



The plan of the swimming pool.

Piling works have begun



# Sibu's new swimming pool

It is almost thirty years since the opening of the municipal swimming pool at Bukit Lima in Sibu.

Despite the limited facilities available — including serious overcrowding during weekends in recent years — Sibu has produced some of the most outstanding State and national swimmers.

This winning trend is expected to continue with the completion of a new Olympic size swimming pool costing \$4.89 million in less than 15 months.

Datuk Amar Dr Wong Soon Kai, who described the project as an investment on human resources, said that the march towards vision 2000 requires a healthy population who can achieve high productivity.

The promotion of swimming and other sports will keep the younger generation physically healthy, mentally alert and more productive, he said during the earth-breaking ceremony of the new swimming pool at Delta Estate on September 6.

## □ BACKGROUND

The municipal council, which was aware of the

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overcrowding at the Bukit Lima pool for years, had been lobbying for funds to build the new pool.

Council chairman Mr Kong Sien Han said the project has been made possible through the efforts of the Minister for Infrastructure Development, Datuk Amar Dr Wong, and the Minister in the Chief Minister's Office, Datuk Dr George Chan.

Undertaking the project is Yung Kong Construction Sdn Bhd, while the main project consultant is Minconsult (Sarawak) Sdn Bhd.

## □ NEW POOL

The complex will have a pool, grandstand building,

changing rooms, offices and a restaurant. The pool will have eight lanes and the same dimensions as those for the Olympics.

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

Also to be incorporated is a 200-capacity grandstand, conference room and press room for the smooth running of competitions.

The main pool is 50 metres long and 25 metres wide, with both ends at 1.04 m tapering to 1.81 m in the middle. The two shallow ends are ideal for coaching young swimmers and the middle deeper section is designed specially for water polo.

The octagonal children's pool has been provided because of the great demand for it at the Bukit Lima Pool.

It is expected to be an ideal spot for recreation for the entire family, especially in view of its central locality.