



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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GOOD TURNOUT AT SAI KUNG FLATS AUCTION  
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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (WEDNESDAY) SOLD 10 FLATS AT SAI KUNG FOR NEARLY \$1.5 MILLION.

AT A PUBLIC AUCTION ATTENDED BY ABOUT 300 PEOPLE, THE FLATS WERE SOLD IN STEADILY SPIRITED BIDDING AT PRICES RANGING FROM \$136,000 TO \$153,000.

THE 629-SQ. FT. FLATS ARE IN A ROW OF MODERN FIVE-STORY BLOCKS BUILT PRIMARILY TO REHOUSE VILLAGERS AFFECTED BY THE HIGH ISLAND SCHEME.

IT WAS THE SECOND SALE IN A SERIES OF AUCTIONS PLANNED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE TO DISPOSE OF THE FLATS.

SEVEN OF THE FLATS SOLD TODAY WERE IN MAN NIN STREET AND OTHERS WERE IN YI CHUN STREET.

THE TWO FLATS WHICH ATTRACTED THE HIGHEST BIDS WERE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF MAN NIN STREET. THEY WERE SOLD AT \$153,000 AND \$152,000.

OTHER MAN NIN STREET FLATS ON THE THIRD FLOOR ATTRACTED TWO BIDS OF \$144,000 EACH, WHILE THE REMAINING THREE WERE SOLD FOR \$142,000 EACH.

THE THREE YI CHUN STREET FLATS WENT UNDER THE HAMMER AT \$142,000, \$138,000 AND \$136,000.

BIDDERS AT THE AUCTION HAD THE OPTION OF PAYING CASH OR 50 PER CENT DEPOSIT WITH THE BALANCE TO BE PAID IN INSTALMENTS OVER 10 YEARS.

THE SENIOR ESTATE SURVEYOR OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, MR. GORDON MOFFOOT WHO CONDUCTED THE SALE, SAID LATER THAT AT LEAST TWO BUYERS HAD INDICATED THEY WISHED TO PAY FOR THE FLATS UNDER THE INSTALMENT PLAN.

+WE EXPECTED A GOOD TURNOUT FOR THE AUCTION, AND IT DID,+ MR. MOFFOOT SAID.

+BIDDING WAS VERY KEEN AND COMPETITIVE. IN VIEW OF TODAY'S AUCTION WE COULD EXPECT FUTURE SALES OF THE REMAINING FLATS TO ATTRACT A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST,+ HE SAID.

DETAILS OF FURTHER AUCTIONS HAVE YET TO BE FINALISED, BUT MR. MOFFOOT SAID IT WAS MOST LIKELY A FURTHER SALE WOULD BE HELD IN NOVEMBER, AND AFTER THAT AT TWO MONTHS INTERVALS.

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GOVERNMENT OPENS MANCHESTER BRANCH OFFICE  
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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN LONDON HAS OPENED A NEW BRANCH OFFICE IN MANCHESTER TO EXPAND ITS WORK AMONG THE HONG KONG CHINESE COMMUNITY IN THE NORTH-WEST REGION OF ENGLAND.

THE BRANCH OFFICE WILL HAVE A STAFF OF THREE WHO WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ADVISE AND ASSIST HONG KONG PEOPLE NOW LIVING AND WORKING IN THE REGION. THE STAFF WILL ALSO BE READY TO HELP LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN THEIR DEALINGS WITH CHINESE RESIDENTS.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE NEW BRANCH OFFICE, MR. S.T. KIDD, THE HONG KONG COMMISSIONER, SAID: +IT IS MY EXPERIENCE THAT HONG KONG PEOPLE ENJOY AN ENVIABLE REPUTATION FOR HARD WORK AND GOOD BEHAVIOUR WHEREVER THEY MAY SETTLE IN THE U.K. BUT, INEVITABLY, THERE CAN BE DIFFICULTIES AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS FOR NON-ENGLISH-SPEAKING PEOPLE CONCERNING LIFE IN A NEW AND VERY COMPLEX WESTERN SOCIETY.+

MR. KIDD ADDED THAT THE STAFF WERE THERE TO DO ALL THEY COULD TO RESOLVE THESE DIFFICULTIES AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS.

+INDEED, THE MORE THEY ARE CONSULTED THE BETTER PLEASED THEY WILL BE,+ HE SAID.

THE OPENING WAS ATTENDED BY MR. DENIS BRAY, THE HONG KONG COMMISSIONER-DESIGNATE, AND GUESTS INCLUDED THE LORD MAYOR OF MANCHESTER, COUNCILLOR M.R. CRAWFORD, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COUNCIL, COUNCILLOR J.H. BERRY, POLICE AND CIVIL COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICERS, AND CHINESE COMMUNITY LEADERS IN LANCASHIRE AND YORKSHIRE.

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NO CHANGE IN CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR AUGUST  
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES (A) AND (B) FOR LAST MONTH (AUGUST) BOTH REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 119 AS IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

THE C.P.I.(A) IS BASED ON EXPENDITURE OF HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$400 - \$1,499 A MONTH, AND THE C.P.I.(B) IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE OF HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$1,500 - \$2,999 A MONTH.

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WAS 1 POINT HIGHER THAN THE PREVIOUS MONTH IN C.P.I.(A). A RISE IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH VEGETABLES MORE THAN OFFSET FALLS FOR FRESH WATER FISH AND LIVE POULTRY. C.P.I.(B) WAS UNCHANGED WHEN ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST WHOLE POINT.

INCREASES OF 1 POINT EACH WERE RECORDED IN THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT AND FOR ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO IN BOTH C.P.I.(A) AND C.P.I.(B), OWING TO HIGHER PRICES FOR ELECTRICITY CHARGES AND CIGARETTES.

THE INDEXES FOR DURABLE GOODS, MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES ROSE BY 1 POINT EACH IN C.P.I.(A) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER PRICES FOR OPTICAL GOODS, CROCKERY, EARTHENWARE, MEDICINES AND HAIRDRESSING CHARGES.

HIGHER PRICES FOR THE PURCHASE OF AND REPAIR TO MOTOR VEHICLES CAUSED THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES TO RISE BY 1 POINT IN C.P.I.(B). HOWEVER, THE EFFECT OF THESE INCREASES ON THE +ALL-ITEMS+ INDEXES WAS SMALL.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER COMMODITY SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

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MODERN SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT FOR TAI O

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL SHORTLY BEGIN SITE FORMATION WORK ON A SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT AT TAI O ON LANTAU ISLAND.

THE WORK, WHICH INCLUDES THE LAYING OF 1,200 METRES OF SEWERS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO PUMPING STATIONS, FORMS PART OF A GOVERNMENT PLAN TO IMPROVE THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE PEOPLE IN TAI O BY PROVIDING A RURAL TYPE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE FOR 3,000 PEOPLE.

CONTRACT FOR THE WORK, WORTH ABOUT \$3 MILLION, HAS BEEN AWARDED TO CHING HING CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD. IT WAS FORMALLY SIGNED AT THE SHA TIN GOVERNMENT OFFICES TODAY.

MR. BOSCO KEOWN, P.W.D.'S SENIOR ENGINEER (NEW TERRITORIES), SAID THAT THE SITE TO BE FORMED FOR THE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT MEASURED ABOUT 950 SQUARE METRES.

WORK WOULD BEGIN LATER THIS MONTH AND WOULD TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

MR. KEOWN SAID: +SITE FORMATION WORK FOR STAGE ONE OF THE SCHEME IS WELL UNDERWAY AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE FIRST BLOCKS OF THE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE WILL BE READY FOR OCCUPATION BY SEPTEMBER 1979.

+AS PART OF THE PROGRAMME FOR BALANCED DEVELOPMENT, LAND WILL ALSO BE FORMED FOR THE PROVISION OF ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES AS WELL AS COMMERCIAL AND LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.+

WATERBORNE SEWERAGE WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED AS PART OF THE PROJECT.

MR. KEOWN SAID THAT ALL SEWAGE ORIGINATING FROM THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AREAS AND FROM THE EXISTING TOWNSHIP WOULD BE LAID ACROSS THE TAI O CREEK FOR CONNECTION TO A MODERN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORK TO BE LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF TAI O.

HE ADDED THAT THE SCHEME, WHEN COMPLETED, WOULD SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVE THE SANITARY CONDITIONS IN TAI O.

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LADY MACLEHOSE SEES DEVELOPMENT IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN  
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LADY MACLEHOSE, WIFE OF THE GOVERNOR, TODAY TOURED THE 1,500-YEAR-OLD TSING SHAN BUDDHIST MONASTERY DURING A MORNING VISIT OF THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

THE MONASTERY, BUILT IN THE 5TH CENTURY, A.D. WOULD BE PRESERVED UNDER THE NEW TOWN'S DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

THE MONASTERY IS ON THE LOWER SLOPE OF THE CASTLE PEAK, AND LEGEND HAS IT THAT A BUDDHIST SAINT NAMED PUI TO JOURNEYED ACROSS THE SEA ON A MAGICAL BEGGING BOWL TO SETTLE THERE.

LADY MACLEHOSE WAS ACCOMPANIED ON HER VISIT BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. PETER NG.

SHE BEGAN HER VISIT WITH A TOUR TO ONE OF THE NEW TOWN'S FACTORIES, SUBLIPRINT FAR EAST LIMITED, WHICH PRODUCES HEAT TRANSFER PAPERS FOR TEXTILE PRINTING - A TECHNOLOGY REGARDED AS NEW IN HONG KONG.

UNDER THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR TUEN MUN, A TOTAL OF 317 HECTARES OF LAND ARE TO BE RESERVED FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT - ABOUT 177 HECTARES FOR SPECIAL INDUSTRY, 130 HECTARES FOR LIGHT INDUSTRY, AND THE REMAINDER FOR SERVICE INDUSTRIES.

LADY MACLEHOSE THEN WENT UP TO A LOOK-OUT POINT WHERE SHE VIEWED THE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE NEW TOWN, WHICH NOW HAS A POPULATION OF ABOUT 60,000 PEOPLE.

GOVERNMENT PLANS FOR TUEN MUN WILL PROVIDE AN IMPROVED URBAN ENVIRONMENT, WITH ADEQUATE COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR ABOUT 528,000 PEOPLE BY MID 1980'S, OF WHICH ABOUT 70 PER CENT WILL BE HOUSED IN PUBLIC HOUSING.

FOLLOWING THE TOUR OF THE TSING SHAN MONASTERY, LADY MACLEHOSE VISITED A NEARBY PLAY CENTRE.

THE CENTRE IS OPERATED BY ST. SIMON'S HOME FOR FISHERMEN AND WORKMEN'S CHILDREN, AN ORGANISATION RUN UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH. IT HAS A CAPACITY FOR 200 CHILDREN AND IS SUBVENTED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

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NO POSTAL SERVICE ON PUBLIC HOLIDAY

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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THERE WOULD BE NO MAIL DELIVERY ON NEXT WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 28), A PUBLIC HOLIDAY. ALL POST OFFICES WOULD ALSO BE CLOSED THAT DAY.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ARRAN STREET, MONGKOK

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ARRAN STREET BETWEEN NATHAN ROAD AND LAI CHI KOK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FROM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) TO OCTOBER 19, 1977 IN ORDER TO FACILITATE EMERGENCY WORKS BY THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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