

Multi-storey car park for Sibiu

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Construction of the long overdue 12-level \$9.7 million carpark in Sibiu is expected to begin early next month.

Initially proposed in the early 1980s, it was backed by Senator Law Hieng Ding, who, as chairman of the Sibiu Urban District Council (SUDC) said it was essential for solving the shortage of parking bays in town.

When the SUDC was upgraded to Sibiu Municipal Council, its chairman Datuk Yao Peng Hua and his successor Datuk Ting Ing Mieng, both lobbied vigorously for the project.

The contract for the completion of the foundation works has been signed, and barring hitches, it should be completed by October 1993.

□ Brief facts of the project

The proposed \$9.7 million carpark is a 12-level structure providing 408 parking bays.

It has two lifts. Toilet facilities would be included. To be located on the top level are between 20 and 30 food stalls.

The two-stage construction will take about 16 months, and the agreement signed on Tuesday is for the construction of foundation works, costing nearly \$2.4 million, and to be completed in 25 weeks.

The construction of the superstructure will follow, to be completed in about 10 months. Among the unique features is the reduced number of columns, which will ease parking.

Single entry and double exit points are incorporated. The double exit points will ensure speedy and efficient discharge of cars at peak hours. The access to the carpark will be from Wong Nai

Siong Road.

The layout allows traffic to take the same route in and out and the division occurs at the ramps.

Clear span arrangements allow a completely unimpeded flow of cars into parking bays, pedestrian movement and opening of car doors.

In his brief address during the signing ceremony, Mr Kong Sien Han said although it is not a very large project, he does not wish to see it fail.

Executive of the undertaking contractor, T.M. Hsiang Realty Company, Mr Patrick Ting gave his assurance of completing the foundation within 25 weeks.

Mr Kong expressed confidence in the Kuching-based company because it had undertaken several similar projects in major towns, particularly in Kuching and Kota Kinabalu. The company is mostly engaged in dredging and foundation works.

It is not the first project here for Mr Patrick Ting, a Sibiu-born Foochow. His company had sub-contracted the sand-filling and foundation works of the SEDC Upper Lanang project and piling of several jetties.

With the completion of the foundation works early next year, the council will then prepare tender documents. After calling for tender, time is needed for evaluation before it is awarded.

Thus, construction of the structure could begin by the end of March or the beginning of April.

But, beginning of next month car-owners who normally park in the area (Wong Nai Siang Road) will have to hunt for parking bays which will add to the congestion in town for at least two years.



View of the site for the proposed car park building.

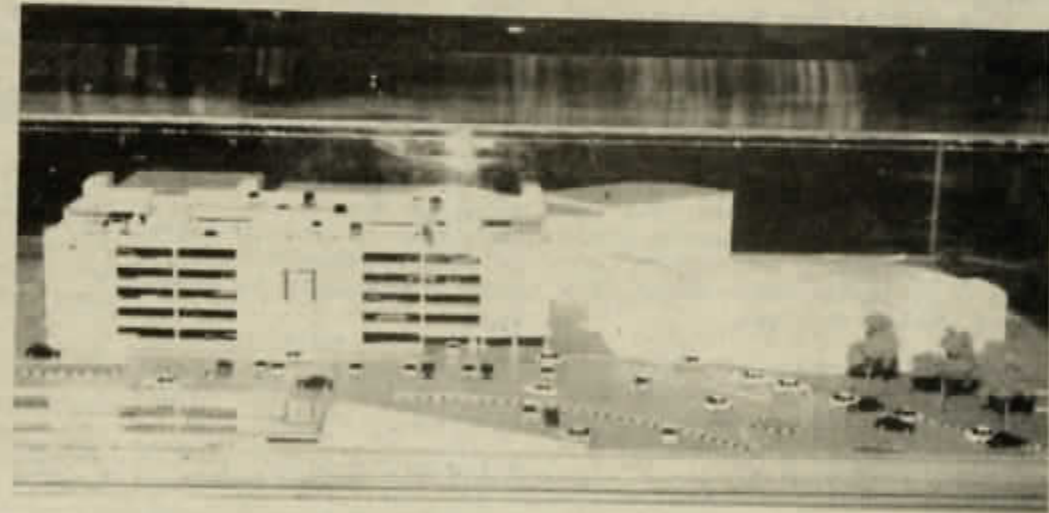


PROPOSED MULTI-STOREY CARPARK FOR SIBIU MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Model of the car park building (left) proposed earlier



The exchange of documents after the signing of the contract between Mr Kong Sien Han (left) and Mr Patrick Ting, witnessed by other councillors.



Now the new look. The roofing design may be altered.