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Your Worship & Members of Council,

Re: Feb 27/2006 Agenda Item #3 Authorization for Travel to Hong Kong - Landslide Risk Assessment

There are some excellent documents on the web with respect to emergency preparedness and particularly Landslide Risk Management/Assessment. I believe the following are well worth a look:

http://www.roseville.ca.us/fire/emergency_preparedness/mulit_hazard_mitigation_plan.asp
In particular chapter 10 on landslide risk assessment at

<http://www.roseville.ca.us/civica/filebank/blobdownload.asp?BlobID=4112>

Another is related to (previously discussed in council chambers) - Hong Kong:
http://www.cedd.gov.hk/eng/publications/information_notes/doc/in_2004_23e.pdf
in which it refers to a very readable study at
<http://hkss.cedd.gov.hk/hkss/eng/studies/qra/>
In which is shown the 1972 photo you have all seen before, namely
http://hkss.cedd.gov.hk/hkss/eng/photo_gallery/59p_copya.htm

A 2004 on-line book
Partnerships for Reducing Landslide Risk: Assessment of the National Landslide Hazards Mitigation Strategy
found at
<http://fermat.nap.edu/catalog/10946.html>
can be viewed freely at
<http://fermat.nap.edu/books/0309091403/html>
(perhaps a hardcopy purchase for staff if they don't already have a copy?)

A recent (Sep -2005) conference has a very nice presentation (in pdf format)
on Landslide hazard and risk assessment at
http://www.itc.nl/unu/dgim/unedra/refresher/_docs/lectures/20_09_2005_landslide_hazard_and_risk_assessment.pdf

On a related subject - debris flow - a good index to references can be found in the University of Victoria document
<http://cgrg.geog.uvic.ca/dfbib.pdf>

My point is that there is a wealth of RELEVANT knowledge that is freely available on the web. As well, local presentations can be provided on this issue by experts in the field - some from BC - at a fraction of the cost of a trip across the Pacific - and to a much wider audience. I urge council to consider this alternative to the Mayor and staff taking a trip to a single site.

Yours truly,

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