

# **\$100m PLAN TO GET WATER FROM CHINA**

**THE government is to spend \$100 million on a system capable of drawing more water from China when the need arises.**

Present facilities are not capable of drawing any more even if China agrees to us doing so.

The project will include the installation of extra pumps and the laying of new water mains.

Usually reliable sources told The STAR today some temporary facilities were set up when China last year increased the supply to Hongkong from 18,500 million gallons to 24,000 million gallons.

But a new agreement made this year increased supply to 30,000 million gallons.

The new system will enable Hongkong to, after consultation with the Chinese authorities, draw more water from them when required.

Tenders for parts of the project are expected to be called this week.

The sources said the most expensive part of the project will be the laying of mains from the river to the Mukwu pumping station in Fanling.

The first tenders to be called first will be for extensions to the balance tank at Mukwu pumping station in Fanling.