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FLEXIBLE AND DYNAMIC EDUCATION TO MEET CHALLENGES OF PRESENT AGE

EDUCATION MUST BE SUFFICIENTLY FLEXIBLE AND DYNAMIC TO SERVE A CONSTANTLY CHANGING, COMPLEX AND INTER-DEPENDENT WORLD, AND YET RETAIN THE VALUES WHICH HAVE SURVIVED THE TEST OF CHANGING SOCIAL ORDERS, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (PROFESSIONAL), MR. HO NGA-MING, TOLD THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION THIS AFTERNOON.

THIS FLEXIBILITY WAS TO MEET THE CHALLENGES IN THE PRESENT AGE OF RAPID TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL CHANGE.

+THE NUCLEAR AGE, THE WELFARE STATE, NEW FORMS OF MASS COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPORT, AND THE EXPLORATIONS OF OUTER SPACE ALL PRESENT CHALLENGES TO ACCEPTED PATTERNS OF LIVING AND BEHAVIOUR,+ MR. HO SAID.

AS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRESSIVELY CHANGED THE FORMS OF LIVING AND WORKING IN HONG KONG, MORE AND MORE CHILDREN WOULD FACE A VOCATIONAL FUTURE INVOLVING THE MONOTONY AND ROUTINE OF MASS PRODUCTION AS WELL AS THE POSSIBILITY OF INCREASED LEISURE.

+IT IS THEREFORE AN IMPORTANT TASK OF THE SCHOOL TO ENRICH THE CHILD'S AESTHETIC EXPERIENCE BY EXPOSING HIM TO THE FIRST-RATE IN LITERATURE, MUSIC, ART AND CRAFT AND BY PROMOTING HIS ZESTFUL PARTICIPATION IN A VARIETY OF FORMS OF CREATIVE EXPRESSION,+ MR. HO SAID.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR SPOKE ABOUT THE TEACHER'S THREEFOLD DUTY FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL POINT OF VIEW.

HE SAID THE FIRST AND RATHER OBVIOUS DUTY OF THE TEACHER WAS TO EXPLAIN THE CHILD'S ENVIRONMENT. THE CURRICULUM SHOULD BE SO DESIGNED AS TO INTERPRET THE ENVIRONMENT TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS WHO WERE GROWING UP IN IT.

MR. HO ADDED : +THE TEACHER'S FIRST DUTY IS TO HELP THEM REALISE WHAT LIES AROUND THEM IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT BECOMES AN EFFECTIVE PART OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE. BUT THE TEACHER HAS ALSO A SECOND DUTY, PERHAPS LESS OBVIOUS BUT CERTAINLY NO LESS IMPORTANT= THAT IS, TO SUPPLY WHAT IS LACKING IN THE ENVIRONMENT.

+IN MORE POSITIVE TERMS, PARTS OF THE CURRICULUM SHOULD COMPLETE THE ENVIRONMENT SO THAT THE CHILD'S GROWTH AS A WHOLE MAY BE HARMONIOUS AND WELL-BALANCED. FOR EXAMPLE, THE CHILD BROUGHT UP IN THE CITY SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN IGNORANT OF THE LIFE AND VALUES OF THE COUNTRYSIDE= NEITHER SHOULD THE VILLAGE CHILD BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN IGNORANT OF THE LIFE AND VALUES OF THE CITY.

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+THE THIRD DUTY, LESS EASY TO RELATE SPECIFICALLY TO THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM, BUT IMPORTANT TO THE WHOLE WAY OF LIFE OF THE SCHOOL, IS THAT OF HELPING THE PUPILS TO RESIST THOSE INFLUENCES IN THE ENVIRONMENT WHICH ARE HARMFUL, SUCH AS GAMBLING, DRUG ADDICTION, HOOLIGANISM AND OTHER SOCIAL ILLS. WHEN WE TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THIS THREEFOLD DUTY, WE CAN READILY SEE HOW TAXING, YET REWARDING, THE TEACHER'S TASK IS,+ HE SAID.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR REITERATED THAT TEACHERS WERE THE PROPS OF AN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM.

HE WAS STRESSING THIS POINT AT A TIME WHEN HONG KONG WAS EMBARKING ON AN IMPORTANT PHASE OF EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND WHEN IT WAS FACING A VARIETY OF YOUTH PROBLEMS.

MR. HO EMPHASISED THAT +THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EDUCATIONAL POLICIES AND THE PROPER NURTURE OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE TO BENEFIT FROM THEM MUST DEPEND LARGELY ON THE PERSONAL QUALITIES OF THE TEACHERS, THEIR PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND THEIR SKILL.

+I MAY GO SO FAR AS TO SAY THAT THE TEACHER IS AN AGENT OF THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH HE IS TO CARRY OUT HIS WORK AND THAT THE RIGHT EDUCATION OF THE TEACHER WILL PROVE ONE OF THE MOST FRUITFUL MEANS OF ADJUSTING EDUCATIONAL PROCEDURE TO THE NEEDS OF SOCIETY.+

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DRIVERS URGED TO HELP REDUCE ROAD ACCIDENTS

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR. IAN MACPHERSON, SAID TODAY MANY OF THE ROAD ACCIDENTS IN HONG KONG OCCURRED WHEN A VEHICLE WAS MANOEUVRING IN HEAVY TRAFFIC.

MANY OF THESE ACCIDENTS, HE SAID, STEM FROM THE FACT THAT THE DRIVER EITHER MISJUDGES HIS WIDTH, DISTANCE OR SPEED, OR THAT HE IS UNAWARE OF THE DANGERS OF DRIVING IN RESTRICTED CONDITIONS.

MR. MACPHERSON WAS SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY IN WHICH HE PRESENTED PRIZES TO THE WINNERS OF THE SAFE AND SKILLED DRIVING COMPETITION HELD AT THE SEK KONG AIRSTRIP.

THE COMPETITION, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS A +MEANINGFUL AND ENJOYABLE EVENT+, WAS ORGANISED BY THE BRITISH ARMY MOTORING ASSOCIATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AS PART OF THE CURRENT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

CONGRATULATING THE WINNERS AND COMPETITORS ON THEIR HIGH STANDARD DISPLAYED, MR. MACPHERSON SAID: +IN TODAY'S COMPETITION, YOU HAVE BEEN TESTED ON JUDGING WIDTH, DISTANCE AND SPEED WHEN DRIVING IN RESTRICTED CONDITIONS.+

+IF YOU THINK OF THE CONES AND BARRIERS YOU HAVE USED ON THE COMPETITION TODAY AS PEDESTRIANS AND OTHER VEHICLES ON THE ROAD AND REMAIN AWARE OF THE DANGERS INVOLVED WITH DRIVING, YOU WILL ALL BE DOING YOUR BIT TOWARDS REDUCING THE ROAD ACCIDENT FIGURES IN HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

THE PENALTIES FOR ACCIDENTS ON THE ROAD, HE ADDED, ARE NOT THE LOSS OF POINTS, BUT MAY BE LOSS OF LIFE.

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NEW FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS HARCOURT ROAD
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WORK IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE NEXT MONTH ON A NEW FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS HARCOURT ROAD OPPOSITE HUTCHISON HOUSE TO PROVIDE PEDESTRIANS THERE WITH AN IMPROVED AND PERMANENT ELEVATED ROAD CROSSING.

THE NEW BRIDGE, WHICH WILL BE OF REINFORCED CONCRETE STRUCTURE, WILL BE LOCATED SLIGHTLY TO THE EAST OF THE EXISTING TEMPORARY FOOTBRIDGE BUILT THERE ABOUT A YEAR AGO.

ON COMPLETION OF THE PERMANENT FOOTBRIDGE, THE TEMPORARY FOOTBRIDGE WILL BE PULLED DOWN.

REGARDING THE NEED TO REPLACE THE EXISTING FOOTBRIDGE WITH A PERMANENT ONE, THE CHIEF ENGINEER, CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MR. C.K. CHOW, SAID TODAY THAT THERE HAD BEEN A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PEDESTRIANS WISHING TO CROSS HARCOURT ROAD NEAR THE JUNCTION OF MURRAY ROAD SINCE THE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITES BETWEEN MURRAY ROAD AND COTTON TREE DRIVE.

HE SAID THAT IT WAS THEREFORE CONSIDERED DESIRABLE THAT A PERMANENT FOOTBRIDGE BE CONSTRUCTED FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF PEDESTRIANS.

THE NEW FOOTBRIDGE, WHICH WILL CONSIST OF TWO SPANS OF APPROXIMATELY 23 METRES EACH, IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT EIGHT MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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LUNG CHEUNG ROAD TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS
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TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS WILL BE INTRODUCED NEXT WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 19) IN LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, KOWLOON, TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

EASTBOUND THROUGH TRAFFIC ON LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, WHICH AT PRESENT HAS TO CROSS TAI PO ROAD, WILL BE DIVERTED INTO A NEW CARRIAGEWAY BEFORE REACHING TAI PO ROAD.

THE SIGNAL-CONTROLLED JUNCTION BETWEEN LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND NAM CHEONG STREET IS TO BE RELOCATED 60 YARDS TO THE EAST.

WESTBOUND THROUGH TRAFFIC ON LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WILL BE ROUTED ONTO A NEW ALIGNMENT ON EITHER SIDE OF THE NEW SIGNAL-CONTROLLED JUNCTION.

WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ON LUNG CHEUNG ROAD APPROACHING TAI WOR PING ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED DOWN NAM CHEONG STREET TO THE ROUNDABOUT AT ITS JUNCTION WITH CORNWALL STREET FROM WHERE IT MAY RETURN TO NAM CHEONG STREET TO JOIN TAI WOR PING ROAD.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, FROM 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 18), PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, EXCEPT THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER NAM FUNG ROAD AND THE SECTION OF DEEP WATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN SHOUSON HILL ROAD AND WONG NEI CHUNG GAP ROAD.

THE PROHIBITION IS INTENDED TO FACILITATE TRAFFIC FLOW. APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO INDICATE THE PROHIBITION.

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SECTION OF POKFULAM ROAD TO BE WIDENED

THE TWO-LANE SECTION OF POKFULAM ROAD BETWEEN MOUNT DAVIS ROAD AND QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL IS TO BE WIDENED TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA.

MR. S.C. CHEN, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE P.W.D.'S HIGHWAYS (H.K.) DIVISION, SAID TODAY THAT THE WIDENING WORK, WHICH FORMED PART OF THE OVERALL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME FOR POKFULAM ROAD, WOULD BEGIN IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR AND TAKE ABOUT 24 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

OUTLINING THE DETAILS OF THE PROJECT, MR. CHEN SAID THAT THE WIDENED SECTION OF THE ROAD, WHICH WAS ABOUT 800 METRES LONG, WOULD BECOME A DUAL CARRIAGEWAY WITH TWO LANES IN EACH DIRECTION.

ON EITHER SIDE THERE WOULD BE A TWO-METRE-WIDE PAVEMENT, AND THERE WOULD ALSO BE A NUMBER OF BUS BAYS AND LAY-BYS ALONG IT.

TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE WIDENED SECTION OF THE ROAD, FLOWER BEDS AND SITTING-OUT BENCHES WOULD BE PROVIDED ALONG THE ROADSIDE, MR. CHEN SAID.

HE PREDICTED THAT THE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS WOULD NOT ONLY RELIEVE THE PRESENT TRAFFIC CONGESTION, BUT ALSO ENSURE A SMOOTH FLOW OF EMERGENCY TRAFFIC TO AND FROM QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL.

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