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Tuesday, August 1, 1972

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK LOAN AGREEMENT SIGNED

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The Government's first loan from an international financial institute was officially signed today.

During a brief ceremony, the Financial Secretary, Mr. Philip Haddon-Cave, and the President of the Asian Development Bank, Mr. Takeshi Watanabe, both signed a loan agreement of US\$21.5 million -- about HK\$120 million.

Mr. Watanabe arrived in Hong Kong yesterday specially for the ceremony. The signing was one of his last official acts before he retires due to health reasons.

As a result of the loan, Hong Kong can now proceed with the construction of the desalting plant at Castle Peak in the New Territories.

The possibility of a loan from the Asian Development Bank was first raised in April last year during the fourth annual meeting of the bank's board of governors in Singapore.

Mr. Haddon-Cave flew to Manila in March this year for final negotiations with the bank officials.

The loan for the desalting plant is to be made available in various currencies equivalent to a total of US\$21.5 million, and will be used to finance a substantial proportion of the foreign exchange cost of the desalter.

It is repayable over 10 years from January 1, 1976 and the rate of interest payable is 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ % per annum on the outstanding balance.

The sea water desalting plant, with a capacity of 40 million gallons a day, will be the largest of its kind in the world. It will be sited at the Star Quarry near the 17-milestone on Castle Peak Road.

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STAMP TO COMMEMORATE CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL

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A special \$1 stamp will be issued in October this year to commemorate the Cross-Harbour Tunnel.

A spokesman for the Post Office said today that the issue of the stamp will coincide with the visit of Princess Alexandra.

The Princess will take part in ceremonies marking the final completion of the project in October.

The final artwork of the stamp, which is in horizontal format was prepared in Britain from a painting supplied by Robert Mathews, Johnson-Marshall & Partners the Architects for the Cross Harbour Tunnel Company.

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QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

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Quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Kuala Lumpur, apart from the airport, have now been lifted. The restrictions were imposed because of cholera.

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INDOOR STADIUM AT HUNG HOM

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Foundation work will begin soon on the indoor stadium and surrounding podium on Hung Hom Reclamation to provide a large-scale venue for sporting and public events.

Estimated to cost \$60 million, the stadium, together with the podium, will form Stage III Phase 3 of the multi-million dollar Hung Hom Development Scheme.

When completed it will have seating accommodation for 15,000.

A Government spokesman said today the stadium would be used intensively throughout the year and would frequently attract large audiences.

"It is known, for example, that the basketball, table-tennis, volley ball, badminton, boxing, gymnastics and fencing associations will make use of the stadium both for their respective championships and for visiting national teams."

The spokesman said the stadium would also be used extensively for many non-sporting functions, such as ice shows, circus performances, singing, variety and dancing shows.

In addition, he added, the planning of the project would allow for the arena to be used for some medium scale trade exhibitions.

Stage I of the Hung Hom Reclamation Scheme, comprising railway workshops and preliminary works has been completed. Stage II, which basically consists of all railway work, and Stage III Phase I covering ground level works for the railway terminus, multi-storey carpark and bus terminus are now under way.

Stage III Phase 2 involves the actual construction of these buildings and this is expected to start early next year.

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Note to Editors: Copies of a photograph showing a model of the indoor stadium are distributed separately in the G.I.S. Press Boxes this evening.

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DENTAL SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

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The Government is offering a number of scholarships to local applicants to study dentistry at the University of Sydney in New South Wales and the University of Otago in New Zealand.

The courses, leading to a Bachelor of Dental Surgery, will begin early in 1973. They normally last for five years in the case of Australia and four years in New Zealand.

The scholarships will be worth \$4,500 a year and an additional allowance of \$2,500 will be made towards the cost of books and instruments. Return air passages will be provided.

Applications will be considered only from candidates who have passed in physics, chemistry and biology or zoology at Advanced Level in the Hong Kong University Advanced Level Examination and at Grade C or above in English in the Hong Kong Certificate of Education (English), or an equivalent qualification.

Successful candidates must pass a medical examination and sign an agreement which includes an undertaking to return to Hong Kong for at least four years after graduation. During this time and if vacancies exist, they may be required to serve for a period not exceeding two years as an Assistant Dental Officer with the Hong Kong Government.

Application forms can be obtained from the Medical and Health Department, Lee Gardens and must be completed and returned by August 26.

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CENTRAL BUILDING TO BE DEMOLISHED

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The Building Authority today ordered a building at 226 Queen's Road Central, to be demolished because it is in a dangerous condition.

The Principal Government Building Surveyor said that the building together with 228 Queen's Road Central was closed by a court order last April 6 following the collapse of a building at 1 Gough Street the previous evening.

On April 15 an order was issued for the demolition of No. 228 Queen's Road, and to allow the works to be carried out shoring was erected inside No. 226.

However, the demolition of No. 228 has now reached the stage where the brickwork supporting the corbel in the party wall at the first floor level is bulging about three inches. It is feared that the party wall is liable to collapse.

As well, a new fracture has occurred in the verandah pier also at the first floor level.

An order under Section 26 of the Building Ordinance was issued today requiring the demolition of 226 Queen's Road Central.

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PASSING-OUT PARADE OF PRISON OFFICERS

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Note to Editors: A passing-out parade of 14 Assistant Officers Class II will be held at the Prisons Department Staff Training Institute, Tung Tau Wan Road, Stanley on Thursday (August 3) at 5.20 p.m.

Twelve other Assistant Officers will also take part in the parade. Mr. R.O. Mackie, Superintendent of Prisons will act as the inspecting officer.

Music for the parade will be provided by the band of the Cape Collinson Training Centre.

You are invited to send a reporter and/or photographer to have the event covered.

A reception will be held immediately after the parade in the Gymnasium of the Staff Training Institute.

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WATER INTERRUPTION IN MONG KOK

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Water supply to a number of premises in Mong Kok will be interrupted for five hours on Thursday (August 3) from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m.

The temporary water stoppage is to enable the Water Works Office to carry out a leakage test in the Mong Kok area.

The area affected is bounded by Sai Yee Street, Boundary Street, Nathan Road, Nullah Road, Prince Edward Road, Yuen Po Street and Flower Market Road.

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NOTICE TO EXPORTERS

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The Director of Commerce and Industry today issued a notice to exporters giving details of the allocation of yardage available in the High Hong Kong Cost Content Schemes for exports of restrained cotton textiles to Britain in the second half of this year.

The items covered included cotton finished piecegoods and made-ups and garments.

Copies of the notices have been sent to trade associations and companies on the Department's mailing list for Notice to Exporters: Series 1 (Britain).

They can also be obtained from the Department's Textiles Licensing Office on 2nd floor, Fire Brigade Building, Hong Kong.

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