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CANAL ROAD FLYOVER EXTENSION
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS ABOUT TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION WORK ON HONG KONG'S LONGEST FLYOVER TO DATE.

THIS IS THE CANAL ROAD FLYOVER EXTENSION WHICH WILL SPAN SOME 1,170 METRES FROM WATERFRONT ROAD TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE PROPOSED ABERDEEN TUNNEL WITHIN THE COLONIAL CEMETERY AT HAPPY VALLEY.

WORK ON THE MAIN CONTRACT, WORTH NEARLY \$62 MILLION, WILL BEGIN IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT THREE AND A HALF YEARS. THE ENTIRE PROJECT, WHICH INVOLVES OTHER ANCILLARY WORKS AND LAND ACQUISITION, WILL COST SOME \$85 MILLION.

THE MAIN CONTRACT FOR THE WORKS HAS BEEN AWARDED TO GAMMON (H.K) LTD. AND WAS FORMALLY SIGNED IN THE P.W.D. HEADQUARTERS TODAY.

MR. WONG MANG-KI, ACTING PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT HIGHWAY ENGINEER OF THE P.W.D.'S HIGHWAYS OFFICE SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT, WITH MR. J.E. WARD, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF GAMMON, SIGNING FOR THE COMPANY.

APART FROM EASING CONGESTION IN HAPPY VALLEY AND WAN CHAI AREAS, THE FLYOVER HAS BEEN DESIGNED AS PART OF A MAJOR ROUTE LINKING KOWLOON AND ABERDEEN.

+IT WILL CONNECT THE CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL INTERCHANGE WITH THE PROPOSED ABERDEEN TUNNEL FORMING A HIGH CAPACITY ROUTE BETWEEN KOWLOON AND THE SOUTHERN PART OF H.K. ISLAND,+ SAID MR. WONG.

+WHEN THE SCHEME IS FULLY COMPLETED,+ HE ADDED, +IT SHOULD REDUCE TRAVELLING TIME BETWEEN KOWLOON AND ABERDEEN TO ABOUT 15 MINUTES.+

PREQUALIFYING TENDERS FOR THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL, WHICH WILL RUN FROM HAPPY VALLEY TO WONG CHUK HANG, ARE CURRENTLY BEING PROCESSED AND TENDERS FOR ITS CONSTRUCTION ARE EXPECTED TO BE INVITED SOON, HE SAID.

IT IS ENVISAGED THAT THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL WILL BE READY IN THE EARLY 1980'S.

MR. WONG SAID WORK ON THE CANAL ROAD FLYOVER EXTENSION WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN THREE STAGES UNDER A COMPREHENSIVE WORKING PROGRAMME WHICH PROVIDED FOR MINIMAL INTERFERENCE WITH TRAFFIC FLOW DURING THE CONSTRUCTION STAGE.

+AT SOME STAGES IT WILL OF COURSE BE NECESSARY TO INTRODUCE TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS BUT EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO KEEP TRAFFIC MOVING WHILE WORK IS IN PROGRESS,+ HE SAID.

THE EXTENDED FLYOVER WILL RUN FROM CANAL ROAD FOLLOWING THE LINE OF LEIGHTON ROAD, MORRISON HILL ROAD AND WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD TO THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL NORTHERN ENTRANCE JUST BEYOND THE CEMETERIES.

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THE FLYOVER CONSISTS OF AN ELEVATED TWO-LANE DUAL CARRIAGEWAY -- PROVIDING FOUR LANES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES -- TOGETHER WITH SIX CONNECTING RAMPS TO GROUND LEVEL ROADS.

P.W.D. ROAD PLANNERS HAVE ALSO INCORPORATED A NETWORK OF SUBWAYS UNDER MORRISON HILL ROAD, WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD AND QUEEN'S ROAD EAST TO ENABLE PEDESTRIANS TO CROSS THE ROADS, PARTICULARLY DURING RACE MEETINGS, WITHOUT HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT MOTOR VEHICLES.

MR. WONG SAID WORKS WOULD ALSO BE CARRIED OUT TO IMPROVE THE GROUND LEVEL ROADS BY WIDENING AND REALIGNING SECTIONS OF LEIGHTON ROAD, MORRISON HILL ROAD, WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD AND QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

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SUMMER PRACTICAL COURSE FOR UNDERGRADS AT TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
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ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SIX MECHANICAL, INDUSTRIAL AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING UNDERGRADUATES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG ARE UNDERGOING A SUMMER PRACTICAL COURSE AT MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

THE NEED FOR PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IN MANUFACTURING AND WORKSHOP PROCESSES COMPLEMENTING AND AUGMENTING UNDERGRADUATE ENGINEERING COURSES IS WELL RECOGNISED. THE UNIVERSITY AND MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE HAVE WORKED TOGETHER TO PROVIDE A PROGRAMME OF WORKSHOP PRACTICE OF BASIC ENGINEERING SKILLS AIMED AT COMBINING WHAT THE STUDENTS HAVE OBSERVED OR EXPERIENCED IN THEIR ACADEMIC STUDIES, AND PROVIDE A PLATFORM FOR FUTURE STUDIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: THE ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL), MR. DANIEL WATERS AND THE ENGINEERING TRAINING OFFICER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, MR. F.A.L. TURNER WILL PAY A VISIT TO MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, OI KWAN ROAD, WANCHAI, HONG KONG TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT 2:00 P.M. TO SEE THE STUDENTS AT WORK. YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE VISIT COVERED.

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EX-GRATIA COMPENSATION FOR LIVING ACCOMMODATION
FOR DOMESTIC TENANTS OF RESUMED POST-WAR BUILDINGS
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THE EX-GRATIA COMPENSATION TO BE PAID BY THE GOVERNMENT TO DOMESTIC TENANTS OF POST-WAR BUILDINGS RESUMED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES WILL RANGE FROM \$17 TO \$22 PER SQUARE FOOT FOR LIVING ACCOMMODATION, DEPENDING ON THE AGE AND LOCATION OF THE PREMISES AFFECTED.

THESE RATES ARE BASED ON AN ANALYSIS OF TENANCY INQUIRY BUREAU AWARDS IN RESPECT OF PRE-WAR PREMISES.

THEY WILL ALSO RECEIVE EX-GRATIA COMPENSATION, BUT AT A REDUCED RATE PER SQUARE FOOT, FOR KITCHENS, TOILETS, BALCONIES AND STORAGE AREAS, PROVIDED THESE ARE NOT SHARED WITH OTHER FAMILIES.

COMMERCIAL TENANTS WILL BE PAID EX-GRATIA COMPENSATION RANGING FROM \$34 TO \$44 PER SQUARE FOOT FOR THEIR BUSINESS AREA, AND A REDUCED RATE FOR COCKLOFTS, TOILETS AND STORAGE SPACE.

+THIS EX-GRATIA COMPENSATION SCHEME FOR DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL TENANTS OF POST-WAR BUILDINGS REQUIRED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES CAME INTO FORCE ON JUNE 10, 1976,+ SAID A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY.

+IT WILL BE PAID IN TWO LUMP SUMS TO DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL TENANTS AFFECTED -- 50 PER CENT IN ADVANCE WHEN THEY SIGN AGREEMENTS TO LEAVE THEIR PREMISES, AND THE OTHER 50 PER CENT AFTER THEY VACATE THE PREMISES.+

AMONG THE FIRST PEOPLE TO GET THESE EX-GRATIA COMPENSATION PAYMENTS WILL BE TENANTS OF A TENEMENT BLOCK IN SHEK KU LUNG ROAD, KOWLOON CITY, WHICH MUST BE DEMOLISHED TO MAKE WAY FOR A MUCH-NEEDED FLYOVER TO KAITAK AIRPORT.

THESE PREMISES HAVE ALREADY BEEN MEASURED BY THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT AND DETAILS OF EX-GRATIA COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO ALL TENANTS ARE NOW BEING CALCULATED AND WILL BE PASSED ON TO THEM AS SOON AS THEY ARE FINALISED.

EXPLAINING THE TIME NEEDED TO CALCULATE THESE AMOUNTS, THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT VARIOUS CLAIMS HAD BEEN MADE BY PRINCIPAL TENANTS, TENANTS AND SUB-TENANTS OF SOME PREMISES AND THESE HAD TO BE FULLY INVESTIGATED AND DECIDED SO THAT IN EACH CASE THE RIGHT PERSON WOULD GET THE COMPENSATION.

ALL TENANTS AND OWNER-OCCUPIERS OF DOMESTIC PREMISES ELIGIBLE UNDER HOUSING AUTHORITY RULES WILL ALSO BE OFFERED RE-HOUSING.

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THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IF EITHER DOMESTIC OR COMMERCIAL TENANTS FELT THEY COULD RECEIVE MORE COMPENSATION THEN THE EX-GRATIA AMOUNTS OFFERED BY THE GOVERNMENT, THEY WERE ENTITLED TO MAKE CLAIMS, WHICH IF NOT ACCEPTED COULD EVENTUALLY BE CONSIDERED BY THE LANDS TRIBUNAL BUT THEY STILL HAD TO VACATE THE PREMISES AS REQUIRED. IF THE AMOUNT AWARDED BY THE TRIBUNAL WAS GREATER THAN THE GOVERNMENT'S INITIAL OFFER, THEN THE GOVERNMENT WOULD MAKE UP THE BALANCE.

THE EX-GRATIA COMPENSATION DOES NOT APPLY TO OCCUPANTS OF TEMPORARY STRUCTURES OR ROOFTOP STRUCTURES, FOR WHOM THERE ARE SEPARATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ASSISTANCE.

APART FROM THE TENEMENT BLOCK AT SHEK KU LUNG ROAD, OTHER PREMISES IMMEDIATELY AFFECTED BY RESUMPTIONS FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES INCLUDE SOME BUILDINGS IN NATHAN ROAD, TAI PO ROAD AND SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET NEEDED FOR WORK ON THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY, SOME BUILDINGS IN WANCHAI NEEDED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE CANAL ROAD MARKET AND ADJOINING ROADWORKS, AND OTHER BUILDINGS NEEDED FOR THE URBAN RENEWAL SCHEME.

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BUILDING CORPORATIONS URGED TO USE THEIR NAMES CORRECTLY
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MEMBERS OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES AND OTHERS INTERESTED IN BUILDINGS IN RESPECT OF WHICH CORPORATIONS HAVE BEEN FORMED WERE TODAY ADVISED THAT THEY SHOULD ENSURE THAT THE NAMES OF THEIR CORPORATIONS WERE CORRECTLY USED SO AS TO AVOID UNNECESSARY DIFFICULTIES OR CONFUSION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LAND OFFICE SAID THAT THIS PARTICULARLY APPLIED TO LETTERHEADS, NOTICES AND CHEQUE BOOKS.

HE ADDED THAT THE NAMES OF CORPORATIONS FORMED UNDER THE MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS (OWNERS INCORPORATION) ORDINANCE MUST BE IN A CERTAIN FORM, WHICH INCLUDES THE WORDS +THE INCORPORATED OWNERS OF+ FOLLOWED BY THE NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF THE BUILDING.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IT HAD BEEN DRAWN TO HIS ATTENTION RECENTLY THAT SOME MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES OR OTHER PERSONS HAD NOT BEEN USING THE CORRECT NAMES UNDER WHICH THEIR CORPORATIONS WERE REGISTERED.

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REMINDER TO PARENTS AND SCHOOLS REGARDING
SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLIES
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ACTION COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLIES AND THE CONSUMER COUNCIL TODAY ISSUED A REMINDER TO SCHOOL TO THE EFFECT THAT THEY SHOULD NOT RESTRICT THE SALE OF SCHOOL BOOKS, UNIFORMS AND OTHER SUPPLIES TO ONE SUPPLIER AND PRICES FOR THESE ITEMS SHOULD BE KEPT AS LOW AS POSSIBLE.

AT THE SAME TIME, PARENTS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY ARE FREE TO PURCHASE SCHOOL SUPPLIES WHERE THEY WISH.

IT WAS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO REMIND SCHOOLS AND PARENTS OF THESE POINTS AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR WHEN SO MANY SCHOOLS AND CHILDREN WERE PREPARING FOR THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR.

SPOKESMAN FOR THE ACTION COMMITTEE AND THE CONSUMER COUNCIL REMARKED THAT IT WAS PLEASING TO NOTE THAT SCHOOL AUTHORITIES HAD ACTED SO RESPONSIBLY IN FOLLOWING THE CODE OF PRACTICE SINCE IT WAS FIRST ISSUED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN JANUARY 1975. IT WAS HOPED THAT SCHOOL AUTHORITIES, PARENTS AND PUPILS WOULD CONTINUE TO CO-OPERATE.

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SWD DISTRICT OFFICE MOVES
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION, SITUATED AT SHEK LEI WELFARE BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, TSUEN WAN, WILL MOVE TO ITS NEW PREMISES ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 5).

FROM THAT DAY IT WILL OPERATE AT KWAI KING BUILDING, 31 KWONG FAI CIRCUIT, 1ST FLOOR, KWAI CHUNG.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, WHICH WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED, ARE:

SUPERVISOR - 12-212043
CASEWORKERS - 12-213488
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NEW AIRPORT GENERAL MANAGER ASSUMES DUTY

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AN EXPERIENCED CIVIL AVIATION MAN AND A FAMILIAR FACE TO HONG KONG, MR. KEN SMITH HAS ARRIVED FROM AUSTRALIA AND ASSUMED DUTY TODAY (TUESDAY) AS THE AIRPORT GENERAL MANAGER.

HE SUCCEEDS MR. H.M. (JOHNNY) JOHNSTON WHO LEFT LAST MONTH ON COMPLETION OF HIS AGREEMENT.

MR. SMITH'S ASSOCIATION WITH KAI TAK BEGAN IN FEBRUARY 1973 WHEN, FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF A PREVIOUS AIRPORT GENERAL MANAGER, MR. BILL MORGAN, HE WAS SECONDED TO HONG KONG FROM THE MELBOURNE (TULLAMARINE) AIRPORT WHERE HE WAS SENIOR DIRECTOR.

WELL-KNOWN FOR HIS PROFESSIONALISM AND EXPERTISE IN THIS FIELD, MR. SMITH FIRST JOINED THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION, AUSTRALIA IN 1950 AND HAS SINCE HELD VARIOUS RESPONSIBLE POSTS, INCLUDING 10 YEARS AS AIRPORT MANAGER AT ESSENDON AIRPORT AND AIRPORT DIRECTOR OF MELBOURNE AIRPORT.

HONOURS BESTOWED ON HIM INCLUDE A DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS AND A MENTION IN DESPATCHES DURING THE WAR.

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TANNERS MEET DEADLINE

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THE 55 TANNERY OPERATORS AT SHEUNG SHUI CONTINUED TO CLEAR THEIR SITES TODAY (TUESDAY) AFTER A GOVERNMENT INSPECTION TEAM HAD SATISFIED ITSELF THAT THE OPERATORS HAD MET AN 8 A.M. DEADLINE FOR THE REMOVAL OF ALL THEIR HEAVY MACHINERY.

THE OPERATORS HAVE ANOTHER 17 DAYS -- UNTIL AUGUST 20 -- TO REMOVE THE REST OF THEIR POSSESSIONS AND TO DEMOLISH THEIR STRUCTURES.

DISTRICT OFFICER TAIPO, MR. CLIVE OXLEY, HEADED A TEAM OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO TOURED THE TANNERIES EARLY THIS MORNING TO ENSURE THAT THE HEAVY MACHINERY HAD BEEN REMOVED IN TIME.

+ALL THE OPERATORS HAD COMPLIED WITH THE DEADLINE AND THEY HAVE CO-OPERATED SO WELL THAT I AM SURE THEY'LL MEET THE AUGUST 20 DEADLINE,+ HE SAID.

+IN THE MEANTIME, STAFF FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL BE MAKING A DAILY CHECK TO SEE THAT THE CLEARANCE IS PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY,+ HE ADDED.

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WATER CUT
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN WAN CHAI AND TSUEN WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 5) TO ALLOW THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

IN WAN CHAI, THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY MARSH ROAD, GLOUCESTER ROAD, FLEMING ROAD AND THE NORTH SIDE OF HENNESSY ROAD.

IN TSUEN WAN, THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY SHA TSUI ROAD, KWAN MUN HAU STREET, CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND TAI HO ROAD, INCLUDING CHUEN LUNG STREET, HOI PA STREET, TSUEN WAN MARKET STREET, SIU WO STREET, CHUNG ON STREET AND HAM TIN STREET.

ALSO ON THURSDAY, WATER SUPPLY TO THE WHOLE OF AP LEI CHAU, INCLUDING THE POWER STATION OF THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 P.M.

THIS IS TO ENABLE THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO INSTALL A VALVE TO A SUBMARINE MAIN AT TIN WAN BREAK WATER.

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