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MORE LAND TO BE RECLAIMED FOR SHA TIN NEW TOWN

The formation of Sha Tin New Town will enter a new phase with the reclamation of a further 115 acres of land on the eastern coast of Tide Cove.

The reclaimed area will provide land for the construction of both private and public housing to accommodate 110,000 people.

Residential sites will be located on the reclaimed land as well as adjacent platforms formed as a result of associated earthworks.

Sites will also be marked out for the construction of recreational areas, a market, a hawker bazaar, a fire station, a civic centre and other community facilities.

Housing provided on the reclamation will complement the Lek Yuen Estate currently under construction in Sha Tin. The Lek Yuen Estate comprises seven blocks, and will house 23,000 people on completion.

Other provisions envisaged in the New Town are commercial and industrial areas, government and institutional facilities, and a number of service reservoirs.

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INAUGURATION OF CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE

The Cultural and Recreational Committee of the Wong Tai Sin Community Centre will be officially inaugurated tomorrow (Friday).

The ceremony will take place at the Community Centre at 104, Ching Tak Street, Wong Tai Sin, at 5.00 p.m.

Officiating will be Miss Annie Chan, Assistant Director of Social Welfare, Mr. I.R. Strachan, City District Officer, Wong Tai Sin, Miss Linda Lee, Senior Education Officer, and Mr. Kwok Ka-chi, Principal Social Welfare Officer of the Social Welfare Department.

The Cultural and Recreational Committee was established in November 1968 by sixty schools in Wong Tai Sin District and is under the Chairmanship of the Warden of the Community Centre there.

Mrs. Henrietta Chan, who presently holds the position, said that since its founding the Committee had successfully organised a number of useful activities, among which were two seminars on "deviant behaviour of the young in resettlement estates" and "social work and school education".

The others included projects to raise funds for the welfare of elderly people in the area and the formation of the Wong Tai Sin District Children's choir.

Over the next few months the Committee is planning to organise a number of different activities including a party for elderly people, a children's night at Morse Park and a singing competition.

Note to Editors: You are welcome to cover the Inauguration Ceremony.

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CHILDREN'S PARTY

The Government Supplies Department will host an Annual Children's Party for 1,000 children at the Department Compound at Oil Street, North Point this Sunday (February 24) at 2 p.m.

Programmes of the day include music by Cape Collinson Boys Band, the A.M.S. Band, magic and acrobatic shows, side shows, cartoons, merry-go-round and train rides.

Representatives of the press are welcome to cover.

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"MEET THE MEDIA" SESSION

Note to Editors: The Director of Social Welfare, Mr. Kenneth Topley, will answer questions from the Press on the work of his department at a "Meet the Media" session tomorrow (Friday).

Also attending will be the Deputy Director, Mr. Thomas Lee, and the Assistant Director (General), Mr. Frederick Clark.

The session will be held in the 35 mm. theatre, G.I.S., Beaconsfield House, 5th floor. It begins at 3 p.m.

You are welcome to send your representative to cover the session.

Television crews are advised to arrive early to give them ample time to set up their cameras.

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SEMINAR ON HIGHER STUDIES

Some 200 senior secondary students from schools in Tai Hang Tung and its surrounding areas have been invited to attend a seminar on higher studies this Saturday (February 23).

The seminar will be held at the Tai Hang Tung Community Centre and is intended to give the students a chance to obtain more information about enrolment, curriculum, and other details about the prospects of post-secondary and university education.

Representatives from the Hong Kong University, the Chinese University, the Baptist College and the Education Department have been invited to speak.

This is the second such seminar that the Tai Hang Tung Community Centre and the West Kowloon Youth Guidance Council have organised this year to help Form Five Students in deciding what they are going to do in future.

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Note to Editors: You are welcome to cover the seminar which will be held from 2.00 to 5.00 p.m. on Saturday (February 23) at the Tai Hang Tung Community Centre at Tong Yam Street, Tai Hang Tung, Kowloon.

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BUILDING PLANS APPROVED

A total of 63 building plans were approved in January, according to statistics released today by the Buildings Ordinance Office.

Twenty-three of the plans were on Hong Kong Island, 13 in Kowloon and 27 in the New Territories.

They include multi-storey apartment/commercial buildings in Percival Street, Lockhart Road and Hiu Kwong Street in Sau Mau Ping.

Plans for a 40-storey building at Fortress Hill Road include a car park on five lower-ground floors.

Forty new building projects were given permission to start work last month.

Occupation certificates were issued for 42 domestic and non-domestic premises, including tenement/commercial buildings in Wanchai, North Point, Chatham Road and Kwai Chung.

Consent was also given during the month for the demolition of 31 buildings.

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TEXTILE EXPORT ARRANGEMENTS ANNOUNCED

In a notice to exporters on textile exports to the United States, the Director of Commerce and Industry has announced the arrangements for the disposal of uncommitted balances of cotton, m.m.f. and wool quotas for 1973/74 under an open-to-all export authorisation scheme.

Trade associations and companies on the Commerce and Industry Department's mailing list for these notices will receive copies shortly.

Copies are also available from the receptionist counter on the ground floor of the department, 46 Connaught Road, Central.

Anyone wishing to seek further information is invited to contact either of the following officers of the department:

Mr. Y.K. Tong - Industry Assistant
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Mr. C.Y. Cho) - Industry Assistants
Mr. M.O. Wong) Tel. No. 5-448686

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TAXI FARE INCREASE BEING CONSIDERED

A possible fare increase for taxi operators on Hong Kong Island is being considered by the Transport Department. An earlier application by Kowloon taxi operators is in its final stage of processing.

A spokesman for the department today emphasised that the application by Hong Kong operators had not been rejected. The decision lay with the Governor in Council and not the Transport Department.

The Hong Kong operators are seeking to increase the existing flag-fall from \$1.50 to \$2.00, and the rate per mile from \$1.00 to \$1.50.

The spokesman said that the operators had more recently backed up their application by producing detailed audited accounts of their operation.

"Obviously there has been a rise in operating costs during the past twelve months or so, and the application must be considered in this light," the spokesman added.

However, because the Hong Kong operators submitted their application well after an application was made by the Kowloon operators, it is only reasonable that theirs should be considered first.

The spokesman said that when the Kowloon operators submitted their applications, the Hong Kong operators indicated that they were not seeking a fare increase at that stage.

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HAWKERS WARNED ABOUT IMPOSTORS

The Housing Department today advised illegal hawkers in the Yau Tong area to beware of a group of people who claimed to be able to get hawker stalls for them.

It is believed that some hawkers have already paid sums of money to these people in the hope of getting a hawker stall.

"A report should be made to the Police if anyone should use this as a pretext to solicit money," a spokesman for the Housing Department urged.

He explained that it was impossible to take in more hawkers on the estate as tenants are already adequately served by the modular market and temporary bazaar, which have a total of more than 170 stalls.

Meanwhile, Housing Department staff continued their routine tidy-up operation today to ensure that the estate is tidy and clean.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

Daily Guide To Wholesale Market Prices And Supplies

The following prices were realized today (Thursday) at sales under the Rice Control Scheme and at the Vegetable Marketing Organisation Wholesale Market and the Fish Marketing Organisation Wholesale Market at Cheung Sha Wan, Kowloon:

Supplies and Wholesale Prices of Rice

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Availability of Supply</u>	<u>Wholesale Price (\$/catty)</u>
<u>China Rice</u>		<u>Average</u>
See New -- old crop	Good	-
-- new crop		
S.C.Jien -- old crop	Good	-
Po Ngai	Good	-
Chu Cho	Good	-
<u>Thai Rice</u>	Good	-
100% Whole		
10-15% Broken	Good	-
A1 Super Extra	Good	1.52
A1 Super	Good	1.42
Whole Glutinous	Good	-
<u>U.S. Rice</u>	Good	1.74
<u>Australian Rice</u>	Good	-
<u>Pakistan Rice</u>	Good	-
<u>Taiwan Rice</u>	Good	-

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Supplies and Wholesale Prices of Marine Fish

<u>Species</u>	<u>Availability of Supply</u>	<u>Wholesale Price (\$/catty)</u>		
		<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>Average</u>
Golden Thread	Good	3.2	2.2	2.8
Big-Eyes	Good	2.7	0.7	1.8
Squid	Limited	5.8	3.0	5.0
Hair-Tails	Normal	2.4	0.8	1.7
Lizard Fishes	Normal	2.3	1.0	1.8
Croakers	Normal	2.2	0.8	1.5
Conger-Pike-Eels	Normal	2.4	2.0	2.2
Melon Coat	Normal	2.2	1.8	2.0
Breams	Normal	4.5	3.5	4.0
Yellow Belly	Good	1.7	0.8	1.2
Mackerels	Good	3.6	2.8	3.2
Red Goat Fish	Good	1.2	0.55	0.8
Fork-Tail	Normal	1.0	0.7	0.9
Horse-Head	Normal	5.0	2.8	4.0
Melon Seed	Normal	2.5	1.8	2.2
Pomfrets	Limited	9.0	7.5	8.0
Garoupas	Normal	6.5	4.5	5.5
Yellow Croaker	Scarce	8.0	6.5	6.8

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Locally Produced Vegetables

<u>Type</u>	<u>Availability of Supply</u>	<u>Wholesale Price (\$/catty)</u>		
		<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>Average</u>
Flowering cabbage	Normal	1.4	0.5	1.0
White cabbage	Normal	0.8	0.2	0.5
Chinese Lettuce	Normal	0.6	0.15	0.4
Chinese Kale	Good	0.8	0.2	0.5
Spring onion	Normal	1.0	0.3	0.6
Spinach	Good	0.7	0.15	0.45
Water cross	Good	0.8	0.15	0.5
Leaf mustard cabbage	Limited	0.7	0.2	0.45
Tomato	Limited	1.6	0.5	1.0

Supplies and Wholesale Prices of Pork (Live weight)

	<u>Availability of Supply</u>	<u>Wholesale Price (\$/ picul)</u>
		(Average)
Pork	Good	300

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