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\$37 MILLION CONTRACT FOR ELEVATED ROAD
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY LET A CONTRACT FOR \$37 MILLION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ELEVATED ROADWAY FROM TAI KOK TSUI TO SHAM SHUI PO AND THE ASSOCIATED GROUND LEVEL ROADS.

THE CONTRACT, WHICH FORMS PHASE ONE OF THE SECOND STAGE OF THE \$300 MILLION WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR PROJECT, HAS BEEN AWARDED TO FRANKI PILING AND ENGINEERING (HK) LTD.

MR. STAN BARDEN, PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT HIGHWAY ENGINEER OF THE P.W.D.'S HIGHWAYS OFFICE, WHO SIGNED THE CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT TODAY, SAID THAT WORK WOULD BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AND WOULD TAKE ABOUT 27 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

WHEN COMPLETED, IT WOULD PROVIDE A VERY DESIRABLE BY-PASS FOR TRAFFIC TRAVELLING THROUGH THE HEAVILY CONGESTED TAI KOK TSUI AREA.

HE SAID THAT THE CONTRACT WOULD INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ELEVATED NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY ALONG TAI KOK TSUI ROAD FROM CHERRY STREET TO THE TUNG CHAU STREET JUNCTION, AND AN ELEVATED SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY WITH A SLIP ROAD LEADING TO TUNG CHAU STREET AND TERMINATING IN THE VICINITY OF THE PRINCE EDWARD ROAD JUNCTION.

+THE ELEVATED ROADWAY, WHICH IS ABOUT ONE KILOMETRE IN LENGTH, WILL HAVE THREE TRAFFIC LANES IN EACH DIRECTION,+ MR. BARDEN SAID.

+ON THE OTHER HAND, THE ASSOCIATED GROUND LEVEL ROADS AT TAI KOK TSUI ROAD AND TUNG CHAU STREET WILL BE RECONSTRUCTED ON A NEW ALIGNMENT.+

HE ADDED THAT THE ELEVATED ROADWAY WOULD BE EXTENDED IN STAGES TO LINK UP IN THE SOUTH WITH GASCOIGNE ROAD/FERRY STREET SECTION WHICH IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND IN THE NORTH WITH LAI CHI KOK ROAD TO COMPLETE THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR.

ON COMPLETION, THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR WILL PROVIDE A PRIMARY DISTRIBUTOR HIGHWAY FOR TRAFFIC BETWEEN THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL AND WEST AS WELL AS NORTHWEST KOWLOON.

THE SCHEME HAS BEEN DESIGNED, AND THE CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY CONSULTANT ENGINEERS, MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA ON BEHALF OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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MORE BUILDING PLANS APPROVED
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A TOTAL OF 61 NEW BUILDING PLANS WERE APPROVED IN SEPTEMBER BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, COMPARED WITH 59 IN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

THIS BROUGHT TO 595, THE NUMBER OF BUILDING PLANS APPROVED FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR.

OF THE 61 NEW PLANS APPROVED, 16 WERE FOR BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 21 FOR KOWLOON AND 24 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY INCLUDED PLANS FOR A HOSPITAL AT MOUNT KELLETT ROAD, A SCHOOL AT KENT ROAD AND AN ELECTRICITY SUB-STATION AT SHUN LEE TSUEN.

PLANS FOR ANOTHER SCHOOL AT SHUN TAK ROAD, TAI PO MARKET, A BEACH HOTEL AT MIU WO, AND A PETROL FILLING STATION AT TAI PO ROAD WERE ALSO APPROVED.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS \$219.85 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$92.81 MILLION LAST YEAR.

THE TOTAL USABLE FLOOR AREA OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING LAST MONTH AMOUNTED TO 175,274.1 SQUARE METRES, COMPRISING 108,158.1 SQUARE METRES OF NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 67,116 SQUARE METRES OF DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

DURING THE MONTH, THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 52 NEW BUILDING PROJECTS, INCLUDING A KINDERGARTEN AND CHURCH HALL AT HANG HAU, SAI KUNG, A CINEMA/APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL BUILDING AT DOCK STREET AND DYER AVENUE AND A SCHOOL/APARTMENT AT LIN FA KUNG STREET.

FORTY NEWLY COMPLETED BUILDINGS WERE CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION DURING THE MONTH, INCLUDING THE HONG KONG ART CENTRE, A 44-STOREY COMMERCIAL BUILDING AT QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, A SCHOOL AT TONG YAM STREET, A KINDERGARTEN AT DUMBARTON ROAD AND AN ELECTRICITY SUB-STATION AT KWAI CHUNG.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO CONSENTED TO THE DEMOLITION OF 29 BUILDINGS.

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CAREERS '78 EXHIBITION OPENS ON NOVEMBER 25

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THE SIXTH ANNUAL CAREERS EXHIBITION - CAREERS '78 - ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, OPENS ON NOVEMBER 25 AT THE KOWLOON RAIL TERMINUS.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, MR. PETER WILLIAMS, COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, SAID THE EXHIBITION HAS BECOME AN ANNUAL EVENT FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

HE PRAISED MAJOR FIRMS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR THE SUPPORT THEY HAVE GIVEN TO THE CAREERS EXHIBITION. OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, TOO, HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THE EVENT, HE SAID.

THIS YEAR, A RECORD 25 EXHIBITORS FROM COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND THE CIVIL SERVICE ARE TAKING PART. AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, EACH EXHIBITOR WILL TAKE UP A BOOTH, AND BY MEANS OF ATTRACTIVE DISPLAY AND VISUAL PRESENTATIONS, SHOW THE RANGE OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN ITS PARTICULAR FIELD.

IN THE COMMERCIAL SECTOR, THE EXHIBITION WILL FEATURE BANKING, ADVERTISING, AIRLINES AND COMPUTER BUSINESS. A CAREER IN SEAFARING IS ALSO HIGHLIGHTED.

IN THE INDUSTRIAL FIELD, THE TEXTILES, CLOTHING, METALWORK, SHIPBUILDING AND REPAIRS, AND ELECTRONICS INDUSTRIES ARE REPRESENTED.

UTILITIES, TELECOMMUNICATION AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING COMPANIES ARE COMING IN STRONG THIS YEAR.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING IS THE THEME OF THE JOINT STAND ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. TRAINING FACILITIES IN THE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION TRADES ARE SHOWN AS WELL. THERE WILL ALSO BE A STAND ON SOCIAL WORK AND ANOTHER ON SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC. IN ADDITION, THE GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE FOUR OTHER DEPARTMENTS TAKING PART.

THE EXHIBITION IS EXPECTED TO ATTRACT 100,000 VISITORS. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE FOR GROUP VISITS FROM SCHOOLS AND A BRIEFING SESSION WILL BE ORGANISED FOR STUDENTS TO HELP THEM GET THE MOST OUT OF THE VISIT.

THE 10-DAY EXHIBITION WILL OPEN ON NOVEMBER 25 AT 4.30 P.M. AND CLOSE ON DECEMBER 4. DAILY OPENING HOURS ARE FROM 9.30 A.M. TO 6.30 P.M. ADMISSION IS FREE OF CHARGE.

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MEMBERS OF PUBLIC WORKS SUB-COMMITTEE SEE MAJOR P.W.D. PROJECTS
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MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S PUBLIC WORKS SUB-COMMITTEE SPENT THE WHOLE DAY TODAY (MONDAY) VISITING A NUMBER OF MAJOR GOVERNMENT PROJECTS BEING BUILT THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

ALSO ON THE TOUR WERE SOME OF THE UMELCO MEMBERS.

THE TOUR, LED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR. PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, WAS ARRANGED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

APART FROM PROVIDING MEMBERS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE AT FIRST HAND PROGRESS ON VARIOUS PROJECTS, THE TOUR ALSO ENABLED THEM TO STUDY WORKS NOW UNDERWAY AND THE SITES OF PROPOSED NEW PROJECTS IN PREPARATION FOR THIS YEAR'S SECOND REVIEW OF THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME.

THE PUBLIC WORKS SUB-COMMITTEE (P.W.S.C.) COMPRISES THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR. C.P. HADDON-CAVE (CHAIRMAN), MR. OSWALD CHEUNG, MR. R.H. LOBO, MR. JAMES WU, MR. LI FOOK-WO, MR. J.H. BREMIDGE, MR. FRANCIS TIEN, MR. S.L. CHEN, DR. HENRY HU, MR. PETER C. WONG, MR. WONG LAM AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR. DAVID MCDONALD. THE SECRETARY TO THE COMMITTEE IS MISS DOREEN SADDLER OF THE FINANCE BRANCH.

EACH YEAR THE SUB-COMMITTEE HOLDS TWO MEETINGS TO REVIEW PROGRESS ON PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME, AND TO CONSIDER NEW ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE PROGRAMME.

THE UMELCO MEMBERS WHO TOOK PART IN THE TOUR TODAY WERE MR. HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, REV. JOYCE BENNETT, MR. LEUNG TAT-SHING AND REV. P.J. MCGOVERN.

MEMBERS OF THE P.W.S.C. AND UMELCO MEMBERS WERE ACCOMPANIED ON THE TOUR BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR. WILLIAM BELL= AND THE P.W.D.'S DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT, MR. DAVID STEAD= DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR. WILLIAM TUCKER= DIRECTOR OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT, MR. JACK STEAN= DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT, MR. J.R. WHITAKER, MASS TRANSIT ADVISER, MR. A.H. WILKINS AND SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE P.W.D. AND THE FINANCE BRANCH.

AMONG THE PROJECTS VISITED WERE THE HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME, TUI MIN HOI DEVELOPMENT IN SAI KUNG DISTRICT, THE SECOND LION ROCK HIGH LEVEL SERVICE RESERVOIR, THE LOK FU M.T.R. STATION SITE, THE CANAL ROAD FLYOVER EXTENSION AND THE MID-LEVELS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS.

AT HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR, COMMITTEE AND UMELCO MEMBERS WERE BRIEFED BY THE SENIOR RESIDENT ENGINEER, MR. A. PRYOR, ON THE PROGRESS OF THE \$1,348 MILLION PROJECT.

MR. PRYOR SAID THAT THE WEST DAM WAS SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETED WHILE THE EAST DAM WAS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED NEXT MAY. AFTER THAT, MINOR FINISHING WORK, INCLUDING ROAD WORKS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT.

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HE SAID THAT THE ENTIRE INDIRECT CATCHMENT AND THE EIGHT LOWLAND PUMPING STATIONS WERE BROUGHT INTO SERVICE PROGRESSIVELY DURING THE SUMMER.

WHEN COMPLETED IN 1979, THE HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME WOULD BE THE BIGGEST SEABED FRESHWATER RESERVOIR IN THE WORLD. IT WOULD BE CAPABLE OF STORING MORE THAN 273 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, NEARLY DOUBLING HONG KONG'S PRESENT STORAGE CAPACITY.

FROM HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR, THE PARTY PROCEEDED TO TUI MIN HOI IN SAI KUNG.

THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE AREA PROVIDES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSING ACCOMMODATION FOR A GROUP OF FISHERMEN DISPLACED BY THE HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME AND A SMALL PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE TO CATER FOR DEVELOPMENT CLEARANCES AND VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT.

THE GOVERNMENT ENGINEER (NEW TERRITORIES), MR. B.H. NEWMAN, TOLD THE VISITORS THAT THE TOTAL DEVELOPMENT AREA COVERED 33 HECTARES.

ENGINEERING WORKS NOW IN HAND INCLUDED SITE FORMATION FOR HOUSING AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ACCESS ROAD FROM HIRAM'S HIGHWAY.

+EXCAVATED MATERIAL IS BEING USED FOR RECLAMATION IN THE SAI KUNG TUK AREA FOR SUBSEQUENT LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT,+ MR. NEWMAN SAID.

+MEANWHILE, TENDERS HAVE BEEN INVITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FISHERMEN'S HOUSING. WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN DECEMBER FOR COMPLETION BY APRIL 1979.+

HE SAID THAT THE TOTAL COST OF THE DEVELOPMENT WAS ABOUT \$30 MILLION.

MEMBERS OF THE P.W.S.C. AND UMELCO OFFICE NEXT STOPPED AT THE SECOND LION ROCK HIGH LEVEL SERVICE RESERVOIR, WHICH FORMS PART OF THE HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME.

THERE, MR. E. BOWLER, SENIOR ENGINEER FOR NEW WORKS, TOLD THE VISITORS THAT WORK ON THE RESERVOIR WAS PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY AND WAS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED EARLY NEXT YEAR.

ON COMPLETION, THE SERVICE RESERVOIR WOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PRIMARY STORAGE CAPACITY TO ACCEPT THE INCREASED OUTPUT OF SHA TIN TREATMENT WORKS THE DAILY CAPACITY OF WHICH HAS BEEN INCREASED TO 1.09 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

MR. BOWLER SAID THAT THE SERVICE RESERVOIR WOULD BE FED BY TRUNK MAINS LAID IN THE SECOND LION ROCK TUNNEL AND WOULD SUPPLY WATER TO OTHER SERVICE RESERVOIRS IN KOWLOON AND ON HONG KONG ISLAND VIA THE CROSS-HARBOUR MAIN.

BEFORE TAKING A LOOK AT SOME OF THE ROAD PROJECTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, P.W.S.C. AND UMELCO MEMBERS INSPECTED THE SITE OF THE LOK FU M.T.R. STATION.

THEY WERE BRIEFED BY MR. RON MEAD, PROJECT DIRECTOR OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION, ON THE PROGRESS OF THE WORK BEING CARRIED OUT THERE.

THE STATION, ABOUT 227 METRES LONG, IS BEING BUILT BENEATH WANG TAU HOM ESTATE PLAYGROUND.

MR. MEAD SAID THAT THE STATION WOULD BE OPEN FOR USE IN SEPTEMBER 1979 AND WOULD BE CAPABLE OF HANDLING ABOUT 80,000 PASSENGERS DAILY.

THE PLAYGROUND WOULD BE REINSTATED AFTER WORK ON THE STATION WAS COMPLETED.

AT THE CANAL ROAD FLYOVER EXTENSION, THE PARTY WAS GIVEN AN UP-TO-THE-MINUTE REPORT BY MR. W.J. KELLY, SENIOR RESIDENT ENGINEER, WHILE MR. DAVID TWIST, PROJECT ENGINEER OF MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA EXPLAINED THE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS AND PLANNING OF THE PROJECT.

THE VISITORS SHOWED KEEN INTEREST IN THE PROGRESS OF THE PROJECT, WHICH WOULD PROVIDE A DIRECT ELEVATED LINK FROM THE NORTHERN PORTAL OF THE FUTURE ABERDEEN TUNNEL TO THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL INTERCHANGE ON THE WATERFRONT WHEN COMPLETED IN 1980.

MR. KELLY SAID THAT THE ACCESS RAMPS IN MORRISON HILL ROAD AND WONG NEI CHUNG ROAD WOULD ENABLE LOCAL TRAFFIC TO USE THE FLYOVER, THUS AVOIDING CONGESTION AT THREE KEY JUNCTIONS IN THE AREA.

PEDESTRIAN SUBWAYS WOULD BE BUILT UNDER MORRISON HILL ROAD, WONG NEI CHUNG ROAD AND QUEEN'S ROAD EAST TO FACILITATE PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENTS.

THE PARTY WINDED UP THE DAY'S TOUR WITH A VISIT TO THE MID-LEVELS WHERE MAJOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT.

THE MID-LEVELS ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME COMPRISES A SERIES OF FLYOVERS AND ELEVATED CARRIAGEWAYS FROM MAGAZINE GAP ROAD TO CASTLE ROAD.

MR. PETER PEARSON, PROJECT ENGINEER, SAID THAT WORK ON THE FLYOVER AT THE UPPER END OF GARDEN ROAD WAS WELL UNDERWAY AND WAS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN APRIL NEXT YEAR.

+IN ADDITION, WORK ON THE ROBINSON ROAD/CASTLE ROAD JUNCTION IMPROVEMENT HAS VIRTUALLY BEEN COMPLETED AND A CONTRACT HAS JUST BEEN LET FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO-LANE ELEVATED ROAD TO CARRY EASTBOUND TRAFFIC FROM ROBINSON ROAD OVER ALBANY ROAD,+ HE SAID.

MR. PEARSON SAID THAT WORK ON THE MID-LEVELS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS WAS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN LATE 1979.

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CONSULTANTS APPOINTED TO STUDY TRAFFIC SURVEILLANCE
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS APPOINTED A FIRM OF CONSULTANTS TO ASSIST THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE IN CARRYING OUT A STUDY ON THE REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAFFIC SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL ON THE NETWORK OF HIGH GRADE ROADS NOW BEING PLANNED AND CONSTRUCTED IN HONG KONG.

THE CONTRACT FOR THE STUDY PROJECT WILL FORMALLY BE SIGNED AT A CEREMONY AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, 21ST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, AT 2.30 P.M. TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

TELEVISION CREWS ARE ASKED TO ARRIVE NOT LATER THAN 2.15 P.M. SO THAT THEY WILL HAVE AMPLE TIME TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT.

MR. A.A. THOMPSON, OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE TRAFFIC CONTROL AND SURVEILLANCE UNIT, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW AFTER THE SIGNING CEREMONY.

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PROPER USE OF AUTOMATIC DEVICES IN STEAM BOILERS

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AUTOMATIC CONTROL DEVICES IN STEAM BOILERS, WHERE PROVIDED FOR CONTROLLING THE SUPPLY OF FEED WATER AND FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND INDICATION OF WATER LEVEL, SHOULD NOT BE RELIED UPON ENTIRELY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

HE ADVISED THE OWNERS OF STEAM BOILERS AND BOILER INSPECTORS THAT IT WAS IMPERATIVE THE EQUIPMENT WAS SUBJECT TO REGULAR PERIODIC INSPECTIONS AND TO ROUTINE TESTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAKERS' RECOMMENDATIONS. ALL ALARMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EQUIPMENT SHOULD ALSO BE EXAMINED.

THE ROUTINE TESTING OF BOILER WATER GAUGES DURING SHIFTS, AND THE CONTROL UNITS AND ALARMS AT REGULAR INTERVALS, WAS AN IMPORTANT DUTY OF BOILER ATTENDANTS, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE REMARKS WERE MADE FOLLOWING A PRELIMINARY INQUIRY INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE EXPLOSION OF A FULLY AUTOMATIC, FIRE TUBE, BOILER IN A LOCAL HOTEL.

THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE EQUIPMENT WAS INSPECTED BY AN APPROVED BOILER INSPECTOR ONLY A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE EXPLOSION.

THE INQUIRY REVEALED THAT THE CAUSE OF THE EXPLOSION WAS SHORTAGE OF WATER AS A RESULT OF A FAILURE OF THE AUTOMATIC DEVICE CONTROLLING THE WATER LEVEL IN THE BOILER. HOWEVER, WITH CAREFUL SUPERVISION, ANY REDUCTION IN WATER LEVEL SHOULD HAVE BEEN APPARENT TO THE BOILER ATTENDANT IN GOOD TIME TO AVERT THE EXPLOSION. THE SHORTNESS OF WATER ALLOWED THE FURNACE CROWN TO BECOME OVERHEATED AND COLLAPSE AND RUPTURE UNDER PRESSURE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FAILURE OF THE CONTROL UNIT IS ASCRIBED TO LACK OF SATISFACTORY MAINTENANCE AND POSSIBLY ABSENCE OF REGULAR TESTING OF THIS EQUIPMENT.

FORTUNATELY NO ONE WAS KILLED OR INJURED IN THIS INCIDENT, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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TOPLEY PRAISES CMA FOR ITS WORK IN EDUCATION
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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, THIS AFTERNOON PRAISED THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG FOR HAVING +DONE A GREAT DEAL OVER THE YEARS TO PROMOTE AND ASSIST EDUCATION+.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE CMA SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION CEREMONY IN THE CMA BUILDING.

MR. TOPLEY CITED THE DONATION OF \$1 MILLION IN THE 1950'S TO START, AS HE PUT IT, +THE BALL ROLLING+ SO THAT A NEW CAMPUS COULD BE PROVIDED IN HUNG HOM FOR THE THEN TECHNICAL COLLEGE WHICH IS NOW THE POLYTECHNIC.

+RECENTLY, LADY MACLEHOSE OFFICIALLY OPENED THE CMA PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOL.+ THE DIRECTOR THANKED THE CMA FOR ALL THE DONATIONS AND ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO EDUCATION OVER THE YEARS.

ADDRESSING TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE AT THE CEREMONY, MR. TOPLEY SAID: +PROVE TO ME - AND TO YOURSELF - THAT WHEN FACED WITH ADVERSITY, YOU CAN BE TOUGH AND RESOLUTE AND THAT YOU CAN FACE UP TO DIFFICULTIES AND THAT YOU POSSESS FORTITUDE AND RELIABILITY.+

HE RECALLED THAT TWENTY-ODD YEARS AGO, EVERYONE WAS PREPARED TO BUCKLE DOWN, ROLL UP THEIR SLEEVES AND GET ON WITH THE JOB.

+THE RESULT,+ HE SAID, +IS THE INDUSTRIAL INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WE SEE AROUND US TODAY. PEOPLE WHO LAID THIS FOUNDATION WORKED AT ALL LEVELS IN THE HIERARCHY AND CAME FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE. MANY ARE STILL IN HARNESS TODAY. THEY WERE TOUGH, THEY POSSESSED FORTITUDE, STRENGTH OF CHARACTER AND RELIABILITY. THEY DID NOT LAMENT THEIR BAD LUCK. THEY COULD BE RELIED UPON TO GET A JOB DONE DESPITE ALL DIFFICULTIES. HONG KONG OWES SUCH PEOPLE A GREAT DEAL.+

MR. TOPLEY CONGRATULATED ALL THE RECIPIENTS OF THE CMA SCHOLARSHIPS AND WISHED THEM THE BEST OF GOOD FORTUNE AND SUCCESS IN THEIR FUTURE STUDIES AND IN THEIR CAREERS.

IN CONCLUSION, HE SAID, +MAY YOU FACE ALL PROBLEMS SQUARELY AND MAY YOU GO OUT AND MOVE MOUNTAINS AND BUILD A WORLD BETTER THAN THAT WHICH YOU HAVE INHERITED.+

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COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT CENTRE AT LAM TSUEN BECOMES
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THE COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT CENTRE FOR UPPER LAM TSUEN VALLEY WILL BECOME FULLY OPERATIONAL TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO PROVIDE RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES IN THE AREA.

THE CENTRE WAS SET UP BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AFTER THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL APPROVED THE EXTENSION OF COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO UPPER LAM TSUEN VALLEY.

LOCATED AT BUILDINGS PROVIDED BY THE KADOORIE FARM AT PAK NGAU SHEK IN LAM KAM ROAD, THE CENTRE WILL PROVIDE LITTER COLLECTION SERVICES AND PROTECTION AGAINST HILL FIRES IN THE AREA.

IN ADDITION, IT WILL CARRY OUT LANDSCAPE REHABILITATION WORK AND WILL DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN THE NG TUNG CHAI WATERFALL AS A RECREATIONAL AREA.

THERE IS ALSO A FIRE LOOKOUT TOWER IN THE CENTRE WHICH COVERS BOTH THE LAM TSUEN VALLEY AND THE PAT HEUNG AREA.

LAM TSUEN VALLEY IS ONE OF THE MOST SCENIC AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES. THE WOODLANDS ON ITS SOUTHERN SLOPE ARE OF CONSIDERABLE BOTANICAL INTEREST AND PROVIDE AN IMPORTANT HABITAT FOR WILDLIFE. IT HAS LONG BEEN A POPULAR VENUE FOR PICNICKERS AND BIRD WATCHERS.

AN ADDED ATTRACTION TO THE AREA IS THE KADOORIE EXPERIMENTAL FARM AND BOTANICAL GARDEN SITUATED BELOW KOON YAM SHAN. IT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED IN THE LAST 20 YEARS INTO A PLACE OF GREAT BOTANICAL INTEREST AND EDUCATIONAL VALUE, AS WELL AS OF GREAT BEAUTY.

THE FARM IS FINANCED ENTIRELY BY MR. HORACE KADOORIE, AND HIS BROTHER SIR LAWRENCE, PRIMARILY TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE FARMING COMMUNITY, AND IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

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