

\$20m resort plan for Shum Chun

Plans are almost ready for the building of a recreational complex in Shum Chun by a Hongkong company.

The \$20 million project by Goodyear Estate (Hongkong) Ltd will be located at a resort area in Sai Chung. The Shum Chun authorities gave their approval for the project recently.

Goodyear's general manager, Mr Brian Cheung, said the site was originally set aside for a nuclear plant, but the authorities have now decided to locate the plant elsewhere.

Goodyear's plans include various outdoor recreational facilities like

hunting, camping, horse riding, sailing and water sports.

Accommodation will also be built on the beach which has a bigger area than Repulse Bay.

The facilities will be open to club members expected to be from the upper income bracket, Mr Cheung said.

In the initial stage, about 3,000 members will be accepted and about 150 rooms will be built.

The total area for the resort project is still unknown pending the completion of a survey.

Work on the project will include the building of a breakwater.

Mr Cheung said: "Granite needed for building the breakwater can be found in an area not far from Sai Chung. But since China also has a breakwater construction team, we need to compare the cost efficiency of using either the Chinese or Hongkong expertise."

Goodyear is also planning to build a hotel with 800 rooms near the Shum Chun railway station.

However, details have not been finalised yet.

Other development projects in Shum Chun include the building of a duty-free shop and a trade fair centre. The duty-free shop will be built on

the Chinese border to promote tourism.

An exhibition hall similar to the Canton trade fair centre both in function and size will be built in an area next to the Green Bamboo Garden.

The Green Bamboo Garden is a housing project, which when completed, will have more than 40 residential blocks housing 10,000 overseas Chinese.

"Shum Chun will look completely different in the next few years. And the population is expected to increase more than ten times from the present 70,000," sources close to China said.

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