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MORE TRAVEL IN COMFORTABLE TYPES OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT  
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PEOPLE IN HONG KONG HAVE BEEN WILLING TO PAY HIGHER FARES FOR FASTER AND MORE COMFORTABLE TYPES OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS.

ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES CARRIED AN ESTIMATED AVERAGE OF 1.4 MILLION PASSENGERS EACH DAY LAST YEAR, AN INCREASE OF 893,000 WHEN COMPARED WITH THE FIGURE IN 1966.

TAXIS ALSO BECAME MORE POPULAR DURING THE DECADE WITH THE NUMBER OF TAXIS RISING FROM 2,763 IN 1966 TO 4,754 IN 1975.

LAST YEAR, TAXIS CARRIED SOME 563,000 PASSENGERS A DAY SHOWING AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 72.2 PER CENT OVER THE TEN-YEAR PERIOD, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

PASSENGERS OF PUBLIC HIRE CARS ALSO INCREASED. IN 1975, THE 1,283 PUBLIC HIRE CARS CARRIED 46,000 PEOPLE PER DAY ON THE AVERAGE, 8,000 MORE THAN IN 1966.

DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE NUMBER OF BUSES HAD NEARLY DOUBLED IN THE PAST TEN YEARS, THE INCREASE OF BUS PASSENGERS WAS COMPARATIVELY SMALL.

ON THE AVERAGE, 2,333,000 PEOPLE TRAVELLED BY FRANCHISED BUSES EACH DAY LAST YEAR, WHILE THE FIGURE FOR 1966 WAS 2,273,000.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT HAD BECOME EVIDENT THAT BUS PASSENGERS NOWADAYS TENDED TO TRAVEL IN LESS CONGESTED BUSES AND THEY APPARENTLY FAVOURED THE MORE +BRANCHING-OUT+ ROUTES TO PLACES FORMERLY NOT SERVED BY BUSES.

HE POINTED OUT THAT A TOTAL OF 43 NEW ROUTES WERE INTRODUCED BY THE TWO BUS COMPANIES LAST YEAR.

OVER THE 1966-75 PERIOD, BOTH TRAMS AND FERRIES CARRIED LESS PASSENGERS.

ONLY ABOUT 400,000 PEOPLE TRAVELLED IN TRAMS ON AN AVERAGE DAY LAST YEAR - A DROP OF OVER 20 PER CENT.

THE NUMBER OF FERRY PASSENGERS DECLINED FOLLOWING THE OPENING OF THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL IN 1972, WITH ITS DAILY AVERAGE DROPPING FROM 649,000 IN THAT YEAR TO 539,000 LAST YEAR.

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NEW SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL FOR TSUEN WAN  
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS TO BEGIN WORK SHORTLY ON A NEW SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL IN TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT WILL BE INVITED IN THIS WEEK'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

MR. F. HO-ASJOE, CHIEF ARCHITECT, P.W.D., SAID TODAY BUILDING WORK WAS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN MID-JULY THIS YEAR AND WAS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY NOVEMBER 1977.

THE SCHOOL WILL CONSIST OF THREE INTERLOCKING BLOCKS OCCUPYING A 4,650-SQUARE-METRE (ABOUT 50,000 SQ. FT.) SITE AT HA KWAI CHUNG, EASILY ACCESSIBLE FROM EITHER HING SHING ROAD OR WING FONG ROAD.

THE MAIN TEACHING BLOCK, WILL BE A FIVE-STORY BUILDING PROVIDING 24 CLASSROOMS ON THE UPPER FLOORS WITH ADMINISTRATION OFFICES AND CHANGING FACILITIES ON THE GROUND FLOOR.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A SIX-STORY BLOCK PROVIDING 16 SPECIAL ROOMS FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS, METAL AND WOOD WORKS, AS WELL AS A LIBRARY AND WORKSHOPS.

THE TEACHING BLOCK WILL BE CONNECTED BY AN ASSEMBLY BLOCK CONSISTING OF A 600-SQUARE-METRE ASSEMBLY HALL, STAGE AND A COVERED PLAY AREA.

THE PROJECT ALSO INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF SEPARATE ANCILLARY BUILDINGS AND STAFF QUARTERS.

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WATER INTERRUPTION  
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN TWO AREAS IN SAN PO KONG WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR FIVE HOURS STARTING FROM 1 A.M. ON THURSDAY (MAY 20) TO FACILITATE A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE FIRST AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY CHOI HUNG ROAD, TSEUK LUK STREET, AND TAI YAU STREET INCLUDING SHEUNG HEI STREET, WHILE THE OTHER IS BOUNDED BY CHOI HUNG ROAD, YAN OI STREET, FOO YUEN STREET, SHUNG LING STREET, YI LUN STREET, HONG KEUNG STREET AND TSEUK LUK STREET INCLUDING YIN HING STREET AND KAM WING STREET.

IN TSUEN WAN, WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED ON THE SAME DAY FROM 9 P.M. UNTIL 6 A.M. ON FRIDAY.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY THE SECTION OF TEXACO ROAD FROM YEUNG UK ROAD TO MA TAU PA STREET, GIN DRINKERS BAY ROAD AND THE ACCESS ROAD TO TSUEN WAN CHINESE CEMETERY INCLUDING 24 INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS AND GODOWNS.

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AMATEUR RADIO CONTACTS DURING OLYMPIC GAMES

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LICENSED RADIO AMATEURS MAY, BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA AND HONG KONG, EXCHANGE MESSAGES OR OTHER COMMUNICATIONS FROM OR TO THIRD PARTIES FROM JULY 3 TO AUGUST 15, 1976 WHICH COINCIDES WITH THE OLYMPIC GAMES IN MONTREAL, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THESE MESSAGES OR OTHER COMMUNICATIONS CAN BE EXCHANGED ON THE CONDITION THAT NO COMPENSATION MAY BE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY PAID.

A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT SUCH COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE LIMITED TO CONVERSATIONS OR MESSAGES OF A TECHNICAL OR PERSONAL NATURE FOR WHICH, BY REASON OF THEIR UNIMPORTANCE, RECOURSE TO THE PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE WAS NOT JUSTIFIED.

THIS ARRANGEMENT, HE ADDED, WOULD BE APPLICABLE WITH RESPECT TO ALL AMATEUR RADIO STATIONS DULY LICENSED BY APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF CANADA OR HONG KONG.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN TO KWA WAN

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A NUMBER OF ROADS IN TO KWA WAN, KOWLOON, WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM 10 A.M. ON THURSDAY (MAY 20) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN THE AREA.

YUK YAT STREET BETWEEN LOK SHAN ROAD AND KWEI CHOW STREET WILL BE CONVERTED INTO ONE WAY TRAFFIC THAT RUNS FROM LOK SHAN ROAD TO KWEI CHOW STREET.

KWEI CHOW STREET BETWEEN YUK YAT STREET AND KING WAN STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY, FROM YUK YAT STREET TO KING WAN STREET.

KING WAN STREET BETWEEN KWEI CHOW STREET AND SHUN FUNG STREET WILL BE CONVERTED INTO ONE WAY TRAFFIC FROM KWEI CHOW STREET TO SHUN FUNG STREET.

SHUN FUNG STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY, FROM KING WAN STREET TO YUK YAT STREET.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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