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HISTORY TAKES TO THE STREETS

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Hong Kong will see the introduction of commemorative plaques, similar to those found in London, when the Urban Services Department launches a long-term project next year to mark places of historical interest.

Announcing the details today, the Executive Secretary of the USD's Antiquities and Monuments Section, Dr. S.M. Bard, said: "it will provide a short but attractive history of Hong Kong to residents and tourists alike."

The locations to be chosen will commemorate:

- \* places where famous people lived or congregated;
- \* important events; and
- \* important first buildings.

Regarding the first category of particular interest to Hong Kong is Dr. Sun Yat-sen. Four sites have already been identified as where Dr. Sun studied or held important meetings, and plaques may be placed at each location.

Dr. Bard said the plaques will be ceramic. "A very hard stoneware has been chosen to reduce the wear and tear from exposure outdoors, and two samples are being made at a local factory."

One of these will commemorate the Hong Kong Mint, which used to be in Cleveland Street in East Point. The inscription, in English and Chinese, will read: "The Hong Kong Mint stood on this site during its brief existence, 1865 to 1868."

Subject to permission from the owners of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building in Central, the other plaque will be installed there to show the site of the first city hall, erected in 1869 and demolished in 1933.

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Dr. Bard will submit his recommendations on all potential locations to the Antiquities Advisory Board for approval before any plaques are mounted.

"This is a scheme on which the public can provide great assistance, and I would welcome any suggestions," he said.

Anyone wishing to submit information for consideration by the board may write to the Executive Secretary of the Antiquities and Monuments Section of the Urban Services Department at Block 18, Kowloon Park, Haiphong Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon.

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BANKING STATISTICS FOR AUGUST

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Bank deposits at the end of August stood at \$48,814 million, comprising \$11,749 million in demand deposits, \$18,022 million in time deposits and \$19,043 million in savings deposits.

There were 74 licensed banks in Hong Kong on August 31.

The following tables released today by the Commissioner of Banking give a detailed breakdown of bank liabilities and assets and money supply for the month.

<u>LIABILITIES</u>	<u>\$ MILLION</u>
1. Deposits	48,814
2. Amount due to banks abroad	32,850
3. Other liabilities	9,683
Total Liabilities	<u>91,347</u>

<u>ASSETS</u>		
1. Cash		925
2. Amount due from banks abroad :		
(I) Demand and short term claims	26,016	
(II) Time deposits	<u>4,770</u>	30,786
3. Loans and Advances :		
(I) Hong Kong	33,118	
(II) Abroad	<u>17,000</u>	50,118
4. Investments :		
(I) Hong Kong	3,451	
(II) Abroad	<u>67</u>	3,518

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5. Other assets :

(I) Hong Kong	4,583	
(II) Abroad	1,417	6,000
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	Total Assets	91,347
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Average liquidity during month		44.84%

MONEY SUPPLY

\$ MILLION

1. Legal tender coins and notes in circulation (A)		
(I) Commercial bank issues	5,361	
(II) Government issues	513	5,874
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2. Licensed banks' holdings of legal tender coins and notes (B)		925
3. Legal tender coins and notes in hands of non-bank public (A) - (B) = (C)		4,949
4. Demand deposits with licensed banks (D)		11,749
5. Money supply (definition 1) (C) + (D) = (E)		16,698
6. Time deposits with licensed banks (F)		18,022
7. Savings deposits with licensed banks (G)		19,043
8. Money supply (definition 2) (E) + (F) + (G) = (H)		53,763

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MODERN HOUSES FOR RESITED FAMILIES

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Thirty families who have vacated their private village houses in North Kwai Chung to make way for Tsuen Wan's 14th public housing estate, will soon be moving into modern resite houses.

The new houses have been built by the Government at a cost of about \$120,000 each to rehouse the indigenous villagers of Shek Wai Kok, Kwu Hang and part of Yi Bor Chun Villages.

The villagers are decorating their new homes and are expected to move in before the end of this month.

They have been given a special allowance of \$6,500 to help meet removal and decoration expenses.

Their new homes are in rows of three-storey concrete houses at the nearby Wo Yi Hop Road and Yau Ma Hom Road.

"The houses have the basic facilities of a modern home," Assistant Tsuen Wan District Officer (Land Development), Mr. Albert Fung, said today.

Each house, he said, has a total floor space of 2,100 square feet - 700 sq. ft. on each floor complete with kitchen and bathroom facilities and electricity wiring.

"Both the first and second floors have a balcony. In addition, the second floor is partitioned into one living room and two bedrooms with built-in wardrobes," he said.

The partitioning of the two lower floors is left entirely to the occupants as they may have their own ideas of how this should be done, he added.

Mr. Fung said that in the meantime, the villagers' families were receiving a rent allowance each month which enabled them to live in private accommodation until they moved into the resite houses before the end of this month.

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The area from which they have moved is part of a 36-acre site for the \$130 million Shek Wai Kok Estate. Construction work is to start later this year.

On completion by the end of 1980, the estate will house about 34,000 people in eight domestic blocks. There will also be community facilities which include banks, a restaurant, a department store, a supermarket, shops, cooked-food stalls, car park, a police reporting centre and a post office.

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Note to Editors :

\$60 MILLION CONTRACT FOR TUEN MUN NEW TOWN

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Another major engineering contract for Tuen Mun New Town, worth about \$60 million, will be signed tomorrow (Tuesday).

The signing ceremony will take place at 10.30 a.m. in the conference room, Public Works Department Headquarters, 21st floor, Murray Building, Garden Road.

You are invited to have the function covered.

Television crews are asked to arrive at 10.15 a.m. so that they have ample time to set up their equipment.

Mr. K.K. Tang, P.W.D.'s Acting Chief Engineer (Tuen Mun), will be available for interview after the signing ceremony.

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NEW OFFICE OF LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE IN TAI PO

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The Labour Department will open a new Local Employment Service office at 52, Kwong Fuk Road, Tai Po on Wednesday (October 5) to provide regular services to employers and job-seekers in the New Territories.

This is to replace the existing office in Po Heung Street which is operating on a part-time basis.

The opening of the new office forms part of the department's expansion plan to provide free services to both employers and job-seekers wherever possible.

The new office had been chosen for its convenient location which would enable it to serve not only residents in the Tai Po District but also people living in Sha Tin, Fan Ling and Sheung Shui.

A Labour Department spokesman said, "it is hoped that by moving the office to a new location residents in the neighbouring areas will find it more convenient to make use of the services."

He reminded those who wish to register themselves for jobs to bring their identity cards and a recent photograph.

As for employers who wish to make use of the service, they could simply telephone the new office at 12-665183, the spokesman added.

The existing office at Po Heung Street will continue to be used by other units of the department.

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LABOUR TRIBUNAL MOVES OFFICE

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The Labour Tribunal and its office are moving this weekend (October 8) from Whitfield Barracks to the mezzanine floor of Middle Road Multi-storey Car Park Building in Tsim Sha Tsui.

All claims for hearing by the Labour Tribunal should from next Monday (October 10) be lodged at the new address.

The telephone numbers of the Labour Tribunal and its staff will remain unchanged. Inquiry can be made at 3-691946.

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