

GEOLOGISTS IN HONG KONG – OUR WORTH & ARE WE WORTHY

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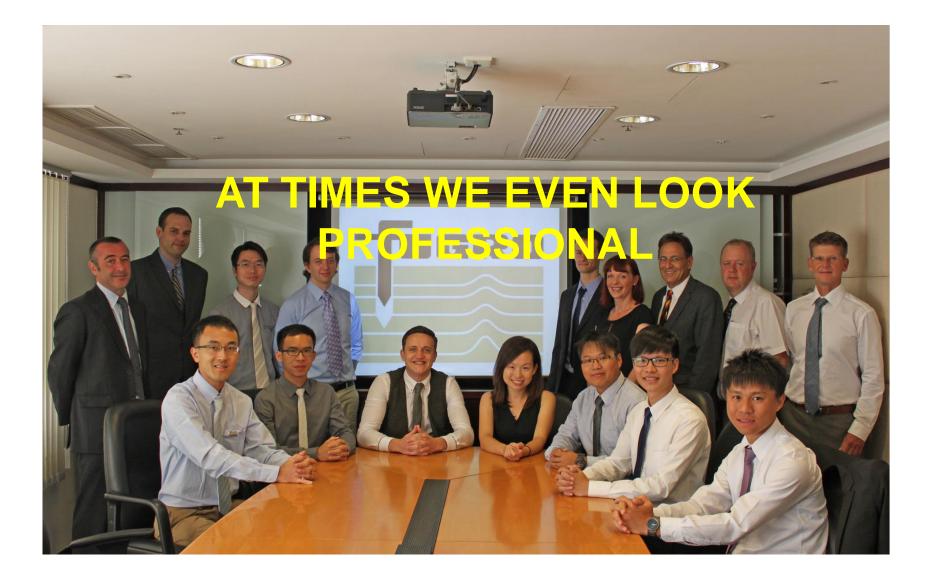
Geologists – 140 Years Later



Young Teams Professional Approaches







MOTIVATION - DESIRE - AMBITION

To be Professional
 To Train in a Professional Environment
 To be Recognised as Professional
 To Succeed in Professional Careers

AIM THIS EVENING

To encourage ever increasing enthusiasm, zeal and passion for more active participation in our future

CHALLENGE 1 – KNOWING OURSELVES (HERITAGE & SENSE OF "WORTH")

CHALLENGE 2 – MAKING THE PAST RELEVANT

(PAST DEEDS, CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT & LESSONS LEARNT CONTRIBUTE TO SENSE OF "WORTH")

CHALLENGE 3 – FUTURE GOVERNANCE OF OUR PROFESSION

(AS GEOLOGISTS ARE WE "WORTHY" TO LEAD OR WILL WE BE LED BY OTHERS)



Regional Group HK 291 Fellows 85 Chartered Geologists (CGeol) – 30% 9 Newly admitted in 2014 Probably 25 in Accredited Training Schemes

> Geol Soc - Worldwide 11,000 Fellows 2500 Chartered – 22%

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C GEOL Validation A "Hurdle" or a "High Jump"

Standard – need to calibrate

Competent to Practice given "mentored" experience or "Elitist Club?"

Where are the Geologists?

Regional Group HK – 291

- Geological Society of HK – 150

- IOM3 - 300 (50 Geols?)

- AUS IMMM (?)

- I O Q (?)

- HKIE (<10)

Academic Training

After a decade of lobbying – Francis Report – 1990

Earth Science Degree HKU – 1995

MSc – HKU – 1998

Accredited Pathway - 2011

Prior to 1995 - Department of Geography & Geology - HKU

Training in Employment

GCO – Eng Geol Grad (EGG) Programme in the Mid 1980s GEO from HKU grads - 1998-99 intake

Industry – CGeol Accredited Training Programmes 2010 onwards

First challenge – Knowing Ourselves – Our Worth Who are we ?

What do we do?

What makes us different?

Who are we?

WE ARE GEOLOGISTS

(Quite Diverse – but in this room mostly- Eng Geol, Mapping Geols)

What do we do?

What do we do?

WE MAKE THE PAST RELEVANT





THINK ABOUT IT

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THE WAY WE ARE TRAINED TO OBSERVE & THINK

TO MAKE THE PAST RELEVANT!

THE WAY WE "THINK"

Oxford Def – "to exercise the mind other than by passive reception of anothers ideas"

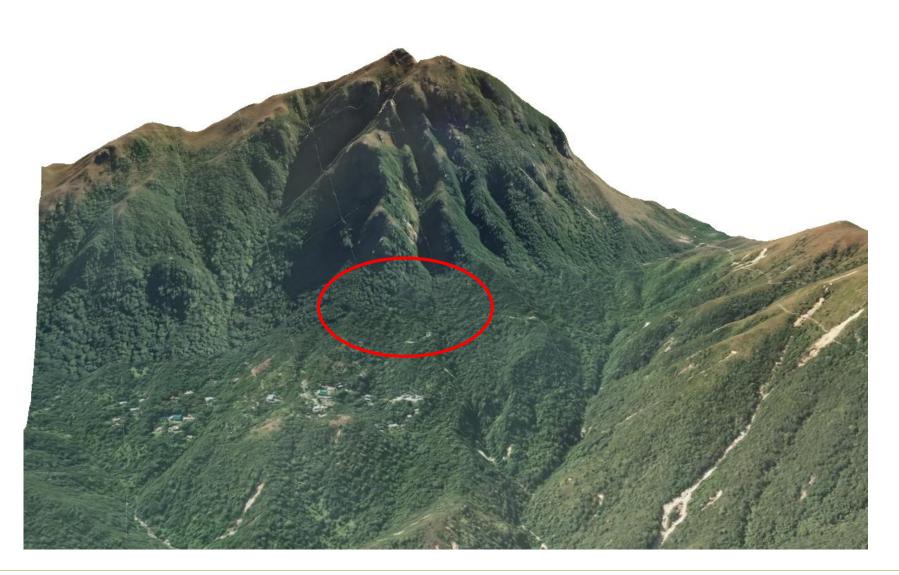
THE WAY WE THINK

Good Geologists "observe"

Usually "observe" in 3D

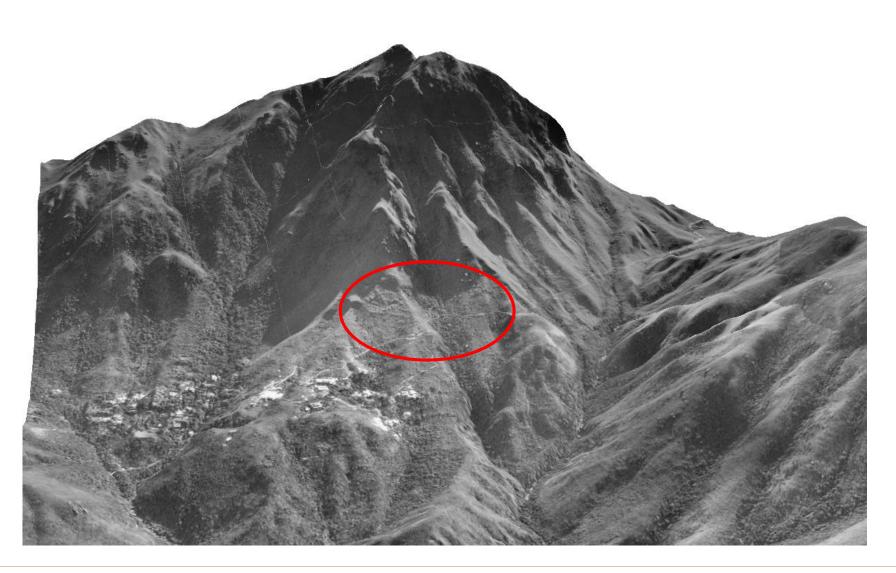
Fung Wong Shan – Lantau Peak – 2010





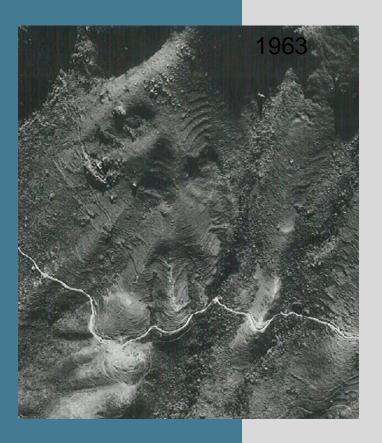


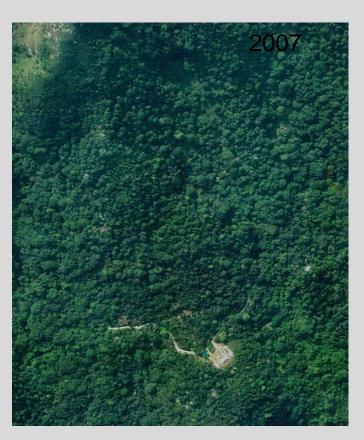
Fung Wong Shan – Lantau Peak – 1963 - (Tei Tong Tsai)





Ngong Ping - Comparison - 1963 & 2007 Northern slopes – Fung Wong Shan – Lantau Peak





THE WAY WE THINK

Good Geologists "observe" Good Geologists "think in 4D"

WE observe in 3D & Apply Time 4D (Time = Form & Process)



Every Field Observation

or Photographic Image

Captures Change

• A static situation is alive if we are alert & perceptive

THINK ABOUT IT !!!

Vertical Aerial Photograph – 25 July 2008 – 6000ft





Yi O – August 2008

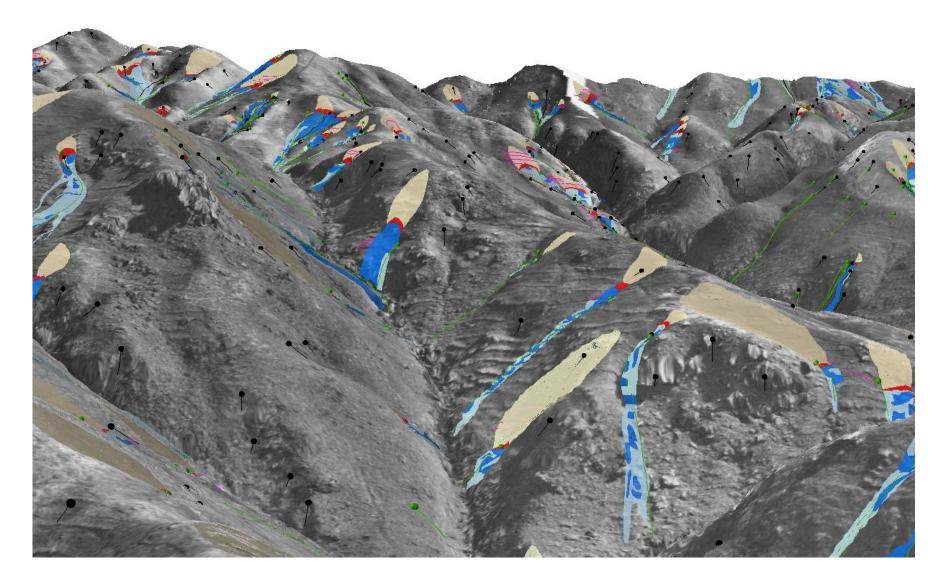












16 Jan 1945



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VISION – a bold statement of direction <u>&</u> FOCUS - the scale of attack

THE WAY WE THINK – KEYS?

Good Geologists "observe in 3D" Good Geologists "think in 4D" Good Geologists "question" & "challenge" their own ideas



GIVE YOURSELF MORE CREDIT FOR BEING GEOLOGISTS!!!

Second Challenge -

What can we learn from the Past?

DO NOT OVERLOOK the PAST

WORD, DEED & HERITAGE - MAKE THEM RELEVANT TO TODAY

THEY ARE PLATFORMS FOR CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

SITREP 6

Some Heritage – Helps Make the Past Relevant

How do we fit in today?

1807 – Geol Soc – now 11,500 1818 – Inst Civ Eng – 80,000 1830 – Geographical Soc – 16,500 1888 – Geol Soc Am – 26,000 1892 – IMMM (now IOM3) – 18,000 1947 – HKIE – 20,000 (Geotech Div mid 80s - >4000) 1952 – Geol Soc Aus – 8,000

SITREP 7

The More Recent Past – Any Relevance?

 - 1972 – Geol Soc established "Working Party" for a "Register of Professional Geologists" (43 years ago)
 - 1975 – APIPG – Assoc for Promotion of an Institution of Prof Geologists formed by WP
 - 1977 – Institution of Geologists from APIPG
 - 1985 – Recognition of Prof IG Fellows
 - 1991 – IG unified with Geol Soc – Royal Charter – CGeol (24years ago)

SITREP 8 HK Geologists – Recent Past

Mid 1978 – GCO (3), GCB (2), Industry (4-5)

Mid 1982 – GCO (20), BGS (2), GCB (4), Industry (10), Academia (4-5)

1982 - Geological Society of HK

Prime Movers – Alister Burnett (GCO), David Workman (HKU – Geog & Geol, Maurice Atherton (Poly)

2001- Regional Group of Geol Soc

(Peter Whiteside – facilitator) GEO recognition of CGeol Chartered Status for GE in geological stream

2002 – Regional Group – Subgroup on Professional Status Mathew Free

2006 – GSHK – formed Professional Branch

Paul Cheung during period as Chairman of both GSHK & Reg Group Register of Certified Prof Geologists

2012 – Working Group – Local Registration System for Geologists in HK (GSHK, Reg Group, IoM3, HKIE) Second Challenge (cont)

What can we learn from the Past?

CONSIDER THE PAST IN TERMS OF POSITIVE "LESSONS LEARNT"

Who are we?

WE ARE GEOLOGISTS

What did we do?

Some Historical Context

Kingsmill – 1862, 1865 Guppy – 1880 – first map Skertchley – 1893 – spoke of "rotten rocks" Heanley (1906) - 1923, 1924 Schofield – 1920, 1924, 1943 Brock – UBC – 1923 – Invited by HKG for Geol Survey -Team included SJ Scholfield in 1923, Williams in 1924, Uglow in 1925 & Brock in 1926 & 1932. Williams submitted report in 1948. Brock - 1943 Davis 1953 – The Geology of Hong Kong Brian Ruxton & Len Berry – 1956 – 60 Allen & Stephens – IGS – 1971 - 1967-1969



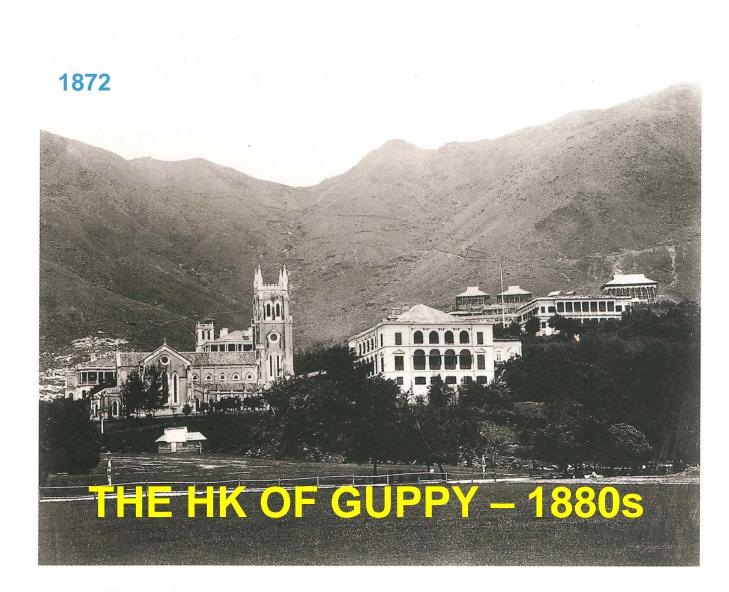
Plate 12. Victoria Waterfront Looking West towards the Central District, circa 1865. The barren, bouldery slopes below Victoria Peak are clearly evident. (PRO 1/5/128).



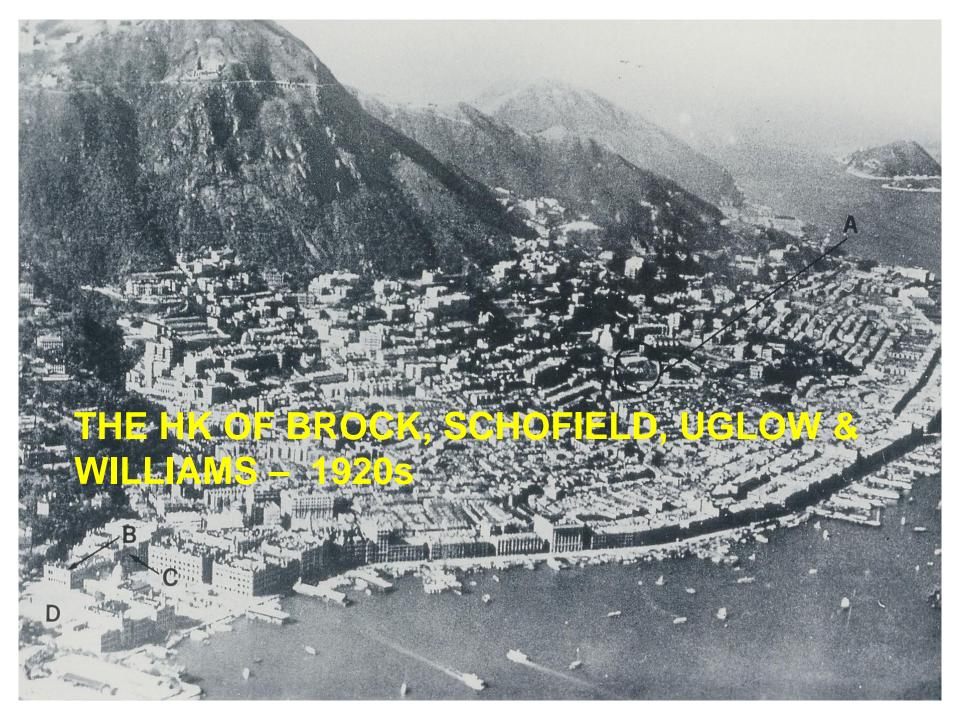
Plate 18. Botanical Gardens Looking South towards the Albany, circa 1868. The steep mid-slopes and footslopes of Victoria Peak are bouldery, eroded and possess only a sporadic grassy vegetation cover. (PRO 1/7/189).

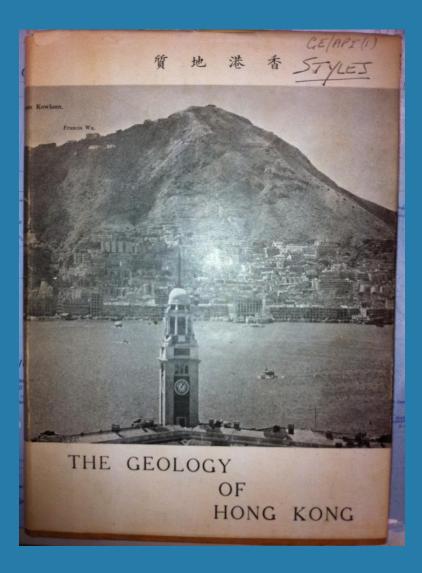


Guppy – 1880 – first Geological Map of HK An amateur Geologist - Surgeon



Above and opposite: Views before and after the new chancel was added to St John's Cathedral in 1872 rendering the somewhat small "cathedral" more worthy of the name.





GEOLOGY OF HONG KONG

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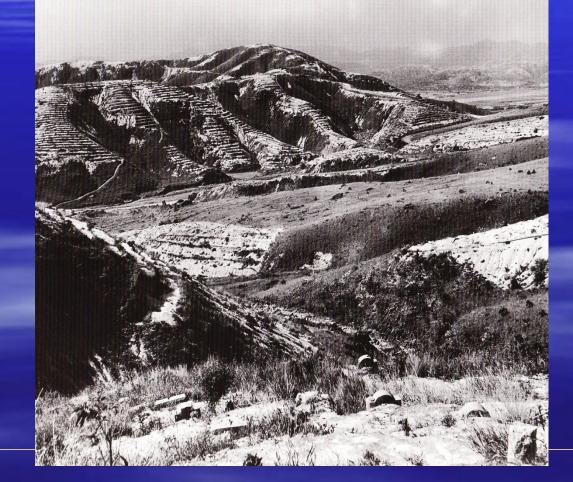
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1946 - Fei Ngo Shan Footslopes - Diamond Hill -



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ON THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF HONG KONG by P. M. ALLEN, B.Sw., Ph.D. and E. 4. STEPHENS, M.Sw., D.Sw., Cong., 4. M.I.M.M., F.G.S. of the Depresses Division, Institute of Geological Sciences,

REPORT

Allen & Stephens – 1971

(mapping Jan 1967- March 1969)

The Terms of Reference

 a) advice on geological aspects of civil engineering problems for Government Departments
 b) advice on storage and retrieval of geological data from borehole records
 c)the revision of the Geological Map of Hong Kong and the preparation of a new large scale map

Some Major Decisions affecting Geologists (Mostly by Enlightened Engineers)

- Decision in late 1977 to include Geologists in recruitment of GEs for GCO

- GCO recommend New Geological Maps & Terrain Classification (API Unit & Library)– Nov 1978
 - GCO launch Terrain Classification Mapping of HK arising from Mid-levels Moratorium announcement (GASP) – June 1979
 - GCO Slope manual, Geoguides......from 1980 to present
 - GCO launch a New Geological Survey of HK in 1981
 - GCO establish a notional number of geologists
 - GCO house the "Geological Survey of HK" in 1983– staffed by Mapping

Geologists

- Qualified Supervision for GI

- Some Geologists – HKIE – Geotechnical Discipline - circa1990

- Fill Management Committee – seabed, marine fill, mud disposal – circa 1992

- Specification of Chartered Status (CGeol) for Employment as GE (Geological Stream In Govt) – about 2001

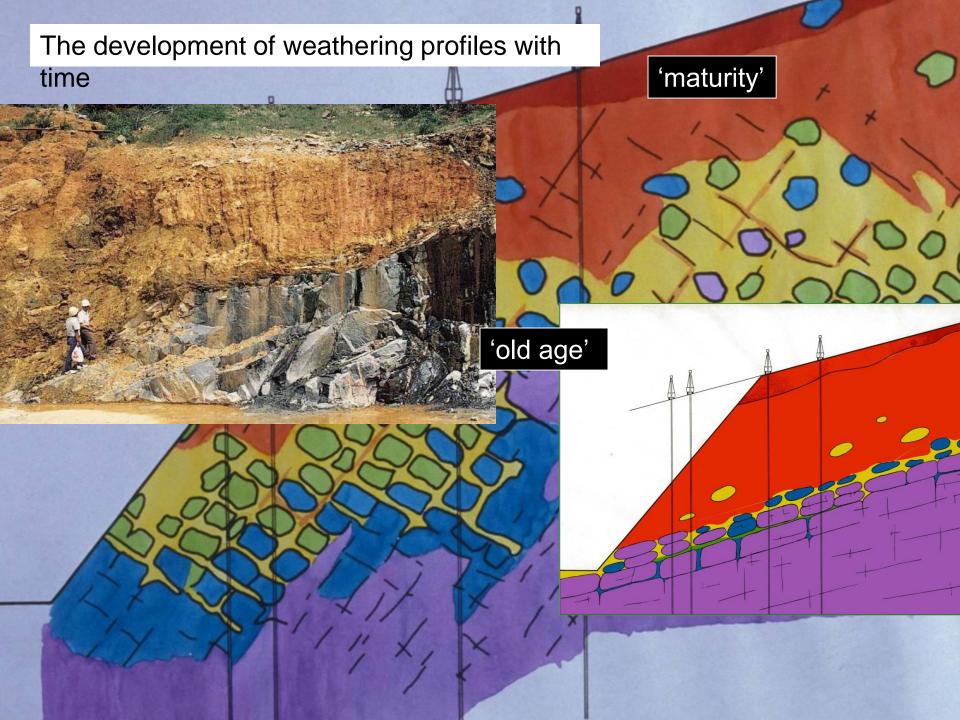
- Natural terrain hazard studies – 2003

- ENTLI - 2004 to 2007

- Rock Cavern development

- Specification of CGeol for Some Govt Consultancies

- Inclusion of Resident Geologists on Major Projects



What Else from the Past? Some Major Contributions by Geologists

- High Island Reservoir & Plover Cove - The Mid Levels Moratorium "Line" in 1979 – Development stopped for geol /geotech study - Slope safety - Building regulations, manuals, geoguides - Geotechnical input in Government Planning Process Terrain Classification & Physical Land Resource Inventory of HK – 1981 - Quarries – sources of aggregate - Creation of the Geological Survey of HK in 1982 – new maps & memoirs - MTR construction on-going since late 1970s - Requirements for Qualified Supervision on GI - Non Development Clearance of Squatters in 1983 - New Town Development & Associated Infrastructure - Floodplain mapping in 1987 – creation of DSD - Impact of Marble Caverns – Yuen Long, Tung Chung & Ma On Shan - GASP XII – Territory of HK - 1989 - Rock cavern usage 1989- present - SIFT & SIRST Identification of Man-made slopes - FMC - Sources of Marine Sand & Mud Disposal for CLK Airport & 27 Core Projects - Natural Terrain Hazard Studies "Engineering Geological Practice in HK" – GEO1/2007 - Requirement & Specification for CGeol Employment/Agreements



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Arup & Halcrow came to town to ioin Binnie & Partners



Its robust spirit will amaze you.





Moratorium on **Building Development** - May 1979







Minolta

jury verdict







Stall to be Irance auctioned A vegetable stall at Taipo

A vegenatie stati at taipo market will be put up for public auction at 10 am on Friday.

The auction will be held in the conference room of the hawkers and markets section of the Taipo Urban Services Office at Mei Tak Building, first floor, Kwong Fuk Road, Taipo.

The successful bidder can start operating from October 1, for a contract period of three years.

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Chan and Tam pleaded guilty and trial was set January 12 next year. They were granted bai

\$3,000 and \$1,000 respect

we had some 60,000 boat people coming in during an 18-month period from 1979-80. He said Canada is pre-

pared to accept another 16,000 refugees from around the world, about half of whom will again be boat-peo-

"That's one of the reasons why I was anxious to come here to get a better understanding of the situation before I make recommendations to the Cabinet for consideration.

He said the new refugee programme will be officially tabled in the Cabinet in early November

Asked if Hongkong will get a bigger share in view of the fact that it has the largest number of boat people in the region, he said

"I accept this as a sort of problem here, but at the same time, you have to be equally careful to balance out against the level of acceptance in other countries.

"We're flexible in our programme. We can respond if there is an increasing demand from Hongkong, or we can make a transfer as far as next year is concerned. First and second prizes will

"But I certainly

He was referring to orphans, refugees with mental or physical handicaps and those who have been living in the camps for a long time.

"We are now prepared to focus more carefully on some more difficult cases," he said. But he declined to com-

ment on whether refugees who have turned down resettlement offers by other countries, or those with criminal records would be considered as well

"When the boat-people issue arose, there was a kind spontaneous programme. Now there is some 18 to 24 months experience, and it's time to refine it more carefully," he said.

He said he will have to work with various provinces in Canada, because under its constitution, health and social services come under various jurisdictions.

"It will take a while to negotiate those agreements."

just signed, an agreement in Newfoundland and had asked other provinces to follow suit to make it easier to accept refugees who are difficult to

Mr Axworthy will leave

Govt to decide soon on the Malnew geological chart

By FRANK CHOI

The Government is to take a decision by the end of this year on plans for a massivescale land survey to revise the out-dated geological map of the Colony presently used by engineers and architects, official sources say

The sources also indicated that a firm recommendation is hoped for soon, and that work will begin on the new geological survey during the next financial year

A spokesman for the Public Works De-partment's Geotechnical Control Office yesterday admitted that there is a need to update the existing geological map. "However, a decision has still to be taken

on such matters as the scale of a new survey and the mechanism by which the survey is to be carried out," he said. The existing geological map was made in

1965. It has not been revised since then. "The aim of the new survey is to produce a

more detailed and accurate geological map than presently exists.

"This will, of course, be of great use in land planning and development of the territory, the spokesman said.

The public will also have access to the large amount of "raw" geological data collected during the course of the survey, he said

However, the spokesman denied speculation that the plan for a new survey was the result of a number of mud slides and road collapses on Hongkong Island and in Kowloon earlier this year.

A spokesman for the PWD said the plan for a new survey was drafted "much earlier than the times when these mud slides and road collapses occurred."

The PWD spokesman said the department

realises the need to revise and update the existing geological map in the light of the boom in real estate development in the Colo-

Sources said a number of architects' firms and civil engineering contractors have to carry out their own geological surveys at construction sites because of inaccurate geological information

The survey, if approved, will be headed by the principal Government geotechnical engineer, Mr E. W. Brand, according to sources,

Sources noted that with the rapid growth in real estate development, including the construction of a large number of buildings at the foot of or halfway up a hill, the soil structure and geological component of slopes could be greatly affected.

In 1977, the Geotechnical Control Office inspected some 2,350 filled slopes and another 8,000 cut slopes in the Colony.

The sources said a slope inspected in 1977 might not have been dangerous then, but if buildings were constructed on the slope since then, it might have affected the soil structure and the drainage system, thereby endangering the slope.

"Since a lot of buildings were built at midslopes and foot hills where only scrub and trees were found in 1965 when the existing geological map was made, there is a need to update the information," sources said.

However, they said, the survey has no direct relationship to the Government's massive development plans in the New Territories, outlying islands and urban areas.

"There is simply a need to conduct another survey for the benefit of both the public . and the Government," sources said.

He disclosed that he had

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o remedy to lide threat

MOST of the 500,000 squatters will have to live with the threat of being buried by mud if they decide to stay in their huts.

Principal Government Geotechnical

> Engineer Edward Brand yesterday said he saw no remedy to the landslide threat. -

Most of the squatter areas are on slopes which have not been shored up and were therefore liable to collapse.

"The situation is more investigation on dangero dangerous in the new slopes we have to clear of squatter areas like Lamtin, all the huts built on t where no adequate surface," Dr Brand said. infrastructure has been "Infrastructures like an problem to be solved," adequate drainage system said. can help to drain away excessive rainfall and Control Office is also sho preserve the stability of of staff to carry out t the soil," he said. Eight lives were lost in

the landslide at the Lamtin our office, which is on squatter area during the two-thirds of the necessa torrential rain last weekend. staff", Dr Brand said. Eleven others were killed There are 15,000 slop in the same period due to in the territory and lan

"The ultimate remedy to of the office's job, he said prevent landslides in the Dr Brand said the prese squatter areas is to make all work done by the office w constructions there to satisfactory. follow good engineering "We will start to visit practice," Dr Brand said. the slopes where landslic But it was impossible have been reported over t for the squatters to stick to past few days," he said. acceptable building rules, he said.

the Geotechnical Control where slopes appeared to Office were limited by the unstable after investigatio present situation.



DR BRAND . remedy a start star "For any large sci

"But where to settle

Besides, the Geotechnic

inspections. "We have 72 people landslides in other locations. slide prevention is only pa

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Recommendations clearance would be made Preventive measures by the Housing Departme he said.





Decisions by HK Geologists affecting HK Geologists

1982 - Geological Society of HK (GSHK)

 (Prime movers - Alister Burnett, David Workman, Maurice Atherton)
 Publications & Symposia on Surficial Geology, Geological Aspects of GI, Role of Geology in Urban Development, Marine Sand & Gravel Resources of HK

Local Group of IMMM – Late 1980s

Seminar on Rock Cavern Usage - 1989 (Peter Whiteside & Andrew Malone)

The GCO led EGG Training Scheme – mid 80s

2001 - Regional Group of Geological Society

(Facilitator Peter Whiteside, first Chair Steve Hencher) - Conferences, Seminars, publications

2006 – GSHK – Professional Branch

2007 – GRS (Steve Parry & Jon Hart)

2012 – Working Group – Local Registration

2012-14 - Accredited Training Schemes in Private Sector

INDUSTRY PERCEPTION - WORTH PROVEN

(Necessary & Required - GEOLOGISTS always a COST DATA has a COST – INFORMATION has VALUE

COMMUNITY PERCEPTION - WORTH LESS?

- GEOPARK

- GLOBAL WARMING

- SLOPE SAFETY – SLOPE MAINTENANCE

SHIFTING PERCEPTIONS & CREATING AWARENESS

- NATURAL TERRAIN LANDSLIDE IMPACTING MULTI STOREY BLOCKS

Back to the Challenges



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A FEW IDEAS

IN CLOSING

1. CREATE A SHARED VISION FOR WHERE WE WISH TO BE IN 5 YEARS:

"Professional Geologists Serving Hong Kong People"

2. FOCUS ON TARGETS

 Engage Academia - Vocational Training In Degree Courses – More Courses? – Develop the Need
 Engage the Community - alter Perceptions by more Active Participation
 Embrace the Need for "Professional Registration"- Action Plan

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3. THE **PATHWAY** SET ASIDE DIFFERENCES

NO LONGER "AMATEURS"

THANKS

