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KCR HIT BY LITTERBUGS

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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY, FACING A GROWING LITTER PROBLEM, PLANS TO LAUNCH A CAMPAIGN TO ENCOURAGE COMMUTERS TO KEEP THE STATIONS CLEAN.

A KCR SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT TODAY (SUNDAY) IT COST MORE THAN \$500,000 A YEAR TO CLEAR UP LITTER AT STATIONS AND ON THE TRACKS.

THE PLACES WORST-HIT BY +LAP SAP CHUNGS+ (LITTERBUGS) ARE KOWLOON AND LO WU STATIONS. AT KOWLOON STATION ALONE, ABOUT FIVE TONS OF LITTER ARE CLEARED DAILY.

+THE SITUATION IS WORSE ON FESTIVAL DAYS OR PUBLIC HOLIDAYS WHEN A STAGGERING AMOUNT OF GARBAGE IS LEFT BEHIND BY LITTERBUGS,+ HE NOTED.

THE SPOKESMAN PUT THE BLAME SQUARELY ON IRRESPONSIBLE AND INCONSIDERATE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

+THERE ARE MORE THAN SUFFICIENT LITTER-BINS AT THE STATIONS AND ON THE PLATFORMS, BUT PEOPLE SIMPLY DO NOT USE THEM,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID KCR HAS SPARED NO EFFORTS TO ENSURE A HIGH STANDARD OF CLEANLINESS.

+THIS IS ESSENTIAL FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND HYGIENE AND FOR OUR INTERNATIONAL IMAGE. BUT THERE IS A LIMIT TO WHAT WE CAN PHYSICALLY COPE WITH ANTI-SOCIAL AND THOUGHTLESS LITTERING,+ HE NOTED.

THE SPOKESMAN APPEALED TO THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC TO HELP KEEP THE RAILWAY CLEAN BY MAKING FULL USE OF LITTER-BINS.

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SURVEY ON EMPLOYMENT OF TECHNICAL INSTITUTE GRADUATES
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FULL-TIME GRADUATES FROM TECHNICAL INSTITUTES LAST YEAR DID NOT EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING JOBS DESPITE AN INCREASE OF 400 GRADUATES AS COMPARED TO 1977, ACCORDING TO A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

+THE SURVEY, CONDUCTED REGULARLY SINCE 1975, IS TO HELP THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES ASSESS THE DEGREE OF ACCEPTANCE OF THEIR FULL-TIME GRADUATES BY INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE SPOKESMAN SAID QUESTIONNAIRES WERE SENT LAST NOVEMBER TO THE 1,414 FULL-TIME GRADUATES OF THE FOUR TECHNICAL INSTITUTES IN 1977-78.

HE SAID 887 STUDENTS RETURNED THE QUESTIONNAIRE, REPRESENTING A RESPONSE RATE OF 62.7 PER CENT.

ACCORDING TO THE RETURNS, 82 PER CENT OF THE GRADUATES WERE EMPLOYED AT THE TIME OF THE SURVEY- 15.1 PER CENT WERE PURSUING FURTHER FULL-TIME STUDIES AND THE REMAINING 2.9 PER CENT WERE NOT YET EMPLOYED.

OF THOSE IN EMPLOYMENT, 44.4 PER CENT HAD OBTAINED JOBS IN JULY, 1978 SOON AFTER THEY GRADUATED. THEIR CHIEF SOURCE OF EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION WERE PRESS ADVERTISEMENTS, TECHNICAL INSTITUTE CIRCULARS AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

THE RETURNED QUESTIONNAIRES ALSO SHOWED THE AVERAGE MONTHLY SALARY FOR GRADUATES OF COMMERCIAL POST-SECONDARY COURSES WAS \$931, AND THAT FOR GRADUATES OF COMMERCIAL POST-FORM III COURSES, \$602.

GRADUATES OF TECHNICIAN DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES RECEIVED AN AVERAGE MONTHLY SALARY OF \$1,147 AND GRADUATES OF CRAFT COURSES, \$638.

SOME 46 PER CENT OF THE GRADUATES WHO WENT ON TO FURTHER FULL-TIME STUDIES CONTINUED TO STUDY IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND ABOUT 30 PER CENT ENTERED THE POLYTECHNIC.

ABOUT 90 PER CENT OF THOSE GRADUATES WHO HAVE SECURED EMPLOYMENT ARE CONTINUING THEIR STUDIES ON A PART-TIME BASIS.

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VISITORS IN MARCH
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THE NUMBER OF VISITORS TO HONG KONG IN MARCH TOTALLED 717,772, AN INCREASE OF 102,440 COMPARED WITH MARCH 1978, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY).

OF THE ARRIVALS, 231,812 CAME BY AIR WHILE 275,097 CAME BY SEA AND 210,863 BY LAND.

DEPARTURES TOTALLED 725,186, AN INCREASE OF 132,097 COMPARED WITH MARCH 1978. OF THE TOTAL, 229,566 LEFT BY AIR, 283,541 BY SEA AND 212,079 BY LAND.

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NEW HUNG HOM FERRY PIER OPENED
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THE NEW HUNG HOM FERRY PIER, THE FIRST TO INCORPORATE SPECIALLY DESIGNED FACILITIES FOR THE DISABLED, WAS OPENED TODAY (SUNDAY).

MR. DAVID MCDONALD, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, SAID AT THE OPENING CEREMONY THAT SINCE 1960 THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAD CONSTRUCTED OVER 50 PIERS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG AND OF THESE 13 HAD BEEN FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY.

+IN EARLIER DAYS BEFORE THE CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL EXISTED, THE PROCESS OF PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTING FERRY PIERS WAS A RELATIVELY STRAIGHT-FORWARD MATTER AS THE REQUIREMENTS WERE KNOWN WELL IN ADVANCE AND THE VARIOUS PIER PROJECTS COULD TAKE THEIR NORMAL COURSE THROUGH THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME AND BE BUILT READY FOR USE WHEN REQUIRED,+ HE SAID.

+HOWEVER, WHEN THE GO-AHEAD WAS GIVEN FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL AND THE RESITING OF THE HUNG HOM RAILWAY TERMINUS, THE PROJECTED TRANSPORT PATTERNS CHANGED DRAMATICALLY AND DIVERSIFICATION OF THE EXISTING FERRY ROUTES WAS URGENTLY REQUIRED IF THE FERRY COMPANIES WERE TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE SERVICES.+

TO MEET THESE CHANGES, MR. MCDONALD SAID, THE EARLY CONSTRUCTION OF SEVERAL NEW PIERS WAS NEEDED BUT, WHEREAS, AT LEAST THEORETICALLY, AN +INSTANT+ FERRY SERVICE COULD BE CREATED BY THE STROKE OF A PEN, AN +INSTANT+ PIER COULD NOT.

AS A WAY TO OVERCOME THIS PROBLEM, THE GOVERNMENT AGREED TO LET THE FERRY COMPANIES CONSTRUCT THEIR OWN +TEMPORARY+ LANDINGS AND TO USE THESE UNTIL PERMANENT PIERS COULD BE JUSTIFIED AND BUILT.

/MR. MCDONALD

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MR. MCDONALD POINTED OUT THAT THE NEED FOR +TEMPORARY+ FACILITIES WOULD STILL EXIST FOR SOME TIME TO COME AS NO LESS THAN 12 OF THE 20 OR SO FUTURE PERMANENT FERRY PIERS PLANNED DEPENDED ON THE COMPLETION OF RECLAMATION SCHEMES BEFORE THEY COULD BE BUILT AND PUT INTO SERVICE.

THE DIRECTOR SAID THAT AS HE WAS CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH THE ORIGINAL FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OVER THE RAILWAY TERMINUS, HE FOUND IT VERY GRATIFYING TO BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED AGAIN AT THIS STAGE OF THE DEVELOPMENT.

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NEW AIRPORT EXIT ROAD TO BE OPENED
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A NEW EXIT ROAD, DESCENDING FROM THE DEPARTURES LEVEL OF THE TERMINAL BUILDING AND DESIGNED TO SPEED UP TRAFFIC FLOW AT KAI TAK AIRPORT, WILL BE OPENED ON TUESDAY.

IT WILL PROVIDE A DIRECT EXIT FOR WESTBOUND TRAFFIC LEAVING THE AIRPORT FROM THE PASSENGER TERMINAL.

AT PRESENT, MOTORISTS AFTER DROPPING THEIR PASSENGERS AT THE DEPARTURES LEVEL HAVE TO DRIVE ROUND THE PODIUM, FOLLOW A RATHER COMPLICATED ROUTE AROUND THE EASTERN END OF THE PASSENGER TERMINAL AND CONTINUE THEIR JOURNEY ALONG THE TERMINAL FRONTAGE AT THE ARRIVALS LEVEL, BEFORE GETTING TO OLYMPIC AVENUE ON THEIR WAY OUT.

THE NEW EXIT ROAD WILL CONSIDERABLY EASE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN FRONT OF THE PASSENGER TERMINAL, ESPECIALLY DURING THE AFTERNOON PEAK HOURS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE NEW ARRANGEMENT WILL PROVIDE MORE KERBSPACE FOR PASSENGERS TO ALIGHT WHICH WILL SHORTEN THE TIME MOTORISTS HAVE TO WAIT TO TAKE THEIR TURN.

THE EXIT ROAD IS BUILT UNDER THE ARRIVALS HALL EXTENSION SCHEME WHICH FORMS PART OF THE FINAL PHASE OF THE AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME DUE FOR COMPLETION IN 1981.

TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ARRIVALS LEVEL WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

APPROPRIATE SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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MID-LEVELS FLYOVERS NEARING COMPLETION

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THE THREE FLYOVERS BEING BUILT AT THE LOWER GLENEALY, THE UPPER GLENEALY AND AT THE JUNCTION OF ROBINSON ROAD AND ALBANY ROAD ARE GRADUALLY TAKING SHAPE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE THREE ELEVATED STRUCTURES WHICH FORM PART OF A MAJOR SCHEME TO EASE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE MID-LEVELS, ARE MORE THAN THREE QUARTERS COMPLETE AND SHOULD BE READY IN SEPTEMBER.

THE NEW FLYOVER AT THE GLENEALY-ROBINSON ROAD JUNCTION WILL CONSIST OF AN ELEVATED ROAD SPANNING ABOUT 130 METRES OVER THE INTERSECTION. THIS WILL PROVIDE FREE TRAFFIC FLOW FROM CONDUIT ROAD TO ROBINSON ROAD.

A TWO-LANE BRIDGE STRUCTURE ABOUT 80 METRES IN LENGTH OVER GLENEALY VALLEY IS ALSO BEING BUILT TO PROVIDE A NEW EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY FROM ROBINSON ROAD, THUS LEAVING THE EXISTING GROUND LEVEL LANES FREE FOR WESTBOUND TRAFFIC.

THIS WILL ALSO GREATLY FACILITATE THE SETTING DOWN OR PICKING UP OF CHILDREN AT THE NEARBY SCHOOLS.

THE OTHER FLYOVER AT THE JUNCTION OF ROBINSON ROAD AND ALBANY ROAD WILL CARRY EASTBOUND TRAFFIC IN ROBINSON ROAD OVER THE FLYOVER, THUS IMPROVING THE TRAFFIC FLOW AT THIS IMPORANT JUNCTION.

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FINAL STAGE OF CAUSEWAY BAY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME
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THE FINAL STAGE OF THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 10 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY.

UNDER THE FINAL STAGE, KINGSTON STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY WESTBOUND- CLEVELAND STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY SOUTHBOUND- THE SECTION OF PATERSON STREET BETWEEN KINGSTON STREET AND GLOUCESTER ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY NORTHBOUND AND THE RIGHT TURN FROM GREAT GEORGE STREET INTO PATERSON STREET WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.

A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STAND WILL BE SET UP IN THE SECTION OF PATERSON STREET NORTH OF KINGSTON STREET.

CMB BUSES ON ROUTE 5B WILL TERMINATE IN KINGSTON STREET AND ROUTE 81 BUSES FROM CHAI WAN WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE ALONG CANNON STREET, LOCKHART ROAD AND EAST POINT ROAD INSTEAD OF PATERSON STREET.

KMB COACH ROUTE 200 FROM THE AIRPORT WILL OPERATE ALONG KINGSTON STREET INSTEAD OF GLOUCESTER ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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NO U-TURN
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT SOUTHBOUND VEHICLES ALONG WATERLOO ROAD WILL BE PROHIBITED TO U-TURN AT THE WATERLOO ROAD-HEREFORD ROAD JUNCTION FROM 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY TO IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUT
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN WAN CHAI WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON TUESDAY TO 6 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY 7-99, 64-130 KENNEDY ROAD, 29-55, 32-60 SHIP STREET, 1-9 HAU FUNG LANE, SAU WA FONG, MONMOUTH TERRACE, SIK ON STREET AND FUNG WONG TERRACE.

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