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GOVERNOR DETERMINED SUPPORTER OF CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN

At 6.45 a.m. today the Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose walked the back streets of Hong Kong to see for himself some of the problems which will be facing the Clean Hong Kong campaign.

The entire visit lasted for just over an hour. It follows a briefing to press radio and television editors in which Sir Murray emphasised that he was an enthusiastic and completely determined supporter of the Clean Hong Kong campaign.

This morning, accompanied by Mr. Wong Man-yui, Assistant Director (Cleansing) Urban Services Department, he saw the state of the streets in Western district before the USD workers began the big task of cleaning the area of night litter.

He saw similar situations at two locations in Wan Chai and further on down in North Point.

In each case the streets were heavily littered with refuse that had been left outside in baskets or wooden boxes or simply strewn around in the streets.

Most of the litter had been placed outside illegally instead of being taken to the refuse collecting trucks.

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Sir Murray also saw small back lanes blocked in places by illegal structures which made it extremely difficult for USD Cleaners to sweep the areas. In other streets parked cars also obstructed the cleaners work.

At the briefing to press, radio and TV editors last week, Sir Murray said he was writing to the head of every government department to stress that the campaign was no routine matter and that he expected every man and woman in the public service to do their utmost to make the campaign a success.

"I am sure that when the public sees the Government's determination and commitment, it will respond enthusiastically, and that the effort by the whole combined community that will result is the right way to solve this problem once and for all."

The Governor added: "I believe everyone is heartily sick of the dirt and litter that spoil so much of our city for so much of every day, and that there is not a person in Hong Kong in his right mind who does not want this campaign to succeed. I shall do everything I possibly can to ensure that they will not be disappointed."

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CONDITIONS FOR LION ROCK SUSPENDED CABLE CAR SYSTEM

Basic conditions for the grant of a franchise to a successful tenderer to build and operate an aerial ropeway or suspended cable car system leading to Lion Rock were announced today.

These are contained in a resolution to be introduced in the Legislative Council on Wednesday.

The company which will be awarded the franchise will be granted two sites for use as the lower and upper stations and the system must be completed within three years of the sites being acquired.

At the lower station, car parking, restaurant and shopping facilities will be provided for visitors, while at the upper station, an open area will be provided for a helicopter landing pad. Restaurant and shopping facilities may also be provided.

The minimum and maximum capacities of the system are 500 and 700 passengers an hour in each direction between the lower and upper stations.

The company must pay an annual fee and a royalty of 10 per cent of gross operating receipts including advertising.

It must indemnify the Government in connection with claims arising from the operation of the system and tenure of the two stations. It must also provide adequate insurance cover for claims from passengers and third parties.

The company must submit a proposed fare structure with its tender.

Government may re-enter the lot, terminate the franchise and take over the system if there is a serious default in the terms of the franchise.

The Government may also impose penalties for lesser infringements.

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SPORTS STADIUM WITH BOWLING CENTRE FOR YUEN LONG

The Government has granted a piece of Crown land to the Yuen Long District Sports Association to build a modern sports stadium in the township.

The land covering an area of over 7,000 square feet is situated next to the existing Yuen Long recreation and sports ground.

The cost of the stadium, estimated at about \$1 million, will be met with funds to be raised by the sports association and local civic leaders.

The stadium will be four storeys high. A 10-pin bowling centre, the first of its kind in the New Territories, will be set up on the first floor and there will be a club room and a gymnasium on the second and third floors. The ground floor will be used as a car park.

The land, with the assessed market value of over \$600,000, was granted by private treaty without any premium. The association is required to pay only a token Crown rent on condition that it must be developed into a non-profit making recreational centre.

The Yuen Long District Sports Association, a non-profit making organisation, was formed 12 years ago with the aim of promoting various sporting activities in the area.

A spokesman for the association said that with the stadium there will be more opportunities for young people in the New Territories to take part in recreational activities.

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CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL ROAD CONNECTIONS READY

The cross-harbour tunnel road connections on both sides of the harbour have now been completed, after years of planning and construction, for the opening of the tunnel this week.

The \$37 million scheme is designed for smooth and easy traffic flow to and from the tunnel portals.

The road connections network on Hong Kong Island consists of five flyovers and five footbridges.

Traffic leaving the Wan Chai end of the tunnel will be dispersed in three directions -- to Central via the new Waterfront Road, to North Point and Shau Kei Wan via a left turn on to the eastern end of Waterfront Road, and to Happy Valley by going up an elevated loop road leading to the Canal Road flyover.

Vehicles will also enter the tunnel in the same three directions -- from Shau Kei Wan and North Point over the Tsing Fung Street flyover, from Central by way of the Waterfront Road, and from Happy Valley through the Canal Road flyover.

In Kowloon, the road connections network has two elevated roadways, three flyovers and six subways, including vehicular bridges over the tracks to the proposed Hung Hom Railway Terminal.

This network has been designed for maximum traffic flow to and from the Hung Hom end of the tunnel in three directions -- westwards towards Tsim Sha Tsui by Chatham and Austin Roads and to Yau Ma Tei by Gascoigne Road, northwards to Princess Margaret Road by two one-way parallel elevated roadways, and eastwards to Chatham Road by two parallel flyovers and loop roads.

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The tunnel road connections are supplemented by other major works which have been constructed to provide quick and direct traffic routes for motorists on both Hong Kong Island and in Kowloon.

Note to Editors: Copies of two sketches showing the tunnel road connections on each side of the harbour are attached to today's Daily Information Bulletin.

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PRESIDENT OF ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK ARRIVES

The President of the Asian Development Bank, Mr. Takeshi Watanabe, arrived from Tokyo today to sign a loan agreement of HK\$120 million with the Hong Kong Government for the construction of a desalting plant at Castle Peak.

Mr. Watanabe was met on arrival by the Financial Secretary, Mr. Philip Haddon-Cave and the Governor's A.D.C., Mr. W.I. Nicholson. He is staying at Government House.

The signing ceremony will take place on the first floor of the Central Government Offices, Main Wing at noon tomorrow (August 1).

Note to Editors: You are welcome to send a reporter and/or photographer to have the ceremony covered.

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ASIAN REGIONAL SEMINAR ON SOCIAL WORK OPENS

The Director of Social Welfare, Mr. G.T. Rowe, said today the Government was spending \$30 million a year on payments under the Public Assistance Scheme.

This expenditure was part of the one-third of the current budget being spent on social services as a whole, underlining the comparative health of the economy.

And because of this, Mr. Rowe said, it was becoming "at last possible for the Government to turn its attention increasingly from its previous ad hoc emergency actions to one of refining and sophisticating the quality of the services now being made available."

He was speaking at the opening of the four-day Asian Regional Seminar of the International Federation of Social Workers, being held for the first time in Hong Kong.

He told about 150 delegates, including many from overseas, that Hong Kong's Public Assistance Scheme was a good example of how the emphasis on social welfare in Hong Kong was changing.

It used to be the norm that relief efforts were concentrated on seeing that the starving, the homeless, and victims of fire and natural disasters were given food, shelter, clothing, and other immediate assistance in kind.

But a significant step was taken in 1971 when the Government introduced the public assistance programme by which residents and families whose incomes fell below a prescribed level received help in cash on a monthly basis. In the short time since the scheme's implementation, it had become "the most generous non-contributory income-maintenance programme in Southeast Asia."

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Speaking as Patron of the Seminar, Mr. Rowe said the choice of Hong Kong as the venue reflected credit on the Colony's standing in the region in the developing field of social work.

He had no doubt that what overseas delegates would learn during the seminar would convince them that Hong Kong, despite its "vast and unique problems," was succeeding in its social welfare programme.

The Seminar proper began with a plenary session on the theme "The Asian Concept of Social Work, Values and Philosophy." The speaker was Mr. Thomas C.Y. Lee, Deputy Director of Social Welfare, with Miss Lee Hei-man, Senior Lecturer, University of Hong Kong, as Chairman.

A group discussion followed under the joint chairmanship of Miss Ko Siu-wah, General Secretary, YWCA, and Mr. Ho Kam-fai, Head of the Department of Social Work, United College, the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

The Seminar continues tomorrow at the Ward Memorial Church, Waterloo Road, Kowloon.

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LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE HELPS SETTLE 741 DISPUTES

The Labour Relations Service of the Labour Department helped settle 741 disputes out of a total of 1,050, during the second quarter of this year.

This represents a settlement rate of 70.6 per cent.

Mr. T.F. Tsui, Senior Labour Officer in charge of the Division, said today that this rate is high considering the fact that all cases brought to the Service were dealt with irrespective of the rights and wrongs of the parties.

As a result of the settlements a total of \$807,414 was paid to 1,444 workers as arrears of wages, payment in lieu of notice under the Employment Ordinance or as ex gratia severance pay.

Mr. Tsui said most labour problems arose out of disagreement over wage rates, changes in conditions of employment, dismissals, prolonged lay-off on redundancy and insolvency of the employer or simply mutual misunderstanding.

Eleven strikes which occurred during the quarter accounted for a loss of 6,558 man-days.

In settling 20 of the 25 big labour disputes, Mr. Tsui said that officers of the Labour Relations Service conducted a total of 30 joint meetings of an average duration of three hours each. They also made 48 visits to the sites of disputes and a further 24 visits to sites of factory fires to ensure that there would be no undue delay in the payment of wages to workers affected by the fires.

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SWIMMING POOL FOR WU KWAI SHA

The Chinese YMCA has received a grant of \$300,000 from the Lotteries Fund for the construction of a swimming pool at its popular Youth Village at Wu Kwai Sha.

The village provides a variety of recreational and camping facilities for young people and family groups throughout the year.

Last summer more than 40,000 people used the facilities.

However, there is no satisfactory swimming area, as the beach is considered unsafe, particularly for beginners. It is also strewn with rocks.

A swimming pool at the village will help go a long way towards taking the danger out of this popular sport, as it will be used for teaching beginners, life-saving instruction and general recreation.

The new pool is expected to be ready for use next summer.

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CENTRAL BUILDING DECLARED DANGEROUS

Another building in Central district has been declared dangerous by the Building Authority.

The building, which fronts onto both No 3 Lyndhurst Terrace and No. 80 Wellington Street, is a five-storey pre-war structure.

It was the subject of a complaint earlier this month and on inspection it was found that the brickwork of the old party wall, which formerly separated No. 3 Lyndhurst Terrace and the rear of 82 Wellington Street was severely fractured.

The Principal Government Building Surveyor said today that because of the redevelopment of 82 Wellington Street, this party wall is now an exposed flank wall without adequate lateral support and shows signs of recent movement.

The party wall between Nos. 1 and 3 Lyndhurst Terrace, on which the common staircase is supported, also shows signs of fracture in the brickwork and it is considered that No. 1 is liable to become dangerous during or after the demolition of No. 3 Lyndhurst Terrace and 80 Wellington Street.

No. 1, which is a four-storey pre-war building; was inspected recently following the report of a defective balcony. At that time no major defects were found in the building and a notice to repair the balcony was served.

Notices of intention to apply for closure orders in Victoria District Court at 9.30 a.m. on September 8, 1972 were posted today.

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DRAW FOR 52ND GOVERNMENT LOTTERY

Four RTV artists will rotate the drums to draw the winning numbers of the 52nd Government Lottery on Saturday August 12, 1972 at the City Hall Theatre.

They are Miss Stella Chee, Miss Margaret Miller, Miss Irene Ryder, and Mr. Tony Law. The draw will start at 10 a.m.

This was announced today by Mr. Chau Kai-yin, a member of the Government Lotteries Management Committee, at a news conference held at the City Hall Restaurant.

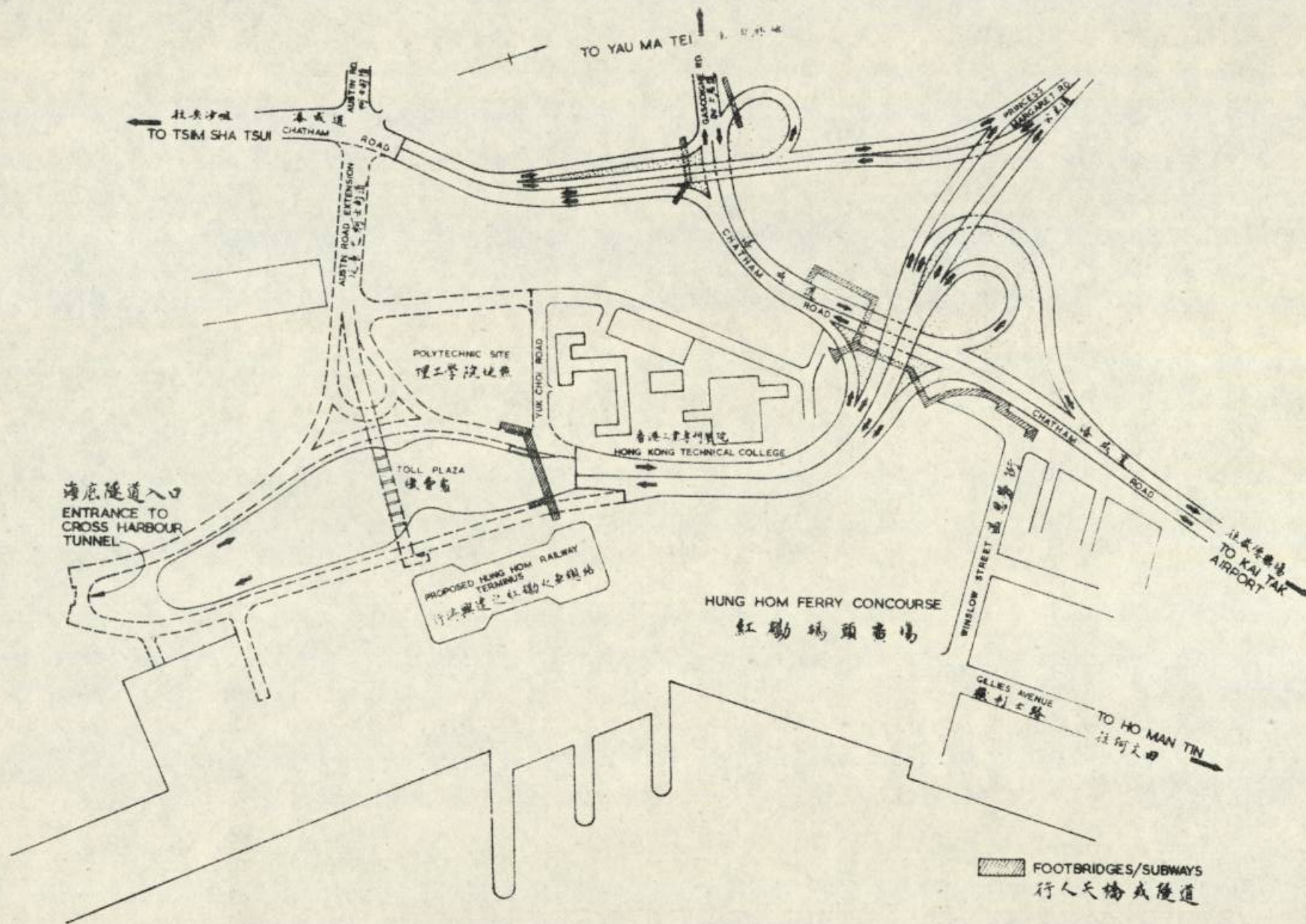
The four RTV artists, along with other members of the Management Committee, Mr. Leung Man-kin, Mrs. K. Fok and the secretary, Mr. A.H. Kitchell, attended the conference.

Tickets for the 52nd Government Lottery are now on sale together with tickets for the 10th anniversary lottery which will be drawn later this year. Both are selling at \$2 each.

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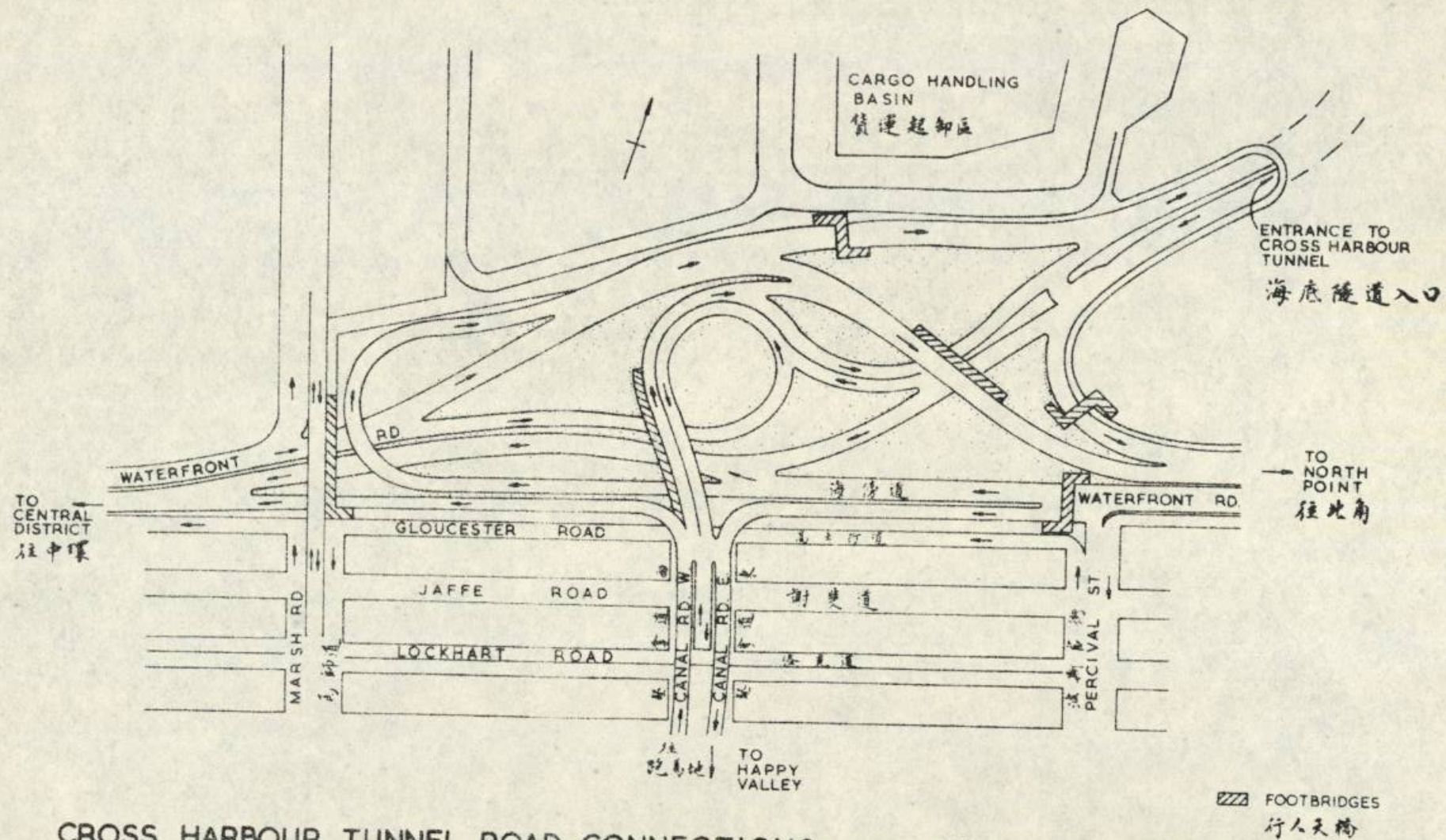
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