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SHA TIN NEW TOWN PERMANENT SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS

The Public Works Department is inviting tenders for the first three contracts for Hong Kong's largest sewage treatment works to be built at Sha Tin New Town.

The permanent sewage treatment plant will be partly financed from a US\$20 million loan from the Asian Development Bank finalised last month in Manila between the Hong Kong Government and the Bank.

The first three contracts are for the supply and erection of some of the mechanical and electrical equipment for the first stage of the treatment works which will provide sewage treatment facilities for some 230,000 people in Sha Tin New Town by 1980.

Tenders for these contracts, gazetted last Friday, are being invited on an international basis from manufacturers in all member countries of the Asian Development Bank, as well as from Luxembourg.

Mr. Wong Kwok-choy, Chief Engineer of the P.W.D.'s Civil Engineering Consultants Management Division, said today that another 13 contracts would be put out to tender progressively over the next nine months for additional mechanical and electrical plant and equipment, all of which would be funded from ADB loan.

"The first set of tenders," he said, "include equipment for screening the sewage entering the works, equipment for primary and final sedimentation tanks and for diffused air equipment for the aeration tanks."

He said that civil engineering works in connection with the project were scheduled to begin towards the middle of next year, and it was expected that the mechanical and electrical plant and equipment would start to be delivered for installation by April 1978.

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The sewage treatment plant, to be located on a 17-hectare (42-acre) site of reclaimed land at Tide Cove near the Sha Tin racecourse, would probably begin initial operation in the second half of 1979.

Mr. Wong said the treatment works would be able to treat more than 300,000 cubic metres of raw sewage per day.

"The maximum sewage flow to the plant for full treatment will be 3.6 cubic metres per second -- a tremendous increase in treatment capacity over our existing plants."

At present, sewage at Sha Tin is being treated by a temporary plant at Fo Tan which has a treatment capacity for only about 30,000 people.

An interim treatment plant is about to be built next to it by the Civil Engineering Office of the Public Works Department. This will triple the sewage treatment facilities at Sha Tin New Town and ensure that Tolo Harbour is not polluted before the large permanent sewage treatment works comes on stream.

The interim plant is due to come into operation in April 1977 but it will have a relatively short life span as it will be phased out, together with the existing temporary plant, when the permanent treatment works is completed.

"When they have outlived their use at Sha Tin, the equipment in these two temporary plants will be removed and probably put to other use elsewhere," said Mr. Wong.

He explained that the treatment system of the permanent plant would involve a series of complex processes which could roughly be divided into three stages.

"The first stage involves a process known as sedimentation whereby the screened sewage is passed through tanks where all the gross solids are removed, thus reducing the amount of pollutants by roughly 60 per cent.

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"The second stage involves further reducing the pollutants by introducing air into the sewage thus encouraging biological purification processes.

"The remaining effluent is then passed to final settling tanks where the remaining solids settle out before the clear effluent is discharged into the sea."

The sludge that remains behind, he said, would be digested, dewatered and composted with garbage for use as landfill in P.W.D. controlled tipping operations.

A by-product of the sludge digestion process is methane gas, which will be used to provide some of the fuel for the electrical generators to be installed in the plant.

The Sha Tin New Town Permanent Sewage Treatment Works has been designed by Watson (H.K.) Chartered Civil Engineers, consulting engineers to the Government, under the overall supervision of the Consultants Management Division of the P.W.D.'s Civil Engineering Office.

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DIAMOND JUBILEE OF HK GIRL GUIDES
TWO COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS TO BE ISSUED

The Post Office is to issue two special stamps to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Hong Kong Girl Guides.

Announcing this, a Post Office spokesman said that the two stamps in the 20 cents and \$1.30 denominations would be placed on sale at all post offices on April 23.

Special First Day Covers have also been designed and will be placed on sale at all post offices from April 9 at 20 cents each. The public are asked to obtain their requirements early to avoid disappointment.

Advanced orders for servicing of First Day Covers will be accepted at the General Post Office, Pedder Street; Kowloon Central Post Office, Nathan Road, and Tsim Sha Tsui Post Office, Salisbury Road.

For this service, addressed First Day Covers must be handed-in with an order form together with a remittance to cover the cost. The charge will be \$1.70 per cover which includes the cost of two stamps together with a service fee of 20 cents. The covers must be fully addressed by the applicant, and not less than 10 covers will be accepted with each order. The order forms will be available at the General Post Office, Kowloon Central Post Office and Tsim Sha Tsui Post Office on April 9.

Any person ordering serviced covers addressed to a local destination may collect them on April 24 from the office where the order was placed.

Covers addressed overseas will be sent forward by ordinary post, surface mail, unless sufficient stamps are affixed to cover airmail and/or registration charges.

The latest acceptance date for advance orders or serviced covers will be 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 15.

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A service will be provided on Friday, April 23 at all post offices whereby First Day Covers will be accepted over the counter, impressed with the normal post office date stamp and handed back to the person presenting them. No TIME TYPE will appear in the postmark. The special conditions for this service are:-

- (a) only articles bearing an indication that they are 'First Day Covers' will be so treated;
- (b) the articles must be addressed to a local address;
- (c) the articles must not bear any other cancellation;
- (d) no registered items will be processed by this method.

On Friday, April 23, a special counter will be provided at the Headquarters of the Girl Guides Association at 141, Wongneichong Gap Road from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. First Day Covers and Girl Guides Diamond Jubilee stamps will be placed on sale at the counter. First Day Covers which bear a local address will be impressed with a special postmark "JUBILEE P.O. HONG KONG" and handed back to the person presenting them. No TIME TYPE will appear in the postmark.

Special posting boxes will also be available at the General Post Office, Kowloon Central Post Office and Tsim Sha Tsui Post Office on April 23 for those who wish to have first day covers carefully hand-postmarked before despatch to the address on the covers.

The new stamps will be displayed in the first floor lift lobby of the General Post Office Building, Pedder Street on Thursday, April 15 from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

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YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE
NEW OFFICE IN KOWLOON CITY

The Youth Employment Advisory Service of the Labour Department will open a new office in Kowloon City on Wednesday (April 7).

A Labour Department spokesman said today that the opening of the office on the first floor of Fook Toa Mansion, No. 8-12 Sung Wong Toi Road will enable the YEAS to make its free services more readily available to students, youth organisations and young people in the area.

These services which are also offered by the YEAS Hong Kong office, New Rodney Block, Queensway include careers information and guidance, careers talks, seminars and mini careers exhibitions.

Apart from a wide range of careers pamphlets and leaflets for visitors, the YEAS also has a stock of career films for loan to student groups and schools.

The telephone numbers of the new office are 3-022702 and 3-024061.

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WATER CUT IN NORTH POINT AND REPULSE BAY AREAS

Water supply to a number of premises in North Point and Repulse Bay areas will be turned off for five hours, starting from 1 a.m. on Wednesday (April 7).

This is to enable the Waste Detection Section of the Waterworks Office to carry out night leakage tests in the two areas.

In North Point, the affected premises are bounded by North Point Road seafront, Suk Kuk Street and north side of King's Road.

At Repulse Bay, the affected premises are house No. 32 to 99 Repulse Bay Road and house No. 33 to 55 Island Road.

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