



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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PWD BUILDING FOUR SPORTS GROUNDS AND STADIA
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS BUILDING FOUR SPORTS GROUNDS AND STADIA WHICH, ON COMPLETION, WILL PROVIDE MUCH-NEEDED SPORTS FACILITIES TO THOUSANDS OF YOUNG SPORTSMEN IN HONG KONG.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF PWD SAID TODAY THAT ONE OF THE MOST UP-TO-DATE STADIA UNDER CONSTRUCTION WAS THE INVERTED-PYRAMID HUNG HOM INDOOR STADIUM.

WORK ON THE \$93 MILLION COMPLEX, WHICH CAN SEAT ABOUT 12,500 PEOPLE, IS PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT WORK ON THE SUPERSTRUCTURE WAS 25 PER CENT COMPLETE.

THE STEEL ROOF, COMPLETED EARLIER AND LIFTED UP INTO THE AIR, WILL BE LOWERED ONTO THE SUPERSTRUCTURE WHEN THE LATTER IS COMPLETED EARLY NEXT YEAR.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE STADIUM WILL BE READY FOR USE BY THE MIDDLE OF 1981.

MEANWHILE, WORK IS RACING AHEAD ON THE \$43 MILLION QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM IN QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

THE STADIUM, WHICH WILL HAVE FACILITIES FOR JUST ABOUT EVERY INDOOR SPORT, FROM TABLE TENNIS AND BADMINTON TO ATHELETICS AND GYMNASTICS, WILL BE THE FINEST OF ITS KIND IN ASIA.

IT COULD BE READY FOR OPENING BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

IN ADDITION, THE EXTENSION TO THE ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND IS SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE WHILE WORK ON THE KWAI CHUNG INDOOR GAMES HALL HAS JUST STARTED.

THE SPOKESMAN RECALLED THAT SEVEN SPORTS AND RECREATION GROUNDS, INCLUDING THE ABERDEEN INDOOR GAMES HALL AND THE WAN CHAI SPORTS GROUND, WERE COMPLETED LAST YEAR.

HE ADDED THAT THESE SPORTS GROUNDS TOGETHER WITH THE ONES NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION SHOULD CONSIDERABLY EASE THE GENERAL SHORTAGE OF PLAYGROUNDS IN HONG KONG.

MOST OF THESE PROJECTS ARE FINANCED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL.

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RECREATION AND SPORT SCHEME FOR REMOTE VILLAGES
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OVER THE PAST 15 MONTHS, OFFICERS FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE HAVE BEEN, QUIETLY AND WITHOUT FANFARE, BRINGING HEALTHY SPORT AND RECREATIONAL PURSUITS TO THE YOUNG AND OLD LIVING IN THE MORE REMOTE VILLAGES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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THROUGH THEIR ASSISTANCE AND DEDICATION, RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS EXCURSIONS, BALL GAMES, ARCHERY, SKATE-BOARDING AND GYMNASTICS ARE NOW HELD REGULARLY IN THE VILLAGES.

SINCE THE SCHEME WAS LAUNCHED IN DECEMBER 1977, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE ORGANISED NO LESS THAN 85 EVENTS WHICH BENEFITTED MORE THAN 13,000 VILLAGERS.

+THE PROGRAMME WAS DESIGNED TO CATER FOR ALL TASTES,+ THE REGIONAL RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER (NEW TERRITORIES), MR. STANLEY LEE SAID.

FOR ADULTS AND THE ELDERLY, EXCURSIONS NOTABLY TO OCEAN PARK ARE ARRANGED WHILE A WIDE RANGE OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES ARE ORGANISED FOR THE YOUNGSTERS. COACHING LESSONS ARE ALSO HELD.

MR. LEE SAID THE SCHEME INVOLVES A LOT OF WORK ON THE PART OF THE SPORT OFFICERS.

+FOR INSTANCE, BEFORE WE CAN INTRODUCE THIS SERVICE TO ANY VILLAGE, MUCH PREPARATORY WORK, SUCH AS GETTING TO KNOW THE VILLAGERS, THEIR NEEDS, THE GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES OF THE COMMUNITY, MUST FIRST BE CARRIED OUT.

+AS A RESULT, MANY OF THE OFFICERS FREQUENTLY HAVE TO WORK SEVEN DAYS A WEEK,+ MR. LEE SAID.

THE SCHEME HAS BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY PARENTS AND SCHOOL HEADMASTERS, MANY OF WHOM HAVE MADE AVAILABLE THEIR SCHOOL GROUNDS FOR RECREATION.

THE HEADMASTER OF THE NIM WAN PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL IN TUEN MUN, MR. CHENG TANG-YAU DESCRIBED THE SCHEME AS BEING HIGHLY BENEFICIAL TO THE YOUNGER GENERATION.

+OUR CHILDREN HAVE LITTLE OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO THE CITY BECAUSE OF THE LONG JOURNEY AND TRANSPORT DIFFICULTIES. IT IS GRATIFYING TO SEE THEM ENGAGED IN HEALTHY SPORTS DURING WEEKENDS. MORE NOTEWORTHY PERHAPS, IS THAT SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THIS SERVICE WE NOW HAVE LESS DISCIPLINE PROBLEMS,+ MR. CHENG SAID.

A PARENT FROM THE VILLAGE OF HA PAK NAI ALSO IN TUEN MUN, MR. CHAN KWAI, HAD THIS TO SAY ABOUT THE SCHEME: +IF NOT FOR THE SPORT OFFICERS, MY CHILDREN WOULD ONLY HAVE ONE FORM OF ENTERTAINMENT -- TELEVISION -- AND THEY WOULD HAVE TO BE CONTENT WITH WATCHING OTHER CHILDREN HAVING FUN. NOT ANY MORE. THEY CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE SPORT OFFICERS SO THAT THEY CAN IMPROVE ON THEIR SKATE-BOARDING.+

ENCOURAGED BY THE SUCCESS AND FAVOURABLE RESPONSE TO THE SCHEME, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE PLANS TO EXPAND THE PROGRAMME WITH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARDS.

+THIS WILL BE CARRIED OUT VERY SOON,+ MR. LEE SAID.

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FIRING PRACTICE
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON THREE DAYS NEXT WEEK.

THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF PRACTICE.

THE PRACTISING TIMES ARE :

DATE	TIME
APRIL 17 (TUESDAY)	8 A.M. - 4.30 P.M.
APRIL 18 (WEDNESDAY)	8 A.M. - 4.30 P.M.
APRIL 19 (THURSDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.

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FAKE WATER METERS
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THE PROSECUTIONS UNIT OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS CONTINUING ITS +WAR+ AGAINST FAKE WATER METERS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THE UNIT HAD FOUND THAT THE NUMBER OF CONSTRUCTION SITES USING FAKE METERS HAD BEEN STEADILY INCREASING.

DURING THE PAST FOUR MONTHS THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT HAD RECEIVED FOUR COMPLAINTS. AND SO FAR THIS YEAR ANOTHER 50 SUMMONSES HAD BEEN ISSUED. THE SUMMONSES REFERRED TO MAKING ILLEGAL ALTERATIONS TO INSIDE SERVICES AND INTERFERING WITH WATERWORKS INSTALLATIONS.

THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE INTENTION BY UNSCRUPULOUS PEOPLE WAS TO AVOID PAYING LEGITIMATE CHARGES.

+BUT IT DOES NOT NECESSARILY WORK OUT CHEAPER,+ HE SAID. A KOWLOON MAGISTRATE EARLIER IN THE YEAR FINED A COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE \$4,250 FOR INSTALLING A FAKE METER AND MAKING ILLEGAL CONNECTIONS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IN THE PAST PEOPLE HAD COMPLAINED OF DELAYS IN GETTING APPROVAL FOR METERED WATER SUPPLY. THEREFORE, THEY DID NOT BOTHER TO APPLY.

+THIS IS UNFOUNDED BECAUSE ALL APPLICATIONS FOR METERED SUPPLY FOR CONSTRUCTION USES ARE TREATED AS HIGH PRIORITY,+ HE STRESSED.

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