



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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1.6 M ENQUIRIES HANDLED LAST YEAR

THE 22 PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRES OPERATED BY THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT IN THE URBAN AREA HANDLED NEARLY 1.6 MILLION ENQUIRIES AND CASES IN 1975.

ENQUIRIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (124,665 CASES), THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT (78,286 CASES), THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT (65,425 CASES) AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT (58,596 CASES) CONTINUED TO BE THE MOST POPULAR SUBJECTS.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HOUSING (28,908 CASES) AND SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANTS (27,229 CASES) WERE ALSO VERY POPULAR.

THE DEMAND FOR VARIOUS GOVERNMENT FORMS AND PAMPHLETS ALSO INCREASED, FROM 670,100 IN 1974 TO 1975'S 694,231.

MOST OF THE REQUIRED FORMS WERE FOR APPLICATION OF GOVERNMENT VACANCIES, GOVERNMENT HOUSING ESTATES, RENT INCREASES AND ENROLMENT FOR THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

LEAFLETS AND BOOKLETS CONCERNING FUNCTIONS AND PROCEDURES OF ALL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WERE ALSO IN GREAT DEMAND.

APART FROM HANDLING ENQUIRIES AND SOLVING PROBLEMS FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRES IN THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICES AND THEIR SUB-OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE URBAN AREA ADMINISTER STATUTORY DECLARATIONS, DISTRIBUTE MANY NON-GOVERNMENT PAMPHLETS AND SELL SOME OF THE POPULAR GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

MOST OF THESE PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRES REMAIN OPEN DURING LUNCH-HOUR FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE WHO CANNOT MAKE USE OF THE SERVICE DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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TENDERS BEING INVITED FOR SHA TIN SITE

TENDERS ARE TO BE INVITED EARLY NEXT MONTH FOR A PIECE OF SEABED AT THE SOUTHERN END OF SHA TIN HOI TO BE RECLAIMED AND DEVELOPED FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PURPOSES, A NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

THE SITE TOTALS ABOUT 20 ACRES, OF WHICH NEARLY ELEVEN ACRES WILL BE RETAINED BY THE DEVELOPER WHILE THE REMAINDER IS TO BE HANDED BACK TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR BUILDING ROADS AND PROVIDING OPEN SPACES.

TERMS OF THE SALE INCLUDE RECLAMATION BY THE PURCHASER OF THE WHOLE AREA WITHIN 30 MONTHS AND THE BUILDING OF ROADS, A SEA WALL, DRAINS AND SEWERS. A FURTHER \$65 MILLION MUST BE SPENT ON BUILDINGS BY THE END OF 1982.

TO ENABLE THE DEVELOPER TO CARRY OUT RECLAMATION, HE WILL BE GIVEN USE OF A NEARBY AREA FROM WHICH TO OBTAIN FILL. THIS AREA WILL BE USED SUBSEQUENTLY FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.

ONE ATTRACTION OF THE SITE IS THAT IT WILL COMMAND A VIEW OF THE RACE COURSE NOW BEING BUILT IN SHA TIN.

THE PURCHASER WILL HAVE TO PAY A DEPOSIT OF \$10 MILLION AND THE BALANCE BY NINE EQUAL INSTALMENTS INCLUDING INTEREST AT 10 PER CENT.

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FIRST CONTRACT FOR NEW HOUSING ESTATE

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE FIRST CONTRACT FOR PART OF THE \$67 MILLION SHUN LEE TSUEN ESTATE OFF CLEARWATER BAY ROAD, KOWLOON, WILL BE OFFICIALLY SIGNED AT 10 A.M. ON MONDAY (FEB. 16) MORNING AT ROOM 1310 OF THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 13TH FLOOR.

MR. JOSEPH LEI, CHIEF ARCHITECT, PWD, WILL SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, AND MR. BENNY TANG KAR-HUNG, MANAGING DIRECTOR, OF TANG TAK SON CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD. WILL SIGN FOR THE COMPANY.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

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PICNIC AREA FOR YIM TIN TSAI ISLAND

A PICNIC AREA IS BEING BUILT ON THE ISLAND OF YIM TIN TSAI TO CATER FOR VISITORS WHO FLOCK THERE IN LARGE NUMBERS IN THE SUMMER AND AUTUMN MONTHS.

THE NEW PICNIC AREA WILL HAVE FOUR BARBECUE PITS, THREE PAVILIONS AND A NETWORK OF CONNECTING FOOTPATHS. THE COST OF THE PROJECT IS \$60,000, OF WHICH THE LARGER PART HAS BEEN PROVIDED FROM THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S RECREATION FUND, WITH THE BALANCE COMING FROM THE LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS FUND OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, SAI KUNG.

WORK BEGAN LAST MONTH AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF MARCH IN GOOD TIME FOR THE FIRST SUMMER VISITORS.

A SENIOR OFFICER FROM THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS TO BE INVITED TO OPEN THE PICNIC AREA.

THE VILLAGERS OF YIM TIN TSAI, NUMBERING ABOUT 300, WILL BENEFIT FROM THE FACILITIES. THE VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVE, MR. CHAN KWAI-SANG, HAS ADVOCATED FOR SOME TIME BUILDING A PICNIC AREA AS HE IS KEEN TO DEVELOP TOURISM FOR THE ISLAND.

BESIDES BEING POPULAR WITH PICNICKERS WHO REACH YIM TIN TSAI BY SAMPAN FROM SAI KUNG, THE ISLAND ATTRACTS HIKERS WHO USE IT TO GET TO KAU SAI CHAU ISLAND WHICH HAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTING FLORA. THERE ARE SOME MAGNIFICENT VIEWS FROM BOTH ISLANDS.

THE PROJECT WAS DESIGNED BY STAFF OF THE WORKS SECTION OF SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, WHO ARE ALSO SUPERVISING CONSTRUCTION.

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+SENIOR CITIZEN WEEK+ OPENS IN SHAM SHUI PO
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, TODAY URGED THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG TO KEEP UP THE FINE CHINESE TRADITION OF RESPECT FOR THE ELDERLY AND NOT TO NEGLECT THE NEEDS OF THE AGED.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE +SENIOR CITIZEN WEEK+ WHICH HAD BEEN CO-ORDINATED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE IN THE DISTRICT.

MR. LEE NOTED THAT HONG KONG HAD BECOME A COSMOPOLITAN CITY WHERE TRADITIONAL CHINESE FAMILY CONCEPTS HAD SOMEWHAT BEEN INFLUENCED BY WESTERN THINKING. +BUT WE MUST NOT FORGET THAT OUR OLDER GENERATION HAS LAID DOWN A SOUND FOUNDATION FOR OUR SOCIETY AND HAS PASSED ON TO US THEIR VALUABLE EXPERIENCE.+

THE +SENIOR CITIZEN WEEK+, HE SAID, HAD BEEN ORGANISED TO SHOW OUR APPRECIATION OF OLD PEOPLE.

+ALMOST EVERY FAMILY NOWADAYS IS BUSY WORKING AND TENDS TO NEGLECT THE NEEDS OF OLD PEOPLE,+ MR. LEE SAID. +CONSEQUENTLY, A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS ARISE, SUCH AS THE PROPER CARE FOR THE AGED AND THE WIDENING GENERATION GAP.

+IT IS GRATIFYING TO SEE KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS, WELFARE AGENCIES AND LOCAL LEADERS PUT IN SO MUCH EFFORT IN ORGANISING THE ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME, WHICH HAS CLEARLY REFLECTED THE GENUINE CONCERN OF LOCAL RESIDENTS FOR OLD PEOPLE.+

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NEW YEAR FUN FAIR FOR 20,000

ABOUT 20,000 CHILDREN IN THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT WILL HAVE A DAY OF FUN AND GAMES TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, WILL OPEN A BIG FUN FAIR AT THE CHOI HUNG ROAD PLAYGROUND IN THE MORNING.

THE FAIR HAS BEEN ORGANISED TO RAISE FUND FOR OUR LADY OF MARYKNOLL HOSPITAL AND REDEMPTION LUTHERAN CHURCH KI LIN CENTRE.

THE FUNCTION HAS BEEN ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE OF WONG TAI SIN, LOCAL WELFARE AGENCIES, KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS, SCHOOLS AND THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE.

FORTY GAMES BOOTHS WILL BE SET UP AND THERE WILL BE VARIETY SHOWS.

ADMISSION TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT \$1.00 EACH.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY, WHICH STARTS AT 10.45 A.M.

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