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PROPOSED LANTAU FIXED CROSSING
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THE POSSIBILITY OF LINKING LANTAU ISLAND WITH THE KOWLOON MAINLAND MOVED ONE STEP CLOSER TO REALISATION TODAY.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SIGNED UP CONSULTANTS TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER GOVERNMENT COULD EMBARK ON WHAT WOULD BE THE LARGEST AND MOST AMBITIOUS HIGHWAYS PROJECT EVER IN HONG KONG.

THE AGREEMENT WAS FORMALLY SIGNED TODAY BY MR. DAVID STEAD, DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND MR. GRAHAM SHUTTER, RESIDENT PARTNER OF MOTT, HAY AND ANDERSON FAR EAST.

MOTT, HAY AND ANDERSON FAR EAST IN ASSOCIATION WITH PER HALL CONSULTANTS LTD., HARRIS AND SUTHERLAND FAR EAST AND L.G. MOUCHEL AND PARTNERS (ASIA) MAKE UP THE ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS GROUP OF HONG KONG WHICH HAS BEEN FORMED SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS PROJECT.

BETWEEN NOW AND FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS GROUP OF HONG KONG WILL BE STUDYING THE FEASIBILITY OF LINKING THE MAINLAND AT TSUEN WAN WITH TSING YI ISLAND, AND THEN TO MA WAN, AND FINALLY LANTAU.

THE PROPOSAL IS TO PROVIDE ROAD ACCESS TO AN AREA THAT CONTAINS, IN THE WORDS OF THE GOVERNOR IN HIS ADDRESS TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN 1973, +AMPLE ROOM FOR BADLY NEEDED ADDITIONAL SITES FOR INDUSTRY AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.+

THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT IS ENORMOUS.

INITIALLY IT IS A FOUR-LANE FIXED CROSSING LINKING LANTAU WITH THE MAINLAND. IT COMPRISES:

- * A BRIDGE ACROSS RAMBLER CHANNEL TO TSING YI ISLAND=
- * A BRIDGE, OR TUNNEL, FROM TSING YI TO MA WAN ISLAND= AND
- * A BRIDGE BETWEEN MA WAN AND LANTAU ACROSS KAP SHUI MUN

THERE WOULD ALSO BE:

- * CONNECTIONS FOR THE FIRST STAGE ONTO THE ROAD SYSTEM AT TSUEN WAN=
- * A ROAD ON TSING YI ISLAND LINKING THE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN TSUEN WAN AND TSING YI AND TSING YI AND MA WAN=
- * A ROAD ACROSS MA WAN JOINING THE LINK BETWEEN TSING YI AND MA WAN, AND LANTAU ISLAND= AND
- * APPROACHES TO THE MA WAN-LANTAU BRIDGE, INCLUDING CONNECTIONS TO THE FUTURE ROAD NETWORK OF NORTHERN LANTAU.

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THE TOTAL PROJECT WOULD EXTEND OVER 7.8 KM, AND THE LENGTH OF WATER CROSSING ALONE WOULD BE 2.7 KM.

WHILE ALL FACTORS WOULD DEPEND ON THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS' REPORT, AFTER THE INVESTIGATION STAGE, IT WOULD SEEM LIKELY THAT SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE PROJECT WOULD INCLUDE:

- * THE FIRST MAJOR SUSPENSION BRIDGE TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN A TYPHOON-PRONE AREA= AND
- * IF THE SPAN OF THE SUSPENSION BRIDGE WAS TO BE IN THE 1200 - 1300 METRE RANGE, IT WOULD BE ONE OF THE LARGEST SPAN BRIDGES IN THE WORLD.

TO COPE WITH THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF LANTAU, THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS' BRIEF WILL COVER THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDING THE LANTAU-MA WAN LINK FROM A FOUR-LANE FACILITY TO EIGHT-LANE.

IT WOULD ALSO COVER THE POSSIBILITY OF INCREASING FROM FOUR LANES TO SIX LANES THE CONNECTION BETWEEN MA WAN AND TSUEN WAN, AND FINALLY THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO-LANE BRIDGE BETWEEN MA WAN AND THE MAINLAND IN THE VICINITY OF SHAM TSENG.

WHILE IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO PREDICT PROJECT SCHEDULES AT THIS STAGE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID CONSTRUCTION COULD POSSIBLY BEGIN IN 1981.

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HONG KONG TO ATTEND TRANSPORT SEMINAR IN TOKYO

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE PART IN AN INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON URBAN TRANSPORT ADMINISTRATION TO BE HELD IN TOKYO FROM JULY TO SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

MR. ERNEST S.W. LEE, SENIOR TRANSPORT OFFICER, WILL REPRESENT THE DEPARTMENT AT THE SEMINAR, WHICH INCLUDES A TRAINING COURSE CONDUCTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN AS PART OF ITS TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION PROGRAMMES FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

AT THE SEMINAR, MR. LEE WILL PRESENT A PAPER ENTITLED +URBAN TRANSPORT PLANNING IN HONG KONG.+

THE TRAINING COURSE WILL CONSIST OF LECTURES, DISCUSSIONS AND OBSERVATIONS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF URBAN TRANSPORT ADMINISTRATION, INCLUDING THE PLANNING OF TRANSPORT PROJECTS, FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF SUCH PROJECTS, MANAGEMENT OF THE TRANSPORT INDUSTRY, TRAFFIC ENGINEERING STUDIES, PHYSICAL DISTRIBUTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION IN TRANSPORT OPERATIONS.

MR. LEE IS A MEMBER OF THE U.K. CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORT (C.I.T.) AND IS THE HON. SECRETARY -- DESIGNATE OF THE HONG KONG SECTION OF THE C.I.T. HE STUDIED IN QUEEN'S COLLEGE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

MR. LEE WILL LEAVE FOR TOKYO ON THURSDAY.

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LEGO MEETS TOMORROW

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UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL RAISE A TOTAL OF 15 QUESTIONS ON VARIOUS MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST AT THE COUNCIL MEETING TOMORROW.

THE HON. JAMES WU WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO COMMENT ON THE CURRENT VALUE OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR IN RELATION TO THE CURRENCIES OF OUR MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS, AND ITS EFFECT ON OUR TRADE AND ECONOMY.

THE HON. HILTON CHEONG-LEEN WILL ASK WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE STEPS TO INTRODUCE MAXIMUM WORKING HOURS FOR PUBLIC OMNIBUS DRIVERS IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

THE HON. WONG LAM WILL QUERY ON THE STEPS THE GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE TO PREVENT A RECURRENCE OF ACCIDENTS SIMILAR TO TWO RECENT TRAGEDIES INVOLVING TWO WORKERS AND FIVE HONG KONG SEAMEN WHILE WORKING IN A FUEL TANK.

DR. THE HON. HARRY FANG WILL RAISE THREE SEPARATE QUESTIONS ON THE SUBJECT OF AIR POLLUTION. HE WILL ASK ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTROL OVER THE EMISSION OF NOXIOUS FUMES BY VEHICLES APART FROM PENALISING MOTORISTS FOR ALLOWING THEIR VEHICLES TO EMIT EXCESSIVE SMOKE.

DR. FANG WILL ALSO ASK WHETHER THE LEVELS OF NOXIOUS FUMES EMITTED BY VEHICLES INSIDE THE NEW LION ROCK TUNNEL ARE ACCEPTABLE AND, WHETHER IMPROVEMENTS WILL BE MADE TO THE VENTILATION SYSTEMS OF THE TWO LION ROCK TUNNELS AND OF THE COVERED FRONTAGE AREA OUTSIDE THE BUFFER HALL OF THE KAI TAK AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING USED BY TOURIST COACHES AS A PICK-UP POINT.

OTHER QUESTIONS TO BE RAISED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS CONCERN A SPECIAL LOAN SCHEME TO ASSIST SMALL FACTORY OPERATORS TO PURCHASE THEIR OWN FACTORY PREMISES, THE COMPUTERISED TRAFFIC MONITORING SYSTEM, THE MALPRACTICE OF CERTAIN TAXI DRIVERS AND THE EXTENSION OF POSTAL SERVICES FOR REGISTERED MAIL.

THREE BILLS -- THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) (NO.4) BILL 1978, THE MAGISTRATES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1978 AND THE PREVENTION OF BRIBERY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1978 -- WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE COUNCIL FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

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12TH LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE BRANCH OFFICE TO OPEN

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S 12TH BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED ON JULY 25 AT YUE ON HOUSE, YUE WAN ESTATE, CHAI WAN.

THE NEW OFFICE WILL BE LINKED WITH ALL OTHER BRANCH OFFICES OF THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE THROUGH A FACSIMILE SYSTEM TO FACILITATE PEOPLE IN CHAI WAN AREA TO KNOW WHAT JOBS ARE AVAILABLE IN OTHER DISTRICTS.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. NEIL HENDERSON, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WITH FOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE'S 12TH BRANCH OFFICE AT 4 P.M. ON JULY 25 AT YUE ON HOUSE, YUE WAN ESTATE, CHAI WAN.

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE REAR OF G.I.S., BATTERY PATH AT 3 P.M.

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TSUEN WAN'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME STARTS WITH A SPLASH
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TSUEN WAN'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME STARTED WITH A +SPLASH+ THIS EVENING WHEN MORE THAN 1,000 YOUNGSTERS ATTENDED A WATER SPORTS CARNIVAL AT THE KWAI CHUNG SWIMMING POOL, KWAI SHING CIRCUIT.

EVENTS OF THE EVENING INCLUDED DIVING AND LIFE-SAVING DEMONSTRATIONS, WATER-POLO MATCHES AND INVITATION SWIMMING RELAYS.

THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. JOHN TODD, OFFICIATED AT THE POOL-SIDE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY.

MR. TODD TOLD THE GATHERING THAT THE TSUEN WAN SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WHICH STARTED TEN YEARS AGO ON A SMALL SCALE HAS NOW BEEN DEVELOPED INTO A MAJOR ANNUAL RECREATION PROGRAMME.

+THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME PROVIDES FOR 600 ITEMS WITH ACTIVITIES RANGING FROM EXCURSIONS AND SPORTS COMPETITIONS TO LEADERSHIP TRAINING CAMPS AND OTHER USEFUL COMMUNITY SERVICES,+ MR. TODD SAID.

MORE THAN 100,000 LOCAL STUDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAMME WHICH RUNS UNTIL MID-SEPTEMBER.

THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME IS DIVIDED INTO THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES: RECREATION CAMPS, RECREATION CLUB AND CENTRE, STUDY AND TRAINING, INTEREST GROUPS, VISITS AND EXCURSIONS, OUTINGS, PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS, GAMES, COMPETITIONS AND MATCHES, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS VARIETY SHOW AND FUN FAIR.

THE PROGRAMME IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY ABOUT 120 PARTICIPATING AGENCIES, INCLUDING THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE TSUEN WAN COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE.

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EXHIBITION TO SHOW PROGRESS OF CHINESE LANGUAGE EXPERIMENT

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PROGRESS MADE IN AN EXPERIMENT AIMED AT RAISING CHINESE LANGUAGE STANDARDS THROUGH THE PROMOTION OF PUPILS' INTEREST IN CHINESE SUPPLEMENTARY READING WILL BE SHOWN AT A SPECIAL EXHIBITION TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE EXHIBITION IS ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE CHINESE SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE AND THE TWO SCHOOLS TAKING PART IN THE EXPERIMENT -- BELILIOS PUBLIC SCHOOL AND CLEMENTI MIDDLE SCHOOL.

IT WILL BE HELD AT THE BELILIOS SCHOOL IN TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD FROM 10 A.M. TO 4.30 P.M. TOMORROW FOR PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

ON DISPLAY AT THE EXHIBITION WILL BE REFERENCE MATERIAL USED IN THE EXPERIMENT AND A SELECTION OF WORK DONE BY PUPILS AT THE TWO PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS.

THE EXPERIMENT, KNOWN IN EDUCATIONAL CIRCLES AS THE CHINESE SUPPLEMENTARY READING SCHEME, WAS INTRODUCED IN FORM 1 CLASSES AT THE BELILIOS AND CLEMENTI SCHOOLS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 1977-78 ACADEMIC YEAR.

THE SCHEME WILL BE EXTENDED TO FORM 2 CLASSES IN 1978-9.

THE SCHEME STEMS FROM A SURVEY OF LIBRARY BOOKS AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING MATERIALS IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS CARRIED OUT BY THE CHINESE SECTION OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE IN 1976.

THE DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS, MRS. LOUISE MOK, WILL OPEN THE EXHIBITION AT 10 A.M. TOMORROW.

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EDUCATING PEOPLE TO USE THEIR LEISURE TIME

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+EDUCATION FOR LEISURE+ IS THE BEST WAY OF COMBATING THE STRAINS AND STRESSES OF CITY LIFE, ACCORDING TO THE ACTING PRINCIPAL OF THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, MR. KONG YUN-FUN.

SPEAKING AT THE 27TH GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE COLLEGE, MR. KONG SAID THERE WAS A NEED IN THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM FOR TEACHERS WITH A WIDE RANGE OF INTERESTS.

+APART FROM FAMILIARITY WITH HIS SUBJECT, A GOOD TEACHER SHOULD HAVE SOME BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE OF LITERATURE, ART OR SCIENCE,+ HE SAID.

+AND IT WOULD BE BETTER STILL IF HE COULD DEVELOP A LIKING FOR MUSIC AND ART AND BE GOOD AT SPORT.

+IN HONG KONG TODAY, AS A RESULT OF CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, IT IS DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN A HARD AND FAST DEMARCATION BETWEEN DIFFERENT SUBJECTS BECAUSE THEY HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY INTEGRATED.

+FROM A PRACTICAL VIEWPOINT, WHEN IT COMES TO STAFF RECRUITMENT MOST SCHOOL SUPERVISORS AND PRINCIPALS PREFER TEACHERS WHO CAN ORGANISE EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN ADDITION TO TEACHING REQUIRED SUBJECTS.+

BECAUSE OF THIS, MR. KONG SAID, COLLEGE HAD, IN THE PAST YEAR, ORGANISED FOR STUDENTS SOME 20 DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING MUSIC APPRECIATION, PRACTICAL DRAMA, ELOCUTION, BALL GAMES, PHOTOGRAPHY FOR BEGINNERS, GARDENING, CHESS, WORKING WITH ACRYLIC, SHADOW BOXING AND DESIGN FOR LIVING.

+APART FROM IMPARTING KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS, WE BELIEVE IN EDUCATION FOR LEISURE BECAUSE THIS IS THE BEST ANTIDOTE TO THE STRAINS AND STRESSES OF CITY LIFE,+ HE SAID.

+WE THINK WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE OUR STUDENTS TO MAINTAIN THEIR MENTAL HEALTH AND AT THE SAME TIME COME TO A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THEMSELVES THROUGH APPRECIATION OF LITERATURE, MUSIC, ART AND DRAMA.+

COMMENTING ON THE PROGRESS OF THE COLLEGE DURING THE PAST YEAR, MR. KONG SAID THAT, TO KEEP PACE WITH CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, IT WAS PLANNED TO OPEN A RESEARCH AND RESOURCES CENTRE TO CO-ORDINATE THE PLANNING AND EQUIPPING OF THE COLLEGE LIBRARY AND AUDIO-VISUAL COMPLEX.

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RETIREMENT OF SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT STAFF
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FIVE STAFF MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WILL RETIRE FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE SHORTLY AFTER A TOTAL OF 115 YEARS' SERVICE.

THE RETIRING MEMBERS ARE: MR. A.J. MOONEY, SENIOR SUPPLIES OFFICER= MR. CHEUNG WING, DRIVER= MR. LEUNG PING-TUNG, WATCHMAN= MR. HO CHUNG-SANG, WATCHMAN AND MR. PUN WAH, WATCHMAN.

THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES, MR. F.J. YOUNG, WILL PRESENT THEM WITH RETIREMENT GIFTS ON BEHALF OF THEIR COLLEAGUES AT A CEREMONY ON THURSDAY (JULY 20) AT 4 P.M. IN THE DEPARTMENT'S CANTEEN, TOP FLOOR, OIL STREET, NORTH POINT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE RETIREMENT GIFT PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT 4 P.M. ON THURSDAY (JULY 20) AT THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT CANTEEN, TOP FLOOR, OIL STREET, NORTH POINT.

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WATER CUT IN SHAM SHUI PO
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM MIDNIGHT ON FRIDAY (JULY 21) TO 6 A.M. ON SATURDAY TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS IN THE AREA.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY LAI CHI KOK ROAD, KWEILIN STREET, TUNG CHAU STREET, KIU KIANG STREET INCLUDING YEN CHAU STREET, YEE KUK STREET AND HOI TAN STREET.

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