



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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HONG KONG AIRPORT TUNNEL ROAD

Work on the second and main section of the tunnel road under the Hong Kong Airport is to begin shortly.

It consists mainly of the construction of a 2,580-foot tunnel and 28,000 square yards of aircraft pavements above and adjacent to the tunnel works. This section will be situated within the airport boundary and is estimated to cost \$55 million.

The tunnel will be a reinforced concrete box section divided into two vehicular tubes and ventilation ducts. Each vehicular tube will accommodate a two-lane carriageway with a width of 22 feet and a vertical clearance of 16 feet 9 inches.

The construction of the tunnel is by the cut-and-cover method.

The work is so phased that airport operations can continue without interruption.

A government spokesman said it will be necessary to work at night but every effort will be made to keep the noise level down to a minimum. In fact, the contractor will be required to use sound-reduced equipment.

The tunnel forms an essential part of the North-East Kowloon Road Corridor.

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When completed in 1975, it will not only relieve traffic congestion in the Kowloon City area, but will also serve as a main access route to the fast developing town of Kwun Tong.

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Note to Editors: Copies of a diagram of a cross-section of the tunnel road is attached to today's Daily Information Bulletin.

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MORE TREATED WATER FROM SHATIN PUMPING STATION

More than 2,000 feet of water mains will soon be laid to help deliver water from the Shatin Treatment Works Extension to urban areas to meet the ever-increasing demand for treated water.

The twin mains, 60 inches in diameter, will link the Shatin Pumping Station and the Shatin Portal of the existing Lion Rock Tunnel.

When the second tunnel is completed the mains will be extended to pass through the new tunnel to feed service reservoirs in Kowloon.

Work on the pipeline project, costing about \$1.8 million, is expected to begin in November and will take about eight months to complete.

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UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETS IN LONDON

The University and Polytechnic Grants Committee will hold a short meeting in London on Tuesday (September 26) to consider a mid-term review of the present quadrennium plan of the two universities and general and financial matters of the Hong Kong Polytechnic.

It will be the first time the newly constituted Committee has held a meeting in London, although regular meetings were held previously by the University Grants Committee -- the old name before its expansion to include the Polytechnic in May this year.

Three local members are scheduled to attend the meeting. They are Mr. Eric Udal, legal adviser of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Mr. Oswald Cheung, member of the Legislative Council and Mr. Y.K. Pao of World-Wide Shipping Limited.

A full meeting of the Committee is expected to be held in Hong Kong in February next year.

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CASTLE PEAK ROAD WIDENING

The section of Castle Peak Road between Kwai Chung Road and Texaco Road will be widened to provide easier access to Tsuen Wan and the western New Territories.

This 4-lane section of Castle Peak Road, which is about 4,000 feet in length, will be reconstructed to provide a 6-lane dual carriageway.

There will be two 33-foot wide carriageways with a six-foot central divider. Footpaths 14 feet wide will be provided on each side of the road.

Construction work is expected to begin in November and take about 15 months.

When this part of Castle Peak Road is widened, it will be able to cope with future traffic requirements in the area.

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NEEDY FISHING FAMILIES RECEIVE HOMES

Forty needy fishing families of Cheung Chau will be provided with permanent homes when they move into the Self-Help Care Village on Monday (September 25).

The village is the result of the joint efforts of C.A.R.E. Inc., the Cheung Chau Rural Committee and the District Office, Islands.

To mark the opening of the village, a ribbon-cutting and plaque unveiling ceremony will be officiated jointly by the District Commissioner New Territories, Mr. D.C. Bray; the Commissioner for Canada Mr. R.L. Wales; and the Chief of the Refugee and Migration Unit of the American Consulate General, Mr. Richard Hart.

It is C.A.R.E.'s third village development on Cheung Chau Island. The project is aimed at providing needy families with permanent homes as a means of improving their economic, physical and social circumstances.

A donation of over \$140,000 was made by Canada through C.A.R.E. Inc. for this project. The Cheung Chau Rural Committee, which represents the 40 fishing families, also made a donation of \$276,000 to meet construction costs -- hence the name Self-Help Care Village.

The District Office, Islands granted 24,600 square feet of crown land at a nominal rental of one dollar a year. In addition, \$60,000 was supplied by the local Public Works Fund for the construction of ancillary facilities.

Note to Editors: You are cordially invited to send a reporter and/or photographer to cover the opening ceremony. The guest launch "Windy" will leave Queen's Pier at 10 a.m. on Monday to take the Press to Cheung Chau. Refreshments will be provided.

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ROAD SAFETY FOR ESTATE RESIDENTS

A comprehensive road safety campaign is being organised for the Sau Mau Ping Resettlement Estate.

It lasts for five days, from October 2 to 6, and will involve some 3,000 youngsters in the area. The main aim of the campaign is to assist local schools in educating students about road safety.

The opening ceremony will be held at the Sau Mau Ping Safety Town where there are "child-size" crossings, pavements, traffic lights and miniature cars.

A road safety training programme will be held in the Safety Town, while a number of competitions will be held at the Sau Mau Ping (South) Estate Welfare Building. These include speech and colouring competitions and a quiz on traffic and road safety.

The winning entries together with pictures and charts illustrating the importance of road safety will be displayed in the Welfare Building.

The organisers are the Sau Mau Ping (South) Estate Community Work Office, the Royal Hong Kong Police and the Hong Kong Road Safety Association.

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UNLICENSED FOOD STALL OPERATOR FINED

The Urban Services Department is stepping up its efforts to curb all unlicensed food businesses in the interests of public health.

The spokesman said that the seriousness of the offence was receiving wider attention and more severe punishment for those convicted.

He cited one recent case in which the court imposed a fine of \$750 on an operator of an unlicensed food stall in Pei Ho Street, Kowloon.

The spokesman said: "We will continue to request the courts to impose daily fines and severe punishment on these operators as a deterrent against this public health hazard."

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HEALTH REPORT FOR AUGUST

Five cases of measles were reported during August, according to monthly health statistics released today by the Medical and Health Department.

A spokesman said this rate of incidence of the disease was considered "very low" and could be attributable, in part, to the current anti-measles campaign.

In August last year, 64 cases of measles were notified, and the five-year monthly average between 1967 and 1971 was 54.

The spokesman said that during August this year, a total of 785 cases of infectious diseases was notified, and the number of deaths from these diseases was 127.

Compared with July, no appreciable variation in the incidence of the diseases was observed.

There was one fatal case of cerebro-meningitis, and one of bacillary dysentery.

There were no cases of diphtheria, poliomyelitis, or puerperal fever.

Hong Kong remained free from cholera or other quarantinable diseases.

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MEDICAL ADVISER ARRIVES

Note to Editors:

Dr. P.W. Dill-Russell, chief medical adviser to the Overseas Development Administration in Britain, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday.

He is spending two days visiting government hospitals and clinics to note developments in the fields of medical and health.

On Monday (September 25), he will meet the Press in the "Golden Pen" at the Peninsula Hotel before leaving to attend the World Health Organisation's conference of the Western Pacific Region in Guam.

The Press Conference will start at 10 a.m.

Also attending the conference will be the Director of Medical and Health Services in Hong Kong, Dr. G.H. Choa; the Deputy Director of Medical and Health Services (Health), Dr. J.K. Craig; and the Principal Medical and Health Officer, Dr. H.S. Chan.

You are invited to have this conference covered. Dr. Dill-Russell will not have time to meet the Press at Kai Tak.

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SURPLUS IN ACCOUNTS FOR JULY

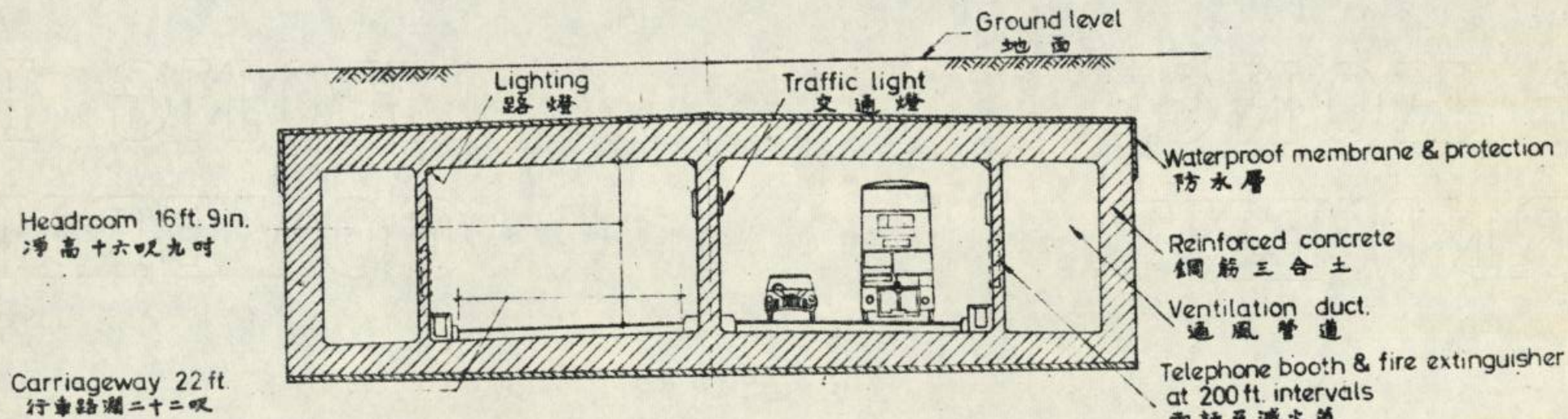
The Hong Kong Government accounts for the month of July show a surplus of \$81.08 million compared with a surplus of \$7.76 million in July last year.

This has resulted in a total deficit of \$2.24 million for the first four months of this financial year. In the past three years, the accounts have been in surplus at the end of the first four months.

Total revenue for the month at \$353.06 million was \$89.21 million more than in July 1971. Expenditure amounted to \$271.99 million, an increase of \$15.90 million over the same month last year.

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