



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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FURTHER EXTENSION OF SHATIN TREATMENT WORKS  
GETTING READY FOR HIGH ISLAND WATER

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THE SHATIN TREATMENT WORKS IS BEING EXTENDED TO COPE WITH THE RAW WATER WHICH WILL COME IN FROM THE HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME.

TO INCREASE THE PLANT'S TREATING CAPACITY, TWO NEW CLARIFIER TANKS WILL BE INSTALLED AT THE SITE. WORK IS NOW GOING ON IN EXCAVATING TWO LARGE CRATERS AT THE SHATIN TREATMENT WORKS TO MAKE WAY FOR THE TWO CLARIFIER TANKS.

THE SIZES OF THE TWO NEW TANKS ARE IDENTICAL TO THOSE OF THE EXISTING ONES. EACH HAS A DIAMETER OF 172 FEET AND A DEPTH OF 24 FEET.

ON COMPLETION, THEY WILL BRING TO NINE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CLARIFIER TANKS IN OPERATION AT THE SHATIN TREATMENT WORKS. THIS, TOGETHER WITH THE UP-RATING OF THE FILTER BEDS WHICH IS CURRENTLY IN HAND, WILL RAISE THE CAPACITY OF THE TREATMENT WORKS FROM THE PRESENT 175 MILLION GALLONS A DAY TO 240 MILLION GALLONS A DAY.

AT PRESENT, THE TREATMENT WORKS HANDLES WATER DRAWN FROM THE PLOVER COVE RESERVOIR SYSTEM AND CHINA.

WITH ITS INCREASED TREATMENT CAPACITY, THE SHATIN PLANT WILL RANK HIGH AMONG THE WORLD'S LARGEST TREATMENT WORKS.

THE TWO NEW CLARIFIER TANKS AND THE UP-RATED FILTERS ARE SCHEDULED TO BECOME OPERATIONAL BY THE SUMMER OF 1976 WHEN THE HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR WILL START TO YIELD WATER.

THE ENGINEER AT THE SITE, MR. D.A. HOWARTH, SAID TODAY THAT ABOUT 80 PER CENT OF THE EXCAVATION WORK WHICH BEGAN ON OCTOBER 14 WAS NOW COMPLETED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE PROGRESS OF THE WORK HAD BEEN EXCELLENT IN SPITE OF THE LOSS OF SEVERAL WORK DAYS DUE TO TYPHOON CARMEN AND TROPICAL STORM ELAINE IN LATE OCTOBER AND TROPICAL STORM IRMA EARLY THIS MONTH.

DURING EXCAVATION, BLASTING WAS EMPLOYED IN ADDITION TO THE USE OF BULLDOZERS BECAUSE OF THE ROCKY STRUCTURE OF THE SITE BENEATH THE GROUND SURFACE.

MR. HOWARTH SAID, +WE HAVE TO USE ELECTRONIC VIBRATION RECORDING INSTRUMENTS TO MONITOR THE EFFECT OF BLASTING TO ENSURE THAT NO DANGER WOULD BE CAUSED TO THE EXISTING CLARIFIERS AND INSTALLATIONS OF THE TREATMENT WORKS, WHICH ARE VERY CLOSE TO THE EXCAVATION SITE.+

/EXCAVATION WORK .....

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EXCAVATION WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THIS MONTH.

THE REMAINDER OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING WORK INCLUDING THE CONCRETING AND PLACING IN POSITION OF THE PREFABRICATED CONCRETE COMPONENT PARTS OF THE CLARIFIER TANKS WILL THEN PROCEED. THIS STAGE OF WORK WILL TAKE ABOUT ELEVEN MONTHS TO COMPLETE AFTER WHICH THE NECESSARY MECHANICAL PLANT WILL BE INSTALLED.

AN ADDITIONAL WASH WATER TANK WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED ON THE SITE TO INCREASE THE FILTRATION CAPACITY OF THE PLANT.

CONSTRUCTION COST OF THE TWO CLARIFIER TANKS AND THE WASH WATER RECOVERY TANK IS ABOUT \$7.6 MILLION, WHILE THE COST OF MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE TWO CLARIFIERS IS \$2.3 MILLION AND THE COST OF UP-RATING 20 OF THE EXISTING FILTER BEDS \$3.1 MILLION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF A PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING THE PARTLY COMPLETED CRATERS FOR THE TWO NEW CLARIFIER TANKS AT THE SHATIN TREATMENT WORKS WILL BE PLACED IN THE PRESS BOX FOR COLLECTION.

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WARNING AGAINST IMMIGRATION IMPERSONATORS

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE TODAY WARNED AGAINST PERSONS POSING AS IMMIGRATION OFFICERS AND OFFERING TO REGULARISE THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS ON PAYMENT OF A FEE.

THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR. MARTIN ROWLANDS, SAID HE HAD RECEIVED REPORTS RECENTLY THAT PERSONS CLAIMING TO BE OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN VISITING PEOPLE'S HOMES AND SOLICITING MONEY FOR SERVICES.

NO OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT HAS AUTHORITY TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY, HE STRESSED.

+UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, USUALLY CONNECTED WITH AN INVESTIGATION INTO CASES OF ILLEGAL ENTRY OR OVERSTAYING, AN IMMIGRATION OFFICER MAY CALL AT THE HOUSE OR PLACE OF WORK OF AN INDIVIDUAL, BUT HE IS NOT AUTHORISED TO COLLECT ANY PAYMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT,+ HE SAID.

MR. ROWLANDS POINTED OUT THAT ALL IMMIGRATION OFFICERS WERE ISSUED WITH A WARRANT CARD BEARING THE OFFICER'S NAME, RANK, PHOTOGRAPH AND WARRANT CARD NUMBER.

ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THE CARD IS A STATEMENT, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, SIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, STATING THAT THE BEARER +IS A MEMBER OF THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE, HONG KONG, AND IS DULY APPOINTED IN THE RANK STATED AND IS ENTITLED TO EXERCISE THE POWERS VESTED IN HIS OFFICE BY LAW.+

THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION ADVISED THE PUBLIC THAT THEY SHOULD ASK ANY CALLER WHO CLAIMS TO BE AN IMMIGRATION OFFICER TO PRODUCE HIS WARRANT CARD BEFORE PERMITTING HIM INTO THE HOUSE.

+IF YOU ARE NOT SATISFIED THAT THE CALLER IS A BONAFIDE MEMBER OF THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE, OR IF ANY REQUEST FOR MONEY IS MADE, YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONE THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR AT TELEPHONE NO. 5-456065 EXT. 202, OR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR AT TELEPHONE NO. 5-456065 EXT. 204, FOR ADVICE, HE SAID.

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DIRECTOR OF MARINE TO PRESENT AWARDS FOR BRAVERY  
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TWENTY-ONE CREWMEN WILL RECEIVE COMMENDATIONS AND AWARDS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR. ALLAN FLETCHER, IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR BRAVERY IN RESCUING 19 PERSONS FROM THE SEA DURING THE PAST 18 MONTHS.

THEY INCLUDE 18 CREWMEN OF THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY LIMITED AND ONE MARINE DEPARTMENT SEAMAN.

THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 P.M. ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 23) AT THE EXAMINATION HALL ON THE 10TH FLOOR OF THE RUMSEY STREET MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK, CONNAUGHT ROAD, CENTRAL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO HAVE THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY COVERED.

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K.C.R. MANAGER LEFT FOR CANTON  
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MR. REGINALD GREGORY, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY, LEFT FOR CANTON THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING ON A BUSINESS AND SIGHT-SEEING TOUR.

DURING HIS THREE-DAY STAY THERE, HE IS EXPECTED TO MEET THE CHINESE RAILWAY AUTHORITY FOR TALKS ON VARIOUS MATTERS CONCERNING RAILWAY.

HE WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON DECEMBER 24.

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CHRISTMAS VARIETY SHOW FOR CHAI WAN CHILDREN  
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WELFARE AGENCIES IN CHAI WAN WILL JOINLY HOLD A TWO-HOUR CHRISTMAS VARIETY SHOW FOR CHILDREN IN THE DISTRICT ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 23).

IT WILL BE HELD AT THE RECENTLY COMPLETED CHAI WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE.

THE AGENCIES INVOLVED IN ORGANISING THIS SHOW ARE THE CHAI WAN OFFICES OF THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB ASSOCIATION, THE NEIGHBOURHOOD ADVICE-ACTION COUNCIL, THE H.K. FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS, THE CHINESE Y.M.C.A., THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (EASTERN) AND THE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

THE SHOW WILL CONSIST OF GYMNASTIC AND JUDO DEMONSTRATIONS, A CHILDREN'S DANCE, AND PERFORMANCES OF CANTONESE SONGS AND SHORT PLAYS.

EACH CHILD WILL ALSO RECEIVE A SMALL GIFT.

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DUTY FREE BRANDY FROM MACAU  
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THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT PASSENEGRS ARRIVING FROM MACAU DURING THE TWO DAYS FOLLOWING CHRISTMAS (I.E. DECEMBER 26 AND 27) MAY BRING INTO HONG KONG FREE OF DUTY ONE BOTTLE OF PORTUGUESE BRANDY CONTAINING NOT MORE THAN ONE LITRE.

THIS IS IN LIEU OF THE CUSTOMARY ONE QUART BOTTLE OF GRAPE WINE AT PRESENT ALLOWED.

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