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PILING WORKS ON PLANETARIUM SITE TO START IMMEDIATELY
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS TO BEGIN WORK IMMEDIATELY ON PREPARING A 7,600 SQ. METRE SITE FOR HONG KONG'S \$20 MILLION PLANETARIUM ON THE FORMER KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY TERMINUS SITE AT TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE FIRST CONTRACT FOR THE PROJECT WAS SIGNED IN THE P.W.D.'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING, MARKING THE FIRST STEP IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BUILDING.

THE CONTRACT, WORTH \$1.8 MILLION, IS FOR THE PILING WORKS AND HAS BEEN AWARDED TO RIGID ENGINEERING CO. LTD. FURTHER CONTRACTS WILL BE LET IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS FOR THE BUILDING WORKS.

MR. JACK STEAN, DIRECTOR OF THE P.W.D.'S BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, SAID TODAY SITE PREPARATION AND PILING WORK WOULD TAKE FOUR MONTHS AND BUILDING WORK ON THE SUPERSTRUCTURE WOULD COMMENCE IN DECEMBER.

+THE ENTIRE PROJECT,+ HE SAID, +WILL TAKE ABOUT 20 MONTHS TO COMPLETE AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BUILDING WILL BE COMPLETED IN MID-1978.+

THE PLANETARIUM, WHICH WILL FORM PART OF THE PROPOSED CULTURAL CENTRE IN TSIM SHA TSUI, IS BEING BUILT BY THE P.W.D.'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE ON BEHALF OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, WHICH IS FINANCING THE PLANETARIUM PROJECT.

TODAY'S SIGNING OF THE \$1.8 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE PILING WORKS IS THE CULMINATION OF TWO YEARS OF EXHAUSTIVE PLANNING AND RESEARCH BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND A TEAM OF P.W.D. ARCHITECTS HEADED BY MR. THOMAS KU, SENIOR ARCHITECT IN CHARGE OF THE PROJECT.

MR. STEAN SAID : +AS THIS IS THE FIRST PLANETARIUM IN HONG KONG, BOTH THE P.W.D. AND THE URBAN COUNCIL ARE NATURALLY ANXIOUS THAT ITS DESIGN SHOULD BE COMPARABLE WITH THE MOST UP-TO-DATE PLANETARIA IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.+

+MR. KU WAS THEREFORE SENT ON A STUDY TOUR OF SOME OF THE MOST ADVANCED PLANETARIA IN THE WORLD TO ENSURE THAT HONG KONG'S PLANETARIUM IS OF THE VERY LATEST DESIGN AND INCORPORATES THE NEWEST IDEAS IN PLANETARIA,+ HE SAID.

MR. KU VISITED 15 PLANETARIA IN THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, AND GERMANY.

SAID MR. KU : +THE DESIGN OF THE PLANETARIUM HAS BEEN A GREAT CHALLENGE, NOT ONLY BECAUSE IT WILL FILL AN IMPORTANT RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL NEED, BUT BECAUSE THE BUILDING MUST ITSELF BE SOMETHING SPECIAL THAT HONG KONG CAN BE PROUD OF.+

/MR. STEAN

MR. STEAN SHARED MR. KU'S SENTIMENTS AND SAID THE INTERESTING DESIGN OF THE BUILDING WOULD INTRODUCE A SPECTACULAR LANDMARK IN TSIM SHA TSUI IN THE FORM OF THE EGG-SHAPED DOME STRUCTURE OF THE SKY THEATRE.

THIS WILL CONSIST OF A SEMI-HEMISPHERE 23 METRES IN DIAMETER WITH SEATS FOR BETWEEN 350 AND 400 PEOPLE AND IT IS HERE THAT VISITORS WILL BE MAKING IMAGINARY TRIPS TO THE STARS AND EXPERIENCE THE WONDERS OF THE UNIVERSE.

THE SKY THEATRE WILL BE LOCATED ON AN UPPER LEVEL SURROUNDED BY A GALLERY OVERLOOKING A LARGE EXHIBITION AREA BELOW FOR DISPLAYS ON ASTRONOMY, EARTH SCIENCES AND ASTRO-NAVIGATION.

THE CONTROL ROOM, STUDIOS, WORKSHOPS AND OFFICES WILL BE LOCATED UNDER THE THEATRE.

CONNECTED TO THE SKY THEATRE WILL BE A TWO-STOREY ANNEXE WHICH WILL PROVIDE SUCH FACILITIES AS A LARGE RESTAURANT ON THE FIRST FLOOR AND, ON THE GROUND FLOOR, A LECTURE HALL TO SEAT AN AUDIENCE OF 200 PEOPLE.

MEANWHILE, THE MAJOR PART OF THE EQUIPMENT WHICH INCLUDES A SOPHISTICATED PLANETARIUM STAR-PROJECTOR, A PROJECTION DOME AND VARIOUS +SPECIAL-EFFECTS+ PROJECTORS, HAVE ALREADY BEEN ORDERED FROM A GERMAN FIRM AND WILL BE DELIVERED FOR INSTALLATION WHEN THE BUILDING WORKS HAVE REACHED AN ADVANCED STAGE.

THE MAIN PROJECTOR, WHICH WILL BE FITTED IN THE CENTRE OF THE SKY THEATRE, CAN PROJECT ABOUT 8,900 FIXED STARS IN THEIR NATURAL CONFIGURATIONS, SOME OF THEM IN THEIR OWN DISTINCTIVE COLOURS OR WITH THEIR CHARACTERISTIC TWINKLING EFFECTS.

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HONG KONG SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC TRENDS - 1964-74

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS JUST PUBLISHED A HANDBOOK SETTING OUT IN CONCISE FORM THE MAJOR STATISTICS MOST DESCRIPTIVE OF THE MAIN TRENDS OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG OVER THE ELEVEN-YEAR PERIOD BETWEEN 1964 AND 1974.

THIS PUBLICATION, SECOND IN THE SERIES, CONTAINS 73 TABLES AND 52 GRAPHS AND CHARTS, TOGETHER WITH DETAILED EXPLANATORY NOTES ON SOURCES AND COVERAGE.

SOME CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE PRESENT EDITION IN LAYOUT AND CONTENT.

THE MAIN CHANGES INCLUDE THE EXTENSION OF THE REFERENCE PERIOD FROM FIVE TO 11 YEARS TO FACILITATE IDENTIFICATION OF TRENDS, AND ENLARGEMENT OF COVERAGE TO INCORPORATE THE RESULTS OF THE 1973 CENSUS OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION AND THE 1974 WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES SURVEY.

THIS PUBLICATION IS NOW ON SALE AT \$10 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT THE STAR FERRY CONCOURSE, HONG KONG.

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TWO MORE METHADONE DETOXIFICATION CENTRES TO BE OPENED
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT TWO MORE METHADONE DETOXIFICATION CENTRES WOULD BE OPENED NEXT WEDNESDAY TO COPE WITH THE EXPECTED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF DRUG ADDICTS SEEKING METHADONE TREATMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE DECISION TO OPEN MORE CENTRES WAS PROMPTED BY THE RECENT LARGE DRUG SEIZURES BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES, WHICH HAVE CURTAILED LOCAL SUPPLIES SENDING PRICES TO AN ALL-TIME HIGH.

IT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED THAT THE DRUGS SEIZED THIS MONTH, WORTH ABOUT \$70 M. IF REACHING THE STREET SALE LEVEL, WERE MEANT FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION.

ONE OF THE TWO NEW CENTRES TO COME INTO SERVICE IS THE HOMANTIN HEALTH CENTRE, WHICH WILL BE A DAY DETOXIFICATION CENTRE OPERATING FROM 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M., AND THE OTHER IS THE KENNEDY TOWN CLINIC, WHICH WILL BE AN EVENING CLINIC OPERATING FROM 6 P.M. TO 10 P.M.

THESE TWO ADDITIONS WILL BRING TO 15 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DETOXIFICATION CENTRES -- TWO DAY CENTRES AND 13 EVENING CENTRES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ALTHOUGH THE IMPACT OF THE RECENT NARCOTICS SEIZURES HAD NOT YET BEEN FULLY FELT, THE NUMBER OF NEW PATIENTS REGISTERED AT THE EXISTING 13 CENTRES SHOWED A STEADY INCREASE IN THE PAST FEW DAYS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT DURING THE PAST FOUR DAYS, THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF NEW REGISTRATION WAS 60 A DAY, COMPARED WITH ABOUT 33 A DAY IN THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

SINCE THE DETOXIFICATION PROGRAMME WAS INTRODUCED IN JUNE, NEARLY 4,000 ADDICTS HAVE BEEN REGISTERED WITH THE CENTRES FOR TREATMENT WHILE THE ATTENDANCE RATE RANGES FROM 60 TO 70 PER CENT.

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TEXTILE QUOTA UTILISATION POSITION

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THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT TODAY PUBLISHED THE END OF JULY 1976 FIGURES ON THE UTILISATION OF QUOTAS IN RESPECT OF ALL RESTRAINED MARKETS.

COMMENTING ON THE FIGURES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT SAID THAT WHILST THE RATE OF UTILISATION WAS HIGH IN A NUMBER OF CATEGORIES TO CERTAIN MARKETS, THE FLEXIBILITY PROVISIONS IN THE AGREEMENTS COULD ENABLE HONG KONG TO EXPORT UP TO CERTAIN SPECIFIED PERCENTAGES OVER AND ABOVE THE RESTRAINT LIMITS.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT FREE QUOTAS FOR CERTAIN CATEGORIES AND MARKETS WERE STILL AVAILABLE FOR APPLICATION AND INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH THE DEPARTMENT FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF OUTLINE OF THE QUOTA POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE EEC, HONG KONG'S TWO MAJOR TEXTILE MARKETS.

USA

IN THE FIRST 10 MONTHS OF THE US TEXTILE RESTRAINT PERIOD WHICH BEGAN ON OCTOBER 1, 1975, TOTAL QUOTAS USED AMOUNTED TO 644 MILLION EQUIVALENT SQUARE YARDS OR 73 PER CENT OF THE OVERALL ANNUAL LIMIT. FIGURES SHOWING THE QUANTITIES LICENSED FOR EXPORTS AND PERCENTAGE UTILISATION ON A GROUP BASIS ARE SET OUT BELOW : -

	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY LICENSED	PERCENTAGE UTILISATION AGAINST GROUP LIMITS
GROUP I	YARNS AND FABRICS OF COTTON AND MAN-MADE FIBRES	165.8	69 PER CENT
GROUP II	APPAREL OF COTTON AND MAN-MADE FIBRES	428.7	78 PER CENT
GROUP III	MADE-UPS AND MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES OF COTTON AND MAN-MADE FIBRES	27	49 PER CENT
GROUP IV	WOOL TEXTILE AND APPAREL	23	55 PER CENT

NOTE : FIGURES ON QUANTITY LICENSED ARE IN MILLION EQUIVALENT SQUARE YARDS.

OF THE CATEGORIES SUBJECT TO SPECIFIC LIMITS IN THE HONG KONG/US TEXTILE AGREEMENT, THE RATE OF UTILISATION IN FOUR OUT OF 21 CATEGORIES COULD BE DESCRIBED AS RELATIVELY HIGH. THESE FOUR CATEGORIES WERE CATEGORY 22/23 (TWEED AND SATEEN), CATEGORY 41/42/43/62(2) (COTTON KNIT T-SHIRTS AND OTHER KNIT SHIRTS AND BLOUSES EXCEPT SWEAT-SHIRTS), CATEGORY 50/51 (COTTON WOVEN TROUSERS) AND CATEGORY 218/219/224(5) (M.M.F. KNIT SHIRTS, BLOUSES, TOPS AND VESTS).

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IN ADDITION, RELATIVELY HIGH UTILISATION WAS ALSO RECORDED IN CATEGORY 116/117 SWEATER PERMITS. THE UTILISATION FOR THE REST OF THE SPECIFIC CATEGORIES WAS RELATIVELY LOW.

EEC

THE CURRENT 12-MONTH EEC TEXTILE RESTRAINT PERIOD BEGAN ON JANUARY 1, 1976. QUOTA UTILISATION POSITIONS ON MEMBER STATE BASIS FOR THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS ENDING JULY 1976 ARE GIVEN BELOW : -

<u>MEMBER STATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY LICENSED</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE UTILISATION</u>
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY	21	55 PER CENT
UNITED KINGDOM	34.3	51 PER CENT
BENELUX	3.5	42 PER CENT
DENMARK	1.8	58 PER CENT
ITALY	1.1	27 PER CENT
FRANCE	1.2	55 PER CENT
IRISH REPUBLIC	0.25	37 PER CENT

NOTE : FIGURES ON QUANTITY LICENSED ARE IN MILLION EQUIVALENT KGS.

OUT OF A TOTAL OF 108 CATEGORIES ON MEMBER STATE/CATEGORY BASIS, THE RATE OF UTILISATION IN 29 OF THEM WAS RELATIVELY HIGH. THE POPULAR CATEGORIES INCLUDED CATEGORY 2 (WOVEN FABRICS), CATEGORY 3 (KNIT SHIRTS AND BLOUSES), CATEGORY 8 (WOVEN TROUSERS) AND CATEGORY 10 (WOVEN DRESSES).

NOTE TO EDITORS :

COPIES OF THE RELEVANT NOTICES TO EXPORTERS WHICH GIVE DETAILED FIGURES OF UTILISATION OF QUOTAS FOR EACH RESTRAINED MARKET ON A CATEGORY BY CATEGORY BASIS ARE ATTACHED.

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GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE 22ND NAVIGATION TRAINING CLASS
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NAVIGATION COURSES, PROVIDED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, ARE DESIGNED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING OFFSHORE FISHING FLEET AND IMPART A WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF CHART WORK, SEAMANSHIP, SIGNALLING AND NAVIGATION.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY BY MR. A.K. MURRAY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES AND MARKETING, AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE 22ND NAVIGATION TRAINING CLASS OF THE ABERDEEN FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION (FMO) SECONDARY SCHOOL.

HE SAID THE PARENTS OF THE 15 GRADUATES HAD MADE A CONSIDERABLE SACRIFICE BY ALLOWING THEIR SONS TO ATTEND THE SIX-MONTH NAVIGATION TRAINING CLASSES.

+HOWEVER, I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL FIND THAT YOUR SACRIFICES HAVE NOT BEEN IN VAIN AND THAT WITH THE ACQUISITION OF THEIR NEW SKILLS, YOUR SONS SHOULD BE ABLE TO ASSIST YOU IN OPERATING YOUR VESSELS MORE EFFICIENTLY,+ HE SAID.

+AT LEAST, THEY SHOULD GET YOU TO AND FROM YOUR FISHING GROUNDS BY THE SHORTEST COURSE WITH CONSEQUENT SAVINGS IN FUEL CONSUMPTION, A VERY NECESSARY REQUIREMENT IN THESE DAYS OF RISING FUEL COSTS.+

DURING THE COURSE, HE EXPLAINED, TWO ONE-WEEK PRACTICAL SESSIONS WERE CONDUCTED AT SEA ON BOARD FISHERIES RESEARCH VESSELS, IN MID-TERM AND AT THE END.

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APPOINTMENT OF NEW CITY DISTRICT OFFICER
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THE DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR. JOHN WALDEN, ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. R. FUNG CHOI-CHEUNG, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, AS CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) WITH EFFECT FROM AUGUST 23, 1976 TO REPLACE MR. NICHOLAS NG WING-FUI, WHO WILL BE GOING TO U.K. FOR TRAINING.

MR. FUNG, A GRADUATE FROM UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, HAS HAD SIX YEARS' SERVICE IN THE GOVERNMENT.

BEFORE HE WAS APPOINTED AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN THE COLONIAL SECRETARIAT ON AUGUST 27, 1974, HE HAD SERVED FOR SOMETIME IN THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT AND COLONIAL SECRETARIAT AS AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER II. HE WENT TO U.K. FOR TRAINING ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1975.

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COMMODITIES TRADING REGULATIONS, 1976

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THE REGISTRATION PROVISIONS OF THE COMMODITIES TRADING ORDINANCE 1976 TOGETHER WITH THE APPROPRIATE REGULATIONS, I.E. COMMODITIES TRADING (DEALERS, COMMODITY TRADING ADVISERS AND REPRESENTATIVES) REGULATIONS 1976 WHICH IS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY WILL BE BROUGHT INTO OPERATION ON OCTOBER 1, 1976.

AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1976, NO PERSON WHETHER AN INDIVIDUAL, CORPORATION OR FIRM (PARTNERSHIP) MAY CARRY ON THE BUSINESS OF TRADING IN COMMODITY FUTURES ON A COMMODITY EXCHANGE, UNLESS HE IS REGISTERED AS A COMMODITY DEALER.

ANY DIRECTOR OR PARTNER OF A CORPORATION OR FIRM WHICH IS REGISTERED AS A DEALER IS ALSO REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED IF HE IS DULY AUTHORIZED TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CORPORATION OR FIRM FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRADING IN COMMODITY FUTURES.

SIMILARLY, ANY PERSON, CORPORATION OR FIRM WHO ACTS AS A COMMODITY TRADING ADVISER IS ALSO REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED= AND SO ARE PERSONS WORKING AS REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMODITY DEALERS AND COMMODITY TRADING ADVISERS.

HOWEVER, IF A PERSON TRADES IN COMMODITY FUTURES ONLY THROUGH A REGISTERED COMMODITY DEALER, HE NEED NOT REGISTER HIMSELF.

ONE OF THE PRE-CONDITIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF A COMMODITY DEALER IS THAT THE APPLICANT, OR THE CORPORATION OR FIRM TO WHICH HE IS ACCREDITED, MUST BECOME A SHAREHOLDER OF THE HONG KONG COMMODITY EXCHANGE AFTER IT IS ESTABLISHED OR HE MUST BE A MEMBER OF ONE OF THE OVERSEA EXCHANGES LISTED IN THE SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE COMMODITIES TRADING ORDINANCE, 1976.

THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE IS \$1,000 FOR A CORPORATION OR FIRM WHICH IS A DEALER OR COMMODITY TRADING ADVISER, \$500 FOR A DEALER OR COMMODITY TRADING ADVISER WHO IS AN INDIVIDUAL AND \$200 FOR A REPRESENTATIVE.

A COMMODITY DEALER HAS TO PAY TO THE COMMISSIONER A DEPOSIT OF \$100,000 IN CASH ON REGISTRATION. HOWEVER, THE FOLLOWING APPLICANTS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PAY THE DEPOSIT : -

- (A) AN APPLICANT THAT IS A CORPORATION OR FIRM, IF ANY DIRECTOR PARTNER OR EMPLOYEE ACCREDITED TO IT AS A DEALER HAS PAID SUCH DEPOSIT=
- (B) AN APPLICANT WHO IS A SHAREHOLDER, OR ACCREDITED TO A SHAREHOLDER OF THE HONG KONG EXCHANGE COMPANY IF THE EXCHANGE COMPANY HAS MADE IN RESPECT OF THE SHAREHOLDER A DEPOSIT TO THE COMPENSATION FUND.

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR COMMODITIES TRADING HAS ISSUED A PAMPHLET FOR GUIDANCE OF PERSONS APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION WHICH MAY BE OBTAINED FREE OF CHARGE AT THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR COMMODITIES TRADING AT ROOM 2404 CONNAUGHT CENTRE, HONG KONG.

MEANWHILE, COPIES OF THE ORDINANCE AND REGULATIONS MAY BE PURCHASED DIRECT FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION CENTRE AT THE STAR FERRY CONCOURSE.

TO FACILITATE THE WORK OF THE COMMISSIONER, THOSE WHO WISH TO APPLY FOR REGISTRATION ARE ADVISED TO SEND IN THEIR APPLICATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE AT ROOM 2404, CONNAUGHT CENTRE, HONG KONG.

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GOVERNMENT TO BUILD AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE
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THE GOVERNMENT WILL BUILD A BRIDGE TO LINK ABERDEEN AND AP LEI CHAU.

THE DECISION TO INCLUDE THE BRIDGE AS AN ITEM IN THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME FOLLOWS AN INVESTIGATION ON THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING THE BRIDGE BUILT BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE IN RETURN FOR A GRANT OF LAND ON AP LEI CHAU FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

HOWEVER, IT HAS BEEN FOUND THAT THE LAND ON THE ISLAND WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IS NEEDED FOR PUBLIC HOUSING AND ITS LOSS WOULD CREATE A SERIOUS SHORTFALL IN THE PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME FOR THE WESTERN AREA OF HONG KONG ISLAND.

WHEN THE BRIDGE IS COMPLETED, IT WOULD ALSO BE POSSIBLE FOR THE FIRE STATION IN ABERDEEN TO PROVIDE SERVICE TO AP LEI CHAU.

+CONSULTING ENGINEERS WILL BE APPOINTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND IT IS HOPED THAT TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BRIDGE AND APPROACH ROADS WILL BE CALLED WITHIN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS,+ A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

COMPLETION OF THE BRIDGE IS EXPECTED IN ABOUT 2-1/2 YEARS' TIME.

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