



## DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES  
BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, HONG KONG. TEL. 5-233191

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1979

<u>CONTENTS</u>	<u>PAGE NO.</u>
INCREASES IN COMPENSATION FOR RESUMED LAND IN N.T. ....	1
\$6 MILLION CONTRACT FOR LANTAU COUNTRY PARK FACILITIES SIGNED.....	2
THREE MORE COUNTRY PARKS FOR HONG KONG.....	3
HONG KONG-U.S. TEXTILE TALKS RESUME.....	4
FIRST CONTRACT FOR SHEK WU HUI SEWAGE PLANT SIGNED.....	4
TENDERS FOR SUPERSTRUCTURE OF RAILWAY DEPOT PODIUM.....	5
FIELD STUDIES COURSE FOR 80 GEOGRAPHY TEACHERS.....	6
ANOTHER CONTROLLED TIP FOR MA YAU TONG.....	6
NEW MACAU FERRY TERMINAL COMPLEX TAKES ANOTHER STEP FORWARD.....	7
EASTERN STREET TO BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY.....	7

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1979

- 1 -

INCREASES IN COMPENSATION FOR RESUMED LAND IN N.T.

\* \* \* \* \*

THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED INCREASES IN ITS COMPENSATION RATES FOR LAND RESUMED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

AS FROM OCTOBER 1, OWNERS OF RESUMED AGRICULTURAL LAND WITHIN THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT AREAS WILL BE COMPENSATED AT THE NEW FULL RATE OF \$59 PER SQUARE FOOT INSTEAD OF \$53 PER SQUARE FOOT -- AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 11 PER CENT.

THE EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE OFFERED TO OWNERS OF RESUMED BUILDING LAND WITHIN THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT AREAS WILL BE AT THE NEW FULL RATE OF \$125 PER SQUARE FOOT INSTEAD OF \$113 PER SQUARE FOOT -- A 9.6 PER CENT INCREASE.

GIVING DETAILS OF THE NEW RATES TODAY, THE ACTING PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR. A.J. HARLAND SAID THEY HAD BEEN DRAWN UP IN LINE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF CONDUCTING HALF-YEARLY REVIEWS OF COMPENSATION RATES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE POLICY WAS ADOPTED EARLY LAST YEAR ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON NEW TERRITORIES URBAN LAND ACQUISITION HEADED BY SIR YUET-KEUNG KAN.

MR. HARLAND SAID THE NEW RATES WOULD BE EFFECTIVE UP TO MARCH 31 NEXT YEAR, WHEN A FURTHER REVIEW WILL BE CARRIED OUT.

HE POINTED OUT THAT UNDER THE REVISED GOVERNMENT LAND RESUMPTION POLICY IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, OWNERS OF RESUMED LAND OUTSIDE THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT AREAS WOULD BE COMPENSATED AT A PROPORTIONATE PERCENTAGE OF THE NEW FULL RATES DEPENDING ON THE LOCATION OF THE LAND RESUMED, AND MORE PARTICULARLY AS DEFINED ON A ZONAL PLAN AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY THE PUBLIC AT EACH OF THE DISTRICT OFFICES.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/2.....

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1979

- 2 -

**\$6 MILLION CONTRACT FOR LANTAU COUNTRY PARK FACILITIES SIGNED  
\*\*\*\*\***

A \$6 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF MANAGEMENT CENTRES, TOILETS AND CAMPSITES AT THE LANTAU COUNTRY PARK WAS SIGNED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE LANTAU COUNTRY PARKS, WITH A TOTAL LAND AREA OF 7 800 HECTARES RECEIVED MORE THAN 700 000 RECREATIONAL VISITORS LAST YEAR AND THE FIGURE IS EXPECTED TO BREAK THE 800 000 BARRIER THIS YEAR.

THE CONTRACT FOR THE NEW FACILITIES WAS SIGNED TODAY BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR. JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN AND THE MANAGER OF THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, HUNG YUE AND CO., MR. CHENG WAH.

TERMS OF THE CONTRACT STIPULATE THAT TWO MANAGEMENT CENTRES AT TUNG CHUNG AND TAI O, A TOILET BLOCK AND CAMPSITE AT NAM SHAN BE COMPLETED IN 18 MONTHS' TIME.

THE MANAGEMENT CENTRES WILL BE THE BASE FOR 124 STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT.

AT PRESENT THERE IS A MANAGEMENT CENTRE AT NAM SHAN AND A SUB-CENTRE AT SHEK PIK. SINCE THE FORMAL DESIGNATION OF THE PARKS (NORTH AND SOUTH LANTAU) EARLIER THIS YEAR NUMEROUS RAIN SHELTERS, PICNIC PLACES, BARBECUE SITES AND CAMPSITES HAVE BEEN SET UP WITHIN THE AREA. FUTURE PLANS, BEYOND THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT, CALL FOR EXTENDING PRESENT FACILITIES AS WELL AS FIRE LOOKOUT POSTS.

MR. RIDDELL-SWAN SAID TODAY THAT LANTAU WAS PROVING TO BE A VERY POPULAR RECREATIONAL AREA FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

AND HE ADDED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS ALSO PLANNING TO PRESERVE AS MUCH OF THE ISLAND AS POSSIBLE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL PURPOSES.

ALREADY THE DEPARTMENT WAS TAKING OVER THE PRESERVATION OF OLD FORTS AT TUNG CHUNG AND FAN LAU AND ANCIENT LIME KILNS AT YI LONG WAN IN THE CHI MA WAN PENINSULA.

----- 0 -----

/3.....

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1979

- 3 -

THREE MORE COUNTRY PARKS FOR HONG KONG

\* \* \* \* \*

THREE MORE COUNTRY PARKS, WITH A TOTAL LAND AREA OF 1 250 HECTARES, HAVE BEEN FORMALLY DESIGNATED ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GAZETTE, THE COUNTRY PARKS DESIGNATED ARE AT SHEK O (710 HECTARES), POK FU LAM (270 HECTARES) AND QUARRY BAY (AN EXTENSION OF 270 HECTARES OF THE TAI TAM COUNTRY PARK).

INCLUDING THE TAI TAM EXTENSION, THERE ARE NOW FOUR COUNTRY PARKS ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND A TOTAL OF 18 FOR THE WHOLE OF HONG KONG. THE ONLY COUNTRY PARK LEFT FOR FORMAL DESIGNATION IN THE COUNTRY PARKS PACKAGE IS CLEARWATER BAY, WHICH HAS BEEN GAZETTED FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION.

THE TAI TAM EXTENSION ADJOINS THE DENSELY POPULATED QUARRY BAY AND CHAI WAN DISTRICTS. THE MAIN PEDESTRIAN ACCESS IN THE NORTH WILL BE VIA MOUNT PARKER ROAD AND BY FOOTPATHS FROM THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TAI KOO RESERVOIR AREA. IN THE SOUTH, MOUNT PARKER PROVIDES A LINK TO THE EXISTING TAI TAM COUNTRY PARK.

BARBECUE SITES WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN SUITABLE LOCATIONS WHERE FIRE RISK CAN BE CONTAINED. APPROVED BARBECUE PLACES WILL BE CLEARLY IDENTIFIED WITH SIGNS. LIGHTING OF FIRES ELSEWHERE IN THE COUNTRY PARK WILL BE PROHIBITED BY REGULATIONS. PICNIC FACILITIES, CHILDREN'S PLAY APPARATUS AND SHELTERS WILL BE PROVIDED WHERE APPROPRIATE AND THE SITES WILL BE DESIGNED FOR BOTH LARGE AND SMALL GROUPS OF VISITORS.

SIMILAR FACILITIES WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED AT SHEK O COUNTRY PARK.

THE SHEK O ROAD GIVES ACCESS TO THE MAIN RECREATION AREAS AND THERE IS PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO THE AREA. THE MAIN PEAKS AND RIDGES ARE ACCESSIBLE BY FOOTPATHS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY SAID TODAY THAT IT WAS PROPOSED TO EVENTUALLY DESIGNATE THE MAJORITY OF THE POK FU LAM COUNTRY PARK AS A SPECIAL AREA IN VIEW OF THE OVERRIDING NEED TO CONSERVE AND PROTECT THE EXISTING EXTENSIVE MATURE WOODLAND AND ITS RELATED WILDLIFE.

HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT FACILITIES FOR INFORMAL RECREATION WILL BE PROVIDED IN CAREFULLY SELECTED LOCATIONS SO AS NOT TO CONFLICT WITH THE CONSERVATION OBJECTIVES OF THE SPECIAL AREA.

THE MAIN ACCESS POINTS FOR PEDESTRIANS ARE AT THE JUNCTION OF PEAK ROAD WITH POK FU LAM RESERVOIR IN THE NORTH AND THE POK FU LAM RESERVOIR ROAD BELOW THE RESERVOIR IN THE SOUTH. SEVERAL OTHER FOOTPATHS ALSO GIVE ACCESS TO THE AREA.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/4.....

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1979

- 4 -

HONG KONG-U.S. TEXTILE TALKS RESUME  
\* \* \* \* \*

TALKS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CURRENT FIVE-YEAR HONG KONG-U.S. TEXTILE AGREEMENT WILL CONTINUE IN HONG KONG NEXT MONTH, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE TALKS WILL BEGIN ON OCTOBER 1.

A DELEGATION OF U.S. NEGOTIATORS LED BY AMBASSADOR MICHAEL SMITH WILL ARRIVE HERE AT THE END OF NEXT WEEK.

LEADING THE HONG KONG TEAM WILL BE THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR. PETER TSAO.

- - - - 0 - - - -

FIRST CONTRACT FOR SHEK WU HUI SEWAGE PLANT SIGNED  
\* \* \* \* \*

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) AWARDED THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF CONTRACTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MAJOR NEW SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS AT SHEK WU HUI IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

PHASE ONE OF THE WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT UNDER 11 SEPARATE CONTRACTS TO BE LET OVER THE NEXT SEVEN MONTHS, AND WILL INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERING AND BUILDING WORKS AND THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT.

TODAY'S CONTRACT, COSTING JUST UNDER \$3 MILLION IS FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF SCREENS AND SCRAPERS, AND WAS AWARDED TO HAWKER SIDDELEY WATER ENGINEERING LTD. OF THE U.K.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY MR. BOSCO KEOWN, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE TAI PO AND FANLING DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND MR. MICHAEL CORKE OF HUTCHISON-BOAG ENGINEERING LTD., THE LOCAL AGENT FOR HAWKER SIDDELEY WATER ENGINEERING LTD.

THE SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS FORMS PART OF THE NEW DEVELOPMENT BEING UNDERTAKEN IN FANLING AND SHEK WU HUI, AND WILL BE CONSTRUCTED ON A SITE OF ABOUT 10 HECTARES IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO AND INCORPORATING THE EXISTING SHEK WU HUI PILOT SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT.

THE WORKS WILL SERVE A POPULATION OF ABOUT 127 000 TOGETHER WITH THE ASSOCIATED INDUSTRIES IN THE NEW DEVELOPMENT, AND WILL TREAT SEWAGE BROUGHT BY A NEW SYSTEM OF SEWERS AND PUMPING STATIONS FROM THE URBAN AREAS OF FANLING AND SHEK WU HUI.

THE LATEST METHODS OF SEWAGE TREATMENT WILL BE INCORPORATED IN THE WORKS AND WILL ENABLE THE PRODUCTION OF A HIGH STANDARD OF EFFLUENT.

/WORK ON.....

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY MAY 1982 ALTHOUGH PARTS OF THE WORKS ARE TO BE OPERATIONAL BY JANUARY 1982, TO PROVIDE A TREATMENT FACILITY FOR THE FIRST PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IN THE AREA, NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA IN ASSOCIATION WITH WATSON (HONG KONG) ON BEHALF OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

- - - - 0 - - - -

TENDERS FOR SUPERSTRUCTURE OF RAILWAY DEPOT PODIUM  
\* \* \* \* \*

THE NEXT STEP IS ABOUT TO BE TAKEN IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF MORE THAN 570 LUXURY FLATS ABOVE THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY DEPOT AT SHA TIN.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) INVITED TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SUPERSTRUCTURE OF THE PODIUM OVER THE FUTURE HO TUNG LAU RAILWAY DEPOT.

THE WORK INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PODIUM DECK OF ABOUT 2.7 HECTARES AND ITS SUPPORTING COLUMNS, AN ADJOINING ELEVATED ROAD AS WELL AS A PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGE TO THE RACECOURSE BUS TERMINUS.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE PLANS TO BUILD MORE THAN 570 LUXURY FLATS OF BETWEEN 170 SQUARE METRES (1 830 SQUARE FEET) AND 224 SQUARE METRES (2 415 SQUARE FEET) ON THE PODIUM.

THE LUXURY HOUSING SCHEME INCLUDES PLANS FOR 528 FLATS WITH AN AVERAGE GROSS AREA OF 224 SQUARE METRES IN EIGHT 33-STORY TOWER BLOCKS WHICH WOULD COMMAND SWEEPING VIEWS OF THE RACECOURSE TO THE NORTH AND THE NEW TOWN TO THE SOUTH.

AS WELL THERE WILL BE A 12-STORY RESIDENTIAL BLOCK WITH 48 DUPLEX UNITS OF 170 SQUARE METRES EACH ABOVE A COMMERCIAL-COMMUNITY COMPLEX.

THE PROJECT WOULD BE SELF-CONTAINED WITH LANDSCAPING AND A VARIETY OF COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES SUCH AS A SWIMMING POOL.

THE SITE IS BOUNDED BY THE K.C.R. MAIN LINE AND THE NEW TRUNK ROAD TO TAI PO AND LIES BETWEEN FO TAN AND THE NEW RACECOURSE STATION.

THE WHOLE PROJECT IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY 1984.

THE SUPERSTRUCTURES HAVE BEEN DESIGNED BY MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA, WHO WILL ALSO SUPERVISE THE CONSTRUCTION, IN THEIR CAPACITY AS SUB-CONSULTANTS TO TRANSMARK.

- - - - 0 - - - -

FIELD STUDIES COURSE FOR 80 GEOGRAPHY TEACHERS  
\* \* \* \* \*

EIGHTY GEOGRAPHY TEACHERS WILL ATTEND A ONE-DAY ORIENTATION COURSE ON FIELD STUDIES TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S FIELD STUDIES CENTRE IN SAI KUNG.

AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY): +THE COURSE AIMS TO FAMILIARISE THE TEACHERS WITH THE CENTRE AND THE SURROUNDING LANDSCAPES IN READINESS FOR RESIDENTIAL ECOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY COURSES FOR MATRICULATION STUDENTS AT THE CENTRE DURING TERM-TIME.+

ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS) MRS. LOUISE MOK, WILL GIVE AN OPENING ADDRESS TOMORROW.

PROFESSOR C.J. GRANT OF THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY'S DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND GEOLOGY WILL GIVE A TALK ON +FIELDWORK IN GEOGRAPHY+= WHILE DR. T.N. CHIU OF THE SAME DEPARTMENT WILL TALK ON +FIELDWORK POSSIBILITIES IN SAI KUNG - HUMAN ASPECT.+

ANOTHER TALK ON +FIELDWORK POSSIBILITIES IN SAI KUNG - PHYSICAL ASPECT+ WILL BE GIVEN BY MR. K.Y. TO OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS CHANG MING THIEN COLLEGE.

AN INTRODUCTION ON THE FACILITIES AND COURSES PROVIDED AT THE FIELD STUDIES CENTRE WILL BE GIVEN BY MRS. JOSEPHINE CHOW, INSPECTOR (FIELD STUDIES) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE.

- - - - 0 - - - -

ANOTHER CONTROLLED TIP FOR MA YAU TONG  
\* \* \* \* \*

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS INVITED TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A CONTROLLED TIP FOR DISPOSING REFUSE AT MA YAU TONG +CENTRAL+, OFF JUNK BAY ROAD IN KWUN TONG.

THE SITE IS ABOUT 500 METRES TO THE EAST OF THE MA YAU TONG +WEST+ CONTROLLED TIPPING SITE.

SITE PREPARATORY WORKS WILL COMPRISE EXCAVATION OF ABOUT 450 000 CUBIC METRES OF MATERIAL, AND ASSOCIATED SLOPE PROTECTION AND DRAINAGE WORKS.

THE CONTRACT WILL ALSO INVOLVE THE INSTALLATION OF AN +IMPERVIOUS MEMBRANE LINER+ AND A SYSTEM OF +SUB-SOIL DRAINS+ ON THE VALLEY TO CHANNEL THE WASTE PRODUCED FROM THE REFUSE TO THE PUBLIC SEWERS.

ON COMPLETION IN 1982, MA YAU TONG +CENTRAL+ WILL YIELD SEVEN HECTARES OF LAND FOR RECREATIONAL USE AND ABOUT 2.2 HECTARES FOR EDUCATIONAL, INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY USE.

THE PROJECT HAS BEEN DESIGNED, AND WILL BE SUPERVISED, BY THE DEVELOPMENT AND AIRPORT DIVISION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, P.W.D.

- - - - 0 - - - -

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1979

- 7 -

NEW MACAU FERRY TERMINAL COMPLEX  
TAKES ANOTHER STEP FORWARD

\* \* \* \*

THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW MACAU FERRY TERMINAL COMPLEX HAS TAKEN ANOTHER STEP FORWARD.

THE GREEN LIGHT HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR A CROWN LEASE TO BE GRANTED UNDER THE FORESHORES AND SEA BED ORDINANCE FOR A 2 441.6 SQUARE METRE SITE NEAR CONNAUGHT ROAD, CENTRAL.

A PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THE AREA IS TO BE DEVELOPED AS PART OF THE TERMINAL COMPLEX.

A PLAN NUMBERED P11953 SHOWING THE AREA TO BE LEASED CAN BE SEEN EITHER AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE ON THE 19TH FLOOR OF MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, OR THE PORT WORKS DIVISION ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE SAME BUILDING.

- - - - 0 - - - -

EASTERN STREET TO BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY

\* \* \* \* \*

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE SECTION OF EASTERN STREET BETWEEN FIRST STREET AND SECOND STREET IN SAI YING PUN WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND FROM 10 A.M. ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 24) TO IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY IN THE AREA.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

- - - - 0 - - - -