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FINAL LINK IN CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL ROAD PROJECT OPENS

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The final section of the Cross Harbour Tunnel Connections Road project, the Marsh Road Flyover, will be open to traffic at 10 a.m. on Thursday (September 14).

The 800-foot flyover, consisting of a 22-foot wide carriageway, provides access to the future development on the eastern part of Wan Chai reclamation, the Cargo Handling Area and the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club.

It begins at the junction of Lockhart Road and Marsh Road and spans Jaffe Road, Gloucester Road and Waterfront Road, ending at the Wan Chai reclamation.

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Constructed at a cost of $2.5 million, the flyover took just over two years to complete.

A spokesman for the Consultants Management Division of the Public Works Department recalled that during the construction of the foundation, restrictions due to the proximity of the buildings had to be overcome.

In some cases, he said, concrete piles of up to 80 feet long and weighing 12 tons had to be handled within inches of buildings.

With the opening of the Marsh Road Flyover, motorists are advised that the existing temporary connection between the Wan Chai Ferry Concourse and the road east of the concourse will be closed.

West bound traffic from the Cargo Handling Area and the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club areas should use the new flyover.

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EXPORTS OF CERTAIN TEXTILE ITEMS TO U.S. TO BE RESUMED

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The Acting Director of Commerce and Industry, Mr. J.D. McGregor, announced today that the export of man-made-fibre knit fabrics in Category 211 and other textile items to the United States, during the current textile year, can now be resumed.

This agreement was reached during discussions with the United States Government in Washington last week.

The Commerce and Industry Department is now in the process of informing the companies which have applied for export authorisations in respect of these items of the arrangements under which the exports may be made.

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FOUR NEW PLAYGROUNDS FOR CHAI WAN

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Four more playgrounds, totalling about 1.5 acres, have been built for residents in the Chai Wan Resettlement Estates, bringing to almost seven acres the amount of land developed there for recreation.

The new playgrounds consist of a mini-soccer pitch, three basketball courts, a badminton-cum-volleyball court, two children's playgrounds and a rest garden.

The completion of the playgrounds is another step towards the Urban Council's target of providing adequate recreational facilities in densely populated areas.

Other projects being planned for the Chai Wan District include the extension of the existing Chai Wan Park to incorporate the former "Boy Scout Hill" which will be turned into a contour park with pavilions and seating platforms.

It is also planned to build a group of four rest gardens along Chai Wan Road, adjacent to the bus terminus.

Meanwhile, the first public playground on Lamma Island has been completed.

The playground, measuring about 7,000 square feet, is situated near the Yung Shue Wan Village. It consists of several terraces, each provided with park benches and items of playground equipment.

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ANOTHER GROUP OF DISABLED PEOPLE FOUND "OPEN" EMPLOYMENT

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Thirty-one disabled people were assisted by the Social Welfare Department's Liaison and Placement Unit into commercially-competitive jobs during August.

The group included 17 crippled, eight deaf, two former mental patients, two cured tuberculosis patients, one blind and one mentally retarded.

They were accepted into "open" industry -- as opposed to sheltered workshops -- as unskilled and semi-skilled workers. The jobs ranged from employment in a garment factory to carpentry.

Topping the list of industrial organisations taking on disabled during the month was the Swiss Plating Corporation Limited, which accepted 13.

This large placement became possible when the management decided to divide the group into different shifts so that some could work in the morning, others in the afternoon and others at night. All entered the factory as general workers.

The Lever Garment Factory accepted a group of six, engaging them all as sewers.

The Commerce and Industry Department took on a blind person as a telephone operator, and the Urban Services Department employed a crippled man for cleansing duties.

Mr. Chan Shiu-wing, Acting Officer in charge of the Unit, says the August total, though only slightly better than July's 28, was still satisfactory because students on holiday were still in the market competing for temporary jobs.

He expects the position to improve in September when schools and the universities re-open.

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ILLEGAL HAWKER STALLS CLEARED IN NGAU CHI WAN

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Staff of the Resettlement Department this morning removed about 50 illegal hawker stalls situated on the pavement along Lung Cheung Road in Ngau Chi Wan to make way for a flyover.

About 40 hawkers trading there have been given an alternative site in nearby Hammer Hill Bazaar.

All the hawkers removed their wares late last night and when Squatter Control Staff arrived this morning they found the illegal structures had already been vacated.

There was no opposition and the operation went off smoothly.

As soon as the demolition work was completed construction gangs moved in to begin work on the $20 million flyover complex which is connected with the Kowloon Foothills Corridor.

A government spokesman said work on the flyover project had to proceed immediately because tenders for the job had already been accepted.

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WATER INTERRUPTION IN MID LEVELS

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Water supply to certain premises in the midlevels will be turned off for eight hours beginning from 10 p.m. tomorrow (September 13).

The temporary stoppage will enable the Waterworks Office to connect fresh water mains.

The area affected includes Nos. 6A - 6B Fairwind Manor in Seymour Road, Nos. 25A - 53 Seymour Road and Nos. 144 - 158 Caine Road.

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