

## Airport and projects 'must finish before 1997'

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A SUBSTANTIAL private investment has always been stressed in the new airport and other related projects, the Governor, Lord Wilson, said yesterday.

Speaking after his return from China, Lord Wilson noted the cost borne by the Government on the projects had remained rather constant although the expenditure estimates had some changes.

He said it was important to have the airport projects go ahead because Hongkong had to finish as many undertakings as possible by 1997.

Commenting on China's invitation to the Co-operative Resources Centre to visit Beijing, Lord Wilson said it showed a realisation of political groups being a part of political reality in Hongkong.

"I'm pleased to see contacts between political leaders here and people in China, and I think that helps to increase understanding across the border," the Governor said.

The Co-operative Resources Centre delegation will leave for Beijing tomorrow for a four-day visit. The legislators will discuss issues including housing problems of the sandwich class, law and order and political development of Hongkong with mainland officials.

Returning to Hongkong after a six-day visit to Beijing and the Three Gorges, Lord Wilson said he believed the Governor-designate, Mr Chris Patten, would visit China reasonably soon after his arrival in the territory.

Lord Wilson said he was struck by the economic development in the places he visited. He said the economic relations between these places and Hongkong was encouraging.