



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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TENDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STAGE II TUEN MUN ROAD

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WORK WILL BEGIN SHORTLY ON THE SECOND STAGE OF THE \$390 MILLION TUEN MUN ROAD UNDER FOUR SEPARATE CONTRACTS.

TENDERS FOR THE FIRST TWO CONTRACTS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF THE P.W.D.'S HIGHWAYS OFFICE.

MR. T.S. NG, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION, SAID THAT WORK ON THESE TWO CONTRACTS WOULD BEGIN IN MAY AND TAKE ABOUT 26 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE TOTAL LENGTH OF TUEN MUN ROAD WOULD BE ABOUT 17 KILOMETRES.

TUEN MUN ROAD STAGE I -- WHICH INCLUDES THE PROVISION OF A SINGLE CARRIAGEWAY FROM TSUEN WAN TO TUEN MUN, THE FORMATION OF EARTHWORKS FOR CERTAIN PARTS OF A SECOND CARRIAGEWAY AND GRADE SEPARATED INTERCHANGES AT SHAM TSENG AND SIU LAM -- IS NEARING COMPLETION AND IS DUE TO BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC IN ABOUT ONE MONTH.

THE FIRST CONTRACT FOR TUEN MUN ROAD STAGE II WILL INVOLVE THE COMPLETION OF THE SECOND CARRIAGEWAY OF ABOUT 5.1 KILOMETRES ALONGSIDE THE STAGE I ROAD BETWEEN TSUEN WAN AND SHAM TSENG VILLAGE.

INCLUDED IN THIS LENGTH OF CARRIAGEWAY WOULD BE 1.2 KILOMETRES OF BRIDGE AND VIADUCT, SEVERAL DRAINAGE CULVERTS AND RETAINING WALLS.

THE SECOND CONTRACT WILL INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 350 METRE-LONG VIADUCT AT SHAM TSENG VILLAGE AND ASSOCIATED EARTH AND DRAINAGE WORKS. THIS VIADUCT WILL BE BUILT ALONGSIDE THE ONE CONSTRUCTED DURING THE FIRST STAGE OF THE ROAD PROJECT AND WOULD HAVE 11 SPANS OF 32 METRES.

+THE REMAINING 10.2 KILOMETRES OF ROAD WILL BE CONSTRUCTED UNDER TWO OTHER CONTRACTS FOR WHICH TENDERS WILL BE CALLED THIS SUMMER,+ MR. NG SAID.

WORK ON TUEN MUN ROAD STAGE II IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SPRING OF 1981.

ON COMPLETION OF THE WHOLE PROJECT, TUEN MUN ROAD WILL BECOME A DUAL THREE-LANE HIGH-CAPACITY ROAD.

IT WILL NOT ONLY IMPROVE THE TRAFFIC BETWEEN TSUEN WAN AND TUEN MUN BUT WILL ALSO CUT THE TRAVELLING TIME BETWEEN TUEN MUN AND ABERDEEN TO ABOUT 50 MINUTES WHEN THE CANAL ROAD FLYOVER EXTENSION AND THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL ARE COMPLETED.

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### CLAMP DOWN ON SMOKY VEHICLES

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THERE HAS BEEN A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PROSECUTIONS AGAINST VEHICLES EMITTING EXCESSIVE EXHAUST SMOKE LAST YEAR SINCE STRICTER CONTROL ON SUCH VEHICLES WAS INTRODUCED IN MARCH 1977.

STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE POLICE SHOWED THAT A TOTAL OF 5,115 VEHICLE OWNERS WERE PROSECUTED IN 1977 AS COMPARED WITH ONLY 297 IN 1976.

ACCORDING TO TRAFFIC POLICE STAFF OFFICER, MR. A.J. FERRIGE, THE NUMBER OF PROSECUTIONS HAS INCREASED TREMENDOUSLY AFTER THE POLICE HAVE PUT INTO USE THREE SMOKE METERS. IT HAS NOW BEEN DECIDED TO BUY TWO MORE METERS TO HELP THE POLICE CARRY OUT THEIR DUTIES.

SPECIAL TEAMS OF POLICEMEN HAVE BEEN SET UP TO CARRY OUT TESTS ON SMOKY VEHICLES. THEY OPERATE AT VARIOUS ROADSIDE INSPECTION POINTS IN HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY VEHICLE FOUND EMITTING EXHAUST SMOKE HIGHER THAN THE PERMITTED LIMIT, WHICH IS 65 UNITS ON THE HARTRIDGE SMOKE METER, WILL BE ISSUED WITH A SUMMONS.

LAST YEAR, 6,049 VEHICLES WERE FLAGGED DOWN BY THE POLICE FOR TESTS.

THE INSPECTION ON VEHICLES WITH SMOKY EXHAUSTS IS AIMED AT SAFEGUARDING PUBLIC HEALTH AS PEOPLE EXPOSED TO EXHAUST FUMES FOR A PROLONGED TIME MAY SUFFER FROM COUGHING AND SMARTING EYES. +MOREOVER, EXCESSIVE EXHAUST SMOKE CAN BE DANGEROUS IF IT OBSCURES THE DRIVERS' VISION,+ MR. FERRIGE SAID.

HE ALSO REMINDED CAR OWNERS THAT VEHICLES EMITTING EXCESSIVE FUMES WILL COST THEM MORE MONEY BECAUSE IT MEANS INCOMPLETE FUEL COMBUSTION. IT IS THEREFORE CHEAPER TO KEEP VEHICLES IN GOOD REPAIR.

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EIGHTH YEAR FOR LEADERSHIP CAMPS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE BRITISH FORCES ARE ORGANISING THE EIGHTH YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMPS TO BE HELD THIS SUMMER.

THE PROJECT IS AIMED AT PRIMARILY DEVELOPING THE CHARACTER, SELF-RELIANCE AND LEADERSHIP QUALITIES OF YOUTHS.

TWO RESIDENTIAL CAMPS, EACH LASTING THREE WEEKS, WILL BE HELD AT ERSKINE CAMP, SAI KUNG, FROM JULY 2 TO JULY 23 AND FROM JULY 30 TO AUGUST 20.

THIS YEAR THE CAMPS ARE BEING RUN BY PERSONNEL FROM THE 7TH DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S OWN GURKHA RIFLES, WHO ARE RETURNING TO HONG KONG SHORTLY AFTER TWO YEARS IN BRUNEI.

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL BE HANDLING RECRUITMENT, LIAISON WITH PARTICIPANTS AND FOLLOW-UP ACTION SUCH AS RESEARCH AND ASSESSMENT. THE CAMPS ARE FINANCED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

COURSES IN MOUNTAIN HIKE, ORIENTEERING, ROCK CLIMBING, CAMPING, CANOEING AND PHYSICAL FITNESS WILL BE RUN BY INSTRUCTORS DRAWN FROM ALL THREE ARMED SERVICES AND FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE.

THE 120 PARTICIPANTS IN EACH CAMP WILL BE CHOSEN FROM BOTH MALE AND FEMALE APPLICANTS AGED BETWEEN 18 AND 25. SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY A FEE OF \$100 WHICH WILL COVER THE COSTS OF BOOTS, T-SHIRTS, FOOD AND ACCOMMODATION PROVIDED DURING THE CAMPING TRIP.

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL BE SELECTED BY AN INTERVIEW PANEL COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE BRITISH FORCES, AND THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE. THEY WILL ALSO BE EXPECTED TO PASS PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SWIMMING TESTS.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S YOUTH WORK UNIT, TOP FLOOR, GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 405 NATHAN ROAD= FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S VARIOUS COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICES= OR FROM CITY DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS APRIL 28, 1978.

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BANK NOTES ISSUE ORDINANCE AMENDED

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A BILL, BANK NOTES ISSUE (AMENDMENT) BILL, PROPOSING TO REMOVE THE TIME LIMIT WITHIN WHICH THE NOTE ISSUING BANKS MAY MAKE, ISSUE, REISSUE AND CIRCULATE CURRENCY NOTES HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE NOTE ISSUING BANKS EXTENSION OF POWERS ORDINANCE WAS ENACTED IN 1939 AND AUTHORISED THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO EXTEND THE NOTE ISSUING POWERS OF BANKS FOR ANY PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING 12 MONTHS.

THE EFFECT OF THIS LEGISLATION HAS BEEN THAT EVERY YEAR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAS TO BE INVITED TO EXTEND THE POWERS OF THE NOTE ISSUING BANKS FOR 12 MONTHS AT A TIME.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT, IN PRACTICE, THE COUNCIL HAD NO ALTERNATIVE TO AGREEING THE EXTENSION OR ELSE THERE WOULD BE NO BANK NOTE ISSUE.

HE SAID THE TIME LIMIT AND THE CONSEQUENT ANNUAL EXTENSIONS DID NOT SERVE ANY USEFUL PURPOSE AND THE TIME LIMIT WAS BEING REMOVED SO THAT THE NOTE ISSUING BANKS WOULD CONTINUE THIS FUNCTION UNTIL THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DECIDED OTHERWISE.

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WINNERS OF INTER-CENTRE CONTEST SHOW THEIR SKILLS

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FASHION SHOW, FOLK SONGS, DRAMA, ORIENTAL AND WESTERN FOLK DANCES OF THE WINNERS PERFORMANCE STAGED THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON AT CARITAS HOUSE, CAINE ROAD, HIGHLIGHTED THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S INTER-CENTRE COMPETITION.

TROPHIES AND SOUVENIRS FOR THE WINNING TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS WERE PRESENTED AFTER THE SHOW BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, AND THE SENIOR PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MR. HENRY AU.

THE CONTEST, AN ANNUAL FUNCTION ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S GROUP AND COMMUNITY WORK DIVISION, BEGAN TWO MONTHS AGO, AND IS AIMED AT AROUSING INTEREST IN RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS FOSTERING FRIENDSHIP AMONG MEMBERS OF CLUBS AND SERVICE GROUPS.

THE MATCHES, WHICH TOOK PLACE AT VARIOUS PLAYGROUNDS AND COMMUNITY CENTRES DURING THE LAST TWO MONTHS, INCLUDED ORIENTEERING, JUDO, BASKETBALL, FOLK DANCE, FOLK SONG, DRAMA, DRESS-MAKING, RIBBON FLOWER MAKING CRAFT AND POSTER DESIGN.

THERE WERE 460 PARTICIPANTS, RECRUITED FROM 26 UNITS OF THE DIVISION.

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NO MAIL ON CHING MING DAY  
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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THERE WILL BE NO MAIL DELIVERY ON CHING MING DAY, WEDNESDAY (APRIL 5), A GENERAL HOLIDAY.

ALL POST OFFICES WILL ALSO BE CLOSED FOR BUSINESS ON THAT DAY.

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MARINE DEPARTMENT OFFICES HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENT  
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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE PORT COMMUNICATION CENTRE AND THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS AT WAN CHAI, YAU MA TEI, KWUN TONG AND TSUEN WAN WILL BE OPEN DURING THE GENERAL HOLIDAY ON APRIL 5.

IN ADDITION, THE MACAU FERRY WHARF UNIT WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 A.M. ON THAT DAY TO 1.30 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY.

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