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## \$3b for Aberdeen light rail link

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THE proposed light rail system linking Central and Aberdeen will cost about \$3 billion and run for 11 kilometres through a tunnel link between Central and the south side of Hongkong Island.

Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, which submitted a preliminary proposal to the Government in February last year, will offer a detailed plan by April and provide more exact cost figures within two weeks.

The company's proper-

ty general manager, Mr Eric Lai, said at yesterday's launch of the company's luxury Repulse Bay residential development, the light rail line should have a greater capacity than the 100,000 people a day originally anticipated.

Mr Lai said the \$3 billion estimate provided for the transport system but did not include related developments, such as depots or any residential or commercial projects along the line.

The plan envisages

about 10 stations on the line starting at Admiralty, going through Central, up to Mid-Levels and into a four-kilometre tunnel somewhere between Kennedy Road and MacDonnell Road.

The line will emerge near Chi Fu Fa Yuen and then run to Pokfulam and Aberdeen and Ap Lei Chau, with a possible branch to Wong Chuk Hang.

The feasibility of an extension to Ocean Park was still under consideration.