



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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SAN SHAN INTERCHANGE
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY AWARDED A \$45 MILLION CONTRACT FOR A MAJOR SECTION OF A NEW HIGH-CAPACITY ROUTE DESIGNED TO CUT TRAVELLING TIME BETWEEN CONGESTED KWUN TONG AND URBAN KOWLOON.

THE CONTRACT IS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SAN SHAN INTERCHANGE IN TO KWA WAN -- ONE OF THE KEY LINKS IN THE SIX-KILOMETRE ROUTE WHICH IN PART WILL CARRY TRAFFIC UNDER THE AIRPORT RUNWAY.

THE CONTRACT FOR THE INTERCHANGE HAS BEEN AWARDED TO KUMAGAI GUMI (H.K.) LIMITED AND WAS FORMALLY SIGNED IN THE P.W.D. HEADQUARTERS THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

MR. CHOW CHE-KING, CHIEF P.W.D. ENGINEER OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE'S CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION, WHO SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT, SAID CONSTRUCTION WORK WOULD START ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AND WOULD TAKE ABOUT TWO-AND-A-HALF YEARS.

HE SAID THE WORKS WOULD BASICALLY INVOLVE CONSTRUCTION OF A SUNKEN ROAD ABOUT 280 METRES LONG TO LINK KOWLOON CITY ROAD WITH THE WESTERN ENTRANCE OF THE AIRPORT TUNNEL ROAD WHICH HAS VIRTUALLY BEEN COMPLETED.

+AS PART OF THE CONTRACT, THE EXISTING SAN SHAN ROAD WILL ALSO BE EXTENDED TO KOWLOON CITY ROAD WHICH WILL ALSO BE WIDENED AT THE JUNCTION WHERE SEVERAL SLIP ROADS AND RAMPS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR SMOOTH TRAFFIC FLOW,+ HE SAID.

+IN ADDITION, THE SECTION OF SUNG WONG TOI ROAD BETWEEN OLYMPIC AVENUE AND KOWLOON CITY ROAD WILL BE REALIGNED AND WIDENED TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC.+

MR. CHOW SAID THE NEED FOR PEDESTRIANS TO CROSS THE ROADS IN SAFETY HAD ALSO BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY THE P.W.D. ROAD PLANNERS AND ADEQUATE PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES WOULD BE PROVIDED.

+THESE WILL INCLUDE A MAJOR FOOTBRIDGE AT THE BUSY JUNCTION OF KOWLOON CITY ROAD AND SAN SHAN ROAD,+ HE SAID.

MR. CHOW SAID THE ENTIRE SCHEME -- KNOWN AS ROUTE 3 -- WOULD COST AN ESTIMATED \$300 MILLION AND SHOULD BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC IN 1980.

+SAN SHAN INTERCHANGE IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS SCHEME AND IS THE FIRST OF THREE SEPARATE INTERCHANGES ALONG THIS ROUTE.

+THE NEXT PHASE WILL BE THE CONSTRUCTION OF WU HU INTERCHANGE NEAR THE CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL AT HUNG HOM WHICH WILL CONNECT WITH SAN SHAN INTERCHANGE VIA A 1,100-METRE ELEVATED ROAD OVER KOWLOON CITY ROAD.

+WORK ON THIS PHASE IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN EARLY NEXT YEAR AND WILL COMPLETE THE WESTERN APPROACHES TO THE TUNNEL ROAD,+ HE SAID.

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THE AIRPORT TUNNEL LINK CUTS DIAGONALLY ABOUT 130 METRES UNDER THE RUNWAY AND WAS BUILT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RECENT EXTENSION OF THE AIRPORT RUNWAY. THE TUNNEL IS STRUCTURALLY COMPLETE.

RUNNING EAST FROM THE TUNNEL, ROUTE 3 WILL CROSS THE KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION WHERE THE P.W.D.'S PORT WORKS DIVISION HAS ALREADY FORMED SOME 180 HECTARES OF LAND FOR FUTURE ROAD AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS. A FURTHER 26 HECTARES WILL BE RECLAIMED BY THE MIDDLE OF 1979.

AT PRESENT, WORK IS ALREADY IN PROGRESS ON ONE OF THE ROADS TO CONNECT WAI YIP STREET EXTENSION WITH A THIRD INTERCHANGE TO BE BUILT AT THE EASTERN END OF THE TUNNEL.

SAID MR. CHOW : +WHEN FULLY COMPLETED, THE NEW ROUTE WILL NOT ONLY PROVIDE A SHORTER AND FASTER ROUTE BETWEEN KWUN TONG AND HUNG HOM, BUT WILL ALSO CONSIDERABLY EASE CONGESTION IN NORTH-EAST KOWLOON.+

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FIGHT AGAINST VIOLENT CRIME STEPPED-UP

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THE TIME IS NOW RIPE TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN TIES BETWEEN THE FIGHT VIOLENT CRIME COMMITTEE (FVCC) AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CITY DISTRICT FIGHT VIOLENT CRIME COMMITTEES SO AS TO BRING ABOUT A MORE EFFECTIVE LIAISON AND A MORE DIRECT CO-OPERATION, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR. DENIS BRAY SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FIGHT VIOLENT CRIME COMMITTEE, HE SAID THAT THE FVCC HAD ALL ALONG RELIED VERY MUCH ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, KAIFONGS AND AREA COMMITTEES AS WELL AS CITY DISTRICT CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEES TO PROVIDE IT WITH FEEDBACK AND IDEAS.

IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, MR. BRAY SAID, THE EFFORTS OF THE FVCC HAD BORNE FRUIT.

+THIS SUCCESS IS DUE AS MUCH TO THE INCREASING CO-OPERATION, SUPPORT AND INVOLVEMENT OF THE PUBLIC AS THE DETERMINATION OF THE GOVERNMENT AND TO THE POLICE'S UNFLINCHING EFFORTS,+ HE SAID.

+HOWEVER, WE MUST NOT BE COMPLACENT. WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO AND CLOSER CO-OPERATION AND MORE ACTIVE SUPPORT IS REQUIRED FROM THE PUBLIC IF WE EVER HOPE TO EFFECTIVELY REDUCE CRIME.+

MR. BRAY STRESSED: +THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME IS ONE WHICH INVOLVES US ALL.

+SUCCESS CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED IF EVERY ONE OF US CONTRIBUTE OUR SHARE AND DO OUR PART AND PUT UP A CONCERTED EFFORT AGAINST THE CRIMINALS WHO PLAGUED US.+

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MOVES TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN N.P.

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE WAS BEING DONE TO ALLEVIATE THE CURRENT TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN KING'S ROAD, NORTH POINT AND SOME IMPROVEMENT IN THE SITUATION WAS ALREADY BECOMING NOTICEABLE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME INTRODUCED TO MAKE THE AFFECTED SECTIONS OF KING'S ROAD INTO AN URBAN CLEARWAY SHOULD BEGIN TO TAKE HOLD IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS AS THE DRIVERS OF TAXIS AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES COME TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY CANNOT PICK UP OR LET DOWN PASSENGERS IN THE AREA.+

HE ADDED THAT THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY HAD AGREED TO WORK UP TO 11 O'CLOCK AT NIGHT SO THAT THE ROAD WORKS IN ELECTRIC ROAD, WHICH WERE THE BASIC CAUSE OF THE PRESENT PROBLEM, WOULD BE COMPLETED IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME.

+THEY FEEL THAT THE MOST PROBLEMATIC SECTION OF THE WORK SHOULD BE COMPLETED WITHIN FIVE WEEKS, AND AT THAT TIME THE WORST OF THE PROBLEM SHOULD BE OVER,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT KING'S ROAD AND ELECTRIC ROAD/JAVA ROAD PROVIDED THE ONLY ROAD LINKS FOR THE INCREASINGLY HUGE VOLUME OF TRAFFIC MOVING BETWEEN CAUSEWAY BAY AND NORTH POINT, QUARRY BAY AND CHAI WAN.

BECAUSE OF THE HUGE GROWTH AND INCREASED ACTIVITY IN THESE AREAS IN RECENT YEARS, THESE TWO ROADS WERE NOW UNABLE TO COPE EASILY WITH TRAFFIC EVEN UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS.

AT THE MOMENT, THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY WAS REINFORCING ITS EXTRA HIGH TENSION CABLE NETWORK FROM ITS NORTH POINT POWER STATION IN ELECTRIC ROAD TO KAM PING STREET -- A VITAL LINK IN THE POWER NETWORK MADE NECESSARY BY THE MUSHROOMING GROWTH OF NORTH POINT, WHERE POWER CONSUMPTION WAS INCREASING AT THE RATE OF 13 PER CENT COMPOUND EVERY YEAR.

TO ALLOW THIS WORK TO BE DONE, HALF OF ELECTRIC ROAD HAS HAD TO BE CLOSED, ALLOWING ONLY FOR EASTBOUND TRAFFIC. ALL WESTBOUND TRAFFIC HAD TO USE KING'S ROAD, WHICH WAS UNABLE TO MEET THE EXTRA TRAFFIC LOAD.

AS THE PRESENT URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS IN KING'S ROAD BEGIN TO TAKE HOLD THERE WOULD BE SOME IMPROVEMENT IN THE SITUATION, BUT NO MARKED IMPROVEMENTS IN THE SITUATION WOULD BE POSSIBLE UNTIL ELECTRIC ROAD COULD BE RE-OPENED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.

FOR THIS REASON, THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY WOULD PUSH AHEAD AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE WITH THE LAYING OF THE EXTRA HIGH TENSION CABLE IN THE NARROW SECTION OF ELECTRIC ROAD BETWEEN POWER STREET AND NORTH POINT ROAD.

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THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +BY WORKING INTO THE NIGHT, IT IS HOPED THAT THIS SECTION OF ROAD CAN BE RE-OPENED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC IN ABOUT FIVE WEEKS' TIME, WHICH WILL TAKE A GREAT DEAL OF THE STRAIN OFF KING'S ROAD, BECAUSE ONCE THE CABLE-LAYING GETS INTO JAVA ROAD AT THE END OF ELECTRIC ROAD, THE EXTRA WIDTH OF THE ROAD IN THE JAVA ROAD SECTION WILL ALLOW FOR THE RESUMPTION OF TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS WELL AWARE OF THE INADEQUACY OF ROAD LINKS BETWEEN CAUSEWAY BAY AND THE NORTH POINT/ QUARRY BAY/CHAI WAN AREA, AND IT WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT THE AMBITIOUS ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR SCHEME HAD BEEN DEVISED.

STAGE ONE OF THE CORRIDOR WOULD BEGIN NEXT YEAR, PROVIDING AN ELEVATED EXPRESSWAY ALONG THE WATERFRONT STARTING AT CAUSEWAY BAY NEAR VICTORIA PARK AND STRETCHING TO TONG SHUI ROAD BY 1981.

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TEMPORARY INTERRUPTION OF WATER SUPPLY
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WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN AREAS IN SAI KUNG WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR 10 HOURS FROM 8 P.M. ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 21) TO ENABLE THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO REPLACE A FRESH WATER MAIN NEAR 8-1/2 MILES HIRAM'S HIGHWAY.

THE AFFECTED AREAS ARE NAM WAI, HO CHUNG, WO MEI, NAM PIN WAI, PAK SHA WAN, PAK KONG AND AREAS ALONG HIRAM'S HIGHWAY.

ON THE SAME DAY, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN KWUN TONG WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. TO ALLOW THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY HIP WO STREET, TSUI PING ROAD AND HIU MING STREET, INCLUDING BLOCK NOS. 1 TO 10 OF KWUN TONG (TSUI PING ROAD) ESTATE, AND BLOCK NOS. 9 AND 10 OF WO LOK ESTATE.

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BOOKLET ON LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) ORDINANCE

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THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT'S SIMPLE GUIDE TO THE LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) ORDINANCE, PART II, RELATING TO POST-WAR DOMESTIC PREMISES, HAS BEEN UP-DATED.

COPIES OF THE NEW EDITION ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FREE OF CHARGE.

COMMENTING ON THE BOOKLET, THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION SAID THAT THE REVISED EDITION INCLUDED NOTES ON THE MOST RECENT AMENDMENTS TO THE ORDINANCE.

SEPARATE CHINESE AND ENGLISH VERSIONS OF THE BOOKLET HAVE BEEN PRINTED AND COPIES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTERS, FROM DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND FROM THE OFFICES OF THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT.

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ROOF-TOP STRUCTURES DECLARED DANGEROUS

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY DECLARED THE STRUCTURES ON THE ROOF AT NO. 22-24 PEEL STREET, HONG KONG TO BE LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THAT THE UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES WHICH HAD BEEN ERECTED ON THE ROOF OF THIS BUILDING OBSTRUCTED THE MEANS OF ESCAPE TO THE ROOF OF THE MAIN BUILDING WITH THE RESULTANT DANGER THAT OCCUPANTS COULD BE TRAPPED IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE OCCURRING ON THE LOWER FLOORS.

THE PUBLIC IS ALREADY AWARE OF RECENT CASES OF FIRES IN BUILDINGS WHERE THE OCCUPANTS HAVE ESCAPED TO THE ROOF AND HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN RESCUED FROM THE ROOF BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT. THE NEED TO MAINTAIN THIS AVENUE OF ESCAPE IN BUILDINGS WITH ONLY ONE STAIRCASE IS CLEARLY OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON NOVEMBER 3, 1976 WAS POSTED TODAY.

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RE-OPENING OF CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD
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THE SECTION OF NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY ON CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD BETWEEN YEN CHOW STREET AND KIU KIANG STREET WILL BE RE-OPENED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FROM 10 A.M. TOMORROW (OCTOBER 20).

THIS FOLLOWS THE COMPLETION OF THE EMERGENCY ROAD WORKS IN THE SECTION OF ROAD.

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