR N.T.

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WORK WILL BEGIN EARLY NEXT YEAR ON THE FIRST STAGE OF A NEW PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE AT SHUN LEE TSUEN IN THE CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD/ANDERSON ROAD AREA.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK ARE NOW BEING CALLED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE CHIEF ARCHITECT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE, MR. JOSEPH LEI, SAID TODAY STAGE ONE OF THE PROJECT WOULD BE DIVIDED INTO TWO PHASES, THE FIRST OF WHICH WAS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN FEBRUARY. HE SAID IT INVOLVED THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 30-STOREY, CRUCIFORM TYPE OF DOMESTIC BLOCK, TOGETHER WITH TWO ADJOINING LOW BLOCKS, EACH TWO STOREYS HIGH.

DESIGNED TO CATER FOR FAMILIES COMPRISING FOUR TO NINE PEOPLE, THE 30-STOREY HOUSING BLOCK WOULD HAVE NEARLY 1,390 SELF-CONTAINED UNITS. ON COMPLETION, IT WOULD PROVIDE HOMES FOR ABOUT 8,900 PEOPLE.

MR. LEI SAID THAT THE LOW BLOCKS WOULD PROVIDE FOR THE FACILITIES NECESSARY FOR A BALANCED COMMUNITY IN A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE. THESE INCLUDED ACCOMMODATION FOR SHOPS, AN ESTATE OFFICE, AND A KINDERGARTEN.

HE SAID THAT PHASE ONE DEVELOPMENT WOULD TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE. THE SECOND PHASE OF STAGE ONE WOULD BEGIN IN ABOUT APRIL NEXT YEAR.

WORK IN PHASE TWO INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF ANOTHER 30-STOREY CRUCIFORM TYPE DOMESTIC BLOCK WITH 1,390 SELF-CONTAINED UNITS AND A SEVEN-STOREY DOMESTIC BLOCK WITH 228 UNITS.

ALSO TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN THIS PHASE WOULD BE A COMMERCIAL COMPLEX, A MULTI-STOREY CAR-PARK AND PREMISES FOR EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES.

ALTOGETHER, THE TWO CRUCIFORM BLOCKS AND THE SEVEN-STOREY BLOCKS WOULD PROVIDE HOUSING FOR ABOUT 19,400 PEOPLE WHEN COMPLETED.

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