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SHA TIN DEVELOPMENT UNDER REVISION

Sophisticated Township Envisaged

Sha Tin will be transformed, in the years to come, into a modern satellite town with all the salient features and facilities that go with a sophisticated modern township.

Government town planners, in consultation with the New Territories Administration and local leaders, are at present revising the original plan for the development of Sha Tin -- the Outline Zoning Plan for Sha Tin.

The revision of the plan, which began a year ago and is nearing completion, aims at creating an integrated and self-contained township.

In the new plan, the sociological needs of the local population and the improvement of the environmental standards are accorded top priority.

It also seeks to fulfil the three guiding principles of a modern township -- convenience, economy and attractive outlook.

A significant change in the revised plan will be the addition of a race course in Sha Tin.

A government spokesman revealed that the new plan was being designed in such a way as to meet the various community requirements.

He said: "The main theme of development in Sha Tin lies in the even distribution of the different projects to attain a balanced state of development."

When the Sha Tin New Town Development Plan was first conceived, the intention was to develop it into a dormitory town.

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"But the replacement plan aims at providing land for both residential and industrial development within the framework of a balanced pattern of land use," the spokesman explained.

It is Government's intention, he added, to provide sufficient employment for the town's population and, at the same time, to allow the people to live within a reasonable distance from the place of work.

In terms of transport facilities in the new town, government town planners are studying the feasibility of opening a through road linking Sha Tin with Tsuen Wan and Kwai Chung and extending the future mass transit system to reach Sha Tin.

Traffic Flow

The projected second Lion Rock Tunnel, the spokesman said, is expected to go a long way towards improving the flow of traffic between Sha Tin and Kowloon upon its completion in 1976.

Apart from the provision of commercial and industrial areas and government housing, other salient features of the plan include more open space, government, institutional and community facilities and a number of service reservoirs in the area.

A sewage treatment plant is also being taken into consideration in the new plan.

Meanwhile, work is well underway on the construction of the Lek Yuen Government Housing Estate which is envisaged to accommodate 23,000 people and planning is in an advanced stage in respect of the portion of the Tide Cove (Sha Tin Hoi) earmarked for the race course.

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SIX LOTS OF CROWN LAND UP FOR SALE

Three In Broadcasting City

Six lots of Crown land, five of them for private residential development, will be put up for sale by auction in the City Hall on Friday, January 5.

Three of the residential lots are in the "Broadcasting City" area of Kowloon.

Two of these are located in Fessenden Road, adjacent to each other. They cover a total area of about 30,760 sq. ft. and have a combined upset price of \$8.3 million.

The other, measuring about 19,240 sq. ft., is in Marconi Road. Its upset price is \$4,800,000.

Two adjacent residential lots in Clementi Road on the Island will also be offered for sale. The first measures about 20,500 sq. ft. and has an upset price of \$2 million. The other is slightly smaller with an upset price of \$1.8 million.

The last lot is for non-industrial use and is situated at Nos. 12-14 Portland Street in Kowloon.

The land, with existing buildings, has an area of about 1,402 sq. ft. The upset price is \$470,000.

The auction will take place at 2.30 p.m. in the City Hall Lecture Room, 8th floor.

Full particulars and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from and Sale Plans inspected at the Public Enquiry Sub-office, Central Government Offices (West Wing), Ground Floor, Hong Kong, and at the Crown Lands and Survey Office, Kowloon Government Offices, 405 Nathan Road, 10th Floor, Kowloon.

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OVER 90 PER CENT OF FISH CONSUMPTION

Provided By H.K.'s Fleet

Hong Kong's fishing fleet provided 92 percent of the total domestic consumption of marine fish last year, while the balance was met mainly by imports from China.

The total production of marine fish in 1971, estimated at 93,440 metric tons, showed an overall decrease of 8.2 percent compared with 1970.

According to the Agriculture and Fisheries Department, unfavourable weather was the principal cause for the drop; crew shortages was another factor.

A spokesman of the department said: "Although fishing is mainly confined to the waters of the adjacent continental shelf, a considerable number of fishing vessels operate as far as the eastern coast of Hainan Island, some 300 miles south-west of Hong Kong."

In January 1971, the number of local fishing fleet was 5,612, eighty-six percent of which were mechanised, an increase of four per cent since 1969.

The development of Hong Kong's fishing industry during 1971 was satisfactory, according to the spokesman.

The Agriculture and Fisheries Department continues to help fishermen in modernising their gear and exploring new ways of fishing.

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Newly-built fishing boat hulls mechanised in 1971-72 amounted to 827, providing a total capacity of 641,991 piculs. In 1970-71, the number was 764 and the total capacity was 593,723 piculs.

Local fishing vessels are classified into trawlers, liners, gill-netters and purse seiners. Trawlers are the most economically significant of all fishing units, contributing 67 per cent of the total marine fish production.

Production of fisheries products for 1971, including marine and freshwater fish, crustacea, molluscs, aquarium fish, fish meal and fertilisers, amounted to some 120,234 metric tons at an estimated value of \$337.2 million.

Landings of fresh marine fish and the quantity of salt/dried fish and other marine products marketed through the Fish Marketing Organisation totalled 76,327 metric tons in 1971-72. The value of landings was \$143 million, an increase of \$2 million compared with 1970-71.

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MOORING DOLPHINS IN DEEP BAY

The Government proposes to construct four reinforced concrete mooring dolphins in Deep Bay to enable police craft to maintain station in the area without having to anchor.

It is intended to build two of these beacons in the middle of Deep Bay, another adjacent to the police pier at Tsim Bei Tsui and the fourth adjacent to the police pier at Nam Sang Wai.

The boundaries of the area in which the proposed dolphins will be situated are fully described in a notice in today's Gazette.

Anyone who has any objections to the proposed dolphins or any claims of private right in the matter should submit them in writing to the Director of Public Works within two months of the Gazette notification.

Notices, in English and Chinese, are also posted on notice boards at Tsim Bei Tsui, Nam Sang Wai and Lau Fau Shan.

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KOWLOON AND N.T.

Effective From Monday

The Transport Department today announced traffic diversions at Tai Po Road, temporary closure of two street sections in Mong Kok, and new traffic arrangement at three streets in the New Territories, all to be effective as from 10 a.m. on Monday (December 18).

To facilitate the construction of Tai Woh Ping Interchange, eastbound traffic along the section of Tai Po Road between Lung Cheung Road and Ching Cheung Road will be reduced to a single lane for about 15 months.

Tai Po Road eastbound traffic to Lung Cheung Road, instead of turning left into the slip road, will turn right to make use of the Tai Woh Ping flyover. Traffic signals to this effect will be erected but southbound traffic along Tai Po Road will not be affected.

In Mong Kok, Nelson Street between Reclamation Street and Shanghai Street, and Shantung Street between Portland Street and Shanghai Street, will be temporarily closed to through-traffic for about two months to enable road works to be carried out.

Nelson Street between Portland Street and Shanghai Street, and Shantung Street between Reclamation Street and Shanghai Street, which were closed for road works in October, will be re-opened to through-traffic on the same day (Monday).

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In the New Territories, in order to improve traffic circulation in Tai Po Market, Wai Yan Street between Heung Sze Wai Road and On Fu Road will be re-routed one-way westward, and Nam Shing Street and Wai Yi Street between Heung Sze Wui Road and On Fu Road will be re-routed one-way eastward.

The terminus for bus routes 23 and 25 will be resited from Wai Yan Street to a new location on the western side of Heung Sze Wui Road.

Appropriate traffic signs will be posted to guide motorists as well as bus drivers.

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RESTRICTED AREAS FOR MINIBUSES

Public light buses will be prohibited from picking up or setting down passengers at two road sections in Kowloon as from 10 a.m. on Tuesday (December 19) in order to reduce obstruction to traffic.

The restricted areas will be the west side of Hong Ning Road between its junctions with Kwung Tung Road and Ngau Tau Kok Road; and the south side of Ngau Tau Kok Road between its junctions with Hong Ning Road and Tung Ming Street.

Appropriate traffic signs will be erected to indicate the restricted areas.

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EXPORT RESTRAINT ON SHIRTS TO DENMARK

The Director of Commerce and Industry will shortly issue a notice to exporters concerning export restraint on certain shirts to Denmark.

The Notice deals with the introduction of the special shipment scheme on Wednesday (December 20) and the quantity of uncommitted quota available under this scheme.

Copies of the Notice will shortly be sent to trade associations and companies on the Commerce and Industry Department's mailing list for Notice to Exporters, Series 6 (Europe, other than Britain and the European Economic Community).

Because of the Christmas rush, there may be some delay in the delivery of this Notice. Additional copies will, therefore, be made available at the reception counter on the ground floor of the Fire Brigade Building.

Anyone who wishes to seek advance information regarding the contents of the Notice may contact Mr. C.L. Li of the Commerce and Industry Department at Tel: H-247315.

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Note to Editors: There will be an issue of the Daily
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