



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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WORK ON \$67 M. ESTATE TO START SHORTLY

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS TO START IN JUNE ON THE FIRST DOMESTIC BLOCK OF ANOTHER MAJOR HOUSING COMPLEX IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S BUILDING PROGRAMME.

THE NEW COMPLEX IS THE \$67 MILLION SHUN LEE TSUEN (STAGE ONE) OFF CLEARWATER BAY ROAD IN KOWLOON WHICH WILL HOUSE SOME 20,000 PEOPLE IN 3,000 SELF-CONTAINED DOMESTIC FLATS BY MID-1978.

THE FIRST CONTRACT, WORTH NEARLY \$15 MILLION, WAS SIGNED IN THE PWD OFFICES THIS (MONDAY) MORNING BETWEEN THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE AND THE TANG TAK SON CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD.

MR. JOSEPH LEI, CHIEF ARCHITECT, SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND MR. BENNY K.H. TANG, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF TANG TAK SON CONSTRUCTION, SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY.

THE CONTRACT COVERS CONSTRUCTION OF ONE 30-STOREY CRUCIFORM BLOCK, A KINDERGARTEN, A SHOPPING ARCADE AND AN ESTATE MANAGEMENT OFFICE.

THE WHOLE STAGE ONE DEVELOPMENT COMPRISES TWO 30-STOREY DOMESTIC BLOCKS OF THE CRUCIFORM TYPE, A SEVEN-STOREY BLOCK, A COMMERCIAL COMPLEX, A MULTI-STOREY CARPARK WITH 600 SPACES, FOUR ACRES OF OPEN SPACE FOR RECREATION, TWO 24-CLASSROOM PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND TWO KINDERGARTENS TO SERVE TENANTS AND RESIDENTS IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA.

+TENDERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN CALLED FOR THE OTHER WORKS UNDER THIS STAGE AND THE CONTRACTS WILL BE SIGNED SHORTLY FOR CONSTRUCTION TO START,+ MR. LEI SAID.

+THE WHOLE OF STAGE ONE SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY MID-1978 AND WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AS PART OF ITS 10-YEAR HOUSING PROGRAMME,+ HE ADDED.

MR. LEI SAID NEARLY FIVE ACRES OF OPEN AND RECREATIONAL SPACE WOULD BE PROVIDED IN AND AROUND THE ESTATE WITH PLAYGROUNDS AND REST GARDENS FOR RESIDENTS.

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES ARE PROVIDED TO SERVE THE STAGE I POPULATION. THESE INCLUDE 20 SHOPS AND A CENTRALLY LOCATED MARKET CONSISTING OF ABOUT 50 STALLS OF VARIOUS SIZES AND A LARGE RESTAURANT.

THE RESTAURANT, MEASURING SOME 12,000 SQUARE FEET, WOULD BE LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX WITH THE CARPARK ON TOP OF IT.

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+FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE TENANTS, THE PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT BLOCKS WILL BE LINKED BY ELEVATED PEDESTRIAN WALKWAYS TO THE COMMERCIAL CENTRE SO THAT RESIDENTS NEED NOT WORRY ABOUT RAIN OR TRAFFIC WHEN DOING THEIR SHOPPING,+ HE ADDED.

THE TWO PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND TWO KINDERGARTENS ARE WITHIN THE ESTATE ITSELF WITHIN EASY WALKING DISTANCE OF THE DOMESTIC BLOCKS, AND PLANS ARE IN HAND TO BUILD TWO SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE AREA AT A LATER DATE.

+THE ESTATE WILL PROVIDE A VARIETY OF FLATS, RANGING FROM 250 SQUARE FEET TO 390 SQUARE FEET, EACH WITH IMPROVED BALCONY DESIGN INCORPORATING A KITCHEN AND TOILET.

+THE CRUCIFORM BLOCKS WILL CATER FOR FAMILIES FROM FIVE TO NINE PEOPLE, WHILE THE SEVEN-STOREY BLOCK WILL ACCOMMODATE FAMILIES CONSISTING OF ABOUT SIX MEMBERS,+ HE SAID.

+UNITS ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE SEVEN-STOREY BLOCK CAN EASILY BE CONVERTED TO HOUSE OLD AND HANDICAPPED PEOPLE,+ HE ADDED.

OTHER FACILITIES IN THE ESTATE, HE SAID, INCLUDED A SMALL POST OFFICE, BUS AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STANDS, TURFED AREAS AND AN ESTATE OFFICE.

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JAPANESE FIREMEN ON STUDY TOUR OF HONG KONG

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A PARTY OF 50 VOLUNTEER AND PROFESSIONAL FIREMEN FROM JAPAN PAID A VISIT TO THE HARBOUR ROAD FIRE STATION AND THE FIREBOAT DEPOT AT CENTRAL RECLAMATION TODAY (MONDAY).

THEY SPENT ABOUT TWO HOURS AT THE STATION INSPECTING FIRE SERVICES EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING THE NEW 85-FOOT SNORKEL.

LATER THEY WERE TAKEN ON A TOUR OF THE WESTERN AND CENTRAL HARBOUR ON BOARD THE 350-TON FIREBOAT +ALEXANDER GRANTHAM+.

THE VISITORS, CURRENTLY ON A FOUR-DAY COMPREHENSIVE STUDY MISSION IN HONG KONG, ARE ALL MEMBERS OF THE HYOGO PREFECTURE FIRE PREVENTION ASSOCIATION, AN EXTRA-DEPARTMENTAL ORGANISATION OF THE HYOGO PREFECTURE GOVERNMENT.

THEY ARRIVED HERE LAST SATURDAY AND WILL LEAVE FOR OSAKA TOMORROW.

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INDUSTRIALISTS TOLD POLLUTION CAN BE AVOIDED
IN EARLY STAGES OF PLANNING

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT MR. JAMES ROBSON, TODAY (MONDAY) WARNED OF A BUILD-UP OF POLLUTION AND APPEALED TO INDUSTRIALISTS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY AT THE DESIGN STAGE TO MINIMISE THE POSSIBILITY OF POLLUTION.

+TECHNOLOGY HAS NOW REACHED A STAGE WHERE MOST POLLUTION PROBLEMS CAN BE THROTTLED AT BIRTH, AND IT IS MAINLY THOUGHTLESSNESS OR GREED THAT RESULTS IN INADEQUATE PRECAUTIONS BEING TAKEN,+ SAID MR. ROBSON AT THE OPENING OF THE AUSTRALIAN POLLUTION CONTROL DISPLAY AND SEMINAR AT THE AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION IN CONNAUGHT CENTRE.

HE ADDED THAT IT WAS ALSO AT THE DESIGN STAGE THAT POLLUTION CONTROL COULD BE INCORPORATED INTO A PLANT AT THE MINIMUM COST AND WITH THE GREATEST EFFECT.

HE SAID THAT A GOVERNMENT-APPOINTED CONSULTANT HAD RECOMMENDED THE SETTING UP OF A CENTRAL CONTROL UNIT AND THE REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING ANTI-POLLUTION REGULATIONS WITH A SINGLE COMPREHENSIVE ORDINANCE. FURTHERMORE, IT ALSO RECOMMENDED THE SETTING OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OBJECTIVES AND THE MONITORING AND CONTROL OF DISCHARGES INTO INLAND AND COASTAL WATERS.

HOWEVER, HE SAID: +ALL THESE MEASURES WILL, OF COURSE, COST MONEY AND ONE OF THE TASKS OF THE CONSULTANT WILL BE TO ADVISE ON THE BALANCE BETWEEN WHAT SHOULD BE DONE AND WHAT WE CAN AFFORD TO DO.+

HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD RECOGNISED THE THREAT OF POLLUTION AND HAD SPENT CONSIDERABLE FUNDS ON POLLUTION CONTROL MEASURES.

+FORTUNATELY, HERE IN HONG KONG, WE HAVE RECENTLY MANAGED TO KEEP ON TOP OF THE SITUATION, BUT THIS IS ONLY BECAUSE POTENTIALLY POLLUTING INDUSTRIES ARE AT PRESENT COMPARATIVELY FEW, BECAUSE THE TIDE FLUSHES OUT THE HARBOUR TWICE A DAY, AND BECAUSE OUR FRAGRANT HARBOUR HAS ALWAYS HAD A FAIR WIND,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THAT THE SOLUTION TO MANY POLLUTION PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY THOSE CAUSED BY URBAN LIVING, DEPENDED ON THE ATTITUDE OF THE PUBLIC.

+COMPREHENSIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE NO SUBSTITUTE FOR VOLUNTARY EFFORT ON THE PART OF EACH OF OUR CITIZENS TO MINIMISE POLLUTION PROBLEMS,+ HE STRESSED.

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DISTRICT OFFICE SAI KUNG HELPS TAI WOR PING FIRE VICTIMS
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THE 33 FAMILIES WHO WERE MADE HOMELESS IN LAST MONDAY'S FIRE AT TAI WOR PING ARE BEING TAKEN CARE OF BY STAFF OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, SAI KUNG.

DEPENDING ON THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES, THEY ARE BEING OFFERED PUBLIC HOUSING, FLATTED FACTORIES, OR LICENSED AREA SITES. IN SOME CASES THEY MAY REBUILD ON THE SITE THEY OCCUPIED BEFORE THE FIRE. THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS ALSO PROVIDED MONETARY RELIEF.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, SAI KUNG, MR. ROBERT UPTON, SAID HE AND HIS STAFF HAD VISITED THE AREA OF THE FIRE AND CARRIED OUT SITE INVESTIGATIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CLEARANCE DIVISION OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF INDIVIDUAL CASES. THE PROCESSING IS STILL CONTINUING.

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS PROVIDED RELIEF ITEMS INCLUDING BLANKETS, HOT MEALS AND MILK POWDER.

EX GRATIA PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE TO FAMILIES REBUILDING DOMESTIC STRUCTURES ON SITE AT THE RATE OF UP TO \$1,250 FOR THE FIRST FIVE MEMBERS OF FAMILY AND A FURTHER \$250 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL MEMBER. EACH PERSON WILL ALSO QUALIFY FOR A GRANT OF \$100 FOR RE-EQUIPMENT PURPOSES AFTER DOMESTIC REBUILDING.

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAYS THE SITE FOR DISTRIBUTING HOT MEALS IS THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE FOR THE MAJORITY OF VICTIMS.

THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT SAYS FACTORY OPERATORS, WHO DO NOT OPT FOR A FLATTED FACTORY, WILL RECEIVE COMPENSATION AT THE RATE OF \$6,000 FOR SURVEYED WORKSHOPS BETWEEN 50 SQ. FT. AND 300 SQ. FT. AND AT THE RATE OF \$20 PER SQ. FT. FOR FACTORIES OF OVER 300 SQ. FT.

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DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP AT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

TWO HUNDRED BOYS AND GIRLS AT ST. MARGARET'S COLLEGE ARE ENJOYING A NEW FORM OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AS PART OF THEIR GENERAL EDUCATION.

THE COLLEGE AT SHIU FAI TERRACE, STUBBS ROAD, IS ONE OF THE FIRST ASSISTED PRIVATE SECONDARY GRAMMAR SCHOOLS OFFERING DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY FOLLOWING THE CONVERSION OF A ROOM INTO A WORKSHOP FOR THIS PURPOSE.

THE COST OF CONVERSION, INCLUDING WORKSHOP FACILITIES FOR THE FIRST PHASE, WAS ABOUT \$28,500.

THE PRINCIPAL OF THE COLLEGE AND THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAVE DEVISED A +PHASING-IN+ PROGRAMME OVER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD.

THE NEW WORKSHOP HAS BEEN IN USE SINCE LAST NOVEMBER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY: +THERE ARE PROBLEMS FOR ANY SCHOOL WITHOUT PROPER FACILITIES TO INNOVATE TECHNICAL/PRACTICAL EDUCATION.

+HOWEVER, ST. MARGARET'S HAS BEEN ONE OF THE FIRST GRAMMAR SCHOOLS TO SHOW THE WAY AND HAS ESTABLISHED ITS OWN DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP TO INCLUDE BOTH WOOD AND METAL, AND HOPES TO TEACH THIS SUBJECT THROUGH A DESIGN-PROBLEM-SOLVING APPROACH.+

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THIS NEW APPROACH TO THE TEACHING OF WOODWORK AND METALWORK WOULD HAVE MUCH TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN HONG KONG.

MANY SECONDARY SCHOOLS HAVE RESPONDED FAVOURABLY TO THE INTRODUCTION OF DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY SINCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMON CORE CURRICULUM.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL), MR. ANDREW KINGWELL, WILL VISIT ST. MARGARET'S COLLEGE ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 18) TO SEE FOR HIMSELF HOW THE SUBJECT IS TAUGHT AT THE SCHOOL.

NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S VISIT TO THE COLLEGE, 1-E SHIU FAI TERRACE, STUBBS ROAD, HONG KONG, AT 2.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY.

BOTH MR. KINGWELL AND THE PRINCIPAL, REV. LOUIS BOLIS, WILL BE PLEASED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE MASS MEDIA.

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'PARENTS' EVENING' AT KWUN TONG HOSTEL
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THE KWUN TONG HOSTEL, RUN BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S PROBATION AND CORRECTION DIVISION, WILL BE HOLDING A +PARENTS' EVENING+ TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

PARENTS OF PROBATIONERS ARE INVITED TO SEE WHAT IS BEING DONE TO HELP THEIR SONS.

GROUP DISCUSSIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE HOSTEL STAFF WILL BE HELD AFTERWARDS.

THE +PARENTS' EVENING+ IS AN ANNUAL EVENT ORGANISED TO SHOW PARENTS OF PROBATIONERS THE MANY FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN THE HOSTEL TO REHABILITATE THEIR BOYS AND TO CORRECT THEIR SHORTCOMINGS.

THE FUNCTION IS ALSO AIMED AT INFORMING PARENTS ON THE PROGRESS THEIR SONS ARE MAKING AND THUS ESTABLISHING A MUCH CLOSER FAMILY RELATIONSHIP.

ANOTHER PURPOSE OF THE FUNCTION IS TO PROVIDE A CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PARENTS OF PROBATIONERS AND STAFF OF THE HOSTEL.

GUESTS INVITED TO ATTEND THE FUNCTION INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY AND SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE PROBATION AND CORRECTION DIVISION.

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WATER INTERRUPTION
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN POKFULAM WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 18) TO 6 A.M. THE NEXT DAY.

THE WATERWORKS OFFICE WILL CARRY OUT WORK ON A FRESH WATER MAIN DURING THIS PERIOD.

THE PREMISES AFFECTED WILL BE HOUSE NOS. 21 TO 60, SASSOON ROAD, NOS. 116 TO 144 POKFULAM ROAD, INCLUDING THE EBENEZER SCHOOL AND HOME FOR THE BLIND, AND BUILDINGS ON CROWN TERRACE, BISNEY ROAD AND CONSORT STREET.

ALL PREMISES IN POKFULAM VILLAGE, INCLUDING TAI KOO LAU AND THE DAIRY FARM COLD STORAGE, SENIOR STAFF FLATS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND WAH FU ESTATE HIGH BLOCKS, WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED.

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TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS IN MONG KOK
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A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON WEDNESDAY MORNING IN MONG KOK, KOWLOON, IN PREPARATION FOR THE START OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE METRO STATIONS IN NATHAN ROAD.

THE STREETS AFFECTED WILL BE ARGYLE STREET, MONG KOK ROAD, FIFE STREET, FA YUEN STREET, TUNG CHOI STREET, WATERLOO ROAD, NATHAN ROAD, AND PORTLAND STREET.

IN ARGYLE STREET, THERE WILL BE TWO LANES OF TRAFFIC EASTBOUND AND FOUR LANES WESTBOUND BETWEEN TONG MI ROAD AND PORTLAND STREET AND BETWEEN SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET AND SAI YEE STREET.

THERE WILL BE FOUR LANES OF TRAFFIC WESTBOUND ONLY BETWEEN PORTLAND STREET AND SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET.

AT THE ARGYLE STREET JUNCTION WITH SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET, A RIGHT TURN MOVEMENT WILL BE ALLOWED FOR TRAFFIC TRAVELLING SOUTHBOUND IN SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET INTO ARGYLE STREET WESTBOUND.

BUS STOPS IN THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF ARGYLE STREET BETWEEN SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET AND FA YUEN STREET WILL BE RELOCATED IN TUNG CHOI STREET.

IN MONG KOK ROAD, THERE WILL BE FOUR LANES OF TRAFFIC EASTBOUND AND TWO LANES WESTBOUND BETWEEN TONG MI ROAD AND PORTLAND STREET AND BETWEEN SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET AND SAI YEE STREET.

THERE WILL BE SIX LANES OF TRAFFIC EASTBOUND ONLY BETWEEN PORTLAND STREET AND SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET.

RIGHT TURN MOVEMENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED AT THE MONG KOK ROAD JUNCTION WITH TUNG CHOI STREET FOR TRAFFIC TRAVELLING FROM MONG KOK ROAD WESTBOUND INTO TUNG CHOI STREET NORTHBOUND.

FIFE STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED WESTBOUND BETWEEN SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET AND TUNG CHOI STREET WHILE FA YUEN STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN MONG KOK ROAD AND ARGYLE STREET.

AT THE WATERLOO ROAD JUNCTION WITH NATHAN ROAD, THE LEFT TURN MOVEMENT FROM WATERLOO ROAD EASTBOUND INTO NATHAN ROAD NORTHBOUND, THE RIGHT TURN MOVEMENT FROM WATERLOO ROAD EASTBOUND INTO NATHAN ROAD SOUTHBOUND AND THE RIGHT TURN MOVEMENT FROM WATERLOO ROAD WESTBOUND INTO NATHAN ROAD NORTHBOUND WILL BE PROHIBITED.

AT THE NATHAN ROAD JUNCTION WITH MONG KOK ROAD, THE RIGHT TURN FROM NATHAN ROAD SOUTHBOUND INTO MONG KOK ROAD WESTBOUND AND THE LEFT TURN FROM NATHAN ROAD NORTHBOUND INTO MONG KOK ROAD WESTBOUND WILL BE PROHIBITED.

AT THE NATHAN ROAD JUNCTION WITH ARGYLE STREET THE LEFT TURN FROM NATHAN ROAD SOUTHBOUND INTO ARGYLE STREET EASTBOUND AND THE RIGHT TURN FROM NATHAN ROAD NORTHBOUND INTO ARGYLE STREET EASTBOUND WILL BE PROHIBITED.

AT THE JUNCTION OF PORTLAND STREET AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD A LEFT TURN ONLY WILL BE IMPOSED.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP ON ALL STREETS AFFECTED FOR THE GUIDANCE OF MOTORISTS.