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## \$140 million housing boost

THREE contracts worth more than \$140 million were signed yesterday for the construction of the

second phases of two housing estates to accommodate a further 26,000 people.

The larger of the contracts, valued at \$70 million, was for building the second phase of Stage II of Shunleetsuen Estate.

Four 18-storey blocks will provide 2,400 flats for up to 12,000 people, as well as 130,000 square feet commercial complex, two estate car parks and three cooked-food pavilions.

Work starts at the end of next month and will be completed by March 1979.

The contract was awarded to the Shun Shing Building Construction Company.

The second contract

worth \$69 million was awarded to the Kwan Lee Construction Company for building Phase IIB of Ngauchiwan Estate.

In this stage, 2,039 flats for more than 14,000 people will be built in two standard twin "H" shaped blocks, a single "H" block and a slab block.

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The work also includes a three-storey commercial complex, a multi-story, three cooked-food pavilions, a kindergarten annex and a nursery.

Construction starts at the end of this month and be completed by October 1979.

Both contracts were signed by the Acting Director of Housing, Mr Bernard Williams.

The third contract, valued at \$3.1 million and awarded to Franki Piling and Engineering (Hongkong) Limited, is for piling work for three secondary schools at the recently completed Woohe estate. It was signed by the Housing Architect, Mr Cheung Sing-hoi.

The awarding of these contracts brings to \$339.7 million the value of building and piling contracts awarded since April 1 this year.

Last year, the value of eight building contracts awarded by the Housing Department totalled \$265 million.