



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

TUESDAY, JULY 20, 1976

CONTENTS

PAGE NO.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE APPROVED 75 NEW BUILDINGS LAST MONTH	1
MANPOWER SURVEY OF ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY	2
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETS TOMORROW	3
NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN OI MAN ESTATE	4
PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY FOR FISHERMEN'S CHILDREN AT WU KWAI SHA	5

TUESDAY, JULY 20, 1976

- 1 -

75 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN JUNE
HIGHEST MONTHLY TOTAL SINCE AUGUST 1974

* * * * *

A TOTAL OF 75 NEW BUILDING PLANS WERE APPROVED LAST MONTH BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT -- THE HIGHEST MONTHLY TOTAL SINCE AUGUST 1974.

THIS BRINGS TO 355 THE NUMBER OF NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, AN INCREASE OF 112 OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR.

OF THE 75 NEW PLANS APPROVED LAST MONTH, 36 WERE FOR BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 16 FOR KOWLOON AND 23 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY INCLUDED PLANS FOR A SERIES OF HIGH-RISE APARTMENT AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS OF 20 OR MORE STOREYS, A HOME FOR THE AGED AT KWAI CHUNG, A SEVEN-STOREY FUNERAL PARLOUR BY THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS OFF WINSLOW STREET AS WELL AS A 26-STOREY FACTORY BUILDING AT KWAI CHUNG.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH AMOUNTED TO \$314.4 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$69.9 MILLION FOR MAY THIS YEAR.

THE TOTAL USABLE FLOOR AREA OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THIS YEAR AMOUNTED TO 2,091,622 SQ. FT., COMPRISING 1,307,674 SQ. FT. OF DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 783,948 SQ. FT. OF NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

DURING THE MONTH, THE B.O.O. GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 45 NEW BUILDING PROJECTS, INCLUDING A WELFARE CENTRE AT CHUNG HOM KOK, ONE DEPARTMENTAL STORE, BANK, OFFICE BUILDING AT YAU MA TEI, AS WELL AS ONE APARTMENT BUILDING WITH 968 FLATS AT QUARRY BAY.

SIXTY-FOUR COMPLETED BUILDINGS WERE CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION DURING THE MONTH.

THESE INCLUDED EIGHT BLOCKS FOR THE HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY'S LAI TAK TSUEN ESTATE AT TAI HANG ROAD, A SCHOOL BUILDING AT THE JUNCTION OF GUILDFORD ROAD AND WATFORD ROAD, ONE ELECTRIC POWER SUBSTATION AT FUK LO TSUEN ROAD, AND A CONTAINER GODOWN AT YAU TONG BAY.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO CONSENTED TO THE DEMOLITION OF 68 BUILDINGS.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/2

TUESDAY, JULY 20, 1976

- 2 -

MANPOWER SURVEY OF ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY
* * * * *

A MANPOWER SURVEY OF THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY WILL BE CARRIED OUT BETWEEN AUGUST 3 AND 24 THIS YEAR TO UP-DATE INFORMATION ON TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

THIS IS THE FOURTH SUCH SURVEY AND WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LABOUR AND CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENTS.

DR. LOUIS CHANG, CHAIRMAN OF THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD, SAID: +THE TRAINING BOARD WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON MANPOWER TRAINING FOR THE INDUSTRY BASED ON THE SURVEY+.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY LETTERS IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE WERE SENT TODAY TO ALL ELECTRONICS COMPANIES IN HONG KONG.

INTERVIEWING OFFICERS WILL VISIT EACH COMPANY AND HELP EMPLOYERS TO COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

EMPLOYERS ARE ASKED TO SUPPLY INFORMATION INCLUDING:

- * THE NUMBER OF WORKERS AT PRESENT EMPLOYED=
- * THE NUMBER OF WORKERS AT PRESENT UNDER TRAINING=
- * THE NUMBER OF EXISTING VACANCIES= AND
- * A FORECAST OF THE NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL VACANCIES BY AUGUST 1977.

DR. CHANG SAID THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WOULD BE PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL COMPANY.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/3

TUESDAY, JULY 20, 1976

- 3 -

LEGO MEETS TOMORROW

* * * * *

AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), THE HON. T.S. LO WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT THE POSSIBILITY OF REVIVING THE J.P. COURTS AS OVER 90 PER CENT OF THE PEOPLE PLEAD GUILTY WHEN THEY APPEAR BEFORE THE MAGISTRATES.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO BE ASKED WHETHER IT WILL EXPAND THE SCOPE OF THE UMELCO COMPLAINTS SYSTEM, OR INTRODUCE AN OMBUDSMAN, SO THAT INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION MAY BE MADE INTO THOSE COMPLAINTS OF MALADMINISTRATION AGAINST PERSONS EMPLOYED BY THE CROWN AND AGAINST PERSONS WHOSE SALARY IS INDIRECTLY PAID OUT OF THE PUBLIC PURSE WHICH CANNOT NOW BE DEALT WITH BY UMELCO.

ANOTHER QUESTION ABOUT TEMPORARY MEASURES TO ALLEVIATE THE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT PEAK HOURS ON COTTON TREE DRIVE AND GARDEN ROAD BEFORE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PLANNED FLYOVER AT THE TOP OF GARDEN ROAD WILL BE RAISED BY THE HON. F.W. LI.

OTHER QUESTIONS CONCERN ELECTRIFICATION OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY, THE USE OF CERTAIN AREAS UNDER FLYOVERS FOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND STANDARDISATION OF FARES FOR THE VARIOUS ROUTES OF THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL 1976 IS THE ONLY BILL WHICH WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE COUNCIL TOMORROW.

DEBATE WILL RESUME ON FOUR OTHER BILLS. THEY ARE THE SECURITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1976, THE MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS (ROAD TRAFFIC) BILL 1976, THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1976 AND THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) BILL 1976.

THERE WILL BE FOUR MOTIONS. THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY WILL MOVE TWO OF THE MOTIONS, ONE CONCERNING THE WRITES-OFF FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1975-76 AND THE OTHER THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION ORDINANCE. THE OTHER TWO MOTIONS TO BE MOVED BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT DEAL WITH AMENDMENTS TO AND DELETION OF CERTAIN PARTS OF THE SCHEDULE OF THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY (SERVICES) ORDINANCE.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/4

TUESDAY, JULY 20, 1976

- 4 -

NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN OI MAN ESTATE

A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN OI MAN ESTATE, IN HO MAN TIN, KOWLOON, FROM 10 A.M. ON THURSDAY (JULY 22).

THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, AIMED AT IMPROVING TRAFFIC CONDITIONS IN OI MAN ESTATE, ARE AS FOLLOWS :

- * PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM USING CHUNG HAU STREET BETWEEN ITS TWO JUNCTIONS WITH HAU MAN STREET=
- * HAU MAN STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND=
- * PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING TO PICK UP OR SET DOWN PASSENGERS BETWEEN 7 A.M. AND 12 MIDNIGHT IN CHUNG HAU STREET FROM HAU MAN STREET (NORTHERN JUNCTION) TO A POINT ABOUT 230 FEET NORTH OF THE CHUNG MAN STREET JUNCTION, AND
- * A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STAND WILL BE DESIGNATED IN HAU MAN STREET BETWEEN CHUNG HAU STREET AND CARMEL VILLAGE STREET.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/5

TUESDAY, JULY 20, 1976

- 5 -

PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY FOR FISHERMEN'S CHILDREN
* * * * *

THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR. E.H. NICHOLS, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY AT THE END OF A FOUR-DAY SUMMER CAMP FOR 720 FISHERFOLK CHILDREN AT THE WU KWAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE ON FRIDAY (JULY 23) MORNING.

THE SUMMER CAMP, ORGANISED AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, IS ATTENDED BY 405 BOYS AND 315 GIRLS FROM 13 SCHOOLS OF THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION.

THE CAMP, THE EIGHTH OF ITS KIND RUN BY THE F.M.O., AIMS TO PROVIDE THE CHILDREN OF FISHERFOLK FROM DIFFERENT DISTRICTS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY OF MAKING NEW FRIENDS, TO ENCOURAGE GROUP LIFE, TO PROMOTE A CO-OPERATIVE SPIRIT AND TO CULTIVATE AN INTEREST IN SPORTS. IT IS FINANCED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION.

A WIDE RANGE OF RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SPORTING EVENTS ARE RUN FOR THE CAMPERS. COMPETITIVE GAMES SUCH AS SWIMMING, BALL GAMES, AND CROSS-COUNTRY RACES ARE HELD IN THE MORNINGS= DEMONSTRATIONS BY CAS CADETS AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN THE AFTERNOONS= AND SOCIAL GATHERINGS, BARBECUE PARTIES AND MASK AND FANCY DRESS COMPETITIONS IN THE EVENINGS.

THE FINALS OF THE GAMES WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY (JULY 23) MORNING AND PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED BY MRS. NICHOLS, WIFE OF THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

MUSIC WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE SILVER BAND.

NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY COVERED. TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. A VAN OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL LEAVE THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES COMPOUND AT 9.45 A.M. ON FRIDAY (JULY 23) FOR MA LIU SHUI PIER WHERE A SPECIAL LAUNCH WILL LEAVE FOR WU KWAI SHA AT 10.45 A.M.

----- 0 -----