



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1977

ASSISTANCE FOR CHILD CARE WORKERS

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SUPERVISORS OF NURSERIES, PLAYGROUPS, CRECHES AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS WHO WISH TO IMPROVE THEIR SERVICE TO THE CHILDREN UNDER THEIR CARE CAN LOOK TO THE CHILD CARE CENTRES ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT FOR HELP.

THERE THEY CAN HAVE ADVICE ON HOW TO SET UP AND RUN THEIR CENTRES AND, FOR THOSE WORKING FOR NON-PROFIT-MAKING VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, HOW AND WHERE TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID.

COMMERCIAL CHILD CARE CENTRES AS WELL CAN MAKE USE OF TRAINING COURSES SPECIALLY ORGANISED FOR THEM BY THE TRAINING SECTION OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT. AS THE PURPOSE IS TO ENCOURAGE MORE CHILD CARE WORKERS TO COME FORWARD TO EQUIP THEMSELVES WITH KNOWLEDGE ESSENTIAL FOR THEIR DAILY WORK, NO FEES ARE CHARGED.

ALTOGETHER EIGHT COURSES ARE HELD EACH YEAR -- FOUR FOR WORKERS LOOKING AFTER BABIES UNDER TWO, AND FOUR FOR WORKERS WITH CHILDREN AGED TWO AND OVER. EACH COURSE LASTS FIVE MONTHS, WITH ONE WEEK OF TUITION EACH MONTH COMPLEMENTED IN BETWEEN BY PRACTICE AND ON-THE-SPOT GUIDANCE BY TUTORS AT THE TRAINEES' PLACE OF WORK.

+ADDITIONAL SHORT COURSES WILL BE HELD LATER THIS YEAR ON SUBJECTS WHICH ARE OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO PARTICULAR GROUPS OF CHILD CARE WORKERS,+ SAID MISS NANCY CHOW, PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER AT THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE.

+ONE SUCH COURSE IS FOR PLAYGROUP LEADERS IN JUNE. THESE PLAYGROUPS DIFFER FROM MOST OTHER CHILD CARE CENTRES IN THAT THEY ARE USUALLY ENGLISH-SPEAKING AND THEIR SESSIONS ARE MOSTLY OCCUPIED WITH PLAY ACTIVITIES.

+OTHER SHORT COURSES WILL BE HELD ON THOSE ASPECTS OF CHILD CARE WORK WHICH ARE FOUND TO BE DEFICIENT DURING REGULAR INSPECTIONS OF CHILD CARE ESTABLISHMENTS. ANOTHER COURSE WILL BE ORGANISED FOR THOSE WHO WORK WITH HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.+

FINANCIALLY, CENTRES WHICH PROVIDE A VALUABLE VOLUNTARY WELFARE SERVICE CAN ALSO LOOK FOR HELP. BESIDES CAPITAL GRANTS AND PLAY EQUIPMENT GRANTS FROM LOTTERIES FUND AND DAVID TRENCH RECREATION FUND, SPECIAL DONATIONS ARE MADE FROM TIME TO TIME BY COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS THE ROTARIANS AND THE LIONS.

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THE GREATEST SHARE OF FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION, HOWEVER, IS TAKEN UP BY THE GOVERNMENT IN THE FORM OF SUBVENTIONS. IN THE COMING FINANCIAL YEAR, 1,000 MORE YOUNG CHILDREN WILL BE STAYING IN CENTRES WHERE THE RUNNING COSTS ARE SUBSTANTIALLY SUBSIDIZED.

+EVEN WHERE NO DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE, IN COMMERCIALY-RUN CENTRES, THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE CAN BE COUNTED ON TO HELP IN SUGGESTING WAYS OF USING TO THE FULL EXISTING RESOURCES,+ SHE ADDED.

+IT IS HOPED THAT BY ENFORCING MINIMUM STANDARDS OF OPERATION, EXISTING SUB-STANDARD CHILD CARE CENTRES COULD BE GRADUALLY PHASED OUT. AT THE SAME TIME, FOR THOSE WHO ARE GENUINELY INTERESTED IN PROMOTING THE WELL-BEING OF OUR YOUNGER GENERATION, PARTICULARLY CHILDREN FROM LOW-INCOME FAMILIES WHERE THE MOTHER HAS TO WORK, ALL POSSIBLE ENCOURAGEMENT AND ASSISTANCE WOULD BE READILY GIVEN,+ MISS CHOW SAID.

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YOUNG PEOPLE FLOCK TO SEE THE TUEN MUN OF TOMORROW

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THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN EXHIBITION OPENED BY THE GOVERNOR ON WEDNESDAY IS PROVING TO BE A MAJOR HOLIDAY ATTRACTION TO THOUSANDS OF NEW TERRITORIES TRIPPERS.

DURING THE FIRST THREE DAYS OF THE EXHIBITION, MORE THAN 10,000 PEOPLE HAVE Poured THROUGH TO SEE THE EXHIBITS ON DISPLAY.

+MOST OF THE VISITORS ARE YOUNG PEOPLE,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE P.W.D.'S NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WHICH IS STAGING THE EXHIBITION AT THE HOH FUK TONG COLLEGE IN CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TUEN MUN.

+THIS IS VERY APPROPRIATE WHEN YOU CONSIDER THAT ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF THE POPULATION OF THE TUEN MUN OF TOMORROW IS LIKELY TO BE UNDER 15 YEARS OF AGE,+ HE SAID.

+AND WE ARE GETTING MANY YOUNG COUPLES, OBVIOUSLY INTERESTED IN MAKING A FUTURE IN THE NEW TOWN.

+THEY SEEM TO BE SPENDING MOST OF THEIR TIME LOOKING AT THE STANDS ON HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND RECREATION, AND WE'RE GETTING A LOT OF QUESTIONS FROM THEM ON THOSE SUBJECTS,+ HE SAID.

THE EXHIBITION, WHICH IS ON UNTIL APRIL 16, TRACES THE EVOLUTION OF THE NEW TOWN AND DETAILS THROUGH A SERIES OF MODELS, MAPS, AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS, FILMS AND LAYOUT PLANS HOW THE FORMER FISHING VILLAGE WILL BE TRANSFORMED INTO A THRIVING, MODERN METROPOLIS FOR SOME 500,000 PEOPLE BY THE MID-1980S.

IT IS OPEN EVERYDAY BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND 7 P.M.

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TUEN MUN NEW TOWN -- A YOUNG CITY FOR YOUTH

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YOUTH RECREATION AND WELFARE WILL BE A KEY FACTOR IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN, ONE OF THREE MASSIVE TOWNSHIPS BEING BUILT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO HOUSE SOME 1.8 MILLION PEOPLE BY THE MID-'EIGHTIES.

THE TUEN MUN OF THE FUTURE WILL BE A YOUNG CITY -- ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF ITS ULTIMATE 500,000 POPULATION IS LIKELY TO BE UNDER 15 YEARS OF AGE, REFLECTING HONG KONG'S OVERALL POPULATION STATISTICS WHICH LAST YEAR SHOWED 42 PER CENT UNDER THE AGE OF 20 AND 30.2 PER CENT UNDER 15.

+THE NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE HAS THEREFORE BEEN A PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION IN THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE P.W.D.'S NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING THE NEW TOWNS SCHEME.

+GREAT EMPHASIS HAS BEEN PLACED ON EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE NEW TOWN, AND YOUNG STUDENTS ATTENDING THE CITY'S PROJECTED TOTAL OF 40 PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND 32 SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A WIDE RANGE OF CULTURAL FACILITIES,+ HE SAID.

DETAILS OF THE FACILITIES FOR YOUTH ARE NOW BEING SHOWN FOR THE FIRST TIME AT A PUBLIC EXHIBITION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN AT THE HOH FUK TONG COLLEGE IN TUEN MUN. THE EXHIBITION IS BEING STAGED BY THE P.W.D.'S NEW TERRITORIES DEPARTMENT AND IS OPEN BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND 7 P.M. DAILY.

THE LOCATIONS OF EACH OF THE NEW PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, HAD BEEN CAREFULLY PLANNED SO THAT STUDENTS WOULD NOT HAVE TO WALK MORE THAN 400 METRES TO REACH THEIR SCHOOLS.

SITES FOR A LOCAL POLYTECHNIC AND TWO TECHNICAL INSTITUTES HAD ALSO BEEN PLANNED TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR THE SKILLED TRADESMEN AND TECHNICIANS NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE NEW INDUSTRIES OF TUEN MUN.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID A TOTAL OF 124 HECTARES OF LAND -- ABOUT 10 PER CENT OF THE ENTIRE NEW TOWN AREA -- HAD BEEN SET ASIDE FOR OPEN SPACES.

+THESE WILL OFFER A VARIETY OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES INCLUDING HILL WALKING, CAMPING AND ORGANISED SPORTS,+ HE SAID. +IN ADDITION, LANDSCAPED GARDENS WILL BE FORMED AND OF COURSE THE BEACHES OF CASTLE PEAK BAY WILL REMAIN OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.+

A LARGE TOWN PARK WOULD BE BUILT IN THE CENTRAL AREA OF THE NEW TOWN WITH A SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX, AND A SECOND SWIMMING CENTRE WAS PLANNED TO SERVE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY'S NORTH-WESTERN AREAS.

/THE SPOKESMAN:

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CITY'S CULTURAL ACTIVITIES WOULD BE HIGHLIGHTED BY TUEN MUN'S TOWN CENTRE AND CIVIC SQUARE, A COMPLEX OF BUILDINGS HOUSING AN AUDITORIUM, ART GALLERY, EXTENSIVE LIBRARY, EXHIBITION HALLS AND MEETING HALLS.

THE SQUARE WOULD BE LINKED DIRECTLY BY A PEDESTRIAN MALL TO RESTAURANTS, PEDESTRIAN PRECINCTS, SITTING-OUT AREAS AND SHOPS IN THE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

IN ADDITION, EACH OF THE CITY'S PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES WOULD FEATURE ITS OWN COMMUNITY CENTRES AND LOCAL RECREATIONAL AREAS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE P.W.D. PLANNERS HAD ALSO BEEN CAREFUL IN PRESERVING INTERESTING AND TRADITIONAL FEATURES OF OLD TUEN MUN SO THAT THE FUTURE GENERATIONS WHO INHERIT THE NEW TOWN COULD MAINTAIN GOOD LINKS WITH THEIR CULTURAL PAST.

AMONG THE PROMINENT TRADITIONAL SITES TO BE RETAINED IS TSING SHAN MONASTERY, DATING BACK TO THE 5TH CENTURY A.D., AND ITS WOODED SURROUNDINGS, AS WELL AS THE WELL-DEFINED OLD VILLAGE OF YEUNG SUI HANG.

A WOODED HILL ON THE COASTAL PROMONTORY NORTH OF BUTTERFLY BEACH WILL ALSO BE PRESERVED, PROVIDING A PERFECT BACKGROUND TO THE TIN HAU TEMPLE IN THE AREA DEDICATED TO THE GODDESS OF THE SEA.

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GOVERNOR TO OPEN CAMP SITE FOR C.A.S. CADET CORPS

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 50-ACRE CAMP SITE FOR THE CIVIL AID SERVICES CADET CORPS ON MONDAY (APRIL 11) MORNING.

THE CAMP SITE IS LOCATED ON A PLATEAU NEAR A DESERTED VILLAGE IN YUEN TUN SOME 750 FEET ABOVE TSING LUNG TAU IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH BEGINS AT 11.45 A.M.

TRANSPORT HAS BEEN ARRANGED TO TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO AND FROM THE CAMP SITE. SPECIAL PRESS VANS WILL LEAVE THE CIVIL AID SERVICES KOWLOON TRAINING CENTRE IN ARGYLE STREET (NEXT TO KOWLOON CITY POLICE STATION) AT 10 A.M. SHARP.

CIVIL AID SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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54 BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN FEBRUARY

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A TOTAL OF 54 NEW BUILDING PLANS WERE APPROVED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE IN FEBRUARY, COMPARED WITH 46 FOR THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

OF THE PLANS APPROVED, 18 WERE FOR BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 13 FOR KOWLOON AND 23 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY INCLUDED PLANS FOR TWO 24-STORY FACTORY BUILDINGS AT TSUEN WAN AND CASTLE PEAK. MOST OF THE OTHER PLANS WERE FOR APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS.

IN THE SAME MONTH, 34 COMPLETED BUILDINGS WERE CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION. THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF THESE BUILDINGS WAS MORE THAN \$78 MILLION.

THE TOTAL USABLE FLOOR AREA OF THESE BUILDINGS AMOUNTED TO 75,956.2 SQUARE METRES, COMPRISING 29,018.9 SQUARE METRES OF DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 46,937.3 SQUARE METRES OF NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

APPROVAL WAS ALSO GIVEN FOR 58 NEW BUILDING PROJECTS TO COMMENCE WORK, INCLUDING A CINEMA BUILDING IN YAU MA TEI AND A GAS FOAMING PLANT IN TO KWA WAN.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO GAVE CONSENT FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 28 BUILDINGS DURING THE MONTH.

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HOLIDAY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS DURING SUMMER MONTHS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY ADVISED GOODS VEHICLE DRIVERS THAT THE ANNUAL SPECIAL HOLIDAY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME ON CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD WOULD BE RE-INTRODUCED FROM MAY 1 (SUNDAY).

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE SCHEME, ALL GOODS VEHICLES WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO TRAVEL ALONG CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE ROADS DURING SPECIFIED HOURS ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, UNLESS AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT.

THE SCHEME, HE ADDED, WAS INTENDED TO RELIEVE TRAFFIC CONGESTION CAUSED BY THE COMBINATION OF BEACH-GOING TRAFFIC IN SUMMER AND SLOW-MOVING HEAVY VEHICLES.

ON CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD, ALL GOODS VEHICLES TRAVELLING IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM USING THE SECTION BETWEEN KWUN TONG ROAD AND FEI NGO SHAN ROAD FROM 9 A.M. TO 2 P.M., AND GOODS VEHICLES TRAVELLING IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO USE THE SECTION BETWEEN HIRAM'S HIGHWAY AND ANDERSON ROAD FROM 2 P.M. TO 7 P.M.

ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD, THE SECTION BETWEEN SHA TSUI ROAD AND PUI TO ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 11 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE SCHEME WOULD BE ENFORCED UNTIL OCTOBER 29.

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