

~~\$2.7 billion~~ for urban projects

THE Urban Council is to undertake a mammoth programme of projects over the next five years, following approval by its Capital Works Select Committee of spending of \$2.7 billion on new facilities.

A total of 123 facilities would be built in urban areas during the period, according to the council's plan.

The capital works programme covers a wide range of projects including market complexes, indoor games halls, parks and playgrounds as well as cultural venues, according to committee chairman, Mr Pao Ping-wing.

"To ensure an even distribution of these facilities to meet increasing demands, the council will start in May its annual exercise of consulting all urban district boards on the relative priority of district projects so that a more realistic works programme can be formulated," said Mr Pao.

Mr Pao, together with a group of councillors, yesterday toured the \$18.8 million Hoi Bun Road Park in Kwun Tong district.

The 9,300-square-metre park includes a landscaped area with raised arbours, a polymeric surfaced football pitch as well as pavilions and table-tennis tables.

The party also inspected the new extension of the council's Ngau Tau Kok Complex.