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PUBLIC RECORDS OFFICE ESTABLISHED

A Public Records Office providing a centralised service in the selection and preservation of permanently valuable public records will be inaugurated in Hong Kong this week.

The office will be temporarily housed at No. 1A Garden Road in Central until permanent accommodation is available at the new Murray Road Car Park building now under construction.

Its main functions are to help government offices evaluate, select and dispose of non-current records and to provide facilities for the safe custody and maintenance of records.

Documents held at the office will be made available for official reference and, under certain conditions, for private research.

The establishment of the Public Records Office of Hong Kong, follows the appointment of an archivist last year.

A government spokesman said today that the development of archive facilities was long overdue.

"A government's archives," he said, "are potentially one of the largest and most important resources for documentary research in almost any field of study."

Initially, the Public Records Office will form part of the Colonial Secretariat, but it may be necessary to set up a separate department later, with its powers and functions defined by legislation.

The spokesman said that an early start would be made on the training of staff and the development of archive services.

He said that the Public Records Office will be equipped with a reading room and reference library for public use. He added that facilities will also be provided for microfilming and document repair.

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KOWLOON FOOTHILLS ROAD CORRIDOR

A new highway linking the industrial centres of Kwai Chung and Kwun Tong will be completed by 1975.

Work is already under way on five of the 11 separate projects forming the \$140 million scheme, known as the Kowloon Foothills Road Corridor, and the others are being given high priority.

When the highway is completed in 1975, the entire route across the northern part of Kowloon will merge with the Kwai Chung Coastal Road. This will complete the important traffic route linking San Po Kong and Kwun Tong in the east and Kwai Chung and Tsuen Wan in the west.

A government spokesman pointed out today that the big increase in population occurring in these areas had resulted in a rapid growth in the volume of traffic using the route, and this would be further increased when the container terminals at Kwai Chung became operational.

"To cope with this traffic growth, it has become necessary to widen the existing carriageways in Ching Cheung Road and Lung Cheung Road and to construct flyovers at all major junctions," he said.

This will help sustain the capacity of the route and provide free-flowing traffic conditions.

Eight grade separated interchanges will be constructed along Lung Cheung Road at its junctions with Clear Water Bay Road, Hammer Hill Road, Po Kwong Road, Shatin Pass Road, Fung Mo Street, Lion Rock Tunnel Approach Road, Nam Cheong Street and Tai Po Road.

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Construction work on the Po Kwong, Fung Mo and Lion Rock Interchanges is now in progress and Lung Cheung Road and Ching Cheung Road are being widened to permit two-lane traffic in each direction. The existing grade separated interchanges at Tai Po Road and Castle Peak Road will also be improved.

Work on the Choi Hung, Piper's Hill and Tai Wor Ping Interchanges is about to start and that on the other items will begin at intervals over the next 12 months.

Meanwhile, to relieve congestion in Kwun Tong Road, an alternative route, forming part of the North-East Kowloon Corridor, is to be constructed. Wai Yip Street will be extended to join Kwun Tong Road about mid-way between Clear Water Bay Road and Ngau Tau Kok Road.

A flyover will also be constructed at the junction of the new road with Kwun Tong Road to allow both eastbound and westbound traffic to merge with and diverge from the main Kwun Tong Road traffic.

The date of completion for this multi-million dollar project is scheduled to coincide with that of the Kowloon Foothills Road Corridor.

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GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND HELPS EQUIP SCHOOL

The Outward Bound School is to receive a grant of almost \$350,000 from the Lotteries Fund for new equipment.

Most of the money will be used to replace the school launch which is beyond economic repair, and to obtain additional equipment for a recent expansion of courses.

The new 42 foot launch is being specially modified to meet the requirements of the school.

The other equipment to be acquired includes canoes, a 30 foot naval cutter and a fast rescue boat.

The School is run by the Outward Bound Trust, a non-profit-making organisation, for character training and personality development of young people.

It provides a variety of outdoor activities, including sailing and cross-country expeditions, and has now extended its activities to include special courses for girl and handicapped children.

In 1969, the Lotteries Fund made a grant of some \$224,000 to the school for buying basic equipment. Many items acquired then were second-hand and have now worn out.

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GOVERNOR PILOTS POLICE JET BOAT

The Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose, tried his hand at piloting a Marine Police jet launch this afternoon during a cruise on Deep Bay.

He remained at the helm of the 40-foot launch for about 15 minutes. During the trip he inspected the recently installed navigation beacons in the centre of the Bay.

The cruise in the jet boat was part of an informal afternoon spent with the Marine Police.

Accompanied by the Commissioner of Police, Mr. C.P. Sutcliffe, he flew to Tsim Bei Tsui in the New Territories, where he was met by the Assistant Commissioner of Police, New Territories, Mr. M.C. Illingworth, the Acting Assistant Commissioner of Police, Marine, Mr. H.J. Carlyle, and two other senior police officials.

After visiting the Brothers Islands, Sir Murray boarded one of the newest acquisitions of the Marine Police -- a 78-foot launch. Two of these launches arrived in Hong Kong earlier this month and are still in the hands of the Marine Department, although police crews are being trained to take them over.

A total of seven 78-foot launches have been ordered by the Marine Police.

The Governor was shown around the boat by the Marine Department's Surveyor General of Ships, Mr. R. Blacklock, and another Marine Department official.

Sir Murray returned to Hong Kong Island at 3.30 p.m.

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Note to Editors: Copies of a photograph showing the Governor, during his visit to the Marine Police, are distributed in the G.I.S. press boxes this (Wednesday) evening.

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QUIZ FOR TRAINEES FROM INSTITUTIONS

Trainees from five correctional and two voluntary institutions will take part in a quiz contest to be held on Friday (July 28).

The contest, sponsored by Mr. Mak Wing-hong, Principal Social Welfare Officer (Correctional Institutions), will be held at the O Pui Shan Boys' Home near Lai Chi Kok.

The aim of the competition is to enrich the common knowledge of the trainees and to broaden their scope of living so that when they return to society, they will become well-informed and contributing citizens.

Institutions participating are the Begonia Road Boys' Home, the Castle Peak Boys' Home, the Ma Tau Wei Girls' Home, the Kwun Tong Hostel, the O Pui Shan Boys' Home, the Juvenile Care Centre and the Society of Boys' Centres.

Questions on the subject of local news, sports news, Chinese Proverbs and member countries of the United Nations will be asked.

Mr. Leung Tin, a popular television star will be the adjudicator.

About 200 guests are expected to attend.

Note to Editors: You are welcome to send a reporter and/or photographer to have the contest covered. It begins at 2.30 p.m.

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PRIZES FOR EXHIBITION PHOTOGRAPHERS

The winning photographers of the "Hong Kong - The Changing Scene" photographic exhibition now being held at the City Hall will receive their prizes tomorrow.

The presentation will be made by Mr. Hilton Cheong-Leen, an Urban Councillor, at a ceremony to be held in the City Hall exhibition hall at 5.30 p.m.

The prizes include a gold trophy, a silver trophy and 10 bronze trophies. In addition, there will be tokens for the panel of judges and advisers. Certificates for successful entrants will be issued at the end of next month.

On display at the exhibition, organised by the City Museum and Art Gallery, are 640 photographs which tell a graphic and dramatic story of the changes of Hong Kong and the life in the city.

Of the exhibits, 200 have been selected from public entries. The rest are from the City Museum and Art Gallery's own collection, veteran photographers and various organisations.

The exhibition is drawing a daily average of 5,000 visitors. It is open daily at the City Hall exhibition hall from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sundays and public holidays inclusive, and will close on August 12.

Note to Editors: You are cordially invited to send a reporter and/or photographer to cover the presentation ceremony tomorrow (Thursday).

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DANGEROUS BUILDING

The building at No. 67 Wyndham Street has been declared dangerous by the Building Authority.

In a statement issued this morning the Principal Government Building Surveyor said that the three storey pre-war building had been under observation since the adjoining building, 69 Wyndham Street, was closed earlier this year.

The demolition of No. 69 progressed to the stage where the flank wall of No. 67, adjacent to No. 69, was exposed for examination and it is now seen to be badly fractured and is considered unstable.

The building has been vacated by the residents and as there is a danger of collapse, notice of intention to apply for a Closure Order in Victoria District Court at 9.30 a.m. August 23, 1972 was posted today.

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WATER INTERRUPTION IN WESTERN AND HUNG HOM

Water supply to a number of premises in the Western District on Hong Kong Island and in Hung Hom, Kowloon, will be interrupted for a number of hours on Thursday and Friday (July 27 - 28).

The supply will be turned off for eight hours from 10 p.m. on Thursday for certain premises in Western District, and will be switched off for five hours beginning from 1 a.m. on Friday, in the Hung Hom area.

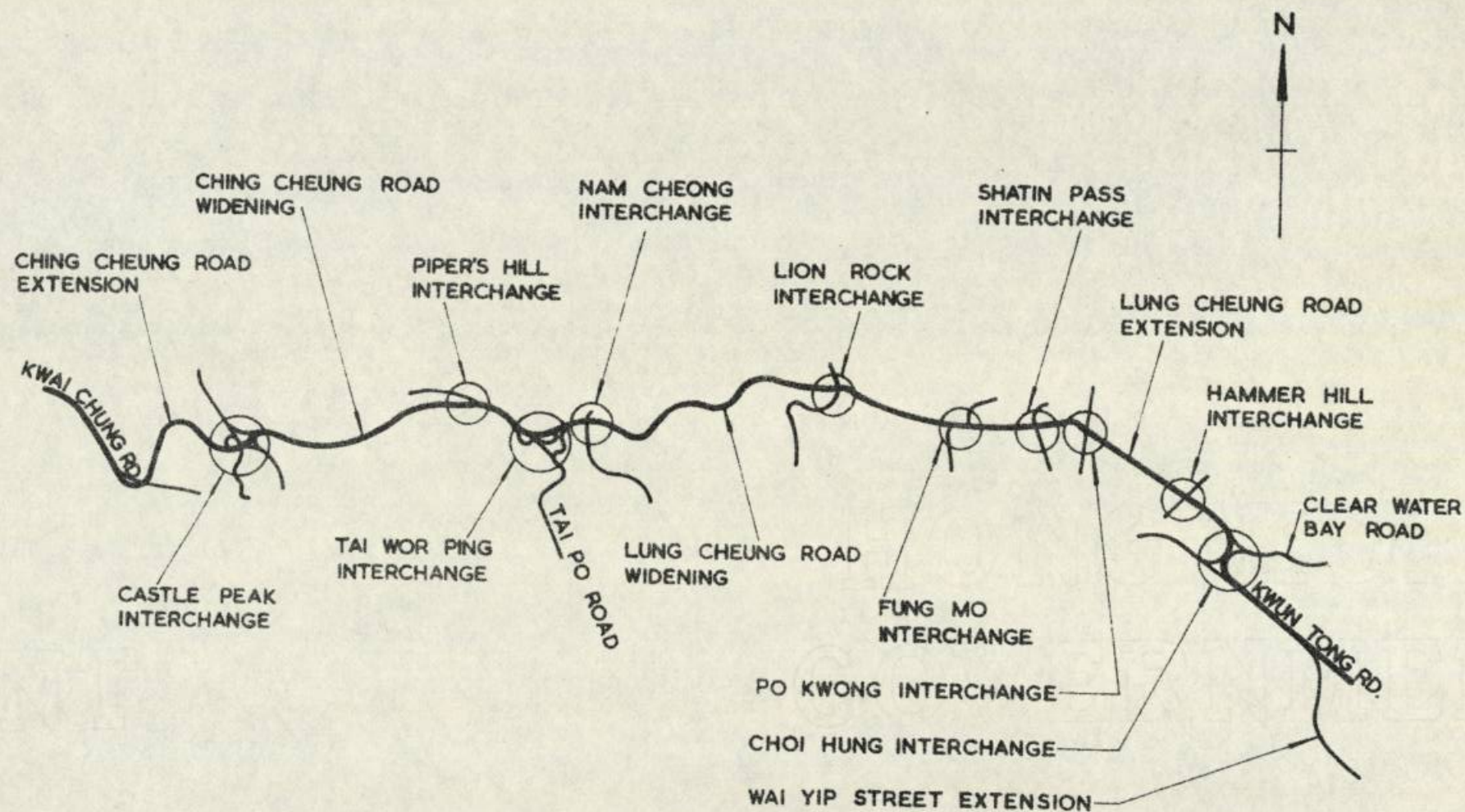
The temporary water stoppages are to enable the Waterworks Office to install a sluice valve at Pokfulam Road near Third Street, and to carry out a leakage test in Hung Hom.

The premises affected in Western District are those in High Street and Third Street; between Eastern Street and Pokfulam Road; Second Street between Eastern Street and Water Street; 3-25 Pokfulam Road; 360-374 Queen's Road West and Western Magistracy.

The area affected in Hung Hom is bounded by Lok Shan Road, Kowloon City Road, To Kwa Wan Road, Chi Kiang Street, Ma Tau Wei Road and Bailey Street.

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