



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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SECOND STAGE DEVELOPMENT OF TUI MIN HOI AREA IN SAI KUNG
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WORK WILL BEGIN SHORTLY ON THE SECOND STAGE OF A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT SCHEME FOR THE TUI MIN HOI AREA OF SAI KUNG.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK WERE INVITED TODAY BY THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT BRANCH OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MR. BOSCO KEOWN, SENIOR ENGINEER OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT BRANCH, SAID THAT THE WORK FORMED PART OF A MASSIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AIMED AT PROVIDING BETTER LIVING CONDITIONS FOR SOME 350,000 PEOPLE IN EIGHT DIFFERENT RURAL AREAS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

IT WOULD INCLUDE THE FORMATION OF ABOUT SIX HECTARES OF LAND, LARGELY RECLAIMED FROM THE SEA, THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT 890-METRE-LONG SEAWALL AND ASSOCIATED ROADS, DRAINS AND SEWERS.

+ABOUT 1.3 HECTARES OF THE LAND FORMED WILL BE FOR VILLAGE-TYPE HOUSING. THE REST WILL BE USED AS SITES FOR A SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT, AN ABATTOIR, A SAND DEPOT AND OTHER FACILITIES,+ MR. KEOWN SAID.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN NEXT MONTH AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 24 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

MEANWHILE, WORK ON THE FIRST STAGE OF THE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME IS PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY.

UNDER THIS STAGE, ALMOST 10 HECTARES OF LAND WILL BE FORMED FOR PUBLIC HOUSING AS WELL AS HOMES FOR FISHERMEN.

LAND WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED FOR LIGHT-INDUSTRIAL AND GOVERNMENT USE AND 1.6 KM OF A NEW TWO-LANE ROAD CONNECTING HIRAM'S HIGHWAY TO THE EXISTING FISHERMEN'S HOUSING AND CARITAS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT SCHEME IN THE EASTERN HALF OF TUI MIN HOI.

IN THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR TUI MIN HOI, SITES HAVE ALSO BEEN SET ASIDE FOR A PROPOSED MARKET, A MARINE DEPARTMENT LICENSING STATION OVERLOOKING THE PROPOSED TYPHOON SHELTER, A MARINE FUELLING STATION, A SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS SOUTH OF THE NEW BOATYARD AREA ON TUI MIN HOI'S EASTERN SHORES, A SAND DEPOT NEAR THE SEWAGE PLANT AND NEXT TO IT A PROPOSED ABATTOIR.

ON THE EDUCATION SIDE, TUI MIN HOI PRIMARY SCHOOL IS TO BE RETAINED AND ADDITIONAL FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED OUTSIDE THE PLANNING AREA WITHIN EASY WALKING DISTANCE OF TUI MIN HOI.

A RESERVE AREA WEST OF THE SECOND PHASE OF THE FISHERMEN'S HOUSING PROJECT HAS ALSO BEEN EARMARKED AS A POSSIBLE SITE FOR A KINDERGARTEN.

FOR RECREATION, FIVE AREAS HAVE BEEN ALLOTTED FOR LOCAL OPEN SPACE, INCLUDING ONE OFF THE FUTURE COASTAL ROAD WHICH IS INTENDED FOR A MINI-SOCCER PITCH.

IN ADDITION, THE EXISTING WOODED AREA BETWEEN SAI KUNG AND SAI KUNG CAMP WILL BE RETAINED AS A NATURAL OPEN SPACE FOR RECREATION.

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ELEVATED ROAD ON KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION PROPOSED

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO BUILD AN ELEVATED ROAD ON KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION LINKING THE AIRPORT TUNNEL ROAD NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION WITH WAI YIP STREET AND KWUN TONG ROAD.

IT IS PART OF THE TRUNK ROAD SYSTEM WHICH WILL PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE EAST-WEST ROUTE FROM KWUN TONG TO HUNG HOM VIA THE AIRPORT TUNNEL ROAD.

THE ELEVATED ROAD WILL BE ABOUT 800 METRES IN LENGTH AND WILL HAVE DUAL THREE-LANE CARRIAGEWAYS WITH RAMPS TO WAI YIP STREET AND THE AIRPORT TUNNEL ROAD AND A LINK TO THE ELEVATED ROADWAY IN KWUN TONG ROAD BEING BUILT BY THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION.

UNDER THE PROJECT, PARTS OF WAI YIP STREET WILL ALSO BE WIDENED TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW AT GROUND LEVEL. ROADWORKS WILL ALSO BE CARRIED OUT AT GROUND LEVEL NEAR THE SPOT WHERE THE ELEVATED ROAD CONNECTS WITH THE AIRPORT TUNNEL ROAD.

TO FACILITATE PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENTS THE PROJECT WILL ALSO PROVIDE A FOOTBRIDGE OVER WAI YIP STREET WITH A RAMP TO TAI YIP STREET.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT WAS PUBLISHED TODAY IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE GIVING NOTICE OF AN ORDER TO BE MADE UNDER THE STREETS (ALTERATION) ORDINANCE FOR THIS PROJECT.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR OBJECTIONS WILL BE NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 23, 1978 AND ANY CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION MUST BE MADE BY FEBRUARY 23, 1978.

MEANWHILE, WORKS ON OTHER PROJECTS UNDER THE TRUNK ROAD SYSTEM, WHICH IS ALSO KNOWN AS ROUTE 3, ARE PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY.

THEY INCLUDE THE SAN SHAN INTERCHANGE, THE WU HU INTERCHANGE AND THE EAST KOWLOON WAY.

WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED ON ONE OF THE ROADS WHICH WILL CONNECT WAI YIP STREET EXTENSION WITH A THIRD INTERCHANGE AT THE EASTERN END OF THE AIRPORT TUNNEL ROAD. CONSTRUCTION WORK FOR THIS INTERCHANGE WILL BEGIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

THE WHOLE ROUTE 3 SCHEME IS SCHEDULED TO BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC IN 1980.

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NEW WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LAW NOW IN FORCE

A NEW LAW PROVIDING WORKERS WITH MEDICAL BENEFITS IN CASE OF INJURIES SUFFERED AT WORK COMES INTO EFFECT TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) ORDINANCE 1977, WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LAST WEDNESDAY, REQUIRES EMPLOYERS TO PAY MEDICAL EXPENSES RELATED TO TREATMENT FOR INJURIES SUFFERED BY THEIR EMPLOYEES IN THE COURSE OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT.

UNDER THIS LAW AN INJURED WORKMAN IS ENTITLED TO CLAIM MEDICAL EXPENSES ACTUALLY INCURRED UP TO A MAXIMUM CALCULATED AT THE RATE OF \$10 EACH DAY FOR OUT-PATIENT TREATMENT AND \$20 EACH DAY FOR IN-PATIENT CARE IN A HOSPITAL, AND HE CAN CLAIM SUCH MEDICAL EXPENSES FOR A MAXIMUM PERIOD OF 24 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE INJURY.

THE DAILY RATE OF MEDICAL EXPENSES WILL BE KEPT UNDER REGULAR REVIEW BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES AND WILL BE REVISED AS NECESSARY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID THAT A STUDY HAD BEEN MADE OF THE STANDARDS ADOPTED IN SEVEN NEIGHBOURING ASIAN COUNTRIES — JAPAN, THAILAND, MALAYSIA, THE PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE, TAIWAN AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. THE STUDY SHOWED THAT THESE COUNTRIES ALL PROVIDED MEDICAL CARE AND ALLIED BENEFITS IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER, EITHER AS AN EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY OR THROUGH INSURANCE SCHEMES TO WHICH EMPLOYERS WERE REQUIRED TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS.

THE NEW LAW NOW PLACES HONG KONG IN A COMPARABLE POSITION WITH ITS NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES IN THIS FIELD, HE ADDED.

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LABOUR MPS TO VISIT HONG KONG

TWO LABOUR MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, MR. BRYAN DAVIES (ENFIELD NORTH) AND MR. JOHN CARTWRIGHT (GREENWICH-WOOLWICH EAST) WILL ARRIVE IN HONG KONG ON JANUARY 2 FOR A TEN-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT.

DURING THEIR STAY, THE MPS WILL MEET THE GOVERNOR, SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS AS WELL AS THE COMMISSIONER OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION.

THEIR ITINERARY ALSO INCLUDES VISITS TO FACTORIES, THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AND SHA TIN NEW TOWN. THEY WILL HAVE PLENTY OF FREE TIME TO MEET PEOPLE AND GO TO PLACES THEY WISH TO SEE ON THEIR OWN.

THEY ARE EXPECTED TO MEET MEMBERS OF THE PRESS BEFORE THEY LEAVE HONG KONG ON JANUARY 12.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MR. DAVIES AND MR. CARTWRIGHT ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE ON JANUARY 2 BY FLIGHT BA 870 (E.T.A. 6.55 P.M.).

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CLOSURE OF ACCESS ROAD'S EXIT IN POK FU LAM
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THE SOUTHERN EXIT OF THE ACCESS ROAD OPPOSITE THE JUNCTION OF POK FU LAM ROAD AND MOUNT DAVIES ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC PERMANENTLY FROM 10 A.M. ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 26).

THE ARRANGEMENT IS TO FACILITATE SMOOTHER TRAFFIC FLOW IN POK FU LAM ROAD.

VEHICLES USING THE ACCESS ROAD CAN CONTINUE TO USE EXISTING NORTHERN OPENING BOTH FOR EXIT AND ENTRANCE.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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FIRING PRACTICE
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON SIX DAYS NEXT MONTH.

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF FIRING PRACTICE.

THE PRACTICE TIMES ARE:

DATE	HOURS
JANUARY 3 (TUESDAY)	8.30 A.M. -- 5 P.M.
JANUARY 4 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 A.M. -- 5 P.M.
JANUARY 9 (MONDAY)	8.30 A.M. -- 5 P.M.
JANUARY 10 (TUESDAY)	8.30 A.M. -- 5 P.M.
JANUARY 12 (THURSDAY)	8.30 A.M. -- 5 P.M.
JANUARY 13 (FRIDAY)	8.30 A.M. -- 5 P.M.

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