



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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## TUEN MUN ROAD TAKING SHAPE

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THE MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR TUEN MUN ROAD, WHICH WILL PROVIDE A FAST MOTOR FREEWAY BETWEEN TUEN MUN AND TSUEN WAN, IS BEGINNING TO TAKE SHAPE.

WORK ON THE 15-KILOMETRE HIGHWAY, DESIGNED TO CATER FOR THE LARGE VOLUME OF TRAFFIC EXPECTED WITH THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TWO SATELLITE TOWNS, BEGAN JUST OVER SIX MONTHS AGO AND IS PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY AND ON SCHEDULE. PRELIMINARY WORK ON NEARLY HALF ITS LENGTH HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S HIGHWAYS OFFICE, ABOUT ONE QUARTER OF THE CUTTING WORK, 15 PER CENT OF FILLING WORK AND SIX PER CENT OF BRIDGE WORK ARE NOW FINISHED. AS FOR THE MARINE WORK AT TAI LAM CHUNG BAY WHERE THE ROAD WILL CROSS THE BAY, DREDGING WORK IS VIRTUALLY READY.

TUEN MUN ROAD WILL BE A DUAL THREE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY, WITH 16 MAJOR BRIDGES SPANNING STEEP HILLSIDES AND TWO GRADE-SEPARATED INTERCHANGES AT SHAM TSENG AND TAI LAM CHUNG.

STAGE ONE OF THE PROJECT, WHICH WILL TAKE 34 MONTHS TO COMPLETE, COMPRISES THE CONSTRUCTION OF ONE OF THE TWO CARRIAGEWAYS, 16 BRIDGES AND THE TWO INTERCHANGES.

THE \$222 MILLION CONTRACT, AWARDED TO A JAPANESE COMPANY, IS THE LARGEST SINGLE CONTRACT EVER LET BY THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE.

CONSTRUCTION WORK OFFICIALLY STARTED LAST OCTOBER, MARKED BY A 1,000-YEAR-OLD SHINTO CEREMONY PERFORMED BY JAPANESE PRIESTS.

TWO THIRDS OF THE CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EARTHWORK -- THAT IS, CUTTING AND FILLING -- WHEREAS THE REMAINING THIRD IS STRUCTURAL WORK, WHICH IS THE BUILDING OF BRIDGES AND OTHER CONCRETE STRUCTURES.

THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID CONSTRUCTION WORK OF THE WHOLE LENGTH OF TUEN MUN ROAD RUNNING FROM CHAI WAN KOK AT TSUEN WAN TO CASTLE PEAK BAY AT TUEN MUN IS BEING CARRIED OUT IN FIVE SECTIONS SIMULTANEOUSLY.

MAJOR CONCRETE STRUCTURES OF THE ROAD ARE AT SECTIONS I AND II, RUNNING FROM CHAI WAN KOK TO TSING LUNG TAU. THESE FEATURES INCLUDE SEVERAL MAIN FLYOVERS, BOX STRUCTURES FOR PEDESTRIANS AND WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEMS.

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THE MAIN STRUCTURE TO BE BUILT AT SECTION IV IS A 700-METRE CAUSEWAY CROSSING TAI LAM CHUNG BAY. IT INVOLVES DREDGING AND RECLAMATION OF A SECTION OF SEABED NEAR TAI LAM CHUNG. A FLYOVER JUNCTION WILL BE BUILT AT THE WESTERN END OF THE CAUSEWAY.

APPROACHING THE EASTERN END OF THE CAUSEWAY, THE EXISTING CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL BE REALIGNED ONTO A RECLAIMED EMBANKMENT STRETCHING SOME 400 METRES AROUND BROTHERS POINT.

SECTION III AND V ARE MAINLY DEVOTED TO CUTTING AND FILLING OF HILLS AND HILLSIDES. WORK ON THESE TWO SECTIONS IS PROGRESSING AND THE HIGHWAY HAS BEGUN TO TAKE SHAPE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ABOUT FOUR MILLION CUBIC METRES OF MATERIALS WILL EVENTUALLY BE EXCAVATED, INCLUDING THE REMOVAL BY DREDGING FROM TAI LAM CHUNG BAY OF OVER HALF A MILLION CUBIC METRES.

HE SAID MORE THAN 850,000 CUBIC METRES OF HARD AND SOFT MATERIALS HAVE SO FAR BEEN EXCAVATED AND NEARLY 500,000 CUBIC METRES OF MATERIALS HAVE BEEN USED FOR FILLING. WORK OF THIS BIG PROJECT WAS CARRIED OUT WITH THE LEAST INTERFERENCE TO TRAFFIC FLOW ALONG THE EXISTING CASTLE PEAK ROAD, HE ADDED.

ONE SPECIAL FEATURE OF THE CONSTRUCTION WORK IS THAT REINFORCED CONCRETE BLOCKS, PRE-CAST BEAMS AND CONCRETE NEEDED ARE MANUFACTURED ON VARIOUS SITES OF EACH SECTION SO THAT THE PROBLEM OF TRANSPORTING MATERIALS IS SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED.

TRANSPORTATION OF SOIL AND ROCK IS ALSO CARRIED OUT BY LIGHTERS TRAVELLING ALONG THE SHORE AND THEN BY LORRIES TO THE CONSTRUCTION SITE VIA TWO TEMPORARY BRIDGES SET UP AT BROTHERS POINT AND SIU LAM.

ONE OF THE BRIDGES ON THE HIGHWAY -- THE SHAM TSENG BRIDGE -- WILL BE CONSTRUCTED UNDER A SEPARATE CONTRACT. TENDERS FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE CALLED LATER THIS YEAR. THIS BRIDGE WILL EVENTUALLY BE CONNECTED TO THE MAIN HIGHWAY.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT MOTORISTS WILL BE ABLE TO TRAVEL ALONG THE NEW TUEN MUN ROAD AROUND MID-1977.

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GOVT FACES HEAVY QUESTIONING SESSION AT LEGCO MEETING

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A WIDE VARIETY OF SUBJECTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST WILL BE DISCUSSED DURING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SITTING ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 4).

ONE OF THE MAIN TOPICS INCLUDES AN ADJOURNMENT DEBATE ON NOISE POLLUTION TO BE RAISED BY THE HON. HILTON CHEONG-LEEN.

UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL ASK 15 QUESTIONS RELATING, AMONG OTHERS, TO THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, CONTROL OF SEX OFFENCES AND TRIAD GANGS, MEDICAL FACILITIES, NEW TERRITORIES TAXI LICENCES AND IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA.

THE FIRST QUESTION ON THE AGENDA WILL BE RAISED BY DR. THE HON. HARRY FANG WHO WANTS TO KNOW WHAT APPROACHES HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE UNITED NATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE, BOTH FINANCIALLY AND FOR FINAL RESETTLEMENT, FOR THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG.

DR. FANG WILL ALSO QUERY THE GOVERNMENT ABOUT ITS PLANS FOR ADMISSION OF PATIENTS INTO PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL.

THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER, DR. THE HON. CHUNG SZE-YUEN, WILL ASK WHETHER IT IS POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE ROYAL VISIT COMMEMORATIVE GOLD COINS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE APPLIED BUT ARE UNLIKELY TO RECEIVE ONE BECAUSE DEMAND FAR EXCEEDS THE SUPPLY.

THE HON. MISS KO SIU-WAH WILL ASK WHETHER STRICTER LEGISLATION WILL BE INTRODUCED TO DEAL MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH SEX OFFENDERS. SHE WILL ALSO QUERY THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTIONS IN REGARD TO THE ISSUE OF N.T. TAXI LICENCES.

THE HON. LO TAK-SHING WILL ASK FOR A DETAILED STATEMENT AS TO WHAT CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN TO THE INTERESTS OF THOSE AFFECTED OWNERS OF ADJACENT PREMISES BY THE DECLARATION OF HAWKER PERMITTED AREAS AND TO TRAFFIC FLOW IN SUCH AREAS.

THE HON. JAMES WU WILL ASK FOR AN ASSURANCE THAT ALL REPORTS AND COMPLAINTS OF EXTORTION AND INTIMIDATION BY TRIADS OR OTHER GANGS ARE FULLY INVESTIGATED AND DEALT WITH BY THE POLICE. HE WILL ALSO ASK WHAT ACTION IS BEING TAKEN TO PROTECT TENANTS OF NEW TENEMENT BUILDINGS WHO WISH TO DECORATE OR MAKE ALTERATIONS TO THEIR FLATS, FROM EXTORTION GANGS.

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THE HON. HILTON CHEONG-LEEN WILL ASK WHEN THE TARGET OF ONE MEDICAL CLINIC PER 6,000 RESIDENTS IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES WILL BE ACHIEVED. HE WILL ALSO ASK FOR FIGURES OF LEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA.

THE HON. PETER WILLIAMS WILL ASK ABOUT THE EFFECTS THE BUDGETARY CUTS HAVE HAD ON THE AUXILIARY POLICE FORCE AND WHETHER THESE MIGHT LEAD TO A DETERIORATION OF LAW AND ORDER.

THE HON. MRS. JOYCE SYMONS WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO PROVIDE A PROPERLY MARKED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN AT THE JUNCTION OF ARGYLE STREET/WATERLOO ROAD/PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD. SHE WILL ALSO ASK WHEN THE DOUBLE FLYOVER AT THE JUNCTION WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC.

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#### PRE-WAR BUILDING DECLARED DANGEROUS

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THE THREE-STOREY PRE-WAR BUILDING AT NO. 1003 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON, IS LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS, ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING AUTHORITY.

IN A STATEMENT, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID TODAY THE BUILDING HAD BEEN FULLY INVESTIGATED FOLLOWING THE RECENT COLLAPSE OF PART OF THE KITCHEN BLOCK ROOF OF THE ADJACENT NOS. 999 AND 1001 CANTON ROAD, WHICH HAD LED TO THE EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF BOTH OF THOSE BUILDINGS.

NO. 1003 WAS FOUND TO HAVE SEVERE FRACTURES IN THE LOADBEARING BRICK FLANK WALL ABUTTING NO. 1001 CANTON ROAD AND THERE IS OUTWARD MOVEMENT OF BOTH ITS FRONT VERANDAHS AND REAR KITCHEN BLOCK. IN ADDITION MANY OF THE FLOOR AND ROOF TIMBERS ARE DECAYED, HE SAID.

AS NO. 1003 CANTON ROAD CANNOT THUS SAFELY WITHSTAND THE DEMOLITION OF THE ADJACENT NOS. 999 AND 1001 CANTON ROAD IT IS THEREFORE NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER. THE APPLICATION WILL BE MADE AT KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT AT 9:30 A.M. ON JUNE 27, 1975.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

WORKSHOP ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION  
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A FOUR-DAY WORKSHOP ON LOCAL LITERATURE AND SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION BEGINS TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE LADY TRENCH TRAINING CENTRE AT 44 OI KWAN ROAD, WANCHAI (NEAR THE MORRISON SWIMMING POOL).

THE WORKSHOP IS ORGANISED BY SOCIAL WORK EDUCATORS OF THE SOCIAL WORK TRAINING INSTITUTION AND THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, WILL MAKE THE OPENING SPEECH AT 10 A.M.

THE THEME CHOSEN FOR THE WORKSHOP IS 'INSIGHTS INTO IDENTITY' AND THE FORMAT WILL CONSIST OF TALKS AND SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION.

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE OPENING CEREMONY COVERED. COPIES OF MR. LEE'S SPEECH IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGH G.I.S. TOMORROW.

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WEEKLY WATER SITUATION REPORT  
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THE TOTAL WATER STORAGE IN ALL RESERVOIRS WAS 61,356 MILLION GALLONS AS AT 9 A.M. THIS (MONDAY) MORNING, REPRESENTING 91.2 PER CENT OF THE FULL STORAGE CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS. AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE TOTAL STORAGE WAS 34,896 MILLION GALLONS.

PLOVER COVE RESERVOIR ALONE CONTAINED 45,846 MILLION GALLONS, REPRESENTING 90.8 PER CENT OF ITS TOTAL CAPACITY OF 50,500 MILLION GALLONS. THIS MORNING'S STORAGE AT PLOVER COVE COMPARES WITH 28,007 MILLION GALLONS ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR.

A TOTAL OF 15.7 MM (0.62 IN) OF RAINFALL WAS RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS ENDING AT 9 A.M. TODAY. THIS BRINGS TO 1,085.2 MM (42.72 IN) THE TOTAL RAINFALL RECORDED SO FAR THIS YEAR.

THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 THIS YEAR IS 588.9 MM (23.19 IN).

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