



## DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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MORE BUILDING PLANS APPROVED LAST YEAR

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A TOTAL OF 859 NEW BUILDING PLANS WERE APPROVED IN 1979 -- THE HIGHEST NUMBER SINCE 1974, ACCORDING TO FIGURES ISSUED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

DURING THE YEAR, THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED WAS \$3 268 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$3 022 MILLION IN 1978.

THE TOTAL USABLE FLOOR AREA OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED WAS ABOUT 2.87 MILLION SQUARE METRES AS AGAINST 2.71 MILLION SQUARE METRES IN 1978.

IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR, A TOTAL OF 70 NEW BUILDING PLANS WERE APPROVED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE, COMPARED WITH 66 IN NOVEMBER.

OF THESE, 24 WERE FOR BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 13 FOR KOWLOON AND 33 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY INCLUDED PLANS FOR A SCHOOL BUILDING AT THE JUNCTION OF LEIGHTON ROAD AND TUNG LO WAN ROAD, A HOSTEL AT MOUNT DAVIS, TWO BLOCKS OF CARE AND ATTENTION HOME FOR THE AGED AT TIN WAN, AN ELECTRICITY SUB-STATION AT DYER AVENUE, HUNG HOM, ONE CLOCK TOWER NEAR THE KWUN TONG FERRY CONCOURSE AND A NUMBER OF HIGHRISE APARTMENT AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS.

DURING THE MONTH, THE TOTAL USABLE FLOOR AREA OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED AMOUNTED TO 497 240.4 SQUARE METRES, COMPRISING 331 629.4 SQUARE METRES OF NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 165 611 SQUARE METRES OF DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED IN THE MONTH AMOUNTED TO \$570.42 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$194.42 MILLION IN THE SAME MONTH IN 1978.

IN DECEMBER, THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 53 NEW PROJECTS INCLUDING THREE SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN HONG KONG AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, AND A POWER STATION CONTROL BLOCK IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

A TOTAL OF 52 NEWLY COMPLETED BUILDINGS WERE CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION IN THE MONTH, INCLUDING A SCHOOL IN PUI CHING ROAD, A LANGUAGE CENTRE AND A MARINE SCIENCE BUILDING EXTENSION OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, AN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING OF THE MTR DEPOT AT KOWLOON BAY, A TEMPLE ON LANTAU ISLAND AND A FUNERAL PARLOUR IN CHEONG HANG ROAD.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO ASSENTED TO THE DEMOLITION OF 36 BUILDINGS.

COMMUNITY PROGRESS CAN EXERT PRESSURE ON THE FAMILY

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S REGIONAL OFFICER (HONG KONG), MR KWOK KA-CHI, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT A PROGRESSING SOCIETY COULD BRING ABOUT SOCIAL PROBLEMS MANY OF WHICH MIGHT HAVE DIRECT BEARING ON THE FAMILY.

MR KWOK SAID THE MAJOR FACTORS GIVING RISE TO FAMILY PROBLEMS INCLUDED INCREASES IN POPULATION, CHANGES IN FAMILY SETUP, MORE WOMEN GOING INTO EMPLOYMENT AND THE IMPACT OF WESTERN CULTURES.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG (WEST) DURING WHICH HE RECEIVED A \$10 000 DONATION FROM THE CLUB TO SPONSOR A FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CARNIVAL BEING ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

MR KWOK SAID POPULATION GROWTH INEVITABLY MADE LIFE MORE COMPETITIVE, RESULTING IN SOME WORKING PARENTS NOT GIVING THEIR CHILDREN ADEQUATE CARE AND GUIDANCE.

HE SAID THE TRADITIONAL BIG FAMILY SETUP HAD GRADUALLY GIVEN WAY TO ONE OF SMALL NUCLEUS FAMILY WHICH MIGHT SOMETIMES FIND IT LESS EASY TO COPE WITH SOCIAL STRAINS.

IN THE LIGHT OF MODERNISATION AND BETTER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES, HE SAID, MORE WOMEN ARE GOING INTO EMPLOYMENT AND SOME OF THEM MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SPARE ENOUGH TIME FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF WESTERN CULTURES, YOUNG PEOPLE TEND TO GO FOR A MORE INDEPENDENT WAY OF LIFE, AND UNLESS THERE IS ADEQUATE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, IT COULD EASILY LEAD TO GAPS BETWEEN GENERATIONS, HE SAID.

MR KWOK SAID FAMILY PROBLEMS COULD GENERALLY BE SOLVED BY REMEDIAL SOCIAL WORK, SUCH AS ASSISTANCE FOR UNMARRIED MOTHERS, AND BY PREVENTIVE SOCIAL WORK, AN EXAMPLE OF WHICH WAS FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION.

AT THE END OF LAST MONTH, HE SAID, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES WERE HANDLING 1 067 CASES INVOLVING MARITAL DISCORD, 1 581 CASES OF FAMILY CONFLICTS, 1 990 CASES OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH EMOTIONAL OR BEHAVIOURAL PROBLEMS, 1 297 CASES OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH REQUIRING CARE AND PROTECTION, AND 3 095 CASES INVOLVING OTHER CHILD AND YOUTH PROBLEMS.

HE EMPHASISED THE IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTIVE SOCIAL WORK IN WHICH THE DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS OVER THE PAST YEARS INCLUDED THE INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICER SCHEME AND CHILD CARE LEGISLATION, AS WELL AS INCREASED SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK SERVICES AND OUTREACH SOCIAL WORK FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

IN ADDITION, HE SAID, SERVICES ARE PROVIDED ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION WHICH AIMS AT STRENGTHENING FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS AND FORESTALLING FAMILY BREAKDOWN.

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IMPROVEMENTS IN WATER SUPPLY TO TAI O  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES IN TAI O ON LANTAU ISLAND WILL BE FURTHER IMPROVED.

THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT HAS INVITED TENDERS FOR THE LAYING OF WATER MAINS AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BREAK PRESSURE TANKS, TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF THE TREATED FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO THE AREA FROM 910 CUBIC METRES TO 1 460 CUBIC METRES A DAY.

WORK WILL INCLUDE THE INSTALLATION OF NEW PUMPS, CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BREAK WATER PRESSURE TANKS AT KEUNG SHAN AND YI O AND THE LAYING OF A STEEL WATER MAIN OF 200 MM IN DIAMETER AT SHEK PIK, AND A NEW PIPELINE OF 250 MM IN DIAMETER BETWEEN YI O AND NAM CHUNG.

IT IS EXPECTED TO START IN APRIL AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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SECOND IMMIGRATION OFFICE OPENS IN TSUEN WAN  
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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE QUICKER SERVICE TO THE GROWING POPULATION IN TSUEN WAN WITH THE OPENING OF AN ADDITIONAL OFFICE ON MONDAY (JANUARY 28).

THE OFFICE, LOCATED ON THE MEZZANINE FLOOR OF THE FAR EAST BANK BUILDING, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, WILL HANDLE APPLICATIONS SUCH AS THOSE FOR BRITISH PASSPORT, CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY, AND EXTENSION OF STAY FOR PERSONS OTHER THAN ENTRANTS FROM CHINA.

THE EXISTING OFFICE IN THE NEARBY KAPOK MANSION WILL DEVOTE ITS WORK TO PROCESSING APPLICATIONS FOR HONG KONG RE-ENTRY PERMIT.

THE NEW OFFICE IS OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON SATURDAYS.

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FUN PACKED PARTY FOR SHAM SHUI PO CHILDREN

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A PARTY FOR SHAM SHUI PO CHILDREN WHICH COMBINES ANTI-CRIME PROMOTION AND COMMUNITY AWARENESS WITH A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF GAMES WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THIS ANTI-CRIME CHILDREN SPORTS DAY AND PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR THE RECENT SHAM SHUI PO FORTNIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST WILL BE HELD FROM 9.30 AM TO 12.30 PM AT THE TAI HANG TUNG ESTATE PLAYGROUND.

THE EVENT, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICE, NAM SHAN DISTRICT/YAU YAT CHUEN AREA COMMITTEE AND THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, PROMISES TO BE A TREAT FOR SOME 1 000 CHILDREN IN THE DISTRICT.

THE CDO, MR STEPHEN IP, DIVISIONAL SUPERINTENDENT, MR HUI KI-ON AND OTHER LOCAL LEADERS WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

COMPETITIONS MODELLED ON POPULAR TV SPORTS GAMES WILL BE STAGED. OUTSTANDING ENTRIES IN THE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST WILL ALSO BE DISPLAYED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PRISONS STAFF RAISE FUND FOR CHARITY

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REPRESENTATIVES FROM FIVE CHARITY ORGANISATIONS WILL RECEIVE DONATIONS FROM THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT SPORTS ASSOCIATION AT A SPECIAL CEREMONY ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 29).

THE DONATIONS WERE PART OF A SUM OF \$142 600 RAISED FOR CHARITY AT THE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL AUTUMN FAIR HELD ON NOVEMBER 3 LAST YEAR.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS ON THE 10TH FLOOR OF GUARDIAN HOUSE, 32 01 KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI AT 11 AM.

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WINNER CHOSEN FOR INDUSTRIAL SAFETY POSTER COMPETITION  
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED TREMENDOUS RESPONSE TO ITS INDUSTRIAL SAFETY POSTER COMPETITION HELD EACH YEAR TO PROMOTE CONSTANT VIGILANCE TO WORK SAFETY.

THE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO ALL 14 TO 22-YEAR-OLD STUDENTS ATTENDING POST-SECONDARY COLLEGES, VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRES OR SCHOOLS, GOVERNMENT, GOVERNMENT-AIDED AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

THIS YEAR'S COMPETITION - THE 12TH SO FAR - ATTRACTED MORE THAN 340 ENTRIES FROM 39 SCHOOLS.

ON THE PANEL OF JUDGES WERE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT- DEPARTMENT OF DESIGN OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC- THE PRINTING CO-ORDINATOR OF THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S SUPERINTENDENT OF FACTORY INSPECTORS (TRAINING) AND THE DIVISIONAL FACTORY INSPECTOR (TRAINING).

THE FIRST PRIZE OF \$500 WAS WON BY LAM KING-FAI OF S.K.H. LAM WOO MEMORIAL SECONDARY SCHOOL. THE SECOND AND THIRD PRIZES OF \$400 AND \$300 WERE WON BY KWAN KIN-PUI OF KEI HEEP SECONDARY SCHOOL AND CHENG YUK-LUN OF JOCKEY CLUB GOVERNMENT SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

TEN ENTRIES WILL BE AWARDED CONSOLATION PRIZES OF \$100 EACH. IN ADDITION, ALL PRIZE-WINNERS WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF MERIT.

THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, TO BE HELD IN MARCH, WILL BE OFFICIATED BY MR JOHN LOO, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE NGO KEE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ON TAI HANG ROAD AND NEAR FURAMA HOTEL  
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A SECTION OF TAI HANG ROAD BETWEEN THE ROUNDABOUT AT STUBBS ROAD AND ITS JUNCTION WITH BLUE POOL ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 12.30 AM AND 5.30 AM EACH NIGHT FROM TUESDAY (JANUARY 29) TO NEXT SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 2) TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK IN THE AREA.

DURING THE CLOSURE PERIODS, MOTORISTS MAY USE STUBBS ROAD AS AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE.

MEANWHILE, THE SERVICE LANE BETWEEN SUTHERLAND HOUSE AND FURAMA HOTEL AT ITS JUNCTION WITH CHATER ROAD IN CENTRAL DISTRICT WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL THE END OF THIS MONTH (JANUARY 31) FOR ROAD REINSTATEMENT WORK.

MOTORISTS WILL BE GUIDED BY TRAFFIC SIGNS AT THESE PLACES.

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