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76 NEW BUILDING PLANS  
APPROVED IN JUNE  
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A TOTAL OF 76 NEW BUILDING PLANS WAS APPROVED LAST (JUNE) MONTH BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, COMPARED WITH 67 IN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

OF THOSE APPROVED, 33 WERE FOR BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 14 FOR KOWLOON AND 29 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY INCLUDED A WHOLESALE FISH MARKET BUILDING IN YAU TONG, A CHURCH AT WATERLOO ROAD, AND A CINEMA AT KWAI CHUNG.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS \$301.64 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$202.38 MILLION LAST YEAR.

THE USABLE FLOOR AREA OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED LAST MONTH TOTALLED 326,654.9 SQUARE METRES, COMPRISING 62,649.5 SQUARE METRES OF DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 264,005.4 SQUARE METRES OF NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 49 NEW PROJECTS, INCLUDING A SCIENCE BUILDING IN THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, A CHURCH AND RETREAT CENTRE AT TUEN MUN, AND A PETROL FILLING STATION AT KWUN TONG.

A TOTAL OF 55 NEWLY COMPLETED BUILDINGS WAS CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION DURING THE MONTH, INCLUDING AN ANIMAL RESEARCH BUILDING WITH GREENHOUSE EXTENSION AND A CENTRAL ACTIVITIES BUILDING AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, A SCHOOL BUILDING AT LAM TIN, AND AN OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AT CHO YIU CHUEN HOUSING ESTATE.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO ASSENTED TO THE DEMOLITION OF 118 BUILDINGS.

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SEA BED GRANT FOR FLOATING DRY DOCK PROJECT  
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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO GRANT TWO PARCELS OF SEA BED, TOTALLING ABOUT 4,018 SQUARE METRES, FOR THE INSTALLATION, PERMANENT MOORING AND OPERATION OF FLOATING DRY DOCKS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OPERATION OF AN ADJOINING DOCKYARD ON A SITE LYING ON THE WEST COAST OF TSING YI.

ACCESS TO THE DOCKYARD WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE EXTENSION OF THE TSING YI COAST ROAD NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA OF SEA BED INVOLVED WAS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE IN YESTERDAY'S (FRIDAY) GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

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PEOPLE HAVING OBJECTIONS OR ANY CLAIM OF PRIVATE RIGHT SHOULD SUBMIT THEM IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

THE NOTICE (IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE) WITH ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN SHOWING THE AREA OF SEA BED INVOLVED MAY ALSO BE SEEN AT THE PORT WORKS DIVISION, FIRST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG OR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, OR THE DISTRICT OFFICE, TSUEN WAN, HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANK BUILDING, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES.

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A CERTAIN SMILE AT SAI LAU KOK  
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THE GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE NO TROUBLE IN PERSUADING AT LEAST ONE OCCUPANT TO LEAVE THE DEMOLITION-DOOMED BUILDINGS AT SAI LAU KOK AT THE END OF THIS MONTH — ITSELF.

IN THIS CASE, THE GOVERNMENT PRESENCE TAKES THE FORM OF MRS. FLORENCE YIP, WHO HAS HEADED THE LIAISON CENTRE ESTABLISHED IN ONE OF THE CONDEMNED BUILDINGS LAST MARCH TO COPE WITH ON-THE-SPOT INQUIRIES FROM OCCUPANTS AFFECTED BY THE CLEARANCE.

SINCE THEN, MRS. YIP, A LIAISON OFFICER, HAS DEALT WITH NEARLY 1,200 DIFFERENT INQUIRIES RANGING FROM ANGRY RESIDENTS +WHO JUST WANTED TO GET THINGS OFF THEIR CHEST+ TO ANXIOUS MOTHERS INQUIRING ABOUT SCHOOLING FOR THEIR CHILDREN AT THE NEARBY PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES WHERE THEY WERE ABOUT TO GO.

MRS. YIP SAYS THAT SHE TOOK UP THE JOB WITH ONE AIM IN MIND : +TO BE SYMPATHETIC, CHEERFUL AND SMILE.+

SHE ADDED: +WE HAVE HAD TO TACKLE ALL SORTS OF PROBLEMS BUT I THINK WE MANAGED TO SORT THEM OUT.

+BUT YOU HAVE TO BE CALM AND PATIENT IN THIS JOB AND TRY TO BE SYMPATHETIC AND SOOTHING.

+SOMETIMES PEOPLE CAME IN AND SHOUTED AT ME BLAMING ME FOR TEARING DOWN THE BUILDINGS. BUT IN THESE CASES, THEY JUST WANTED TO LET OFF A BIT OF STEAM AND ONCE THEY HAD DONE THIS THEY WOULD SIT DOWN AND TALK AND WORK OUT THEIR PROBLEMS.+

NOT SURPRISINGLY, MOST OF THE INQUIRIES CONCERNED COMPENSATION AND REHOUSING AND MRS. YIP HAD TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED TO KEEP RESIDENTS FULLY IN THE PICTURE ABOUT INDIVIDUAL CASES.

SHE DEALT WITH A NUMBER OF CASES WHERE OWNERS REFUSED TO ALLOW HOUSING DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS INTO THEIR PREMISES TO SCREEN TENANTS ABOUT THEIR REHOUSING ARRANGEMENTS.

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+I MANAGED TO GET THE OWNERS TO BE REASONABLE,+ MRS. YIP SAID.

ANOTHER PART OF HER JOB WAS TO +HURRY UP+ DEPARTMENTS SO THAT OCCUPANTS WERE TOLD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE COMPENSATION AND HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS BEING OFFERED TO THEM.

+ON THE OTHER HAND, I HAD TO URGE MANY TO BE PATIENT BECAUSE THESE PROBLEMS OBVIOUSLY CAN'T BE RESOLVED OVERNIGHT,+ MRS. YIP SAID.

SHE ALSO BECAME INVOLVED IN DISPUTES BETWEEN OWNERS AND TENANTS ABOUT THE CUTTING OFF OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLIES AND HAD TO SORT OUT THE PAYMENT OF RATES AFTER OWNERSHIP OF THE BUILDINGS REVERTED TO THE CROWN LAST NOVEMBER.

+IT WASN'T ALWAYS EASY, BUT I THINK MOST OF MY 'CUSTOMERS' WENT AWAY HAPPY,+ SHE SAYS.

A FORMER TEACHER, MRS. YIP SAYS THE LAST FEW MONTHS HAVE BEEN THE MOST BUSY AND INTERESTING OF HER CAREER.

+I'LL MISS THE OLD BUILDINGS IN A WAY,+ SHE ADDED.  
+I'VE GOT TO KNOW SO MANY OF THE RESIDENTS VERY WELL.+

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AUCTION OF SPECIAL NUMBERS REALISES \$300,700  
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TWENTY-FIVE SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD BY AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$300,700 WHICH WILL GO INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION, HELD IN THE LECTURE HALL OF THE CITY HALL, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER BB 33 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$75,000.

ANOTHER NUMBER BT 1 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$35,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1,000 FOR EACH OF FOUR REGISTRATION NUMBERS.

THE OTHER SPECIAL REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD AT THE FOLLOWING PRICES:

1028 (\$21,000)	BU 88 (\$30,000)	BZ 833 (\$ 4,000)
BZ 1618 (\$ 2,500)	9773 (\$15,000)	BZ 808 (\$ 9,000)
BZ 223 (\$ 4,000)	BZ 928 (\$ 5,000)	BZ 1948 (\$ 1,000)
AZ 9999 (\$21,000)	BZ 888 (\$31,000)	BZ 268 (\$ 4,200)
BZ 1168 (\$ 3,400)	BZ 2007 (\$ 1,000)	AB 709 (\$ 2,000)
BZ 328 (\$28,000)	BZ 1338 (\$ 3,600)	BZ 5699 (\$ 1,000)
AB 786 (\$ 5,500)	BZ 622 (\$ 3,000)	BZ 1588 (\$ 1,000)
BZ 6228 (\$ 1,500)	BZ 180 (\$ 3,000)	

THE NUMBERS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 46TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY REALISED SO FAR TO NEARLY \$10 MILLION.

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SWEETMAN SOUR ON LAP SAP CHUNG'S  
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THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER OF THE NORTHWESTERN NEW TERRITORIES, MR. JIMMY SWEETMAN, WARNED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT UNLESS PEOPLE STOPPED LITTERING THE COUNTRYSIDE, IT WOULD REACH THE STAGE WHERE +IT WILL MAKE A PIGSTY LOOK CLEAN.+

HE GAVE THE WARNING WHEN OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT AQUATIC CARNIVAL AT CASTLE PEAK BEACH TO MARK THE START OF THE DISTRICT'S CLEAN BEACHES CAMPAIGN.

MR. SWEETMAN SAID THERE WAS ALREADY A TERRIBLE AMOUNT OF LITTER IN THE WATERS AND ON THE BEACHES -- AND THE PROBLEM WAS GETTING WORSE.

+WHY IS IT GETTING WORSE?+ HE ASKED. +FIRSTLY, BECAUSE MORE PEOPLE ARE COMING OUT TO ENJOY A DAY AT THE SEASIDE, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OUR WORKERS NOW HAVE MORE LEISURE TIME.

+WE ARE ALL ENJOYING AN IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE AND HAVE BECOME THE ENVY OF NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES.+

MANY OVERSEAS CHINESE LOOK BACK ON HONG KONG AS A HEAVEN ON EARTH, SPECIALLY THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED FROM WAR AND ECONOMIC DEPRIVATION, HE POINTED OUT.

+BUT WHAT ARE WE DOING TO OUR HEAVEN?

+IF WE GO ON WITH OUR FILTHY HABITS OF THROWING LITTER ALL OVER THE PLACE, WE SHALL TURN OUR HEAVEN INTO A HELL,+ MR. SWEETMAN SAID.

+THEREFORE,+ HE STRESSED, +THE DUTY OF ALL OF US IS TO SHOW PUBLIC SPIRIT AND CO-OPERATION AND TO MAKE SURE THAT WE REALLY DO ENJOY OUR RECREATION IN COMFORT AND CLEANLINESS RATHER THAN IN CONDITIONS WHICH, IF NOT CHECKED, WILL MAKE A PIGSTY LOOK CLEAN.+

TODAY'S FUNCTION PARTICIPATED BY SOME 5,000 LOCAL RESIDENTS WAS ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT COMMUNITY BUILDING CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE WHICH COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES OF THE +FIVE OS+ -- THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICE, THE COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE, THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICE AND THE POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE.

IT FEATURED A VARIETY OF WATER SPORTS, GAMES AND COMPETITIONS AS WELL AS A SWEEPING EXERCISE TO DRIVE HOME THE IMPORTANT MESSAGE OF KEEPING HONG KONG CLEAN.

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