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OPENING OF FLYOVER AT MID-LEVELS
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THE FIRST OF FIVE FLYOVER COMPLEXES DESIGNED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO OVERCOME TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE MID-LEVELS WILL BE OPENED ON FRIDAY (MAY 20).

THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ROBINSON ROAD/CASTLE ROAD JUNCTION WHICH ARE NOW COMPLETED WILL ALLOW MOTORISTS TO DRIVE QUICKLY AND EASILY THROUGH A FORMER MAJOR BOTTLENECK.

WORK HAS ALREADY STARTED ON TWO OTHER KEY PARTS OF THE $34 MILLION MID-LEVELS TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS SCHEME, THE GARDEN ROAD ROUND-ABOUT AND THE QUEENSWAY FLYOVER. SHORTLY, TENDERS WILL BE CALLED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FLYOVER COMPLEXES AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF ROBINSON ROAD WITH GLENEALY AND ROBINSON ROAD WITH OLD PEAK ROAD.

THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE P.W.D.'S HIGHWAYS OFFICE CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION, MR. C.K. CHOW, SAID TODAY IT IS EXPECTED THAT ALL THE WORK WILL BE COMPLETED BY 1979.

MR. CHOW SAID: +THE ROBINSON ROAD IMPROVEMENTS ACTUALLY INCORPORATE TWO FLYOVERS, ONE TO TAKE EASTBOUND TRAFFIC FROM CONDUIT ROAD TO ENTER THE EASTBOUND OR WESTBOUND LANES IN ROBINSON ROAD, THE OTHER TO TAKE EASTBOUND TRAFFIC IN ROBINSON ROAD OVER CASTLE ROAD.

+NO CHANGE HAS BEEN MADE IN THE PRESENT BUS PRIORITY SYSTEM WEST OF THE JUNCTION, BUT THE STOP FOR EASTBOUND BUSES HAS BEEN MOVED ONTO THE FLYOVER.+

THE GARDEN ROAD ROUND-ABOUT COMPLEX IS THE NEXT SCHEME SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION. IT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF ELEVATED ROADS LINKING THE NORTH BOUND LANE OF GARDEN ROAD WITH MAGAZINE GAP ROAD, AND ANOTHER CONNECTING THE EASTBOUND LANE OF ROBINSON ROAD WITH MAGAZINE GAP ROAD.

THE GARDEN ROAD COMPLEX SHOULD BE READY BY THE BEGINNING OF NEXT YEAR.

CONSTRUCTION HAS ALSO STARTED ON THE QUEENSWAY FLYOVER IN CENTRAL WHICH WILL RUN FROM GARDEN ROAD OPPOSITE THE HILTON HOTEL TO QUEENSWAY NEAR THE MURRAY ROAD MULTI-STOREY CARPARK.

+THE NEW FLYOVER WILL PROVIDE A DIRECT LINK FOR TRAFFIC FROM GARDEN ROAD TURNING RIGHT INTO QUEENSWAY AND WILL INCORPORATE A NETWORK OF FOOTBRIDGES FOR SAFE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING OVER GARDEN ROAD, QUEENSWAY, MURRAY ROAD AND COTTON TREE DRIVE,+ MR. CHOW SAID.

P.W.D. ROAD PLANNERS EXPECT THE QUEENSWAY FLYOVER TO BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC IN LATE 1978.

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THE REST OF THE SCHEME TO EASE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN MID-LEVELS INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SERIES OF ELEVATED ROADS AT THE CRITICAL ROBINSON ROAD JUNCTIONS WITH OLD PEAK ROAD AND GLENEALY, AS WELL AS PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FACILITIES AND WIDENING OF PARTS OF ROBINSON ROAD.

MR. CHOW SAID P.W.D. PLANNERS HAD PAID SPECIAL ATTENTION TO SCHOOL TRAFFIC IN THE AREA AND ADEQUATE SETTING DOWN BAYS AND GRADE SEPARATED CROSSING FACILITIES WOULD BE PROVIDED ALONG WITH U-TURN FACILITIES.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT BOTH THESE PROJECTS WILL BE COMPLETED BY 1979.

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REPAIR WORK ON TWO HISTORICAL LANDMARKS COMPLETED

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THE TIN HAU TEMPLE AT SOK KWU WAN, SOUTH LAMMA, AND THE TUNG CHUNG FORT ON LANTAU ISLAND HAVE BEEN GIVEN A FACELIFT UNDER A GOVERNMENT PROGRAMME TO REPAIR THREE HISTORICAL LANDMARKS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

REPAIR WORK ON THE THIRD HISTORICAL LANDMARK, THE HAU WONG TEMPLE AT TUNG CHUNG, IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN SHORTLY.

DISCLOSING THIS TODAY, THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, ISLANDS, MR. THOMAS CHAN, SAID THAT A +RE-OPENING+ CEREMONY OF THE TIN HAU TEMPLE WOULD BE HELD EARLY NEXT MONTH.

THE TEMPLE IS MORE THAN 100 YEARS OLD AND RECORDS SHOW THAT IN 1898 IT WAS ONE OF THE FEW STRUCTURES IN WHAT IS NOW THE BUSY FISHING VILLAGE OF SOK KWU WAN.

THE TEMPLE IS USED QUITE EXTENSIVELY AND PARTICULARLY AT THE TIME OF THE TIN HAU FESTIVAL WHEN A LARGE NUMBER OF JUNKS CONGREGATE IN SOK KWU WAN.

THE TUNG CHUNG FORT, WITH ITS SIX OLD CANNONS POINTING OUT TO SEA, HAS LONG BEEN A HONG KONG ATTRACTION FOR HISTORIANS AND TOURISTS.

IT WAS FIRST BUILT IN 1817 AS A PROTECTION AGAINST THE PIRATES WHO TERRORISED THE COASTLINE AT THAT TIME.

MR. CHAN POINTED OUT THAT DURING THE REPAIR WORK AN ATTEMPT HAD BEEN MADE TO USE AS MUCH ORIGINAL STONES AS POSSIBLE SO THAT THE HISTORY AND ORIGINAL APPEARANCE OF THE FORT COULD BE MAINTAINED.

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REPORT ON FIRST QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS COMPILED A REPORT ON THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEYS.

THE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED IN APRIL. DURING THE SURVEY, SOME 630 FIRMS FROM VARIOUS TYPES OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY, FORMING A CROSS-SECTION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, WERE ASKED ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS EXPERIENCE IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR AND THEIR BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF THE YEAR.

THE RESULTS SHOWED THAT THE +WEARING APPAREL+ AND +TEXTILES+ INDUSTRIES HAD EXPERIENCED SOME DETERIORATION IN BUSINESS IN THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, WHILE OTHER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND THE CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICE INDUSTRIES HAD EXPERIENCED FAIR IMPROVEMENT.

FOR THE SECOND QUARTER, SOME UNCERTAINTY EXISTED IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY, WHILE THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY WERE MORE CONFIDENT OF AN UPTURN. STRONG BUSINESS CONFIDENCE WAS ALSO DISPLAYED BY MOST OTHER ECONOMIC SECTORS.

COMMENTING ON THE SURVEY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE DATA, WHICH WERE OBTAINED WITH A MINIMUM TIME LAG, WERE BASICALLY INTENDED TO FACILITATE A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION IN HONG KONG.

APART FROM A LIMITED NUMBER OF QUESTIONS REQUIRING ANSWERS IN QUANTITATIVE TERMS, HE SAID, THE FIRMS WERE ASKED TO COMPARE THE QUARTER JUST PAST WITH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER AND THE FORTHCOMING ONE. THEY SHOULD INDICATE WHETHER, IN THEIR OPINION, A CERTAIN ECONOMIC VARIABLE HAD BEEN +UP+, +SAME+ OR +DOWN+.

THE SPOKESMAN THANKED THOSE WHO HAD TAKEN PART IN THE SURVEY, FOR THEIR CO-OPERATION.

COPIES OF THE REPORT, CONTAINING AN ANALYSIS AND STATISTICAL TABLES ON VARIOUS ECONOMIC VARIABLES, HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO FIRMS TAKING PART IN THE SURVEY AND OTHER BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS.

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JORDAN ACTING FINANCIAL SECRETARY

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MR. D.H. JORDAN HAS TAKEN OVER THE POST OF FINANCIAL SECRETARY DURING THE ABSENCE OF MR. C.P. HADDON-CAVE WHO LEFT HONG KONG LAST WEEKEND ON LEAVE.

MR. HADDON-CAVE IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO HONG KONG ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF JULY.

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WATER CUT

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN CHAI WAN, YUEN LONG AND PING SHAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. ON THURSDAY (MAY 19) TO ALLOW THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

IN CHAI WAN, THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY BLOCKS 1-15 CHAI WAN ESTATE, SAN HA STREET, TAI PENG VILLAGE, CALTEX PETROL FILLING STATION AND SUN YIP STREET, INCLUDING LITTLE SAI WAN AND CAPE COLLISON CAMP.

IN YUEN LONG, THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY YUEN LONG MAIN ROAD, MAIN NULLAH, ON NING ROAD, SAI TAI STREET AND KUK TING STREET, INCLUDING TUNG LOK STREET, FOOK TAK STREET, FOOK HONG STREET, SHAU FU STREET AND TAI KIU TSUEN.

IN PING SHAN, THE PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE THOSE IN CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND PING HA ROAD, INCLUDING PING SHAN SAN TSUEN, KIU TAU WAI, PING SHAN HANG MEI TSUEN, PING SHAN HANG TAU TSUEN, PING SHAN POLICE STATION, TONG HANG TSUEN, FUK LO TSUEN, LAU FAU SHAN, FUNG KONG TSUEN, NGAU HOM TSUEN, SAN HING TSUEN, SHA KWONG WAI TSAI AND SHA KWONG WAI.

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