

(Information provided by Islands District Council  
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### **Community Facilities for Tung Chung New Town**

Tung Chung new town is situated in the northern part of Lantau Island. The two housing estates built under Tung Chung development Phase I, i.e. Fu Tung Estate and Yu Tung Court, started intake of population in as early as July 1997 with some 14 000 residents altogether. In 1999, the first private housing estate in the area, Tung Chung Crescent, was also completed and could accommodate up to 6 000 people. Yat Tung Estate, the second large public housing estate in Tung Chung, has already started its population intake in early 2001, resulting in rapid increase of population in the area. It is anticipated that upon full occupation, Yat Tung Estate will have as many as 18 000 residents. The estimated population of the whole Tung Chung new town will be over 200 000 by 2011.

2. With the rapid development of Tung Chung new town and its growing population, there is a relative shortage of community facilities in the area. Some Islands District Council (IsDC) members have expressed concerns that this may give rise to various social problems. Unlike other districts, Tung Chung does not have the support of nearby areas in the provision of community facilities due to its geographically remote location in North Lantau. Furthermore, as many residents of the new town are either low-income families or new arrivals, and with a relatively large number of young persons in the area, there is great demand for some healthy leisure venues.

3. At present, basic community facilities such as library, indoor recreation centre, swimming pool and community hall, etc. have yet to be provided in Tung Chung new town. At the meeting of the IsDC in February 2001, IsDC members requested representatives of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to explain the delays in the provision of matching community facilities for Tung Chung new town. The LCSD indicated that in order to tie in with the overall development of Tung Chung new town, the following facilities were proposed to be provided in the area:

- (a) District Open Space Area 7
- (b) Indoor Recreation Centre (Type C) cum Library Area 17

- (c) District Open Space Area 2
- (d) District Open Space Area 18
- (e) District Open Space Area 52
- (f) Swimming Pool Complex Area 2

Please refer to Annex for details of the facilities.

4. The six projects above have been accorded priority for development by the LCSD, and funding resources have been reserved by the Finance Bureau for these projects which are scheduled to commence within five years. IsDC members have urged the LCSD to expedite the provision of community facilities for Tung Chung new town.

Projects

Proposed Major Facilities

- (a) District Open Space Area 7
- 1 7-a-side artificial turf soccer pitch
  - 2 basketball courts cum volleyball courts
  - children's play area
  - sitting-out area
  - landscaped area
  - service building
  - toilet
  - ancillary facilities

- (b) Indoor Recreation Centre (Type C) cum Library Area 17
- Indoor Recreation Centre
- 2 basketball courts/2 volleyball courts/8 badminton courts
  - 1 20-lane bowling centre
  - 4 squash courts
  - 1 table-tennis room
  - 1 multi-purpose activity room
  - 1 chess room
  - 1 fitness training room
  - 1 children's play area
  - 1 first-aid room
  - toilet
  - changing room and bathroom

Library

- 1 adult library
- 1 children library
- 1 quick reference section
- 1 audio-visual library
- 1 extension activity room
- 1 newspapers and periodicals section
- 1 student's study room
- 1 microcomputer room
- 1 exhibition/display area
- regional office
- ancillary facilities

Projects

Proposed Major Facilities

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| (c) District Open Space Area 2   | -- sitting-out area                    |
|                                  | -- landscaped area with water features |
|                                  | -- children's play area                |
| (d) District Open Space Area 18  | -- 1 woodland garden                   |
|                                  | -- 6 tennis courts                     |
|                                  | -- 2 gateball courts                   |
|                                  | -- service building                    |
|                                  | -- sitting-out area                    |
|                                  | -- landscaped area                     |
|                                  | -- ancillary facilities                |
| (e) District Open Space Area 52  | -- promenade walk                      |
|                                  | -- theme garden                        |
|                                  | -- ancillary facilities                |
| (f) Swimming Pool Complex Area 2 | -- 1 main pool                         |
|                                  | -- 1 leisure pool                      |
|                                  | -- 1 training pool                     |
|                                  | -- ancillary facilities                |