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# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAMME MAKING HEADWAY  
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS PRESSING AHEAD WITH A \$50 MILLION BUILDING PROGRAMME FOR 17 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN VARIOUS HOUSING ESTATES.

WORK IS ALREADY UNDERWAY ON NINE ESTATE PRIMARY SCHOOLS -- THREE AT TAI HING ESTATE, TWO AT PAK TIN ESTATE, TWO AT YU WAN ESTATE, AND TWO AT SHUEN LEE TSUEN ESTATE.

THE P.W.D.'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE HAS ALSO BEGUN WORK ON TWO NEW SECONDARY SCHOOLS AT KWAI SHING ESTATE AND WORK ON SIX OTHERS WILL BEGIN DURING THE NEXT SIX MONTHS.

THE ESTATE SCHOOLS ARE PART OF THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE'S COMMITMENT IN THE GOVERNMENT'S EDUCATION EXPANSION PROGRAMME.

MR. JOSEPH LEI, CHIEF P.W.D. ARCHITECT, SAID TODAY THE FIRST TWO SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE PROGRAMME WOULD BE COMPLETED AT KWAI SHING ESTATE IN TIME FOR THE 1978 SCHOOL YEAR.

+EACH OF THESE SCHOOLS WILL HAVE 24 CLASSROOMS, TWO WORKSHOPS FOR METAL AND WOOD WORK AND FOUR LABORATORIES FOR SCIENCE SUBJECTS,+ HE SAID.

+THERE WILL BE ALSO THREE SPECIAL ROOMS FOR MUSIC, ART, GEOGRAPHY AND GENERAL PURPOSES AND A HOME ECONOMICS COMPLEX FOR TEACHING NEEDLE WORK, COOKING AND HOME MANAGEMENT.+

OTHER FACILITIES INCLUDED ASSEMBLY HALLS, MEDICAL INSPECTION ROOM, LIBRARY, COVERED PLAYGROUND, HEADMASTER AND CAREER MASTER ROOMS, GENERAL OFFICE AND STAFF ROOM.

THE TWO SCHOOLS WILL SERVE RESIDENTS OF KWAI SHING ESTATE WHICH WAS COMPLETED BY THE P.W.D. ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE LAST MONTH AT A TOTAL COST OF ABOUT \$82 MILLION.

IN TERMS OF SIZE, KWAI SHING ESTATE IS THE LARGEST IN THE P.W.D. PROGRAMME. IT HAS TEN DOMESTIC BLOCKS WITH ACCOMMODATION FOR SOME 37,000 PEOPLE. IT IS SERVED BY A LARGE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX WITH VARIOUS FACILITIES, INCLUDING SHOPS, RESTAURANTS, MARKET, PARKING SPACES, BUS AND PLB TERMINI AND RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE.

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OF THE OTHER SIX ESTATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO BE BUILT, MR. LEI SAID TWO WERE AT TAI HING ESTATE IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN, TWO AT LAI KING ESTATE IN KWAI CHUNG, AND TWO AT LEK YUEN ESTATE IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

HE SAID THESE SCHOOLS WOULD BE OF A SIMILAR DESIGN AS THE TWO BEING BUILT AT KWAI SHING ESTATE, EXCEPT THAT THEY WOULD BE OF THE INTERLOCK TYPE WHICH FEATURES ASSEMBLY HALLS SHARING THE SAME STRUCTURE FOR THE TWO SCHOOLS.

MR. LEI SAID THAT WORK ON THE LAI KING ESTATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS WOULD BEGIN NEXT MONTH AND WOULD TAKE ABOUT 20 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

WORK ON THOSE AT LEK YUEN AND TAI HING WOULD START IN MARCH AND APRIL NEXT YEAR FOR COMPLETION BY THE END OF 1978.

LAI KING AND LEK YUEN ESTATES, WHICH HOUSE SOME 43,000 PEOPLE, WERE COMPLETED BY THE P.W.D. EARLIER THIS YEAR.

WORK ON TAI HING ESTATE AT TUEN MUN IS NOW WELL ADVANCED AND WILL ACCOMMODATE ABOUT 47,000 PEOPLE WHEN COMPLETED.

TAI HING ESTATE CONSISTS OF FIVE 30-STOREY DOMESTIC BLOCKS AND A SEVEN-STOREY DOMESTIC BLOCK, ALL LINKED BY COVERED WALKWAYS TO A HUGE COMMERCIAL AND MARKET COMPLEX IN THE CENTRE OF THE ESTATE.

IT WILL BE PROVIDED WITH ALL BASIC COMMUNITY AND COMMERCIAL FACILITIES, INCLUDING LARGE RECREATIONAL AREAS WITH REST GARDENS AND PLAYGROUNDS, WELFARE CENTRES, CARPARKS, RESTAURANTS AND CLINICS.

THE FIRST STAGE OF THE ESTATE WILL BE COMPLETED IN THE FIRST HALF OF NEXT YEAR, HOUSING ABOUT 29,000 PEOPLE.

MEANWHILE, WORK IS PROGRESSING WELL ON THE NINE PRIMARY SCHOOLS BEING BUILT AT TAI HING, PAK TIN, YU WAN, AND SHUEN LEE TSUEN ESTATES -- THE LAST FOUR HOUSING COMPLEXES IN THE P.W.D.'S ESTATE BUILDING PROGRAMME.

EACH OF THESE PRIMARY SCHOOLS WOULD HAVE 24 CLASSROOMS. THE FIRST EIGHT SHOULD BE READY TOWARDS THE END OF NEXT YEAR. THE LAST IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY MID-1978.

MR. LEI SAID PART OF THE DOMESTIC BLOCKS AT YU WAN ESTATE IN CHAI WAN WOULD BE COMPLETED IN MID-1977 AND THE WHOLE ESTATE SHOULD BE READY BY MID-1978. THE ESTATE WILL HOUSE 15,000 PEOPLE.

THE FINAL PHASE OF PAK TIN ESTATE WILL ALSO BE READY BY MID-1978 AND WILL HOUSE ABOUT 15,000 PEOPLE.

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## NEW FERRY PIER FOR HUNG HOM

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A NEW MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR PASSENGER FERRY PIER IS TO BE BUILT AT HUNG HOM TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING NUMBER OF COMMUTERS.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE NOW BEING INVITED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND BUILDING WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN FEBRUARY.

MR. H.R.A. CHAMBERLAIN, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE P.W.D.'S PORT WORKS DIVISION SAID TODAY THAT THE NEW PIER WOULD BE READY IN LATE 1978, WELL BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF THE GIANT HUNG HOM INDOOR STADIUM NOW BEING BUILT NEAR THE NEW KOWLOON RAILWAY TERMINUS.

+THE NEW INDOOR STADIUM IS CERTAIN TO GENERATE MORE PASSENGER TRAFFIC INTO THE AREA AND THE FERRY SERVICES WILL HAVE AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN COPING WITH THE EXPECTED INFLUX,+ HE SAID.

+THE NEW PIER WILL BE GEARED TO HANDLE THE ADDITIONAL PASSENGER VOLUMES AND WILL PROVIDE MUCH BETTER BERTHING AND PASSENGER FACILITIES.+

THE NEW PIER, HE SAID, WOULD BE BUILT TO THE SOUTH OF THE EXISTING FERRY LANDINGS AND WOULD PROVIDE TWO BERTHS CAPABLE OF HANDLING LARGER PASSENGER VESSELS.

A SPECIAL FEATURE OF THE NEW COMPLEX, HE SAID, WOULD BE A COVERED WALKWAY LINKING THE PIER WITH THE FERRY CONCOURSE AND THE RAILWAY TERMINUS.

+THIS FACILITY WILL GIVE PASSENGERS EASY AND CONVENIENT ACCESS BETWEEN THE PIER AND THE NEW TERMINUS,+ HE SAID.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN SAID THE NEW PIER WOULD BE A VAST IMPROVEMENT OVER THE EXISTING FACILITIES WITH LARGER AND MORE COMFORTABLE WAITING AREAS FOR PASSENGERS.

THE PIER WOULD BE A TWO-STOREY STRUCTURE WITH TWO BERTHS EACH FITTED WITH ELECTRICALLY OPERATED LIFTS AND RAMPS TO FACILITATE EMBARKING AND DISEMBARKING PASSENGERS.

THE EXISTING TWO LANDINGS, HE SAID, WERE SHARED BY THREE FERRY SERVICES AND WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO COPE ADEQUATELY WITH THE EXPECTED INCREASE IN PASSENGERS.

ON THE AVERAGE SOME 1.3 MILLION PEOPLE USE THE SERVICES EVERY MONTH AND THE NUMBER IS EXPECTED TO RISE DRAMATICALLY WITH THE OPENING OF THE NEW HUNG HOM INDOOR STADIUM.

MEANWHILE, WORK IS PROGRESSING ON THE \$68 MILLION MULTI-PURPOSE INDOOR STADIUM BEING BUILT ON THE PODIUM ABOVE THE NEW RAILWAY TERMINUS.

THE STADIUM IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN 1979 AND WILL BE AMONG THE LARGEST OF ITS TYPE IN THE WORLD WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF 15,000 AT ANY ONE TIME.

THE STADIUM WILL BE FULLY AIR-CONDITIONED AND WILL HAVE FACILITIES FOR EVERYTHING FROM GYMNASTICS AND BASKETBALL MATCHES TO THEATRICAL PERFORMANCES AND MAJOR EXHIBITIONS.

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ADVICE TO MOTOR CAR OWNERS  
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A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY ADVISED MOTOR CAR OWNERS OF THE PROCEDURES THEY SHOULD TAKE IF THEY ARE LENDING THEIR CARS TO FRIENDS OR RELATIVES WHILE THEY ARE AWAY FROM HONG KONG ON BUSINESS OR HOLIDAY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE CAR OWNER SHOULD INFORM THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT OF THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON HE IS LENDING THE CAR TO. THE PERSON'S DRIVING LICENCE NUMBER SHOULD ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE CORRESPONDENCE.

HE SAID THAT THE INSURERS OF THE VEHICLE SHOULD ALSO BE INFORMED.

ON THEIR RETURN TO HONG KONG, BOTH THE INSURERS AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN WRITING.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +BY ADVISING THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT OF THE PARTICULARS OF THE PERSON HAVING TEMPORARY CUSTODY OF HIS VEHICLE DURING HIS ABSENCE FROM HONG KONG, ANY FIXED PENALTY TICKETS OR SUMMONS ISSUED IN RESPECT OF THE VEHICLE WOULD BE ADDRESSED TO HIM BUT CARE OF THE PERSON CONCERNED.

+THIS WILL ALLOW THE PERSON HAVING TEMPORARY CUSTODY OF THE VEHICLE TO PAY THE FIXED PENALTY THUS AVOIDING COURT COSTS OF BETWEEN \$20 AND \$400.+

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED MOTOR CAR OWNERS THAT IF A COURT ORDER HAS BEEN MADE THEY WILL BE UNABLE TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF THEIR VEHICLE OR RELICENSE IT UNTIL THE COURT COSTS ARE PAID.

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WATER CUT  
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN SHEK PAI WAN, ABERDEEN, WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 P.M. ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 28) TO ENABLE THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT WATER CONNECTION WORK.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE THOSE IN AP LI CHAU, THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY'S APLICHAU POWER STATION, TIN WAN LICENSED AREA AND THE TIN WAN DAIRY FARM COMPANY LIMITED.

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