



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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\$70M. ENGINEERING PROJECT IN TUEN MUN

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS ABOUT TO BEGIN WORK ON THE BIGGEST SINGLE ENGINEERING PROJECT SO FAR IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

THE \$70 MILLION PROJECT, WHICH INVOLVES RECLAMATION AND LAND FORMATION OF MORE THAN 77 HECTARES OF LAND, IS THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF MAJOR WORKS TO BE UNDERTAKEN UNDER THE SECOND HALF OF THE NEW TOWN'S MASSIVE \$3,500 MILLION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE NOW BEING INVITED BY THE P.W.D.'S NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR BUILDING HONG KONG'S THREE NEW TOWNS AT TUEN MUN, TSUEN WAN AND SHA TIN.

DETAILS OF HOW TUEN MUN IS BEING TRANSFORMED INTO A MODERN METROPOLIS FOR SOME 500,000 PEOPLE WILL BE PUT ON PUBLIC SHOW FOR THE FIRST TIME AT A MAJOR EXHIBITION TO BE OPENED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 6).

THE EXHIBITION, STAGED AT THE HOH FUK TONG COLLEGE AT CASTLE PEAK ROAD IN TUEN MUN, WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 10 A.M. TO 7 P.M. EACH DAY FROM APRIL 7 TO 16.

MR. NICKY CHAN, THE P.W.D.'S PROJECT MANAGER OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN, SAID TODAY THE RECLAMATION AND LAND FORMATION SCHEME WOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL HOUSING AND INDUSTRIAL SITES FOR SOME 110,000 PEOPLE -- NEARLY ONE-QUARTER OF THE NEW TOWN'S EVENTUAL POPULATION.

+IT WILL INVOLVE RECLAIMING 42.6 HECTARES OF LAND FROM THE SEA EAST OF PAK KOK AND IN THE SOUTH-WESTERN PART OF CASTLE PEAK BAY, AS WELL AS FORMATION OF 34.7 HECTARES IN VARIOUS HILL AREAS IN THE NEW TOWN, TOGETHER WITH ROADS AND DRAINAGE,+ HE SAID.

+NEARLY 20 HECTARES OF THE LAND TO BE RECLAIMED WILL BE FOR MAJOR PUBLIC HOUSING SCHEMES CATERING FOR 50,000 PEOPLE, WHILE ANOTHER 20 HECTARES OR SO WILL BE FOR INDUSTRY.

+THE REST OF THE RECLAIMED AREA WILL BE RESERVED FOR OPEN SPACES, RECREATIONAL AND OTHER USES,+ HE SAID.

GIVING AN IDEA OF THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT, MR. CHAN SAID THAT SOME FIVE MILLION CUBIC METRES OF FILL MATERIAL WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR THE RECLAMATION.

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NEARLY ONE MILLION CUBIC METRES OF MARINE SAND FOR THE PROJECT WOULD BE DREDGED FROM TUNG CHUNG BAY NORTH OF LANTAU, AND ANOTHER ONE MILLION CUBIC METRES OF LANDFILL WOULD COME FROM BURROW AREAS AT SO KWUN WAT.

OTHER FILL MATERIAL WOULD BE EXCAVATED FROM VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT AREAS IN THE NEW TOWN WHERE TERRACED SITES WOULD BE FORMED FOR HOUSING AND INDUSTRY.

ONE OF THE TERRACED SITES WOULD PROVIDE A FURTHER 22.6 HECTARES OF LAND FOR A PUBLIC HOUSING SCHEME FOR 56,000 PEOPLE, SAID MR. CHAN. ANOTHER WOULD PROVIDE 3.8 HECTARES FOR PRIVATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, WHILE SOME 8.3 HECTARES OF INDUSTRIAL SITES WOULD BE FORMED IN TWO OTHER AREAS.

TO PROTECT THE RECLAIMED LAND, THE P.W.D. IS TO BUILT TWO EXTENSIVE SEAWALLS ON THE SOUTH AND EASTERN SIDES OF THE RECLAMATION.

+ALONG THE SEAWALLS WILL BE ACCOMMODATED SLIPWAY AREAS FOR BOATYARDS, TIMBER YARDS AND CARGO HANDLING FACILITIES,+ SAID MR. CHAN.

MEANWHILE, WORK IS RACING AHEAD ON A SERIES OF BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING PROJECTS IN THE NEW TOWN.

+ALREADY 93 HECTARES OF LAND HAVE BEEN FORMED AND SERVICED FOR VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTS AND WORK IS PROGRESSING WELL ON RECLAIMING ANOTHER 72 HECTARES IN THE CENTRAL PART OF CASTLE PEAK BAY,+ MR. CHAN SAID.

AN IMPORTANT FEATURE OF THE RECLAMATION WOULD BE A LARGE TOWN CENTRE PROVIDING A FOCUS FOR THE NEW TOWN'S BUSINESS, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

+THIS WILL CONSIST OF COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS WITH SHOPS, BANKS, RESTAURANTS AND OFFICES FRONTING A CENTRAL PEDESTRIAN PODIUM, AND A SERIES OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS HOUSING AN AUDITORIUM, CONCERT HALL, THEATRE, ART GALLERY AND STUDIO, AN EXHIBITION HALL AND MAGISTRACY,+ HE SAID.

PROMINENT AMONG THE MANY OTHER PROJECTS UNDERWAY, HE SAID, WAS THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE \$300 MILLION TUEN MUN ROAD WHICH WOULD CUT TRAVELLING TIME BETWEEN TUEN MUN AND TSUEN WAN TO 15 MINUTES WHEN IT OPENS EARLY NEXT YEAR, AND THE FIRST PHASE OF TAI HING ESTATE -- ONE OF THE +NEW GENERATION+ ESTATES BEING BUILT BY THE P.W.D.'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE.

MR. CHAN SAID PHASE ONE OF THE ESTATE SHOULD BE COMPLETED VERY SOON AND THE FIRST OF ITS 24,000 TENANTS WERE EXPECTED TO MOVE IN BY JULY THIS YEAR.

CHING MING TRAFFIC CHANGES

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN KOWLOON AND ON HONG KONG ISLAND IN CONNECTION WITH CHING MING ON TUESDAY (APRIL 5).

IN KOWLOON, THE OPENING IN THE CENTRAL DIVIDER IN GILLIES AVENUE AT ITS JUNCTION WITH BAKER STREET WILL BE BLOCKED FROM 7 A.M. TO 7 P.M. ON APRIL 5. MOTORISTS GOING NORTH IN BAKER STREET ON REACHING GILLIES AVENUE WILL HAVE TO TURN LEFT SINCE THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TURN RIGHT OR PROCEED AHEAD.

BETWEEN 8 A.M. ON SATURDAY (APRIL 2) AND 7 P.M. ON TUESDAY (APRIL 5) THE CARPARKS ON BOTH SIDES OF CHING CHEUNG ROAD NEAR THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CEMETERY WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED.

VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP TO PICK UP OR SET DOWN PASSENGERS ON CHING CHEUNG ROAD NEAR THE CEMETERY.

MOTORISTS GOING TO THE CEMETERY SHOULD TAKE THE ALTERNATIVE ROUTE VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YEE KUK STREET AND KING LAM STREET BUT THEY ARE ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT AS PARKING FACILITIES IN THE AREA ARE VERY LIMITED.

MOTORISTS GOING TO HAMMER HILL CEMETERY SHOULD TRAVEL VIA LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, PO KONG VILLAGE INTERCHANGE AND PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD AS TRAFFIC CONGESTION IS LIKELY TO OCCUR AT THE ROAD JUNCTION OF HAMMER HILL ROAD AND LUNG CHEUNG ROAD.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THE FOLLOWING ROAD CLOSURES AND DIVERSIONS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED :-

FROM 8 A.M. TO 8 P.M. ON TUESDAY (APRIL 5) PEEL RISE FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH ABERDEEN RESERVOIR ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

FROM 8 A.M. TO 6 P.M. ON THE SAME DAY CONSORT RISE WILL BE ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHWARDS FROM VICTORIA ROAD TO BISNEY ROAD AND CAPE COLLINSON ROAD WILL BE ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTWARDS FROM LIN SHING ROAD TO SHEK O ROAD.

AND FROM 8 A.M. ON APRIL 5 TO 6 P.M. THE NEXT DAY, LIN SHING ROAD WILL BE ROUTED ONE-WAY EASTWARDS FROM WAN TSUI ROAD TO CAPE COLLINSON ROAD.

DURING THESE TIMES, HOWEVER, IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO CLOSE CAPE COLLINSON ROAD WITHOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION, DEPENDING ON TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN WARNED.

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SPECIAL BUS SERVICES WILL BE OPERATED BETWEEN 7 A.M. AND 6 P.M. ON APRIL 5 AS FOLLOWS :

ROUTE 21A (FROM CENTRAL TO CHINESE CHRISTIAN CEMETERY) WILL OPERATE AT A FREQUENCY OF EVERY SEVEN TO EIGHT MINUTES AND ROUTE 89 (FROM SHAU KEI WAN TO CAPE COLLINSON ROAD) WILL ALSO OPERATE AT THE SAME FREQUENCY.

BUSES WILL NOT, HOWEVER, STOP AT THE BUS STOP OPPOSITE THE CHINESE CHRISTIAN CEMETERY ON JOURNEYS TO WAH FU, ABERDEEN AND WONG CHUK HANG.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS BUT THEY ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO AVOID THE AREAS MENTIONED UNLESS THEIR JOURNEY IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

MOTORISTS ARE ALSO ADVISED THAT VEHICLES PARKED ILLEGALLY IN ANY OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED AREAS WILL BE TOWED AWAY BY THE POLICE.

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AIR TRAFFIC RIGHTS

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THE THAI GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN UNILATERAL ACTION TO RESTRICT THE TRAFFIC RIGHTS OF CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS, WHICH ARE CLEARLY AVAILABLE TO THEM UNDER EXISTING HK/THAILAND BILATERAL AGREEMENTS.

THEIR ACTION CONCERNS WITHDRAWING APPROVAL FROM APRIL 1 FOR CPA TO OPERATE SERVICES BEYOND BANGKOK TO BAHRAIN, WHICH CPA HAVE BEEN OPERATING FOR SOME MONTHS. ADDITIONALLY, PERMISSION HAS BEEN REFUSED FOR CPA TO OPERATE NEW SERVICES TO PENANG VIA BANGKOK FOR WHICH DUE NOTICE HAD BEEN GIVEN.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN A VERY SERIOUS VIEW OF THIS MATTER AND, TO RESTORE A BALANCED AGREEMENT, HAS BEEN OBLIGED TO RESTRICT THE SERVICES OF THAI INTERNATIONAL TO THE NUMBER OF SERVICES AND ROUTE POINTS BEING OPERATED BY CPA. THESE CPA SERVICES ARE FIVE WEEKLY RETURN FLIGHTS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND BANGKOK AND SEVEN WEEKLY RETURN FLIGHTS ON THE ROUTE HONG KONG-BANGKOK-SINGAPORE. FROM APRIL 1, THAI INTERNATIONAL WILL THEREFORE ONLY BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE FIVE WEEKLY RETURN FLIGHTS BETWEEN BANGKOK AND HONG KONG AND SEVEN WEEKLY RETURN FLIGHTS ON THE ROUTE BANGKOK-HONG KONG-OSAKA.

RECENT TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS RESULTED IN NO AGREEMENT BEING REACHED AND BOTH SIDES HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO MEET AGAIN IN AN ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE THE CURRENT DIFFICULTIES.

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NETHERLANDS SPEEDPOST SERVICE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE MERCHANDISE
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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCES THAT THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO THE NETHERLANDS WHICH HAS BEEN RESTRICTED TO THE TRANSMISSION OF BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL PAPERS, WILL BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE SAMPLES AND MERCHANDISE WITH EFFECT FROM MONDAY (APRIL 4). THE SERVICE IS AVAILABLE ON A CONTRACT BASIS OR +ON DEMAND+.

THE DUTCH CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES WILL GIVE PRIORITY IN THE DELIVERY OF SPEEDPOST ITEMS PROVIDED THAT THE VALUE OF THE MERCHANDISE DOES NOT EXCEED AN AMOUNT OF 225 GUILDERS. FOR MERCHANDISE OF A HIGHER VALUE THAN 225 GUILDERS AN IMPORT LICENCE WILL BE REQUIRED BY THE ADDRESSEE.

FOR A CONTRACT SPEEDPOST SERVICE, SENDERS SIGN A CONTRACT FOR A MINIMUM PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS, WITH A MINIMUM OF ONE REGULAR PREDETERMINED POSTING PER MONTH. THE COST OF THE SERVICE IS A BASIC CHARGE OF HK\$80 FOR THE FIRST POUND PLUS HK\$15 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL POUND OR PART THEREOF. THIS INCLUDES PICKUP AT THE CUSTOMER'S PREMISES AT A TIME AGREED BY THE CUSTOMER, AND DELIVERY TO THE ADDRESSEE.

THE +ON DEMAND+ SERVICE IS PROVIDED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF CASUAL USERS OF SPEEDPOST OR TO SUPPLEMENT A CUSTOMER'S CONTRACT SERVICE. +ON DEMAND+ ITEMS MAY BE HANDED IN AT THE SPECIALLY DESIGNATED COUNTERS AT GENERAL POST OFFICE, KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE WITHOUT THE NEED TO MAKE PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE POST OFFICE. FOR +ON DEMAND+ ITEMS A FEE OF \$20 IS PAYABLE IN ADDITION TO THE BASIC CHARGES.

CUSTOMERS WISHING TO HAVE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE ARE ASKED TO CONTACT THE POST OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE ON 5-2671105.

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FIRE FIGHTING EXERCISE IN LYEMUN

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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS TO CARRY OUT ANOTHER FULL-SCALE FIRE FIGHTING EXERCISE IN THE SQUATTER AREA IN LYEMUN ON MONDAY (APRIL 4).

THERE ARE ABOUT 100 TEMPORARY WOODEN HUTS BUILT ALONG THE SEA-WALL OF LYEMUN TYPHOON SHELTER. MOST OF THESE STRUCTURES ARE POSITIONED ABOVE THE WATER AND ARE SUPPORTED BY WOODEN PILES.

A SIMILAR EXERCISE TOOK PLACE IN THE SQUATTER AREA ALONG SHUNG SHUN STREET IN SAM KAR CHUEN ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ALL THESE STRUCTURES WERE SERIOUS FIRE RISKS.

THE MOCK FIRE FIGHTING OPERATION, CODE NAMED +EXERCISE LYEMUN+, IS AIMED AT EDUCATING THE SQUATTERS ON THE DANGER OF FIRE OUTBREAKS. IT WILL ALSO GIVE FIREMEN A CHANCE TO GET FAMILIARISED WITH FIGHTING FIRES WHICH BREAK OUT AT SQUATTER HUTS PARTLY BUILT OVER WATER.

TEN APPLIANCES, INCLUDING A FIRE BOAT AND TWO AMBULANCES, WILL TAKE PART IN THE EXERCISE.

FIRE PREVENTION PAMPHLETS AND POSTERS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE PUBLIC.

NOTE TO EDITORS: PRESS, TELEVISION AND RADIO REPRESENTATIVES ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE EXERCISE WHICH WILL START AT 10.30 A.M. ON MONDAY. THEY ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE MOBILE COMMAND UNIT AT THE JUNCTION OF CHA KWO LING ROAD AND SHUNG SHUN STREET AT 10.15 A.M. ON THAT DAY.

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HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS FOR MARINE DEPARTMENT

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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ITS WAN CHAI PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA, YAUMATI PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA AND THE PORT COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE WILL BE OPEN AS USUAL ON TUESDAY, A GENERAL HOLIDAY.

HOWEVER, OFFICES OF THE MACAU FERRY WHARF UNIT WILL ONLY BE OPEN FROM 7.30 A.M. ON TUESDAY TO 1.30 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY.

ALL OTHER SECTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY.

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REGISTRATION TEAM TO OPERATE IN TIN WAN ESTATE
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A TEAM FROM THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT REGISTRATIONS IN TIN WAN ESTATE FOR RESIDENTS AND PEOPLE LIVING NEARBY FOR TWO DAYS FROM WEDNESDAY (APRIL 6).

THE VISIT IS TO ENABLE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS TO REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN OR WARDS OF 11 YEARS OF AGE FOR JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS AND HOLDERS OF JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS TO REGISTER FOR ADULT IDENTITY CARDS ON REACHING 18 YEARS OF AGE.

REGISTRATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN 9.30 A.M. AND 4.30 P.M. DURING THESE TWO DAYS.

ALL PEOPLE LIVING IN THIS AREA ARE REMINDED OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO REGISTER THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN FOR IDENTITY CARDS. THEY SHOULD REPORT CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT OR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES, MARITAL STATUS, OR ANY OTHER PARTICULARS WHICH HAVE CHANGED SINCE REGISTERING FOR THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

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WATER CUT
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN CHAI WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 P.M. ON MONDAY (APRIL 4).

THIS IS TO ENABLE THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TO REPLACE A SLUICE VALVE AT CHAI WAN ROAD AND LOK MAN ROAD.

THE PREMISES AFFECTED ARE NUMBERS 40 AND 42 CHAI WAN ROAD, CHAI WAN HILL RESITE AREA, HONG KONG GOVERNMENT LAUNDRY IN LOK MAN ROAD, CHAI WAN POLICE STATION IN LOK MAN ROAD, AND HOI SHING SCHOOL IN CHAI WAN ROAD.

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