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## Additional flyovers a possibility

MORE pedestrian flyovers may be built over the Light Rail Transit (LRT) system after it comes into operation.

This was announced yesterday by the Yuen Long Territory Development director, Mr Y Y Ng, at the opening ceremony of the Yuen Long Northern Bypass yesterday.

The system has only one pedestrian flyover — from Long Ping Estate to Castle Peak Road — despite appeals to strengthen safety facilities at junctions where road traffic and the LRT cross.

Regarding the repeated flooding problems in Yuen Long, Mr Ng said a package of anti-flood and drainage improvement projects in Tin Shui Wai and Kam Tin are in the design stages.

Mr Ng emphasised that anti-flood projects could only cope with part of the problem. He said flooding could not be prevented unless factory operators were ready to co-operate and the Government could envisage the potential problem caused by the New Territories Circular Route Construction Project.

The Yuen Long Northern Bypass which was opened yesterday, provides a quick route for most of the traffic between Tuen Mun and Au Tau by allowing traffic to bypass the busy Yuen Long Town Centre.

Other major road projects will include Yuen Long Southern Bypass which will bring relief to the traffic congestion in Yuen Long.

An extensive highway network will also be constructed in anticipation of increasing traffic with the development of the Tin Shui Wai New Town.

In addition, a long term road project called "Route X" is planned to cope with expected demand for links with the main urban areas.

In the past 10 years, the Government has spent \$1.7 billion on development works in Yuen Long. Another \$3 billion will be spent over the next five years on major drainage and transportation projects in Tin Shui Wai and the district.

The more important work will include the development of Tin Shui Wai into a new town for a population of some 140,000 people.