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\$115 MILLION AIRPORT TUNNEL ROAD

Work To Begin In June

Site investigation of the \$115 million airport tunnel road is already in hand and construction work is expected to start in June this year.

The tunnel road is to be used for vehicular traffic and it will constitute an important part of the North-East Kowloon Road Network. When completed, not only will the tunnel road relief traffic congestion in the Kowloon City area, it will also serve as a main access route to the fast developing town of Kwun Tong.

The airport tunnel road starts at the western end with the main approach ramp in Kowloon City Road. It then passes under the airport runway, the aircraft parking apron and the link taxiway before rising to cross Kai Tak Nullah by a bridge, and terminates on the eastern end at ground level on Kowloon Bay Reclamation.

The tunnel road is about 2,800 feet long. It is designed as a twin box section with two dual carriageways, one in each direction. The width of the carriageway is 24 feet and the verticle clearance is 16 feet 9 inches.

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Ventilation of the tunnel will be provided from ducts at each side of the main structure fed from a ventilation building at the eastern end.

The construction of the tunnel is by the cut-and-cover method. Work programme of the construction shall be so phased that it will not interfere with the Government's overall scheme for expanding the facilities of the Hong Kong Airport. Furthermore, every possible measure shall be made to ensure that the traffic handling capacity of the airport will continue smoothly.

Construction of the tunnel road running through the airport is expected to be completed towards the end of 1974.

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NEW POST OFFICE TO OPEN

At Junction Of Tonkin Street and Po On Road

The Post Office announced today that a new Post Office located at the junction of Tonkin Street and Po On Road will be open at 9.00 a.m. tomorrow (Tuesday), April 4, 1972.

The new office to be known as Lei Cheng Uk Post Office is to replace the present So Uk Post Office.

Except for acceptance of insured letters and boxes, a full range of Post Office business will be transacted.

The hours of business will be 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. from Mondays to Fridays; and 9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. on Saturdays. On Sundays and Holidays it will be closed.

A stamp vending machine has been installed to give a 24-hour availability of 10-cent stamps.

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MEDICAL AND HEALTH STATISTICS

For Week Ended March 4

Statistics released by the Medical and Health Department for the week ended March 4 are as follows:

Notifications of infectious cases (previous week's figures in brackets) - total: 312 (300); bacillary dysentery --11 (10); chickenpox - 26 (34); enteric fever (typhoid) - 4 (13); leprosy - 1 (1); measles - 22 (54); ophthalmia neonatorum - 3(1); and tuberculosis - 245 (186).

Births - total registered: 1,726 -- 412 on Hong Kong Island, 1,032 in Kowloon, and 282 in the New Territories.

Deaths - 387 from all causes -- 132 on Hong Kong Island, 234 in Kowloon and 21 in the New Territories.

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ANTI-POLIO CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

More Than 16,000 Doses Given In Three Weeks

A total of 5,240 doses of anti-polio vaccine were given to babies and small children during the week ended March 18.

Of these, 1,534 were first doses, 1,690 second doses and 2,016 boosters.

They bring to 16,031 the total number of doses administered since the drive began on February 28, 1972.

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CLEANSING DAY AT NGAU TAU KOK RESETTLEMENT ESTATE

Major Effort By Young People To Mark Children's Day 1972

More than 540 young people between 12 and 25 will mark Children's Day next Tuesday, April 4, with a major cleansing effort in the Ngau Tau Kok Resettlement Estate.

The project has been organised by a group headed by Mrs. Margaret Au, Officer in charge of the Ngau Tau Kok Estate Community Work Office, Social Welfare Department.

The YWCA is sponsoring the project, and assisting organisations include the Resettlement Department's Ngau Tau Kok Estate Office, the Urban Services Department, and the Jordan Valley Chiu Chow Clansman's Association.

The 540 participants come from the Student and Youth Section of the YWCA, the Estate itself, and primary five and six pupils of schools in the Estate.

Mrs. Au says the project is the first to be arranged by the Group and Community Work Division's office in the Ngau Tau Kok Estate. The aim is to encourage young people to take part in community service, and to emphasise the importance of environmental sanitation.

Areas to be cleaned will comprise playgrounds, football fields, basketball fields, and all open spaces and corridors in the Estate. To do the job, volunteers will assemble in groups of five, under a leader.

An interesting sideline will be follow-up donations to the Community Chest, because the participants intend to approach relatives and friends for contributions "matching" the amount of refuse collected -- on the basis of so much per basket.

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In the Tai Hang Tung area, Children's Day will be marked by a games rally organised by six children's groups attached to the Tai Hang Tung Community Centre.

More than 240 children will take part in the rally, conceived and carried out by the children's groups as part of the "Children for Children" scheme of the Group and Community Work Division's spring programme.

The rally will be held in the Centre's assembly hall, ball court and car park. There will be group games and competitions, climaxing with a distribution of prizes collected and wrapped by the children themselves.

In Wanchai, Children's Day this year is being marked with a fun fair for 1,500 in the Wanchai Kaifong Welfare Association School, starting at 2 p.m.

The function is being sponsored by the Social Welfare Department's District Community Work Office for Wanchai, and was organised by the Wanchai Youth Social Service Team, with the assistance of a number of district secondary schools and groups.

Mr. Ko Kai-man, District Community Officer, will perform the opening ceremony. He says the function is intended to help create good relations among the social service groups in the Wanchai area. The fair will comprise 15 stalls.

Note to editors: You are invited to have all these functions covered.

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Release Time: 3.00 p.m.