

Work on new swimming pool to begin this mth



SIBU, Wed.— Construction work on the proposed swimming pool at Delta Estate here is expected to begin some time this month.

The contract on the construction work was signed today between the Sibü Municipal Council, being the implementing agency, and the Yung Kong Construction Sdn Bhd, the project contractor.

Work on the \$4.86 million project is expected to be completed in 15 months' time.

The new pool will be the second swimming pool in Sibü after the first one which was constructed in the 1960's.

Speaking at the signing of contract ceremony this morning, council chairman Kong Sien Han said the present pool at Bukit Lima here could no longer accommodate fully the huge number of people frequenting it.

"It is over-crowded especially during weekends to the extent that it is difficult to swim freely there," he added.

He said the council was aware of the over-crowding problem and had put up proposals in the previous years seeking funds to construct another pool in Sibü.

Through the efforts of Infrastructure

Development Minister Datuk Amar Dr Wong Soon Kai and Culture, Youth & Sports Minister Datuk Dr George Chan, the project was eventually materializing, Mr Kong said.

The new swimming pool will be sited at a vacant land at Delta Estate, having an area of about 2½ acres.

The swimming pool complex will have a pool, a grandstand building which incorporates a spectator grandstand, changing rooms, offices and a restaurant.

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The pool itself is an eight-lane Olympic-sized standard swimming pool.

A children pool which incorporates a toddlers pool and a splash pool will also be provided.

The Olympic-sized swimming pool is intended to be used both for recreational purposes as well as for competitions.

The grandstand is capable of accommodating up to 200 people.

For the purpose of holding competitions, a conference room and a separate press room will be included.

The main pool is of length 50m and

width 25m and with both ends at 1.04m tapering to 1.81m in the middle.

The two shallow ends are local for coaching young swimmers and the middle deeper section is designed specially for water polo games.

The children pool has been provided in view of the great demand for this facility as experienced in the Bukit Lima Pool.

The octagonal shape of this children pool has come from the council's experience from the existing children pool at Bukit Lima.

Also, the siting of the new pool is within Delta residential area and this will give the younger children ample opportunity to learn to swim and to take up the sport.

With the completion of this project especially with the provision of the main pool, children pool, toddlers pool and splash pool, together with the restaurant/cafeteria, the complex may offer an ideal family fun/recreation centre for the Sibü public.

The main consultant of the project is the Minconsult (Sarawak) Sdn Bhd.



Council chairman Kong Sien Han (centre) and Mr John Hill, the managing director of Yung Kong Construction Sdn Bhd, signing the contract. Looking on is the council's secretary, Stephen Tsai.