



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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PERMANENT SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT AT SHA TIN  
FIRST CONTRACT SIGNED  
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY AWARDED THE FIRST CONTRACT FOR THE NEW \$175 MILLION PERMANENT SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT AT SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

THE CONTRACT, WORTH ABOUT \$3.7 MILLION, IS FOR THE SUPPLY OF FINE BUBBLE AERATION EQUIPMENT AND HAS BEEN AWARDED TO THE BRITISH FIRM HAWKER SIDDELY WATER ENGINEERING LTD., WHOSE LOCAL AGENT IS HUTCHISON-BOAG ENGINEERING LTD.

THE CONTRACT WAS FORMALLY SIGNED IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS THIS MORNING BETWEEN MR. C. CAPE, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF HAWKER SIDDELY, AND MR. WONG KWOK-CHOY, CHIEF P.W.D. ENGINEER OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE'S CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT.

MR. WONG SAID THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST OF 16 ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL CONTRACTS FOR WHICH TENDERS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

+IT IS EXPECTED THE NEXT TWO CONTRACTS WILL BE SIGNED IN ABOUT A MONTH,+ HE SAID.

+TENDERS FOR THE HUGE CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO BE INVITED BY THE END OF FEBRUARY.+

THE NEW PLANT WILL BE BUILT JUST NORTH OF THE NEW RACECOURSE AT SHA TIN NEW TOWN ON 17 HECTARES OF RECLAIMED LAND.

WORK ON THE FIRST STAGE OF THE NEW PLANT WILL BEGIN LATER THIS YEAR.

THE STAGE ONE CONSTRUCTION WHICH IS BEING PARTLY FINANCED BY A \$95 MILLION LOAN FROM THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, WILL INVOLVE SETTLING AND AERATION TANKS AND AN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

MR. WONG SAID IT WAS HOPED THAT THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT WOULD BE DELIVERED FOR INSTALLATION TOWARDS THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR.

MR. WONG SAID THAT WHEN FULLY DEVELOPED, THE PLANT WOULD SERVE THE NEW TOWN'S ENTIRE POPULATION OF SOME 500,000.

THE PLANT'S CONSTRUCTION TIMETABLE HAS BEEN GEARED TO KEEP PACE WITH THE VARIOUS STAGES OF THE NEW TOWN'S DEVELOPMENT, AND IN FACT IT WOULD BE RACING AHEAD OF INITIAL POPULATION INCREASE, HE SAID.

BY THE TIME IT'S COMMISSIONED IN 1980, THE POPULATION OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN SHOULD BE STANDING AT AROUND 150,000 WHILE THE SEWAGE WORKS WOULD BE CAPABLE OF SERVING SOME 230,000 PEOPLE, HE SAID.

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THE TREATMENT WORKS WOULD BE ABLE TO TREAT MORE THAN 102,000 CUBIC METRES OF RAW SEWAGE PER DAY, SAID MR. WONG.

+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.+

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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PRINCESS ALEXANDRA TO BEGIN BUSY PROGRAMME TOMORROW  
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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF HRH PRINCESS ALEXANDRA'S PROGRAMME FOR TOMORROW (FRIDAY):

- 11.45 A.M. VISIT POLICE CADET SCHOOL, FANLING  
(TRANSPORT FOR ACCREDITED PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES CARPARK AT 9.45 A.M. SHARP)
- 2.30 P.M. VISIT LEK YUEN ESTATE, SHA TIN  
(TRANSPORT FOR ACCREDITED PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES CARPARK AT 1.15 P.M. SHARP)  
PHOTOGRAPHS AND T.V. FOOTAGE TAKEN INSIDE THE KINDERGARTEN, THE SUPERMARKET AND THE MARKET AT LEK YUEN ESTATE WILL BE PROVIDED BY GIS.

AS EXPLAINED DURING THE PRESS BRIEFING ON THE ROYAL VISIT, PRESS REPRESENTATIVES COVERING HRH'S VISIT TO THE POLICE CADET SCHOOL WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COVER THE VISIT TO LEK YUEN ESTATE.

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## 1976 - FIFTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR WITH ABOVE AVERAGE RAINFALL

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1976 WAS THE FIFTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR WITH ABOVE AVERAGE RAINFALL ALTHOUGH EXCEPTIONALLY DRY CONDITIONS PREVAILED DURING THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS.

THE TOTAL RAINFALL FOR THE YEAR AMOUNTED TO 2,197.2 MM, OF WHICH NEARLY 75 PER CENT WAS RECORDED IN JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST. MOST OF THE MONTHS WERE WARMER AND LESS HUMID THAN USUAL.

TWENTY-SEVEN TROPICAL CYCLONES WERE REPORTED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA DURING THE YEAR, AND TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SIGNALS WERE DISPLAYED ON FIVE OCCASIONS IN HONG KONG.

THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF THE YEAR WERE WARM, SUNNY AND DRY. WIDESPREAD FOG WAS REPORTED OVER HONG KONG WATERS AND ALONG THE SOUTH CHINA COAST BETWEEN FEBRUARY 14 AND 18, AND AS A RESULT, ONE SHIP WENT AGROUND AT LEI YUE MUN CHANNEL AND FOUR OTHERS WERE INVOLVED IN COLLISIONS.

CLOUDY CONDITIONS DOMINATED THE FOLLOWING THREE MONTHS WITH WIDESPREAD FOG ON MANY DAYS IN MARCH AND APRIL. UNUSUALLY HIGH TEMPERATURES WERE RECORDED DURING THE LATTER PART OF MAY DUE TO THE APPROACH OF TYPHOON OLGA. IN THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 26, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY RECORDED A MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 35.2 DEGREES CELSIUS WHICH WAS THE HIGHEST IN THE YEAR AND THE SECOND HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR ANY MAY.

JUNE WAS MUCH WETTER THAN THE PREVIOUS FIVE MONTHS WITH RAINFALL ABOUT SIX PER CENT ABOVE AVERAGE. DURING THE MONTH, THE WEATHER WAS MAINLY CLOUDY WITH OCCASIONAL HEAVY SHOWERS AND SCATTERED THUNDERSTORMS.

THE WEATHER IN JULY WAS QUITE SEASONABLE ALTHOUGH RAINFALL WAS ABOUT 15 PER CENT ABOVE AVERAGE. SEVERE TROPICAL STORM VIOLET WHICH AFFECTED HONG KONG BROUGHT WITH IT FREQUENT HEAVY SHOWERS AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS.

AUGUST WAS GENERALLY WARM AND SUNNY APART FROM THE EXCESSIVE RAIN CAUSED BY TROPICAL STORM ELLEN. WIDESPREAD FLOODING AND DISASTROUS LANDSLIPS OCCURRED IN MANY PLACES IN THE WAKE OF THIS TROPICAL STORM. EIGHTEEN PEOPLE WERE KILLED IN ONE LANDSLIP AT SAU MAU PING WHILE ANOTHER TWELVE LOST THEIR LIVES IN OTHER INCIDENTS. THE TOTAL RAINFALL FOR THE MONTH WAS 765.3 MM WHICH WAS MORE THAN DOUBLE THE AVERAGE FIGURE AND RANKED AS THE THIRD HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR ANY AUGUST. THE 24-HOUR RAINFALL OF 416.2 MM RECORDED BETWEEN 11 A.M. ON AUGUST 24 AND 11 A.M. ON AUGUST 25 WAS THE HIGHEST IN ANY AUGUST AND THE THIRD HIGHEST IN ANY MONTH. THE TWO-DAY TOTAL OF 511.6 MM RECORDED ON AUGUST 24 AND 25 CREATED A NEW TWO-DAY RECORD FOR AUGUST AND HAS ONLY BEEN EXCEEDED ON TWO PREVIOUS OCCASIONS IN OTHER MONTHS.

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER WERE ABNORMALLY CLOUDY BUT WITH BELOW AVERAGE RAINFALL. DURING THE SECOND HALF OF SEPTEMBER STRONG MONSOON SIGNAL WAS HOISTED ON THREE OCCASIONS FOR A TOTAL DURATION OF 148 HOURS AND 15 MINUTES, WHICH IS THE HIGHEST MONTHLY FIGURE SINCE 1956 WHEN THIS SIGNAL WAS FIRST INTRODUCED.

NOVEMBER WAS EXCEPTIONALLY COLD AND DRY AND ITS MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 19.1 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS THE LOWEST MEAN TEMPERATURE ON RECORD. THE TOTAL RAINFALL IN THE MONTH WAS ONLY TWO PER CENT OF THE AVERAGE AND FIRE DANGER WARNINGS WERE IN FORCE ALMOST EVERY DAY.

IN DECEMBER, HONG KONG EXPERIENCED A LONG SPELL OF MILD AND SUNNY WEATHER AND DAILY MEAN TEMPERATURES REMAINED WELL ABOVE NORMAL ON ALMOST EVERY DAY UNTIL THE ARRIVAL OF AN INTENSE COLD SURGE LATE ON CHRISTMAS DAY. THE TEMPERATURE THEN FELL STEADILY AND ON THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 28, A MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 5.7 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED WHICH WAS THE LOWEST OF THE YEAR.

DURING THE PERIOD DECEMBER 27-29, RIME WAS OBSERVED NEAR THE TOP OF TAI MO SHAN WHERE A MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF -3 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON DECEMBER 28. FROST WAS ALSO REPORTED ON HIGH GROUND AND IN THE NORTHERN PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES. AN OLD MAN WAS REPORTED TO HAVE DIED OF THE COLD. DAMAGE TO CROPS WAS SLIGHT BUT MANY YOUNG FISH IN THE FISH PONDS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WERE KILLED AND THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE LOSS IN LIVESTOCK.

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NO RESERVATIONS FOR TRAIN TICKETS  
DURING LUNAR NEW YEAR  
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SEAT RESERVATIONS FOR A NUMBER OF TRAINS TRAVELLING FROM KOWLOON TERMINAL TO LO WU ON FOUR DAYS BEFORE THE CHINESE NEW YEAR WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE KCR, MR. REGINALD GREGORY, SAID THIS WAS TO +OBVIATE THE POSSIBILITY OF IMPROPER PURCHASE OF TICKETS+.

BOOKINGS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR EIGHT TRAINS TRAVELLING TO LO WU FROM KOWLOON BETWEEN 5.20 A.M. AND 11.10 A.M. ON THE FOUR DAYS BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 14 (MONDAY).

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REGISTRATION TEAM TO OPERATE AT SOUTH LANTAU  
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A TEAM FROM THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT REGISTRATIONS AT SOUTH LANTAU RURAL COMMITTEE FOR RESIDENTS AND PEOPLE LIVING NEARBY FOR TWO DAYS FROM NEXT THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 10).

THE VISIT IS TO ENABLE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS TO REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN OR WARDS OF 11 YEARS OF AGE FOR JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS AND HOLDERS OF JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS TO REGISTER FOR ADULT IDENTITY CARDS ON REACHING 18 YEARS OF AGE.

REGISTRATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND 4 P.M. DURING THOSE TWO DAYS.

ALL PEOPLE LIVING IN THIS AREA ARE REMINDED OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO REGISTER THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN FOR IDENTITY CARDS. THEY SHOULD REPORT CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT OR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES, MARITAL STATUS, OR ANY OTHER PARTICULARS WHICH HAVE CHANGED SINCE REGISTERING FOR THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

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SALISBURY ROAD CLOSED TEMPORARILY  
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DUE TO EMERGENCY ROAD WORKS, THE SECTION OF SALISBURY ROAD BETWEEN NATHAN ROAD AND THE ACCESS ROAD TO THE MIDDLE ROAD MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK HAS BEEN CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.

THIS ROAD CLOSURE WILL LAST FOR FOUR OR FIVE DAYS MORE.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS HAVE BEEN PLACED IN THE AREA FOR THE GUIDANCE OF MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUT  
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WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN NORTH POINT WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR FIVE HOUR FROM 1 A.M. ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 5) TO ENABLE STAFF OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY NORTH POINT ROAD, SEAFRONT, SHU KUK STREET AND NORTH SIDE OF KING'S ROAD.

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