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GOVERNOR TO OPEN FOURTH TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
AT CHEUNG SHA WAN
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THE HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, THE FIRST GOVERNMENT-RUN INSTITUTE TO OFFER TRAINING IN HOTEL-KEEPING AND TOURISM STUDIES, WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 5).

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, WILL ALSO BE PRESENT AT THE OPENING CEREMONY. THE GUESTS OF HONOUR INVITED TO ATTEND INCLUDED MR. HAKING WONG, THE PRINCIPAL DONOR OF THE INSTITUTE, MR. D.M. MARCH, SENIOR BRITISH TRADE COMMISSIONER, AND OTHER PROMINENT BUSINESSMEN REPRESENTING HONG KONG'S TOURIST, SHIP-BUILDING AND ENGINEERING INTERESTS.

THE INSTITUTE, THE FOURTH OF ITS KIND SET UP BY THE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL EDUCATION FACILITIES, HAS STARTED COURSES IN SEPTEMBER.

APART FROM CONDUCTING COURSES IN HOTEL-KEEPING AND TOURISM, THE INSTITUTE ALSO OFFERS TRAINING IN CONSTRUCTION, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, MARINE AND FABRICATION, AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING.

THE ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT OF THE INSTITUTE IS THE FIRST TO OFFER A COURSE IN LIFT MAINTENANCE, WHILE THE MARINE AND FABRICATION DEPARTMENT WILL EDUCATE STUDENTS IN YACHT AND BOAT BUILDING.

THE MECHANICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT PROVIDES COURSES IN INSTRUMENT REPAIRS, AND THE CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT OFFERS COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION TO STUDENTS UNDERGOING ORGANISED TRAINING IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY CENTRE.

THE PRINCIPAL OF THE INSTITUTE, MR. ROBERT BRAY, SAID THE DEPARTMENTS ARE STAFFED BY HIGHLY QUALIFIED AND EXPERIENCED STAFF.

THE HOTEL-KEEPING AND TOURISM DEPARTMENT, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS THE SERVICES OF A VISITING EXPERT FROM SHEFFIELD POLYTECHNIC WHO ADVISES ON THE BASIC ESTABLISHMENT AND OTHER NEEDS. THE DEPARTMENT HAS SEVERAL MEMBERS OF LOCAL STAFF WITH OVERSEAS QUALIFICATIONS. ONE IS A GRADUATE IN TOURISM FROM HAWAII, ANOTHER HAS A QUALIFICATION IN HOTEL-KEEPING FROM OXFORD POLYTECHNIC, WHILE A THIRD MEMBER HAS HAD HOTEL MANAGEMENT TRAINING IN LONDON.

+PROFESSIONAL COOKERY AND FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE ARE TAUGHT AS PART OF THE HOTEL-KEEPING COURSE, SO TOURISTS VISITING HONG KONG AND OTHERS WILL SOON HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAMPLE MEALS COOKED AND SERVED BY STUDENTS,+ MR. BRAY SAID.

+A SET OF TRAINING KITCHEN EQUIPMENT WOULD BE COMING FROM A BRITISH GOVERNMENT DONATION,+ MR. BRAY SAID. +THIS SHOULD BE ARRIVING IN JANUARY.+

/+THE STUDENTS

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+THE STUDENTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO SERVE 50 PERSONS FOR LUNCH AT A TIME. WE ALSO PLAN TO HAVE BANQUETS AND OTHER FUNCTIONS LATER IN THE YEAR,+ HE ADDED.

THE TOTAL CAPACITY OF THE INSTITUTE IS ABOUT 1,600 STUDENTS AT ANY ONE TIME, BUT THE NUMBER ENROLLED IN ANY ONE ACADEMIC YEAR WILL DOUBLE THIS FIGURE, AS A LARGE PROPORTION PURSUE PART-TIME DAY RELEASE AND PART-TIME EVENING COURSES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT 3 P.M. ON THURSDAY. THE ADDRESS OF THE INSTITUTE IS 702, LAI CHI KOK ROAD, CHEUNG SHA WAN, KOWLOON.

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SECOND LION ROCK TUNNEL OPENS TO TRAFFIC

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THE NEW \$68 MILLION SECOND LION ROCK TUNNEL, WHICH AIMS TO IMPROVE ROAD COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN KOWLOON AND SHA TIN, WILL OPEN TO TRAFFIC ON JANUARY 18.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, MR. ROBIN SAUNDERS, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE HIGHWAYS (NEW TERRITORIES) DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, SAID THAT IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE OPENING, THE EXISTING TUNNEL WOULD BE CLOSED FOR ABOUT NINE MONTHS FOR RENOVATION.

THIS WOULD INCLUDE THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE PRESENT VENTILATION AND LIGHTING SYSTEM.

DURING THE CLOSURE PERIOD, TRAFFIC WOULD BE DIVERTED TO THE NEW TUNNEL.

MR. SAUNDERS SAID THAT ON COMPLETION OF THE RENOVATION WORK, THE TWO TUNNELS, CONSISTING OF TWO TRAFFIC LANES EACH, WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES IN GENERAL AND TO SHA TIN NEW TOWN IN PARTICULAR.

REFERRING TO THE SECOND LION ROCK TUNNEL, MR. SAUNDERS SAID: +IT IS OVER 1,400 METRES IN LENGTH. TWO NEW TOLL BOOTHS, SIMILAR TO THE SIX NOW IN OPERATION, HAVE BEEN BUILT AT THE SHA TIN ENTRANCE.

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+TWO TWO-STOREY BUILDINGS HAVE ALSO BEEN BUILT TO HOUSE VENTILATION AND LIGHTING EQUIPMENT FOR THE NEW TUNNEL.

+IN ADDITION, A NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, OVERLOOKING THE TOLL PLAZA, WILL HOUSE ALL THE CONTROL EQUIPMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THE TWO TUNNELS AND THE TOLL COLLECTION SYSTEM.+

MR. SAUNDERS SAID THAT THE PROJECT WAS MORE THAN JUST A ROAD TUNNEL AS TWO 1.5-METRE-DIAMETER WATER MAINS HAD BEEN LAID BENEATH THE TUNNEL ROADWAY TO CARRY TO THE URBAN AREAS OF KOWLOON THE ADDITIONAL WATER MADE AVAILABLE BY THE RAISING OF THE PLOVER COVE DAM.

+WATER AVAILABLE FROM THE HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME WILL GO THROUGH THE SAME PIPES,+ HE ADDED.

ONE OF THE FEATURES OF THE NEW TUNNEL, MR. SAUNDERS SAID, WAS THE CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION WHICH WOULD BE USED TO MONITOR THE LIGHTING AND VENTILATION SITUATION INSIDE THE TUNNEL TO KEEP IT BRIGHT AND CLEAN.

A SIMILAR SYSTEM WOULD BE INSTALLED IN THE EXISTING TUNNEL DURING RENOVATION WORK.

MEANWHILE, CONSTRUCTION WORK HAS JUST BEGUN ON A TRAFFIC INTERCHANGE AND A SECTION OF THE SECOND CARRIAGEWAY OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD AT HUNG MUI KUK.

THE WORK, FORMING PART OF THE ROAD NETWORK PLANNED FOR SHA TIN NEW TOWN, COMPRISES THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT 440 METRES OF A 7.3-METRE WIDE CARRIAGEWAY IN THE VICINITY OF HUNG MUI KUK TOGETHER WITH A TRAFFIC INTERCHANGE AND SLIP ROADS TO PROVIDE DIRECT ACCESS TO KAK TIN VILLAGE AND NEARBY NEW DEVELOPMENTS. IT WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

WORK ON ANOTHER CONTRACT, WHICH INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT 2.5 KILOMETRES OF THE 7.3-METRE WIDE CARRIAGEWAY AND THE WIDENING OF THE EXISTING LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD TO FOUR LANES, IS PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY.

WHEN COMPLETED AT THE END OF THIS YEAR THE CARRIAGEWAY WILL BE CAPABLE OF CARRYING THE INCREASED VOLUME OF TRAFFIC GENERATED BY THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

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4,000 ID CARDS DESTROYED EACH YEAR
DUE TO FAILURE IN TRACING HOLDERS
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AN AVERAGE OF 4,000 IDENTITY CARDS ARE BURNT EACH YEAR BY THE GOVERNMENT DUE TO THE FAILURE IN TRACING THEIR OWNERS.

THESE ACCOUNT FOR ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF THE LOST IDENTITY CARDS FOUND EACH YEAR BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND HANDED OVER TO THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE.

THE WASTAGE IS CAUSED BY THE OWNERS OF THESE ID CARDS WHO FAIL TO REPORT THE CHANGE OF THEIR ADDRESSES TO THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE.

COMMENTING ON THIS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE SAID: + MANY PEOPLE IN HONG KONG STILL FAIL TO RECOGNISE THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING OUR OFFICE INFORMED OF ANY CHANGE OF THEIR PERSONAL PARTICULARS, ESPECIALLY THEIR ADDRESSES.

+THIS NOT ONLY CAUSES OUR STAFF TO SPEND A CONSIDERABLE TIME IN CHECKING THE RECORDS IF THE CARD WAS LOST, BUT ALSO GREAT INCONVENIENCE TO THE HOLDER WHEN HE APPLIES FOR A REPLACEMENT, + HE ADDED.

EXPLAINING THE PROCEDURE IN TRACING THE HOLDER OF A LOST ID CARD, THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +AN OFFICER FIRST CHECKS THE RECORDS THEN SENDS A NOTICE TO THE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF THE HOLDER.+

+MORE FOLLOW-UP NOTICES WOULD BE SERVED IF HE FAILS TO RECLAIM IT.

+BUT IF THERE IS STILL NO RESPONSE AFTER THREE MONTHS, THE CARD WOULD BE CANCELLED AND DESTROYED IN AN INCINERATOR,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT APPLICATIONS FOR REPLACEMENT CARDS HAD INCREASED FROM 20,000 IN 1975/76 TO 23,000 IN 1976/77. AND THE FIGURE FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR WAS 13,651.

HE ALSO REVEALED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE HAD A TOTAL OF 4.2 MILLION IDENTITY CARDS IN CIRCULATION. OF THESE, 1.25 MILLION ARE THE NEW-TYPE IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED SINCE 1973.

IN ADDITION, ABOUT 250,000 OLD-TYPE JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS ARE DUE TO BE PHASED OUT THIS YEAR BY THE NEW-TYPE IDENTITY CARDS.

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