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## 16 more estates to house 200,000

THE Housing Department will speed up the building of 16 public housing estates throughout Hong Kong in the next two years to accommodate some 200,000 people, Sing Tao Jih Pao reported exclusively in its first local news page lead today.

Many of the 130,000 families who are waiting for allocation will be given flats in the newly built estates, the papers said.

A spokesman for the Housing Department yesterday said that the new estates would be of varying sizes, designed to accommodate families with at least three members.

The new flats would be more spacious as everyone would have 35 sq. ft. of living space, the spokesman said.

The new estates, when completed, would each be a self-contained town with shops, markets, schools, restaurants and other facilities, he added.

Meanwhile. Wah Kiu Yat

Po reported in an inside page lead that the Housing Department would invite tenders next month for the construction of a housing estate in Sam Shing Hui, Tuen Mun.

The new estate was expected to be completed in two years and would house about 10,000 people, the paper said.