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EXTENSION WORK AT PLOVER COVE NEARING COMPLETION

Dams Being Raised To Increase Capacity

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Ninety per cent of the current extension work at the Plover Cove Reservoir to boost its storage capacity by some 13,500 million gallons has now been completed.

The whole project, costing more than $32 million, is expected to be completed in April as the construction work has progressed according to schedule.

And what remains to be done after that is to wait for the rainy season to come.

The extension work was started in June 1970, and it was planned to take advantage of the summer rains this year.

With the completion of this project, Hong Kong's total water storage capacity will be increased from 54,000 million gallons to 67,500 million gallons.

This, together with the High Island Water Scheme which will have a storage capacity of 60,000 million gallons when completed, and the Castle Peak desalination plant, which should be able to produce 40 million gallons of fresh water per day by 1976, represent three positive steps taken by the Government to meet Hong Kong's increasing demand for fresh water in the seventies.

The Plover Cove extension work involves the raising of the main and two subsidiary dams by 12 feet, the construction of a small saddle dam at the Tai Mei Tuk peninsula, and the installation of 64 concrete syphons on the existing spillway.

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Commenting on the progress of the works, a spokesman for the project said the dams and the syphons are now nearing completion.

At the main dam, the deposition of rip rap (large rocks) and the final repositioning of the wave wall blocks are well underway.

The installation of syphons on the spillway is also progressing well.

The two subsidiary (North and South) dams have been completed except for some road surfacing and turfing work.

Work at the saddle dam has been finished.

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APPEAL FOR PUBLIC CO-OPERATION AGAINST CRIME

Comments By Director of Social Welfare At Unusual Ceremony

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Mr. F.K. Li, Director of Social Welfare, today appealed for public co-operation in the Government's efforts to prevent crimes of violence.

He was speaking at a ceremony in Lee Gardens attended by Mr. Cheung Kam-fai and dependents of the late Mr. Ng Shung-por who received special cash awards as a mark of appreciation for courageous and public-spirited conduct.

Mr. Li said when their cases were reported in the Press much sympathy was aroused. Mr. Cheung and the late Mr. Ng were examples of brave residents who were not afraid to do their share in helping the authorities fight crime.

"Everyone is proud of them," Mr. Li said, "and today, the Hong Kong Government wishes to show its gratitude to Mr. Cheung and the family of Mr. Ng."

He then presented special cash awards of $500 to Mr. Cheung and $17,000 to the family of the late Mr. Ng.

Mr. Li said the prosperity of Hong Kong depended on the combined efforts of the Government and the people to prevent crime. The authorities and voluntary agencies were deeply concerned over the increase in crime, and steps were being taken to see that peace and order could be made secure for all.

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"It is in this sense that the ceremony today has significance," Mr. Li commented. "Without the co-operation of the people, all measures that are taken will not be fully effective. Co-operation is essential."

Notice of the special award was made by Mr. G.R. Sneath, Acting Attorney General, in the Legislative Council on Wednesday, December 13, 1972.

Under Section 95 of the Interpretation Ordinance, the Legislative Council may award compensation to any person injured while carrying out a moral duty to assist in the prevention of crime.

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FIRST OPEN DAY OF PROBATION SERVICE

Chief Justice To Attend Ceremony At SWD's Begonia Road Home

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Sir Ivo Rigby, the Chief Justice, will officiate at the first Open Day of the Social Welfare Department's Probation and Corrections Division at the Begonia Road Boys' Home on Thursday (January 25).

On this Open Day, for the first time, all probation offices and five S.W.D. correctional institutions are joining together to mount a single show. The show, which will continue beyond the Open Day itself in other localities, is aimed at familiarising the public with the aims and objectives of probation and correctional work.

The five institutions are the Begonia Road Boys' Home, the O Pui Shan Boys' Home, the Castle Peak Boys' Home, the Ma Tau Wei Girls' Home and the Kwun Tong Hostel.

Sir Ivo will see in the hall of the Begonia Road Boys' Home an exhibition depicting visually life in all S.W.D. correctional institutions.

There will be photographs, charts and other material, showing the trainees at work, at play, and engaged in projects that will have a bearing on their occupations after their discharge.

In addition, a Cantonese film, made recently by Radio Hong Kong Television for its drama series "Under the Lion Rock", will be re-screened. It shows how a probation officer helps prevent a teenage boy from going astray.

Two well-known television personalities, Tsang Kong and Wong Suk-yee, star in the film. Professional divisional officers assisted in the preparation of the script.

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Visitors to the Open Day will also be able to manipulate an interesting device, a kind of 'quiz machine,' which will test the level of their understanding in probation and corrections work.

Also on display will be various handicrafts made by trainees following instructions in technical classes. Items include carpentry work, tailoring, art work, and products conceived and executed as a result of a special interest, or a hobby.

The entire exhibition will be displayed in four localities at different times after the Open Day for the convenience of the public.

It will be shown at the Begonia Road Boys' Home on January 26-27; at the Lady Trench Training Centre on February 8-10; at the Yuen Long Town Hall on February 15-17, and at the Wong Tai Sin Community Centre on February 22-24.

Honest Appraisal

Mr. Anthony Chan, Superintendent of the Begonia Road Boys' Home, will welcome visitors in groups, and arrangements for their reception can be made by telephoning Mr. Chan at 3-800500. A guide will be provided for a group visit.

Commenting on the significance of the Open Day, Mr. S.M. Lee, Senior Principal Social Welfare Officer and head of the Probation and Corrections Division, says an honest appraisal of the material assembled will enable a visitor to gain a proper idea of the work of the probation service.

"I hope the show we are mounting will enable our work to be seen in proper perspective."

The success of probation can be seen from statistics on probation cases in the year beginning on April 1, 1971, and ending on March 31, 1972. Cases brought up in that time totalled 2,378, and of these, 2,182 were completed. Of the lot, 1,463 were successful.

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Note to Editors: You are invited to have the open day at the Begonia Road Boys' Home covered. The ceremony begins at 3 p.m. on Thursday (January 25). Arrangements can be made separately with the TV and radio stations for a preview of the exhibition before that time. Please contact the Social Welfare Department's Principal Information Officer directly, telephone number 5-767784.

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KITCHEN REFUSE MAY BE HEALTH HAZARD

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Kitchen refuse and food remnants if not disposed of properly, may constitute a health hazard because they attract flies, cockroaches and rats.

A spokesman for the Urban Services Department said that all kitchen refuse should be wrapped in plastic bags or with several layers of newspaper before being put into the dust-bin.

"This is much more hygienic," he said.

Collection of refuse will also be an easier task for both caretakers and U.S.D. workers.

The spokesman pointed out that under the new litter laws every flat occupant must provide and use a proper dust-bin for refuse; the use of a basket or open swill bucket was prohibited.

"Posters advocating this practice are being sent out to the management committees of all multi-storey buildings," he added.

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REST GARDENS FOR TAI HANG TUNG ESTATE

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Residents of the Tai Hang Tung Resettlement Estate will have additional sitting out areas when a number of rest gardens are opened tomorrow (January 24).

Situated at Blocks 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the estate, these rest gardens will provide more recreational spaces for the residents during their leisure hours.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony will be jointly officiated tomorrow afternoon by Mr. Henry Wong, Urban Councillor, and Mr. Cheng Chung-ming, Chairman of the Estate's Kaifong Welfare Association.

After the ceremony, the guests will be conducted on a tour of the rest gardens.

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Note to Editors: You are cordially invited to send a reporter and/or photographer to cover the opening ceremony. It will be held in the rest garden between Block 4 and 5 at 3 p.m.

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PUBLIC DUMP TO BE OPENED IN CENTRAL

For Depositing Selected Building Debris

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The Director of Public Works, Mr. J.J. Robson, announced today that the public dump at Central Reclamation Stage V will be opened for the dumping of selected building debris as from Monday, January 29, 1973.

He stressed that only holders of valid dumping permits for Hong Kong Island would be permitted to use this dump.

The entrance to the dump is about 150 feet to the west of Queen's Street.

The public dump forms part of the Central Reclamation Stage V which will, upon completion, provide more than 15 acres of much needed land.

Construction of a seawall to the west of the Macau Ferry Wharf, which will facilitate later reclamation works, is already well underway.

The finished reclamation will be used for widening Connaught Road West and Connaught Road Central as well as for building development and open spaces.

About 60,000 square feet of land will be reserved for a temporary cargo-handling area.

Meanwhile, the public dumps at Chai Wan and Sandy Bay Reclamations will also remain open.

But these dumps might be closed at any time without notice, the Director added.

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