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Question :

Regarding the traffic arrangement after the relocation of Central Piers No. 7 and No. 8 (Star Ferry Pier) under the Central Reclamation Project, is it planned in the original overall works schedule that the footbridge connecting the General Post Office and the new pier be constructed to tie in with the completion of the new pier for concurrent opening for the convenience of passengers? If yes, why the footbridge construction works has not been completed as the new pier has been opened for use? If no, why the needs of passengers have not been considered when the overall works schedule was being formulated? Will the Department consider commencing temporary connection works for the remaining unconnected section of the footbridge near the General Post Office to facilitate the public to go to and from the new pier? If yes, how much expenditure is involved?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

Under the Central Reclamation Phase III project, the footbridge connecting the General Post Office to the Central Terminal Building of Central Piers No. 7 and 8 will be completed in early 2009 to serve as a grade-separated pedestrian crossing for Road P2 (which is also expected to be completed by early 2009). The construction of the footbridge is in progress, and we are exploring how to speed up the remaining works in order to complete it later in 2007.

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