



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

Sunday, December 17, 1972

## NEW RECREATION GROUND IN FANLING

Handing-Over Ceremony On Tuesday

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A recreation ground, featuring a wide range of sports facilities, has been built in Fanling, New Territories, to provide new amenities to people living in northern Tai Po district.

The one-million-dollar project, one of a series planned for various parts of the New Territories, will be handed over to the Urban Services Department at a ceremony on Tuesday (December 19), at 3 p.m.

The recreation ground, covering an area of 250,000 square feet close to Fanling Railway Station, is within easy access by train and car.

It comprises a full-sized grass football pitch with sitting accommodation for 500 spectators, two standard basketball courts, one convertible volley ball-badminton court, a roller-skating rink and changing rooms.

In addition, it provides a colourful and well-vegetated rest garden with a refreshment kiosk for less active people. All game pitches and the rest garden are provided with floodlights to allow evening activities.

In Tuesday's handing-over ceremony, the Director of Building Development, Public Works Department, Mr. C.R.J. Donnithorne, will present the keys of the gates to the Director of Urban Services, Mr. D.R.W. Alexander.

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This will be followed by ribbon-cutting by the District Commissioner, New Territories, Mr. D.C. Bray; and the Chairman of Heung Yee Kuk, Mr. Chan Yat-sun.

To mark the occasion, there will also be a skating performance and a basketball game.

Mr. Pang Chi-fai, Chairman of the Fanling Rural Committee, will officiate at the throwing-off of the basketball game, while Mr. Alexander and Mr. Bray will present trophies to the skating group and the winning team of the basketball game.

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**Note to Editors:** You are cordially invited to send a reporter and/or photographer to cover the ceremony. Press transport will be provided. Two government vans will leave the Kowloon sub-pool behind the Tsim Sha Tsui Post Office at 1.30 p.m. on Tuesday (December 19) to take Press representatives to the Fanling recreation ground.

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RICE IMPORT QUOTA FOR FIRST QUARTER OF 1973

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The Commerce and Industry Department today announced that the rice import quota for the first quarter of 1973 had been provisionally fixed at 90,200 metric tons, 2.5 per cent above the basic quota 88,000 metric tons.

Commenting on the quota, a spokesman for the Department said rice consumption in the winter months is usually higher because of the cooler weather. The slight increase in the quota takes account of these circumstances.

The Department would keep developments in the rice trade under close review, and might issue a supplementary quota during the quarter should circumstances so warranted, the spokesman said.

In the eleven months of this year, Hong Kong imported 335,073 metric tons of rice. Of this amount, Thailand supplied 65 per cent and China 28 per cent. The remainder came mainly from Australia, Burma and U.S.A.

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