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1st district library opens in Wongtaisin

WITH the opening of the Wongtaisin Public Library yesterday, the Urban Council has completed the first stage of its district library expansion programme.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, the Chairman of the Libraries Select Committee, Mrs Elsie Elliott, said that the new library was the eighth small static library to be provided by the council.

"There is now at least one static library in each of the 10 districts," she said.

The council's ultimate aim is to provide one district library in the urban area for every 200,000 people.

Occupying an area of 112 square metres, the library has an initial stock of 18,000 books.

The library is situated on the ground floor of Nos 51-55, Block 30, Lower Wongtaisin estate. It comprises an adult lending library, a junior lending library and a quick reference collection.

Wongtaisin is also served by a mobile library, which visits the district three times a week. Over the next 12 months two additional static libraries will be set up at Lokfu Commercial Centre and in the Tszwanshan area.

"However, the Council is aware of the need for a more comprehensive library service for the district and two district libraries are now under active planning.

The first at the Ngauchiwai Urban Council Complex is due for completion in 1986, the second is at the Shungling-street Urban Council Complex," Mrs Elliott said.

She thanked all who helped to get the Wongtaisin Library ready, especially the Building Development Department and the Housing Department for their assistance and cooperation.