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CROSS HARBOUR LINKS STUDY COMMISSIONED

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) COMMISSIONED A \$5.5 MILLION TRANSPORT STUDY ON THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL CROSS HARBOUR LINKS AND THE BEST LOCATION OF THESE FACILITIES.

THE STUDY WILL ASSESS THE IMPACT OF ADDITIONAL CROSS HARBOUR FACILITIES ON THE TOTAL TRANSPORT NETWORK, AND IN PARTICULAR ON THE CONNECTING APPROACH ROADS.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MR. H.D. STEAD, AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF WILBUR SMITH AND ASSOCIATES, MR. J.R. HARBISON ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE JOINT CONSULTANT GROUP COMPRISING WILBUR SMITH AND ASSOCIATES- MOTT, HAY ANDERSON FAR EAST- AND CHRISTIANI NIELSEN.

SINCE THE OPENING OF THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL IN 1972, THE VOLUME OF DAILY TRAFFIC THROUGH THE TWIN-TUBE TUNNEL HAS BEEN GROWING AT A SUBSTANTIAL RATE AND IS APPROACHING CAPACITY. CONGESTION IN THE TUNNEL AND ITS APPROACHES NOW OCCURS REGULARLY DURING THE PEAK PERIODS.

VARIOUS FORMS OF HARBOUR CROSSINGS WERE PROPOSED IN PREVIOUS STUDIES TO CATER FOR THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR CROSS HARBOUR TRAVEL. THESE PROPOSALS INCLUDED A WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING LINKING KENNEDY TOWN WITH THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE KOWLOON PENINSULA AND A BRIDGE FROM LEI YUE MUN TO THE EAST OF HONG KONG ISLAND.

COMMENTING ON THE LATEST STUDY COMMISSIONED, MR. STEAD SAID THAT IT WAS THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORT STUDY ON ADDITIONAL CROSS HARBOUR LINKS. PREVIOUS STUDIES HAD CONCENTRATED ON INDIVIDUAL PROPOSALS.

HE SAID THE NEW TRANSPORT STUDY WOULD START IN JANUARY 1980, AND WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN IN TWO STAGES.

+STAGE I WILL LOOK AT SHORT-TERM SOLUTIONS. IT WILL INCLUDE AN INVESTIGATION OF THE TUNNEL APPROACH ROADS IN RELATION TO ANY INCREASE IN THE PRESENT TUNNEL CAPACITY, TOGETHER WITH A STUDY OF THE EXISTING VEHICULAR FERRY SERVICES AND THE FEASIBILITY OF THEIR IMPROVEMENT AND EXPANSION, WITH A VIEW TO MINIMISING THE CONGESTION OF CROSS HARBOUR TRAFFIC,+ MR. STEAD ADDED.

+A DRAFT REPORT ON SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE SHORT TERM SOLUTIONS IS EXPECTED TO BE SUBMITTED THREE MONTHS AFTER THE START OF THE STUDY,+ HE SAID.

+STAGE II WILL BE A STUDY OF LONG TERM SOLUTIONS. IT WILL INCLUDE ALL AVAILABLE OPTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL CROSS HARBOUR FACILITIES. THE DRAFT REPORT ON THE RESULT OF THE STUDY AND SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE LONG TERM SOLUTIONS IS TO BE SUBMITTED IN A FURTHER 12 MONTHS.+

RECENTLY, THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL COMPANY ALSO PROPOSED TO INCREASE THE EXISTING TUNNEL CAPACITY BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MEZZANINE FLOOR IN EACH TUBE.

SWD AND VOLUNTARY SECTOR TO MEET ON WELFARE CLASS REVIEW
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS PROPOSED A MEETING WITH THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR TO DISCUSS IN GREATER DEPTH THE BEST MEANS OF CONDUCTING A REVIEW OF THE STAFFING STRUCTURE IN THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR, SIMILAR TO THE WELFARE CLASS REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THE OBJECTIVE IS TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE REVISED STRUCTURES AND SALARY SCALES OF DIFFERENT GRADES IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SHOULD APPLY TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. STEPHEN LAW WHILST SPEAKING ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WELFARE CLASS REVIEW AT A QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

MR. LAW STRESSED THAT THE NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR HAD NOT BEEN FORGOTTEN, BUT IT HAD BEEN DECIDED AT THE START OF THE WELFARE CLASS REVIEW IN MAY, 1977, THAT A COMBINED REVIEW OF BOTH THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WOULD NOT BE FEASIBLE NOR PRACTICABLE.

THIS, HE SAID, WAS BECAUSE OF THE STRUCTURE AND NEED OF THE DEPARTMENT AND INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES ARE DIFFERENT AND IT WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT TO ARRIVE AT A STRUCTURE WHICH WAS SUITABLE FOR BOTH.

CHANGES WERE URGENTLY REQUIRED IN THE DEPARTMENT TO FACILITATE ITS RE-ORGANISATION ON A REGIONAL BASIS IN APRIL THIS YEAR, HE ADDED.

MR. LAW POINTED OUT THAT THE WELFARE CLASS REVIEW WAS ESSENTIALLY AN INTERNAL RE-STRUCTURING EXERCISE INVOLVING SOME 1 300 OFFICERS.

IT IS A COMPLEX ADMINISTRATIVE AND ESTABLISHMENT EXERCISE ON A SCALE WHICH HAS NOT BEEN ATTEMPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN RECENT HISTORY, HE SAID.

+IT HAS TAKEN TWO YEARS TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THE CHANGES IN THE DEPARTMENT ALONE AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION WILL TAKE ANOTHER TWO YEARS,+ HE SAID.

IN VIEW OF THE MANY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES INVOLVED, THE GREATER NUMBER OF STAFF EMPLOYED, THE DIVERSITY OF SERVICES PROVIDED AND THE LACK OF UNIFORMITY IN STANDARDS OF SERVICES, MR. LAW SAID, IT WAS DECIDED THAT A SEPARATE REVIEW OF THE STAFFING STRUCTURE IN THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN THE LIGHT OF CHANGES RECOMMENDED AND ACCEPTED FOR THE DEPARTMENT.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE WELFARE CLASS REVIEW MAINLY INVOLVED THE SEPARATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY AND SOCIAL WORK FUNCTIONS WITH ITS OWN SEPARATE CADRE OF STAFF, THE RE-DEFINING OF DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AS WELL AS THE CREATION OF NEW GRADES LEADING TO CHANGES IN THE SALARY SCALES FOR CERTAIN RANKS.

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HOWEVER HE EMPHASISED THAT THESE SALARY CHANGES WERE NOT STRAIGHT FORWARD SALARY REVISIONS AND WERE DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY TO MATCH THE RE-DEFINED FUNCTIONS OF THE NEW GRADES.

MR. LAW SAID THAT AT THIS STAGE THE GOVERNMENT IS ONLY ABLE TO AGREE IN PRINCIPLE THAT THE REVISED SALARY SCALES FOR ASSISTANT SOCIAL WORK OFFICERS AND ABOVE MAY APPLY WHERE STAFF IN VOLUNTARY AGENCIES HOLD SIMILAR QUALIFICATIONS AND ARE DOING SIMILAR WORK.

THIS IS BECAUSE THE SALARY SCALE HAS BEEN REVISED LASTLY IN RECOGNITION OF THE CHANGING SCOPE AND COMPLEXITY OF WORK UNDERTAKEN BY THESE OFFICERS, HE EXPLAINED.

IT WAS MORE DIFFICULT TO DECIDE WHETHER THE NEW SOCIAL WORK ASSISTANT AND SENIOR SOCIAL WORK ASSISTANT RANKS SHOULD APPLY TO THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, HE SAID.

MR. LAW SAID THE CONCEPT OF USING NON-UNIVERSITY TRAINED SOCIAL WORKERS TO PROVIDE FRONT-LINE SERVICES WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF NON-SOCIAL WORK QUALIFIED STAFF MAY OR MAY NOT BE PRACTICABLE FOR A VARIETY OF SERVICES IN THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR.

THESE ASPECTS WILL BE CONSIDERED IN GREATER DETAILS IN THE PROPOSED MEETING WITH THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR, AND UNTIL AN IN-DEPTH STUDY HAS BEEN MADE OF THE NEEDS OF THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO ASSESS TO WHAT EXTENT THE REVISED STRUCTURES AND SALARY SCALES IN THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD APPLY TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR, HE SAID.

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TICD CHIEF WELCOMES JAPANESE MISSION

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THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR. WILLIAM DORWARD SAID TODAY (MONDAY) ONE OF HIS DEPARTMENT'S PRIMARY CONCERNS HAS BEEN TO MAKE KNOWN WHAT HONG KONG HAS TO OFFER AS A LOCATION FOR OFFSHORE VENTURES BY JAPANESE INDUSTRY.

WELCOMING THE 24 MEMBERS OF A JAPANESE INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION MISSION, MR. DORWARD SAID: +IN THE PAST 20 YEARS OR SO WE HAVE SEEN A TREMENDOUS GROWTH IN YOUR EXPORTS TO THIS MARKET, BUT ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN A MODERATE AMOUNT OF INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT IT HAS BY NO MEANS MATCHED THE INTEREST SHOWN BY JAPANESE COMPANIES ELSEWHERE IN ASIA.

+THERE MAY BE SEVERAL EXPLANATIONS AS TO WHY THIS HAS OCCURRED, BUT CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE AND I AM GLAD YOU HAVE COME HERE NOW TO DO AN UP-TO-DATE APPRAISAL,+ HE SAID.

+I BELIEVE YOU WILL FIND THAT, FOR VARIOUS REASONS, THE RELATIVE ADVANTAGES OF HONG KONG HAVE INCREASED CONSIDERABLY WHEN COMPARED WITH MANY OTHER PLACES IN THE REGION, AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL FIND ON THIS VISIT THAT HONG KONG OFFERS MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR JAPANESE INDUSTRY,+ HE ADDED.

FOLLOWING A BRIEFING BY OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT AND THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE MISSION VISITED THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL AND TWO FACTORIES.

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CAREERS '80 ATTRACTS A RECORD 120 000 VISITORS

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A RECORD 120 000 PEOPLE VISITED LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S CAREERS '80 EXHIBITION WHICH CLOSED TODAY (MONDAY).

THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION ATTRACTED MORE THAN 100 000 VISITORS IN EACH OF THE PAST TWO YEARS.

AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY, MRS. J.N. HENDERSON, WIFE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, PRESENTED A SOUVENIR TO THE 100 000TH VISITOR, MR. FUNG YUEK-HON, A FORM 5 STUDENT OF CHRISTIAN FAITH COLLEGE.

DURING THE CEREMONY, MR. HENDERSON PRESENTED COMMEMORATIVE BANNERS TO THE EXHIBITORS AS WELL AS ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WHICH HAD HELPED ORGANISE THE EXHIBITION.

IN A BRIEF SPEECH, MR. HENDERSON SAID THE 10-DAY EXHIBITION HAD BEEN ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS AND THIS REFLECTED THE GREATEST CREDIT ON THE MANY ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE EVENT.

+THE REPEATED SUCCESS OF THE CAREERS EXHIBITION OVER THE YEARS REFLECTS ITS POPULARITY AND THAT IT HELPS TO FILL AN ENORMOUS NEED. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO ORGANISE THE EVENT AND MAKE IT BETTER AND EVEN MORE INFORMATIVE,+ HE SAID.

MR. HENDERSON THANKED THE EXHIBITORS FOR HAVING CONTRIBUTED FINANCIALLY TO THE SETTING UP OF THEIR RESPECTIVE STANDS AND FOR PROVIDING EXPERIENCED STAFF TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON-THE-SPOT. +IT IS A HIGH-LEVEL OF MANNING THE STANDS WHICH CONTRIBUTES THE MOST TO GETTING INFORMATION ACROSS TO OUR YOUNG VISITORS,+ HE SAID.

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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRY RETIRING

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STAFF OF THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) SAID FAREWELL TO ITS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRY, MR. ROY PORTER, WHO IS PROCEEDING ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE AFTER 23 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE GOVERNMENT.

MR. PORTER HAS SPENT HIS LAST 20 YEARS WITH THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT.

AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS IN OCEAN CENTRE, KOWLOON, THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR. WILLIAM DORWARD, PRESENTED TO MR. PORTER A GIFT ON BEHALF OF HIS COLLEAGUES.

IN HIS ADDRESS, MR. DORWARD THANKED MR. PORTER FOR THE ENTHUSIASM, HARD WORK AND LOYALTY WHICH HE HAD DISPLAYED IN HIS SERVICE TO HONG KONG.

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MR. PORTER FIRST JOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN 1956 AS A LABOUR INSPECTOR. HE WAS APPOINTED ASSISTANT TRADE OFFICER IN 1959 AND ROSE THROUGH THE TRADE OFFICER GRADE TO THE RANK OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY IN MARCH 1973.

MR. PORTER WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS IN 1977. ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS, HE ACTED AS COMMISSIONER OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS AND WAS TWICE APPOINTED TO ACT AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT.

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WALKWAY ON ABERDEEN RESERVOIR'S DAM TO BE REBUILT
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THE WALKWAY OF ABERDEEN RESERVOIR'S LOWER DAM ON THE SOUTH-WESTERN SIDE OF HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE REBUILT SHORTLY.

A CONTRACT WORTH MORE THAN \$458 000 WAS AWARDED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO EXCEL ENGINEERING COMPANY.

THE PROJECT INVOLVES THE RECONSTRUCTION OF A SUSPENDED WALKWAY OVER THE SPILLWAY SECTION AND THE RAISING OF THE EXISTING WALKWAY ON THE DAM CREST.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE WALKWAY WOULD INCREASE THE WATERWAY AREA OVER THE SPILLWAY AND COMPLY WITH CURRENT RESERVOIR SAFETY STANDARDS.

THE WORK IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT FIVE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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TEACHER-LIBRARIANS ATTEND TRAINING COURSE

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THE SCHOOL LIBRARY SHOULD GRADUALLY DEVELOP INTO A LEARNING LABORATORY TO PROVIDE SUBSTANCE FOR THOUGHT AND LEARNING EXPERIENCE INVOLVING THE USE OF LIBRARY RESOURCES, MRS. LOUISE MOK, DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SHE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF AN IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSE FOR 90 TEACHER-LIBRARIANS FROM GOVERNMENT AND AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

COMMENTING ON THE SCHEME TO IMPROVE SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICES, MRS. MOK SAID THIS REFLECTED CHANGES IN THE CONCEPT AND FUNCTION OF THE SCHOOL LIBRARY.

A SCHOOL LIBRARY SHOULD BE +A CENTRE OF LEARNING, NOT JUST A PLACE FOR LENDING AND BORROWING BOOKS, OR A PLACE TO DO HOMEWORK IN,+ SHE SAID.

+YOU ARE PART OF THE TEACHING TEAM AND YOUR JOB IS TO ASSIST TEACHERS TO LOCATE AND FIND INFORMATION AND RESOURCES FOR EFFECTIVE TEACHING,+ MRS. MOK TOLD THE PARTICIPANTS.

THE IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSE HAS BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE EXTRA-MURAL DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

THE AIM OF THE COURSE IS TO ACQUAINT THE RECENTLY APPOINTED TEACHER-LIBRARIANS WITH DAILY ROUTINES AND PROCEDURES, BASIC MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES AND THE USE OF LIBRARY RESOURCES TO COMPLEMENT THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT THE EXTRA-MURAL DEPARTMENT'S TOWN CENTRE AT THE WING ON CENTRE IN CENTRAL.

TWO COURSES WILL BE HELD, AND ATTENDANCE WILL BE ON MONDAY OR WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS, AND SATURDAY MORNINGS BETWEEN NOW AND MAY 17, 1980.

LECTURES, PRACTICAL SESSIONS, SEMINARS AND FAMILIARISATION TOURS TO SCHOOL AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES WILL BE ORGANISED.

STAFF FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S LIBRARY SECTION AND PRACTISING LIBRARIANS FROM PUBLIC AND ACADEMIC LIBRARIES WILL DELIVER THE LECTURES.

AN EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT THE END OF THE COURSE TO DISPLAY PROJECTS AND COURSE WORK.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET
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A SECTION OF SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET BETWEEN MONG KOK ROAD AND ARGYLE STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 6 AM DAILY FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO THURSDAY (DECEMBER 13).

THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE IS TO FACILITATE ROAD RE-SURFACING WORK. APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUT IN KOWLOON CITY
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN KOWLOON CITY WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 PM ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 14) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE WORK ON WATER MAINS.

THE PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE THOSE IN COLLEGE ROAD AND A SECTION OF BOUNDARY STREET BETWEEN LA SALLE ROAD AND GRAMPIAN ROAD.

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