



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

Wednesday, September 27, 1972

OVER ONE MILLION SQUARE FEET OF LAND FOR SALE

More than 1.1. million feet of land will be put on sale in Hong Kong in the next six months.

This is roughly the same area that was auctioned during the preceding six months.

Announcing details of the land sales forecast today, the Director of Lands and Survey said that a total of 68 lots on Hong Kong Island, in Kowloon and New Kowloon will be sold in the period from October 1, 1972 to March 31, 1973.

Of the 68 lots, 12 have been reserved for industrial sites, 19 for non-industrial, 33 for residential and four have been set aside for commercial development.

Just over half the residential lots are in the Kowloon Tong area with 14 of them in "broadcasting city."

One of the biggest lots to be offered, covering 57,000 square feet, has been reserved for a supermarket on Junction Road near the entrance to Broadcast Drive

The only lot in the Central District of Hong Kong Island for auction is an area of land measuring 6,000 square feet on Cotton Tree Drive near the ex-Naval Dockyard. This site will be available for office accommodation.

/The size

Wednesday, September 27, 1972

- 2 -

The size of the industrial lots, half of which are in Yau Tong, range from 4,600 to 26,000 square feet.

The sale dates for each lot will be notified in the Government Gazette and advertised in the press.

Particulars of the land sale forecast together with plans showing the location of the lots to be offered for sale may be inspected at the Crown Lands and Survey Offices in Murray Building and the Kowloon Government Offices; the Public Enquiry Bureau, Central Government Offices, West Wing; all City District Offices; the office of the District Commissioner, New Territories, North Kowloon Magistracy; and in the Commerce and Industry Department, Fire Brigade Building, 46 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong.

Copies of the forecast may be obtained free of charge by calling at any of the above offices or by written request to the Crown Lands and Survey Offices.

----- 0 -----

/3

Wednesday, September 27, 1972

- 3 -

TSUEN WAN - KWAI CHUNG SATELLITE TOWN CONTINUES TO DEVELOP

In the process of developing the Tsuen Wan-Kwai Chung area into a self-contained town, tremendous progress has been made in public housing, land development and the expansion of the Kwai Chung Container Port.

In the past 12 months, over 8,300 residential units, housing 42,000 people, have been provided in the Kwai Hing, Kwai Fong and Lei Muk Shue Government Low Cost Housing Estates.

Seven small government estates have also been included in the proposals for the Public Works Programme on the recommendation of the Housing Board.

Due to the rapid development in the area, there is an acute shortage of land for both residential-commercial and industrial use.

It is anticipated that the shortage in industrial land will be alleviated towards the end of this year on the completion of new sites. But no further residential-commercial lots are expected to be available until 1973-74.

There have been applications to convert some of the existing industrial land into residential-commercial land, but these were turned down because they conflicted with the Tsuen Wan and District Outline Development Plan.

As a result of reclamation work connected with the container port, large areas of land have been formed on Tsing Yi Island and the Lai Chi Kok peninsula, and will soon become available.

A local consortium has begun constructing a bridge across Rambler Channel to Tsing Yi Island, and when completed this will be handed over to the Government free of costs.

/The first

Wednesday, September 27, 1972

- 4 -

The first lot of the Kwai Chung Container Port was opened this month. Piling and reclamation work for the second and third lots are nearing completion, and contracts will soon be let for top surfacing and the construction of offices.

It is expected that the second and third lots will be opened early next year.

- - - - 0 - - - -

ROAD CHANGES IN WESTERN DISTRICT

Special traffic arrangements will be introduced in Western District on Hong Kong Island to facilitate the construction of a one-way flyover at the junction of Pokfulam Road and Bonham Road.

From next Monday (October 2) traffic will be prohibited from turning right from Bonham Road into Lower Pokfulam Road, Hill Road and Third Street.

Westbound traffic from Bonham Road should use High Street to gain access to these three streets.

Appropriate traffic signs will be erected to guide motorists.

- - - - 0 - - - -

4/5

Wednesday, September 27, 1972

- 5 -

GOVERNMENT OFFICES FOR TAI PO

A site at the junction of Ting Kok Road and Tai Po Road has been earmarked for the construction of a government office building for Tai Po.

The proposed seven-storey building will provide accommodation for a post office, a birth and marriage registry, part of the Tai Po District Office and various other offices on the ground floor.

The office space on the upper floors has been allocated to various government departments.

Store rooms, quarters and covered parking spaces will also be provided.

In the light of planned development in the Tai Po District, it is estimated that a total of 60,000 square feet of office space will be required by 1976.

The new Tai Po government building will provide a total floor area of 70,000 square feet, with provision for future development.

The estimated cost of the building is \$10.5 million.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/6

Wednesday, September 27, 1972

- 6 -

OCEAN-GOING LAUNCH FOR OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL

A new ocean-going launch the "Jim Hogan" has joined the fleet of the Outward Bound School after it was launched today by Lady MacLehose at the American Marine Shipyard.

The launch has been modified into a training vessel to provide the students with a general knowledge of safety practice at sea. It will also be used in other activities connected with the school.

The need for a new boat followed an inspection by the Marine Department which found that the school's former vessel was in an unsatisfactory condition.

The Lotteries Board of the Social Welfare Department then approved that a sum of over \$340,000 be allocated from the Lotteries Fund for the purchase of a new craft and additional training facilities.

The boat is fitted with twin 108 horsepower diesel engines, and equipped with life jackets and other safety gear. It can also keep in touch with the Marine Department via V.H.F. radio.

In an address to the guests before the actual launching, Lady MacLehose said that "Jim Hogan" will expand the scope of training facilities at the Outward Bound School, and at the same time provide "better standards of safety and comfort."

She also expressed the hope that the school would expand its experimental courses for handicapped children.

/The following

Wednesday, September 27, 1972

- 7 -

The following is the full text of Lady MacLehose's speech:

"May I say thank you very much for inviting me along today to launch this magnificent ocean-going craft.

"This launch is a marvellous example of what can be achieved here when time is short. The Marine Department recently inspected, and were not too happy about the state of the School's old boat, but how and where to replace it? The Lotteries Board of S.W.D. have risen to the occasion with a substantial grant and American Marine have used their endless ingenuity in producing a tailor made or should I say custom built vessel keeping a close watch on the funds available in what must surely be a record time.

"I understand that the Marine Police will now be hailed in friendly gesture and not by an S.O.S. signal.

"I am sure that this launch is going to be a tremendous asset to the School. Along with further new craft the scope of training facilities can be greatly extended with better standards of safety and comfort.

"There may even be possibilities to expand the experimental courses which the School run for the handicapped, junior children and in leadership.

"I should hate to delay use of this boat any longer by talking, but I should like to wish her and the School all success in their sea-going ventures. Perhaps we could have a marine rendezvous with The Lady Maurine at grid ref. 270,860.

"And now thinking of the first Principal of an Outward Bound School, I have much pleasure in naming you The Jim Hogan - I wish you and all who sail in you every good fortune."

- - - - 0 - - - -

/8

Wednesday, September 27, 1972

- 8 -

HONG KONG LEARNS FROM INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Assistant Director (Social Work) of the Social Welfare Department, Miss Annie Chan, said today Hong Kong had made a "positive contribution" to the discussions in Australia in connection with the recent 12th World Congress of Rehabilitation International.

Hong Kong was represented by a delegation of 64, and Miss Chan headed a Social Welfare Department contingent of four. They were joined in Sydney by more than 2,000 delegates from all over the world.

The Departmental representatives attended two pre-conference seminars, in Brisbane and Adelaide, where small groups of about 100 delegates spent a week discussing intensively specialised subjects such as social planning and vocational training.

Miss Chan took part in the Brisbane talks, acting as chairman of a discussion group. The seminars went into their topics "exhaustively," and Hong Kong gained a lot from the four hours of discussion daily.

There were "lively exchanges" between the developed and the developing countries, and Hong Kong made a positive contribution to the useful flow of ideas because it was "uniquely placed to be able to appreciate the views of either side."

Miss Chan said she was impressed by the mass of information on rehabilitation gleaned from the conference, and she had no doubt some of it would influence future local attitudes and work.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/9

Wednesday, September 27, 1972

- 9 -

ANTI-MEASLES CAMPAIGN - RESPONSE STILL POOR

Statistics released today by the Medical and Health Department show that only 703 children were immunised against measles during the seventh week of the current anti-measles campaign.

Of the total, 137 doses were administered on the Island, 362 in Kowloon, and 204 in the New Territories.

Since the beginning of the campaign on August 8, the overall number of doses administered is now 10,662.

The campaign has two more weeks to go. After that, anti-measles vaccine will be routinely available at all government maternal and child health centres.

- - - - 0 - - - -

QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED

The Port Health Authority announced today that quarantine restrictions have been imposed against people arriving from Djambi Port in Indonesia because of cholera.

- - - - 0 - - - -

Release Time: 7.00 p.m.