



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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REMOTE AREAS GET FRESH WATER SUPPLIES

Permanent water supplies for two isolated areas of Hong Kong were officially opened today, ushering in a new era for the villagers.

The schemes, one for Kat O Chau and the other for Kau Lau Wan on the northernmost tip of Sai Kung peninsula, have cost a total of \$3 million.

They provide fresh water supplies to 7,000 residents in the two areas, as well as the fishing boats which are based there.

The schemes involved the construction of a three-million-gallon dam on Kat O, plus service reservoirs on the island as well as at Kau Lau Wan and the laying of pipelines to carry the water to the villages.

Taking part in the two opening ceremonies was the Director of Water Supplies, Mr. A.S. Robertson. For the ceremony on Kat O he was joined by the Chairman of the Sha Tau Kok Rural Committee, Mr. Lau Yam-man; and at Kau Lau Wan by the Chairman of the Sai Kung North Rural Committee, Mr. Wong Chun-wai.

In their speeches, Mr. Robertson and Mr. Lau said they hoped the water supply scheme would also bring "added prosperity" to the residents in "developing commerce, industry and fishing".

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Mr. Wong made various suggestions for further improvements to the water supply and in transport facilities to serve the Sai Kung area.

The two projects were the joint efforts of the Waterworks Office and the District Office, Tai Po.

The District Commissioner, New Territories, Mr. D.C. Bray and the District Officer, Tai Po, Mr. H.S. Grewal also attended the ceremonies.

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The scheme, one for Tai O Chun and the other for Tai Lam, on the northwestern tip of Sai Kung Island, have cost a total of \$3 million. They provide fresh water supplies to 7,000 residents in the two areas, as well as the fishing boats which are based there.

The scheme involved the construction of a three-million-gallon dam on Tai O, plus service reservoirs on the island as well as an 8km pipeline and the laying of 1/3 miles to carry the water to the villages.

Being part in the two opening ceremonies was the Director of Water Supplies, Mr. A.S. Robertson. For the ceremony at Tai O he was joined by the Chairman of the Sai Kung Rural Committee, Mr. Lee Yau-sang, and Mr. Kau Ian-wei by the Chairman of the Tai Lam Rural Committee, Mr. Wong Chun-wai.

In their speeches, Mr. Robertson and Mr. Kau said they hoped the water supply scheme would also bring "needed prosperity" to the residents in "developing commerce, industry and fishing."

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RESULTS OF CAMPAIGNS AGAINST CHILD EMPLOYMENT

The Assistant Commissioner of Labour, Mr. David Lin, said today improved methods to check the age of workers have met with some success.

He was disclosing findings of the 8th and 9th campaigns against child employment in industry launched by the department during the summer holidays.

He said: "The department has been able to verify the age of over 90% of the suspected children found in these two campaigns. The age verification rate in the 6th and 7th campaigns mounted in 1971 was only 70%."

In July, labour inspectors visited 920 industrial undertakings and found 89 children being employed in 65 of them.

In the August exercise, 63 of the 861 industrial concerns visited were found employing a total of 84 children.

Explaining the improved methods, Mr. Lin said the main difficulty in establishing the age of the young workers was due to the children's identity card which did not bear any photograph or show the full name of its holder.

Under the new methods, he said, home visits to verify the age of suspected children were made on the same day when the industrial undertakings were inspected.

This enabled inspectors, if necessary, to get hold of suspected children who were found to have given false or incomplete addresses for further classification, he said.

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SMALL PARK TO BE BUILT ON THE WATERFRONT

A strip of land skirting the seashore on Waterfront Road on the south side of the Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter is to be turned into an amenity area.

The site measuring approximately 30,000 sq. ft. offers one of the most commanding views of the harbour.

A government spokesman said today that the area would now be developed as an extensive promenade with textured paving, benches, trees, flower beds and turfed areas.

Mushroom type pavilions will be erected at appropriate intervals as sun-shade shelters. Colourful sculptured walls will further enhance the promenade as points of attraction.

Construction work will begin in mid-December and will take six months to complete.

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NEW STAMPS TO MARK QUEEN'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Two special stamps to commemorate the Silver Wedding anniversary of the Queen will go on sale at all post offices on November 20.

The stamps which are in horizontal format will be issued in the 10 cents and 50 cents denominations.

The main feature of the stamps is a newly engraved portrait of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, which is being used on postage stamps for the first time.

Appearing on the left of the portrait is a phoenix and on the right a dragon which were designed by the Government Information Services.

Special First Day Covers, also featuring a design by G.I.S., have been produced and these will be on sale at all post offices from Friday, November 10, at 20 cents each.

People are asked to obtain their requirements early to avoid disappointment.

Advance orders for servicing of First Day Covers will be accepted at the General Post Office, Pedder Street; Kowloon Central Post Office, Nathan Road; and Tsim Sha Tsui Post Office, Salisbury Road.

For this service, addressed First Day Covers must be handed in with an order form together with a remittance to cover the cost.

The charge will be 70 cents per cover which includes the cost of two stamps together with a service fee of 10 cents. The covers must be fully addressed by the applicant and not less than 10 covers will be accepted with each order.

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The order forms will be available at the General Post Office, Kowloon Central Post Office and Tsim Sha Tsui Post Office on Friday, November 10.

Any person ordering serviced covers addressed to a local destination may collect them on November 21 from the office where the order was placed. Covers addressed overseas will be sent forward by ordinary post, surface mail, unless sufficient stamps are affixed to cover airmail and/or registration charges.

The latest acceptance date for advance orders of serviced covers will be noon on Thursday, November 16.

A service will be provided on Monday, November 20 at all post offices when First Day Covers will be accepted over the counter, impressed with the normal post office steel date stamp and handed back to the person presenting them.

No TIME TYPE will appear in the postmark. The special conditions for this service are:-

- a) only articles bearing an indication that they are 'First Day Covers' will be so treated.
- b) the articles must be addressed to a local address.
- c) the articles must not bear any other cancellation.
- d) no registered items will be processed by this method.

Special posting boxes will also be available at the General Post Office, Kowloon Central Post Office and Tsim Sha Tsui Post Office on November 20 for those who wish to have first day covers carefully hand-postmarked before despatch to the address on the cover.

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FIRST STAGE OF ALDRICH BAY RECLAMATION

Work will begin soon on the construction of a 400-foot section of sea wall in Aldrich Bay, Shau Kei Wan, as the first stage of the Aldrich Bay Reclamation.

When completed the wall will retain the filling material for the reclamation off the end of Aldrich Street.

The reclaimed area of about 4.5 acres will provide sites for seven boat-building yards to complement those already operating in the vicinity.

The project forms part of the overall Aldrich Bay Reclamation Scheme which aims at eliminating the unsanitary conditions in the area and to provide land required for development.

There are also plans to reclaim the adjacent seabeds for the construction of a ferry concourse, a salt water pumping station and a wholesale fish market.

Tenders are now being invited to undertake the construction of the sea wall. Work is expected to begin in January next year, and will take about 12 months to complete.

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PAK TIN ESTATE TO RECEIVE FIRST RESIDENTS SOON

More than 400 families of Shek Kip Mei Resettlement Estate are making final preparations for moving to their new homes at Pak Tin Estate.

These and another 1,400 families are the first group of people who have been offered rehousing at Pak Tin under the present phase of the Shek Kip Mei Rehousing Scheme.

At the new estate people have already begun decorating their new homes.

The Housing Manager of Pak Tin Estate, Mr. Fung Tung said, however, it was essential for them to apply before carrying out the decoration work.

"The reason for doing this is to ensure that they conform with the required standard and in no way affect the structure of the flat," he said.

Meanwhile, staff of the Housing Authority Estate Office at Pak Tin has already interviewed more than 600 families and granted tenancy to more than 400.

The first family is expected to move into Pak Tin within the next few days.

The Rehousing Operation Office has received 1,845 applications for Pak Tin flats representing more than 99 per cent of the total number of applications it has sent out to Shek Kip Mei tenants.

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WATER INTERRUPTION IN ABERDEEN

Water supply to a number of premises in Aberdeen will be turned off temporarily for five hours from 1 a.m. on Tuesday (November 7).

This will enable the Water Works Office to carry out a leakage test.

The area affected is bound by Aberdeen Main Road, Tung Sing Road, Shek Pei Wan Road, Yue Lei Street, Tin Wan Street and Tin Wan Resettlement Estate.

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ISSUE OF SUNDAY D.I.B.

Note to Editors: There will be an issue of the Daily Information Bulletin tomorrow (Sunday). The item, dealing with the High Island Water Scheme, will be illustrated by two photographs and a map.

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PRISON DEPARTMENT STAFF RETIRE

Two men employed by the Prisons Department are to retire soon after serving the Government for a total of 48 years.

They are Mr. Cheng Wing-pui, Assistant Officer Class I and Mr. Yeung Chiu, Labourer.

Mr. Cheng first joined the Prisons Department as a labourer in September 1938. He was transferred to the post of Leader in July 1946, promoted to Principal Warder in April 1947 and regraded as Assistant Officer Class I in December 1970.

Mr. Yeung joined the department as a labourer in December 1958.

To mark their retirement, the Commissioner of Prisons, Mr. T.G. Garner will present souvenirs to them next Monday (November 6).

Note to Editors: You are invited to have the presentation covered. The ceremony will be held at about 1 p.m. in the Victoria Staff Club located on the ground floor of the Prisons Department Junior Staff Quarters in Wyndham Street, Hong Kong.

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Release Time: 2.30 p.m.