



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1979

<u>CONTENTS</u>	<u>PAGE NO.</u>
UMELCO MEMBERS VISIT TUEN MUN NEW TOWN .....	1
\$3.4 MILLION AIRPORT CONTRACT AWARDED .....	1
THREE CROWN LAND LOTS TO BE AUCTIONED .....	2
DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES STATISTICS RELEASED .....	2
USD'S ANNUAL FUN FAIR ON SUNDAY .....	3
BAILEY BRIDGE CLOSED .....	3

---

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1979

- 1 -

UMELCO MEMBERS VISIT TUEN MUN NEW TOWN

\* \* \* \* \*

SEVEN UMELCO MEMBERS, ACCOMPANIED BY A PARTY OF SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, VISITED TUEN MUN NEW TOWN TODAY TO SEE THE RAPID DEVELOPMENTS TAKING PLACE THERE.

THEY ALSO HAD AN HOUR-LONG DISCUSSION WITH THE OFFICIALS ON PROBLEMS ARISING FROM THESE DEVELOPMENTS.

ONE OF THE TOPICS DISCUSSED WAS THE CLEARANCE OF SAN HUI, WHICH WAS INSPECTED BY THE UNOFFICIALS.

THE UMELCO MEMBERS, MR. HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, DR. HENRY HU, MR. LEUNG TAT-SHING, FR. PATRICK MCGOVERN, MR. WONG LAM, MR. CHARLES YEUNG AND DR. HO KAM-FAI ALSO TOURED THE VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT AREAS WHERE THEY SAW LARGE TRACTS OF LAND BEING FORMED FOR NEW PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, FACTORIES, SCHOOLS, ROADS, A HOSPITAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

THEY WERE ALSO APPRISED OF TENTATIVE PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVING THE DEVELOPMENT PLANS, INCLUDING AN ENCLOSED LAGOON FOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES OFF CASTLE PEAK BEACH.

ACCOMPANYING THE UNOFFICIALS ON TODAY'S VISIT WERE THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. JOHN TODD, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, TUEN MUN, MR. G.M. ORR, THE PROJECT MANAGER, MR. S.A. BARDEN, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING (OPERATIONS), MR. JOHN HEYWOOD, AND THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES (NT) MR. H.S. GREWAL.

- - - - 0 - - - -

\$3.4 MILLION AIRPORT CONTRACT AWARDED

\* \* \* \*

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$3.4 MILLION CONTRACT TO PERT ENGINEERING LTD. TO SUPPLY AND INSTALL THE FINAL STAGE OF THE ARRIVAL BAGGAGE HANDLING SYSTEM AT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

THE CONTRACT WAS FORMALLY SIGNED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY MR. G.J. OSBORNE, PWD'S PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER AND MR. ALAN POON BING-KUEN, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY.

THE CONTRACT COVERS TWO RACETRACK TYPE RECLAIM CONVEYORS FORMING THE FINAL STAGE OF THE ARRIVAL BAGGAGE HANDLING SYSTEM. THE FIRST STAGE HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR SOME TIME.

THE WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT AT THE SAME TIME AS THE REFURNISHING PROGRAMME IN THE TERMINAL BUILDING.

THE FIRST CONVEYOR IS EXPECTED TO BE COMMISSIONED NEXT JANUARY AND THE SECOND IN MARCH 1981 WHEN THE ENTIRE ARRIVAL BAGGAGE HANDLING SYSTEM WILL BE COMPLETED.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/2 .....

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1979

- 2 -

THREE CROWN LAND LOTS TO BE AUCTIONED

\* \* \* \* \*

THREE LOTS OF CROWN LAND WILL BE SOLD AT AN AUCTION IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON MARCH 8.

ONE SITE IS OFF SUN SING STREET, SHAU KEI WAN, COVERING 1,322 SQUARE METRES. IT IS INTENDED FOR RESIDENTIAL AND NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

THE SECOND LOT, MEASURING 1,900 SQUARE METRES AT HONG NING ROAD, KOWLOON, IS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

THE LAST SITE AT 475 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON, MEASURING 68.1 SQUARE METRES IS INTENDED FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT, THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG, AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

- - - - 0 - - - -

DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES STATISTICS RELEASED

\* \* \* \* \*

THE FIRST SET OF MONTHLY STATISTICS WHICH THE GOVERNMENT NOW COLLECTS UNDER POWERS PROVIDED IN THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1978 WERE RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE STATISTICS, WHICH RELATE TO THE POSITION AT THE END OF DECEMBER, 1978, SHOW THAT THE TOTAL LIABILITIES OF REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES IN HONG KONG AT THIS TIME AMOUNTED TO \$52,352 MILLION (ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF THE EQUIVALENT FIGURE FOR BANKS).

DEPOSITS FROM THE PUBLIC (EXCLUDING BANKS AND OTHER DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES) AMOUNTED TO \$10,447 MILLION, WHILE DEPOSITS FROM BANKS ABROAD TOTALLED \$27,398 MILLION.

AMONG THE ASSETS OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES, LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG AMOUNTED TO \$10,139 MILLION, AND LOANS AND ADVANCES ABROAD, \$21,165 MILLION. THE NET IDENTIFIABLE FOREIGN ASSETS OF THESE COMPANIES TOTALLED \$5,344 MILLION.

THE ANALYSIS OF LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG BY DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES AT THE END OF DECEMBER IS ALSO PUBLISHED TODAY.

A TOTAL OF 241 COMPANIES WERE REGISTERED UNDER THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE AT THE END OF 1978.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/3 .....

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1979

- 3 -

USD'S ANNUAL FUN FAIR ON SUNDAY  
\* \* \* \* \*

THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL DEPARTMENTAL FUN FAIR FOR STAFF MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES THIS SUNDAY AT FA HUI PARK, BOUNDARY STREET.

A SPOKESMAN FOR USD SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE USUAL AFTERNOON CLEANSING SERVICES ON THAT DAY WILL BE SUSPENDED TO ENABLE THE STAFF TO ATTEND THE FAIR.

+IT IS HOPED THAT MINIMUM INCONVENIENCE WILL BE CAUSED TO THE PUBLIC,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

MUCH OF THE ENTERTAINMENT AT THE FAIR WILL BE PROVIDED BY TELEVISION AND RADIO STARS. THERE WILL ALSO BE ABOUT 20 GAMES STALLS.

- - - - -

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL FUN FAIR THIS SUNDAY AT THE FA HUI PARK, BOUNDARY STREET, FROM 1-5 P.M.

- - - - 0 - - - -

BAILEY BRIDGE CLOSED  
\* \* \* \*

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE BAILEY BRIDGE AT CLOUDY HILL JEEP TRACK IN KAU LUNG HANG, NEW TERRITORIES, WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS FROM 10 A.M. THIS COMING MONDAY (FEBRUARY 12).

THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE IS TO FACILITATE REPAIR WORKS TO THE BRIDGE.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

- - - - 0 - - - -