



Earth-breaking ceremony: SIBU, Fri.— The Minister for Infrastructure Development Datuk Amar Dr Wong Soon Kai this morning performed the earth-breaking ceremony for the Delta Estate Swimming Pool project.

The \$4.86 million Olympic standard pool is expected to be completed in 15 months. Picture: An artist's impression of the new pool.



Timely to build new pool

SIBU, Fri.— Previous and current records have shown that Sibu, despite having only one swimming pool built in the 60's, has produced some of the most outstanding State and national swimmers.

Thus, it was logical to enhance this potential by the provision of better facilities, said the chairman of the Sibu Municipal Council, Mr Kong Sien Han when addressing at the earth-breaking ceremony of the new swimming pool at Delta Estate here.

The patronage by our townsfolk had really been overwhelming, with both leisure and competition swimmers using the one and only pool in Sibu, giving rise to the demand for another pool, he added.

The new pool, costing \$4.86 million, is an eight-lane Olympic standard pool incorporating a spectator grandstand with a seating capacity of 200.

The 50 meters by 25 meters pool is designed in such a way that it is suitable for coaching beginners as well as accommodating water polo game.

"In addition to this, a children's pool, a toddlers' pool and a splash pool will separately provide for the special needs of minors. With this children's

octagonal-shaped pool, it is hoped that our young children will take the opportunity to learn to swim, and perhaps eventually concentrate on it as a sport," Mr Kong stressed.

The swimming pool complex will also have a conference room and a press room in anticipation of major swimming events which may be held here. A restaurant and cafeteria complete the swim-

ming pool complex's aim as a recreation centre.

The locality of the new pool will prove ideally suited to the ever expanding and diverse community in Sibu.

"We hope the cramped situations at the Bukit Lima Pool, especially on weekends, will ease substantially once the new pool goes into service," he added. — By Thomas Tiang.



Mr Kong speaking at the ceremony.