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DEVELOPMENT OF SAI KUNG PENINSULA

As Holiday Resort

The vast and scenic Sai Kung Peninsula, barely exploited so far, has been earmarked by the Government as a future recreational outlet.

At the same time Sai Kung Town itself is undergoing expansion.

A firm of consultants has recently been commissioned to carry out an extensive study for the recreational development of the Peninsula.

Disclosing this today, the District Officer, Sai Kung, Mr. A.G. Eason, said development projects arising from this study were expected to follow on from the \$1,300 million High Island Water Scheme, now in full swing.

In recent years, he said, Sai Kung had become increasingly popular with hikers, picnickers and yachtsmen but the peninsula had still not been fully opened up for recreational purposes.

Mr. Eason stressed that the peninsula would not be a playground for local people only. The Government saw possibilities for establishing resort areas beyond Tai Mong Tsai which would also attract foreign visitors.

The construction of about 17 miles of new roads in various parts of the peninsula, including the improvement of the existing road from Sai Kung Town to Tai Mong Tsai, is well advanced.

Most of the new roads are at present being used to provide access to the High Island reservoir and tunnel contractors' works sites.

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Chiefly because of the dangers associated with such sites, the roads will not be open to the general public until the water scheme has been completed.

Mr. Eason said that several of the new roads had been designed and built to cope with future weekend traffic to and from scenic areas and popular picnic spots.

Referring to another future development, he said that in a few years' time motorists would be able to drive from Sai Kung to the Ma On Shan Pier near Sha Tin and possibly even as far as Sha Tin itself later on.

On the development at Sai Kung Town, Mr. Eason said that work on the new reclamation and seawall to the east of the town had almost been completed.

On part of the reclamation, eight five-storey blocks are being built for the villagers affected by the High Island reservoir. Three of these blocks are due to be ready for occupation in about two months' time while another three should be available in September this year.

A village-type school will be built near the rehousing blocks for children of the villagers.

Mr. Eason explained that sites on the reclamation had also been provided for a market and hawker bazaar, a Government office block, clinic and bus terminus.

Extensive commercial and residential areas will also be available once the town's sewage treatment plant has been built.

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EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS IN YAU MA TEI UNDERWAY

New Roads, Open Space, Cargo Handling Facilities

The waterfront at Yau Ma Tei is taking on a new look with the addition of more than 20 acres of reclaimed land between Man Cheung Street and Cherry Street.

A new road running parallel to Nathan Road, more open space and larger cargo handling areas will be provided under the \$30 million Tong Mi Road Extension scheme.

The new road will not only ease present traffic congestion in the West Kowloon area, but will also serve as a relief route when the mass transit railway is under construction along Nathan Road.

Included in the scheme is an elevated road which is now in an advanced state of design. It will form part of the future road network linking Tsuen Wan and North Kowloon with Tsim Sha Tsui.

There is now less than an acre of land in Yau Ma Tei for open space but a further five acres will be provided by reclamation to improve the environment there.

The existing arrangements in the area for loading and unloading craft are also considered unsatisfactory and another five acres of reclaimed land is to be made available to improve this.

The entire scheme is phased into three stages. Stage I consists of building a seawall between Lee Tat Street and Soy Street and is virtually complete. Reclamation behind it is well advanced.

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Stage II involves constructing a seawall between Soy Street and Cherry Street on the north, and another between Lee Tat Street and Man Cheung Street on the south. Both seawalls are also nearing completion.

Stage III includes building a seawall in the north-east corner of the Yau Ma Tei typhoon shelter. This is now in category "A" of the Public Works Programme and work on it will begin soon.

Meanwhile, construction of roads and drains on the reclamation in Yau Ma Tei typhoon anchorage is to begin in May this year.

It involves reconstructing the existing carriageway, a central divider and footpath to parts of Ferry Street, Tong Mi Road, Argyle Street and Cherry Street.

A 3,500-foot three-lane dual carriageway will also be constructed on the reclamation linking Ferry Street and Cherry Street. About 25,000 square yards of cargo handling area will also be built.

In addition, 6,200 feet of storm water drains, with sizes ranging from nine to 72 inches in diameter, will be laid.

On completion, these works will form a major road linking Ferry Street with Tong Mi Road.

These works are expected to be completed in the second half of next year, and the whole reclamation for the Tong Mi Road Extension scheme at the end of 1974.

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GIS OFFICERS POSTED TO VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

To Help Improve Liaison With The Press And Public

Ten experienced officers of the Government Information Services have been seconded to ten other departments for Press liaison and public relations work.

Their appointments, published in the Gazette today, are part of the Government's plan to establish closer contact and promote better understanding with the public.

The departments strengthened with these G.I.S. officers are those whose daily work involves a great deal of direct contact with the people.

Following are the names of the officers and the departments:

Housing Department -- Principal Information Officer,
Mr. B.K. Robinson. (Tel: 3-624311 Ext. 67)

Social Welfare Department -- Principal Information Officer,
Mr. B.J. Hickman. (Tel. 5-767784)

Education Department -- Principal Information Officer,
Mr. J.H. Evans. (Tel. 5-778311 Ext. 140)

Urban Services Department -- Principal Information Officer,
Mr. G.F. Xavier. (Tel. 5-95393)

Medical and Health Department -- Principal Information Officer,
Mr. A. da Cruz. (Tel. 5-762311 Ext. 37)

Public Works Department -- Principal Information Officer,
Mr. D.K. Lewis. (Tel. 5-251111 Ext. 2113)

Labour Department -- Acting Principal Information Officer,
Mr. B. Walsh. (Tel. 5-778271 Ext. 72)

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Royal Hong Kong Police Force (Police Public Information Bureau) -- Senior Information Officer, Mr. R.H. Clarke.

Secretariat for Home Affairs (Narcotics Bureau) -- Senior Information Officer, Mr. J.G. Marshall. (Tel. 5-450107 Ext. 13)

New Territories Administration -- Senior Information Officer, Mr. A.R. Clark. (3-688354).

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Note to Editors: Press queries relating to the work and duties of these departments may be put to the respective Press Liaison officers.

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TEXTILE ADVISORY BOARD

New Membership Announced

The new memberships of the Textiles Advisory Board and of the Trade and Industry Advisory Board are published in today's Gazette.

In both cases, the appointments are for a period of one year effective from April 1, 1973.

The Director of Commerce and Industry is the ex-officio chairman of both Boards.

Members appointed to the Textiles Advisory Board are:

The Honourable Sir Sik-nin Chau, C.B.E., J.P.

The Honourable George Ronald Ross, O.B.E., J.P.

Mr. Francis Yuan-hao Tien, O.B.E., J.P.

Mr. Bryan Irlam Barlow, J.P.

Mr. Chow Chung-kai, J.P.

Mr. Lam Kun-shing, J.P.

Mr. Wong Toong-yuen, J.P.

Mr. Chan Sui-kau.

Mr. Chao Kwong-piu.

Miss Lydia Dunn.

Mr. Philip Lai.

Mr. Lee Yiu-wah.

Mr. Frank Huipo Lin.

Mr. Shen Hsi-jui.

Mr. Jack Chi-chien Tang.

Mr. William Tsu-liang Yao.

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The terms of reference of the Board are to advise the Director of Commerce and Industry on any matter, other than labour matters, which affects the textile and garment industries.

The following members were appointed to the Trade and Industry Advisory Board:

The Hon. T.K. Ann, O.B.E., J.P.
The Hon. P.G. Williams, J.P.
The Hon. James M.H. Wu, J.P.
Miss Pauline Chan, O.B.E.
Mr. H.M.G. Forsgate, J.P.
Mr. Daniel S.H. Lam, O.B.E., J.P.
Mr. M.C. Lee.
Mr. R.E. Moore, J.P.
Mr. W.H. Newton.
Mr. M.G.R. Sandberg, J.P.
Mr. T.D. Sorby, J.P.
Dr. C.W. Chuang, LL. D., L.H.D.
Mr. J.H. Bremridge, J.P.
Mr. P.Y. Wong.
Mr. D.C. Lyth, C.P.M.
Mr. H.T. Woo.
Deputy Economic Secretary.

The terms of reference of the Trade and Industry Advisory Board are to advise the Director of Commerce and Industry on matters, other than labour, which affect Hong Kong's trade and industry.

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FIRST PAYMENT MADE UNDER D.I.A. SCHEME

Payment of the Government's new disability and infirmity allowances has started.

The first payment was made today at the Wanchai Post Office to a 76-year-old man who received the monthly infirmity allowance of \$55, after being issued with a voucher book bearing the serial number D 00001.

The infirmity allowance was paid in addition to his public assistance grant of \$173 a month.

Other applicants whose claims have been processed are now starting to receive their allowances, which are backdated to April 1 for those who applied before that date.

Claims submitted after April 1 will take effect from the date on which the application was received.

So far the Social Welfare Department has received about 14,000 claims for allowances, which are payable to residents who are aged 75 or over and to the severely disabled.

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Note to Editors:

A photograph showing the first recipient receiving his allowance is being issued through the Press Boxes this evening.

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INTER-CENTRE SPORTS MEETING FOR YOUTH MEMBERS

Five hundred youth members from 10 Social Welfare Department community, youth and social centres will take part in the 11th inter-centre sports meeting at Boundary Street public sports ground, Kowloon, on Sunday, April 8.

A programme of 48 track and field events, including an inter-division staff invitation relay, will be taking place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The meeting has been organised by the Youth Representative Council of the Group and Community Work Division of the Social Welfare Department. The council is made up of youth representatives from the Department's community, youth and social centres.

There will be participants at the meeting from the Princess Alexandra, Wong Tai Sin, Tai Hang Tung and Kwun Tong community centres, the Tsan Yuk and Sheung Shui social centres, Shamshuipo Youth Centre, Fanling Rotary Youth Centre, the Mobile Library and the Youth Work Unit.

At the prize-giving at 5 p.m. an address will be given by Mr. Stephen Law Chi-kin, Senior Principal Social Welfare Officer of the Group and Community Work Division. The prizes will be presented by Mrs. Law Chi-kin.

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Note to Editors: You are invited to send a reporter and photographer to cover the sports meeting.

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EXTENSION TO RADIO HONG KONG

A two-storey annex will be built at Broadcasting House in Broadcast Drive this summer to provide additional office accommodation for Radio Hong Kong.

The annex, to be constructed on the existing podium adjacent to the building will have a total floor area of 2,500 square feet.

It is a part of Radio Hong Kong's plan to expand office and storage facilities.

The rooms on the ground and lower ground floors of Broadcasting House will be converted into store rooms for television equipment.

Security gate kiosks will be erected at the entrance and exit of the premises.

The construction and conversion work is expected to be completed towards the end of this year.

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DANGEROUS BUILDING

The Building Authority today declared No. 42 Elgin Street, Hong Kong, to be in a dangerous condition.

In a statement issued this morning the Principal Government Building Surveyor said that the three storey pre-war building had been under observation for some time.

The recent demolition of the adjoining dangerous riding floor structure at No. 44 Elgin Street revealed considerable movement of the front main wall of this building indicating that there was a danger of failure leading to collapse.

In addition the other load bearing walls were fractured.

Notice of intention to apply for a Closure Order in the Victoria District Court at 9.30 a.m. on May 3 was posted today.

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KOWLOON ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

A section of Mok Cheong Street, between Yin On Street and Kowloon City Road, will shortly be reconstructed as part of the Government's road reconstruction programme to ensure the safety of motorists.

Work is expected to start in May and will take about five months to complete.

Notice for tenders for the project, which will cost \$277,000, was published in the Gazette today.

Tenders must be submitted before 12 noon on April 27. The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

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ORIGIN CRITERIA AND QUOTA RULE

For Exports Of Restrained Finished Piecegoods

The Director of Commerce and Industry today issued a number of Notices to Exporters in connection with the export of restrained finished piecegoods to overseas markets.

The notices concern the adoption of the revised origin criteria as the quota rule for the export of these goods to all markets, with the exception of exports of cotton denims to Australia.

Trade associations and companies on the Commerce and Industry Department's mailing list for the relevant notices will shortly be receiving copies.

Copies are also available from the department's receptionist counter on the ground floor.

Anyone requiring more information regarding the contents of the notices may ring Mr. P.L.C. Lau, Assistant Trade Officer, at Tel. 5-432049.

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Release time: 7.00 p.m.