



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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EXTENSION OF THE MODIFIED INITIAL SYSTEM
OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY TO TSUEN WAN
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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL THIS MORNING APPROVED A PROPOSAL BY THE BOARD OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION TO EXTEND THE MODIFIED INITIAL SYSTEM (MIS) OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY FROM PRINCE EDWARD STATION, MONGKOK, TO TSUEN WAN. THE LENGTH OF THE EXTENDED RAILWAY WILL THUS BE 26.3 KILOMETRES COMPARED WITH THE LENGTH OF THE MIS OF 15.6 KILOMETRES.

THE PLANNED EXTENSION FROM PRINCE EDWARD STATION WILL RUN THROUGH SHAM SHUI PO, SO UK, CHEUNG SHA WAN, LAI CHI KOK ONWARDS THROUGH KWAI CHUNG TO TSUEN WAN. THE EXTENSION WILL INCLUDE 11 NEW STATIONS AND THUS THE ENLARGED SYSTEM WILL HAVE 26 IN ALL.

THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION PLANS TO CONSTRUCT THE EXTENSION BETWEEN 1978 AND THE END OF 1982 AND THE ESTIMATED COST, INCLUDING AN ESCALATION FACTOR FOR INFLATION, BUT EXCLUDING INTEREST AND FINANCE CHARGES INCURRED DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD AND CROWN LAND PREMIA, WILL BE \$4,100 MILLION. EXCLUDING THE ESCALATION FACTOR, THE EXTENSION IS ESTIMATED TO COST ABOUT \$2,900 MILLION AT 1975 PRICES, OR ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF THE COST OF THE MODIFIED INITIAL SYSTEM.

THE CORPORATION PLANS TO FINANCE THE COST OF THE NEW EXTENSION ENTIRELY FROM LOANS. PUBLIC FUNDS WILL NOT BE INVOLVED AT ALL, ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE A FURTHER SMALL ADDITIONAL EQUITY INTEREST IN THE CORPORATION IN EXCHANGE FOR CROWN LAND PREMIA- AND, TO ASSIST THE CORPORATION IN THE EARLY YEARS OF OPERATION, EQUITY WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR PAYMENT OF RATES.

THE CORPORATION BELIEVES THAT ITS ESTIMATES OF COST ARE REALISTIC AND ITS FINANCIAL PLANNING PROVIDES FOR ALL LOANS FOR THE EXTENDED SYSTEM TO BE REPAID BY 1992.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE MODIFIED INITIAL SYSTEM PLUS THE EXTENSION TO TSUEN WAN COULD CARRY ABOUT 1.8 MILLION PASSENGERS DAILY BY THE MID 1980'S COMPARED WITH PREVIOUS ESTIMATES OF ABOUT 1 MILLION PASSENGERS FOR THE MODIFIED INITIAL SYSTEM ALONE.

THE EXTENSION OF THE M.T.R. TO TSUEN WAN UNDERLINES THE IMPORTANCE THE GOVERNMENT ATTACHES TO MEETING THE GROWING TRANSPORT NEEDS OF THE LARGE COMMUNITIES GROWING UP IN THE TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG, TSING YI AND TUEN MUN AREAS. THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS CORRIDOR WAS SHOWN IN THE COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORT STUDY COMPLETED IN 1976, WHICH SPECIFICALLY ESTABLISHED THE NEED FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE RAILWAY TO TSUEN WAN.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EXTENSION AND, OF COURSE, THE MODIFIED INITIAL SYSTEM ITSELF, WILL ENABLE THE RAILWAY TO CARRY LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE RAPIDLY THROUGH SOME OF THE MOST CROWDED PARTS OF HONG KONG, AND THE CONSEQUENT ALLEVIATION OF CONGESTION ON THE ROADS WILL BENEFIT THE ENTIRE POPULATION.

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THE MODIFIED INITIAL SYSTEM COMPENSATION SCHEME, INCLUDING EX-GRATIA COMPENSATION AND THE SYSTEM OF ADVANCE PAYMENTS, WILL APPLY TO THOSE AFFECTED BY THE EXTENSION.

THE DECISION TO APPROVE AN EARLY START ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EXTENSION HAS BEEN TAKEN IN THE LIGHT OF THE SATISFACTORY PROGRESS SO FAR MADE ON THE MODIFIED INITIAL SYSTEM. THE MODIFIED INITIAL SYSTEM IS NOW OVER 25 PER CENT COMPLETE AND IS STILL WITHIN THE ORIGINAL COST ESTIMATE. THE CORPORATION HAS TOLD THE GOVERNMENT THAT IT CONTINUES TO BE CONFIDENT THAT THE SYSTEM WILL BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE ORIGINAL COST ESTIMATE AND ON TIME. TO DELAY THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EXTENSION UNTIL THE MIS IS COMPLETED AND IN OPERATION WOULD MEAN THAT THE OVERALL COST OF THE SYSTEM WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BE GREATER- AND INCREASING TRAFFIC CONGESTION WOULD ALSO MAKE CONSTRUCTION MORE DIFFICULT AND MORE DISRUPTIVE TO THE PUBLIC. ALSO, AT THE PRESENT TIME IT IS BELIEVED THAT LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CAN BE RAISED ON FAVOURABLE TERMS.

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ACTIVITY APPROACH EXHIBITION A BIG HIT
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S EXHIBITION ON THE ACTIVITY APPROACH SCHEME IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS HAS PROVED A BIG SUCCESS -- PARTICULARLY WITH STUDENTS AND PARENTS.

HUNDREDS OF VISITORS VIEWED THE EXHIBITS ON DISPLAY TODAY AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND MANY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST IN THE SCHEME.

AMONG THE VISITORS TODAY WERE THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. COLVYN HAYE, AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (PRIMARY), MR. DAVID LEUNG.

MR. LEUNG SAID THE ACTIVITY APPROACH SCHEME WAS BECOMING INCREASINGLY POPULAR WITH BOTH TEACHERS AND STUDENTS AS IT GENERATED AMPLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN TO BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED AND LEARN BY DOING.

+THIS APPROACH IS BASED ON WELL ESTABLISHED CONCEPTS ABOUT HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT, ESPECIALLY THOSE ABOUT HOW YOUNG CHILDREN GROW AND LEARN.

+THROUGH IT CHILDREN CAN LEARN AT THEIR OWN PACE AND TEACHERS CAN DEVISE DIFFERENT PROGRAMMES TO SUIT DIFFERENT CHILDREN,+ SAID MR. LEUNG.

THE EXHIBITION FEATURES A SERIES OF TEACHING MATERIALS AND AIDS, PUPILS' WORKS, REFERENCE MATERIALS AS WELL AS GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE ACTIVITY APPROACH AND LEARNING PROCESSES IN VARIOUS SUBJECT AREAS.

IT WILL CLOSE AT 4.30 P.M. TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

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EAST KOWLOON POLYCLINIC TO OPEN NEXT MONDAY

THE NEW EAST KOWLOON POLYCLINIC AT HAMMER HILL, NGAU CHI WAN, WILL BEGIN OPERATION IN PHASES FROM NEXT MONDAY, PROVIDING FURTHER GENERAL OUT-PATIENT AND SPECIALIST SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS IN THE EAST KOWLOON REGION.

STAGE I OF THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT, NOW COMPLETED, COMPRISES A CHEST CLINIC AND A GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINIC WHICH WILL ALSO HOUSE A MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRE AND A FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC.

THE PROJECT, BUILT AT A COST OF SOME \$4 MILLION, IS THE FIRST OF SEVEN NEW GENERAL CLINICS PLANNED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR COMPLETION WITHIN THE NEXT FEW YEARS TO MEET THE INCREASING NEEDS FOR OUT-PATIENT SERVICES.

THE EAST KOWLOON POLYCLINIC WILL PROVIDE MAIN HEALTH SERVICES TO THE INCREASING POPULATION IN KWUN TONG, WONG TAI SIN, SAU MAU PING AND WANG TAU HOM. THE CHEST CLINIC, FOR INSTANCE, WILL PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR OUT-PATIENT CHEMOTHERAPY, THUS ENABLING HOSPITAL BEDS FOR THE TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS TO BE USED FOR OTHER CONDITIONS, PARTICULARLY HEART DISEASES.

THE NEW CHEST CLINIC WILL RELIEVE MUCH OF THE PRESSURE ON THE EXISTING GOVERNMENT CHEST CLINICS WHERE ATTENDANCES LAST YEAR EXCEEDED 1.5 MILLION.

CONSTRUCTION OF STAGE II OF THE POLYCLINIC WILL BEGIN SOON AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN 1979. WHEN FULLY OPERATIONAL, IT WILL PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION FOR SPECIALIST UNITS -- MEDICAL, SURGERY, ORTHOPAEDIC, PAEDIATRIC, OBSTETRIC AND GYNAECOLOGY, OPHTHALMIC AND EAR, NOSE AND THROAT.

THE ROYAL JOCKEY CLUB HAS DONATED \$1.3 MILLION TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION OF STAGE I OF THE POLYCLINIC.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EAST KOWLOON POLYCLINIC WILL BE OFFICIATED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, ON THURSDAY (JULY 21) AT 3.30 P.M. YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENT. DUE TO LIMITED SPACE, TV MEDIA ARE ADVISED TO USE HAND-HELD CAMERAS.

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FISHERMEN'S HOUSES RE-ROOFED

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THIRTY FISHERMEN'S FAMILIES ON MA WAN ISLAND NO LONGER HAVE TO PUT UP WITH LEAKING ROOFS - THEIR HOUSES HAVE BEEN RE-ROOFED THROUGH THE JOINT EFFORTS OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE AND A NORTH AMERICAN RELIEF AID AGENCY.

THIS IS THE THIRD TIME THAT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE COOPERATIVE FOR AMERICAN RELIEF EVERYWHERE (C.A.R.E.) HAVE COOPERATED IN HELPING THE FISHERMEN.

THE HOUSES HAVE BEEN RE-ROOFED TO THE DESIGN PREPARED BY THE WORKS SECTION OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, WITH FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE C.A.R.E.

A CEREMONY WAS HELD THIS MORNING TO MARK THE COMPLETION OF THE \$100,000 PROJECT, WORK ON WHICH STARTED EARLIER THIS YEAR.

TO EXPRESS THEIR THANKS, THE FISHERMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE, MR. NG CHAU, PRESENTED BANNERS TO OFFICIALS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DIRECTOR OF C.A.R.E. IN HONG KONG, MR. BILL SALAS.

MR. MICHAEL STONE, ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, TSUEN WAN, SAID: +BACK IN 1965, C.A.R.E. PROVIDED THE MONEY TO BUILD 24 OF THE 30 HOMES UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, WHILE THE FISHERMEN BUILT THE OTHER SIX THEMSELVES.+

IN 1975, MR. STONE ADDED, THE FISHERMEN APPROACHED THE DISTRICT OFFICE FOR HELP BECAUSE THE STAIRWAYS AND BALCONIES OF THE HOUSES HAD FALLEN INTO DISREPAIR.

SUBSEQUENTLY, UNDER THE JOINT EFFORTS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE C.A.R.E., RENOVATIONS WERE CARRIED OUT AT A COST OF \$10,000, ONE QUARTER OF WHICH WAS PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, HE SAID.

+LATE LAST YEAR, THE FISHERMEN AGAIN APPROACHED THE DISTRICT OFFICE AS THE ROOFS OF THEIR HOUSES HAD FALLEN INTO DISREPAIR AND HAD BEGUN TO LEAK.

+THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND C.A.R.E. AGAIN COMBINED FORCES AND HAVE THE HOUSES RE-ROOFED,+ HE SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SIR MURRAY TO VISIT YOUNG CREATORS AT WORK

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL OBSERVE HOW YOUNG CHILDREN ARE ENCOURAGED IN FREE EXPRESSION AND IMAGINATIVE THINKING DURING A VISIT TO THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES ON THURSDAY (JULY 21) AT THE ST. PAUL'S CONVENT SCHOOL (PRIMARY SECTION).

ONE OF THE EVENTS ORGANISED BY THE ASSOCIATION IS THE +JOY IN CREATION+, IN WHICH CHILDREN DISPLAY THEIR ARTISTIC AND CREATIVE TALENTS.

ABOUT 150 CHILDREN, DIVIDED INTO SMALL GROUPS OF THREES, WILL DEVELOP A +MASTER-PIECE+ AROUND A SPECIFIED THEME BY CO-OPERATIVE EFFORTS USING WASTE MATERIAL SUCH AS FOAM RUBBER, TIN AND WALLPAPER.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER SIR MURRAY'S VISIT WHICH WILL START FROM 10 A.M. AT THE OPEN GROUND ANNEX TO ST. PAUL'S CONVENT SCHOOL (PRIMARY SCHOOL).

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RTHK CELEBRATES THIRD JPC ANNIVERSARY

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RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG WILL HOLD A CELEBRATION PARTY FOR THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF JUNIOR POLICE CALL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) BETWEEN 2 P.M. AND 5 P.M. AT BROADCASTING HOUSE.

THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR. BRIAN SLEVIN AND THE CHIEF POLICE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER, MR. A.C. RENNIE, WILL ATTEND THE PARTY.

MR. DONALD KERR, ACTING DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING AND MR. SIMON LUN, CONTROLLER (TELEVISION) WILL BE PRESENT TO WELCOME THE GUESTS.

THE PARTY WILL INCLUDE A LUCKY DRAW, A PO LEUNG KUK RAFFLE DRAW, A COMEDY SHOW BY RTHK ARTISTES, A PET SHOW, A TALENT COMPETITION AND PRESENTATION OF SOUVENIRS TO THE 200,000TH JUNIOR POLICE CALL MEMBER.

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THE NEXT TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (T.O.E.F.L.)
WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 24.

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MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE EXAMINATIONS DIVISION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,
CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, TENTH FLOOR, 393 CANTON ROAD,
KOWLOON= OR THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIP SECTION, EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT, BONAVENTURE HOUSE, SECOND FLOOR, 91 LEIGHTON ROAD,
HONG KONG= OR THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION, 408
J. HOTUNG HOUSE, FOURTH FLOOR, 5-15 HANKOW ROAD, KOWLOON.

CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED TO READ THE BULLETIN CAREFULLY FOR
INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION PROCEDURE.

THEY SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS IN
PERSON, ALONG WITH THEIR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD OR PASSPORT, AND
TWO RECENT PHOTOGRAPHS (2-1/2" X 2"), TO THE EXAMINATIONS
DIVISION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES,
TENTH FLOOR, KOWLOON, BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 4 P.M. FROM JULY 25 TO
29.

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

THE TEST FEE OF \$95 PER CANDIDATE MUST BE PAID NOT LATER
THAN AUGUST 3, 1977 AT THE EXAMINATIONS DIVISION, EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 11TH FLOOR, 393
CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

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