

3,000 expected at anti-nuclear rally

ANTI-NUCLEAR activists are determined to turn Sunday's mass rally into a public "vote of feet", in support of their demand that the Daya Bay project be scrapped.

The Rev Fung Chi-wood, convenor of the 116-group Joint Conference for the Shelving of the Daya Bay Nuclear Plant, said yesterday he expected 3,000 people to turn up at Morse Park, Wong Tai Sin, on Sunday afternoon.

"The demonstration will mark the beginning of the second phase of our movement," he said.

The Anglican priest said the groups had been engaged in too many diverse actions since the launch of their campaign five months ago.

"We will now focus on presenting a more in-depth picture of the potential danger of nuclear energy," he said.

Four leaders of the coalition and five guests speakers, including Legislative Councillor Szeto Wah, will address the rally. The speakers include Education Action Group President Anthony Ha, Hongkong Federation of Students President Nicky Ng, Conservancy Association Chairman Hung Wing-tat, and Christian Industrial Committee Director Lau Chin-shek.

Organiser and Wong Tai Sin District Board member Liu Sing-lee, said protestors will sing anti-nuclear songs and chant slogans.

Anyone is welcome to join the gathering. But to avoid unexpected "radical" speeches, organisers have decided not to allow individuals to voice their own views on the platform. Instead, activists have prepared an anti-Daya Bay statement for people to endorse.

The poster for the event features a bird's eye view of a prosperous Hongkong. The design of a previous campaign poster — a Hitler-like devil — was criticised as "seditious and exaggerating."