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# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

LANGUAGE COURSES FOR TEACHERS  
PROVED POPULAR  
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OVER 1,400 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS HAVE ATTENDED THE VARIOUS COURSES RUN BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE SINCE ITS INCEPTION LAST SEPTEMBER.

OPERATING AS PART OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, IT SHARES WITH ITS WELL-ESTABLISHED COUNTER-PART - THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE, THE IMPORTANT TASK OF RAISING LANGUAGE STANDARDS AND IMPROVING THE TECHNIQUES OF LANGUAGE TEACHING IN BOTH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

MR. SO FAI-CHO, PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (CHINESE) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID: +BY INTRODUCING MODERN AND MORE STIMULATING TEACHING APPROACHES, THE TRADITIONAL METHOD OF WORD BY WORD TEXT EXPLANATION WILL SOON BECOME SOMETHING OF THE PAST.+

COURSES WHICH COVER ALL THE MAIN ASPECTS OF CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING, INCLUDING COMPREHENSION, READING AND SENTENCE PATTERNS, ARE REGULARLY ORGANISED FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY TEACHERS.

+SO FAR, THESE COURSES HAVE RECEIVED A VERY GOOD RESPONSE. SIMILAR COURSES WILL BE HELD IN THE FUTURE SO AS TO CATER FOR AS MANY TEACHERS AS POSSIBLE,+ SAID MR. SO.

A WIDE RANGE OF TEACHING MATERIALS IS BEING DEvised AND WILL BE LOANED TO TEACHERS. A VARIETY OF TAPES ON DICTATION, VERSE SPEAKING, READING, CONVERSATION AND DRAMA ARE DUBBED FREE FOR SCHOOLS. BLANK TAPES CAN BE SENT TO THE CENTRE IN EXCHANGE FOR THESE LANGUAGE TAPES.

IN ADDITION, PROGRESS IS BEING MADE IN THE PREPARATION OF AIDS FOR THE TEACHING OF CHINESE LANGUAGE, E.G. THE BUILDING UP OF SETS OF PHOTOGRAPHS BASED ON VARIOUS THEMES WITH A LOCAL SETTING. A 10-PICTURE SET ABOUT SEEING SOMEONE OFF AT THE AIRPORT HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND THIS WILL SERVE AS A USEFUL AID FOR ORAL PRACTICE AND COMPOSITION EXERCISE.

SUPPLEMENTARY READING MATERIALS, SELECTED FROM DIFFERENT MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPERS, AND BOOKS, ARE ALSO BEING PREPARED FOR VARIOUS TEACHING PURPOSES IN CLASS SO THAT PUPILS CAN HAVE A WIDER ACCESS TO ALL KINDS OF CHINESE READING MATERIALS.

MR. SO CONTINUED: +THE CENTRE HAS PREPARED VARIOUS PAMPHLETS SHOWING TEACHERS HOW TO USE THESE MATERIALS. IT IS HOPED THAT BY MEANS OF IMPROVED TEACHING METHODS THE PUPILS WILL IMPROVE THEIR SPOKEN AND WRITTEN CHINESE AS WELL AS DEVELOP A REAL INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT.+

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THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE ON THE OTHER HAND, WAS SET UP AS EARLY AS 1965. OVER 5,000 TEACHERS FROM PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS HAVE ATTENDED VARIOUS INTENSIVE COURSES, REFRESHER COURSES, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT.

REFRESHER COURSES ON TEACHING METHOD AND SPEECH TRAINING ARE REGULARLY GIVEN.

A 2-1/2 MONTH COURSE AIMED AT IMPROVING SPOKEN ENGLISH HAD JUST BEGUN FOR TEACHERS IN LOWER SECONDARY FORMS, AND WILL BE REPEATED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. A SERIES OF SUMMER COURSES AND WORKSHOPS IS ALSO BEING PLANNED TO CATER TO THE VARIOUS NEEDS OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHERS.

EIGHT CATEGORIES OF TAPES ON SENTENCE PATTERNS (AT ELEMENTARY, INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED LEVELS), DICTATION, READING, STRESS AND RHYTHM, INTONATION AND PRONUNCIATION ARE AVAILABLE AS IS A +TEACHERS' GUIDE+ TAPE ON TEACHING TECHNIQUES. THESE TAPES ARE DUBBED FREE FOR SCHOOLS. SO FAR, OVER 13,000 TAPES HAVE BEEN SENT TO SCHOOLS.

TO GUIDE PARTICIPATING TEACHERS IN MAKING GOOD USE OF THE NEW TECHNIQUES LEARNT FROM THE COURSES, INSPECTORS OF BOTH THE ENGLISH AND CHINESE SUBJECTS VISIT THEM IN THEIR SCHOOLS AFTERWARDS. WAYS OF IMPROVEMENT ARE DISCUSSED IN THESE FOLLOW-UP VISITS. IF COMMON PROBLEMS ARE FOUND AMONG TEACHERS, FURTHER COURSES GEARED TO SOLVING THEM WILL BE RUN. TEACHERS FROM DIFFERENT SCHOOLS ARE OFTEN INVITED TO GROUP DISCUSSIONS SO THAT TEACHING EXPERIENCE CAN BE EXCHANGED.

BOTH THE CHINESE AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRES HAVE UNITS IN HONG KONG AND KOWLOON. THEY ARE AT 9A DONHAM ROAD, 1ST FLOOR, HONG KONG AND 405 NATHAN ROAD, 16TH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES ON ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING HAVE BEEN SET UP AT BOTH CENTRES WHICH ARE OPEN TO ALL TEACHERS. HOWEVER, DUE TO THE LIMITED COPIES OF BOOKS ON INDIVIDUAL TOPICS, BOOKS CANNOT BE BORROWED AS YET. THE CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING LIBRARY IS STILL UNDER PREPARATION.

INSPECTORS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE AT THESE CENTRES TO ANSWER QUERIES FROM TEACHERS. +AS THE CENTRE IS SPECIALLY SET UP FOR TEACHERS, THEY SHOULD FEEL FREE TO COME WHENEVER THEY NEED AND MAKE GOOD USE OF ITS FACILITIES,+ MR. SO SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE LANGUAGE CENTRE ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT THE GIS PRESS ROOM.

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BUSY YEAR FOR FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

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THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT CARRIED OUT ALMOST 183,000 INSPECTIONS, RE-INSPECTIONS AND FOLLOW-UP VISITS DURING THE 1974-75 FINANCIAL YEAR.

THE MAJORITY OF THE INSPECTIONS WERE CONNECTED WITH COMPLAINTS ABOUT MEANS OF ESCAPE FROM BUILDINGS (67,126) AND 16,254 WERE RELATED TO GENERAL COMPLAINTS.

MORE THAN 50,000 INSPECTIONS OF FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL PREMISES WERE UNDERTAKEN. INSPECTIONS RELATED TO THE STORAGE AND CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS NUMBERED 8,064.

APART FROM LOOKING INTO COMPLAINTS ABOUT MEANS OF ESCAPE, THE BUREAU ALSO CARRIES OUT REGULAR VISITS TO INDUSTRIAL AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS TO ENSURE THAT EXITS ARE FREE OF OBSTRUCTION. LAST YEAR, THERE WERE 10,943 REGULAR VISITS. THE VENTILATION DIVISION INSPECTED 11,269 SYSTEMS IN BUILDINGS AND IN INDUSTRY.

SCHOOL INSPECTIONS TOTALLED 6,940, AND THERE WERE 3,107 INSPECTIONS OF RESTAURANTS AND NIGHT-CLUBS. OTHER INSPECTIONS INCLUDED FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATIONS (4,104), CINEMAS AND THEATRES (522), MATSHEDS (192), DANCE HALLS AND ACADEMIES (147), BILLIARD-ROOMS (63), TIMBER-YARDS (395), NEON-SIGNS (83), AND MISCELLANEOUS (817). A TOTAL OF 262 FIRES WERE ALSO INVESTIGATED.

OVER 700 ITEMS OF FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT SUCH AS EXTINGUISHERS AND HOSE WERE DELIVERED BY THE BUREAU TO GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND QUARTERS.

THE NUMBER OF PLANS RECEIVED AND PROCESSED IN RESPECT OF NEW BUILDING PROJECTS WAS 5,612.

DURING THE YEAR 7,249 FIRE HAZARD ABATEMENT NOTICES WERE ISSUED AND 894 PROSECUTIONS UNDERTAKEN. REVENUE EARNED TOTALLED \$930,000 OF WHICH \$530,920 CAME FROM THE ISSUE AND RENEWAL OF 2,745 DANGEROUS GOODS LICENCES, \$333,585 FROM FINES, \$20,400 FROM THE ISSUE AND RENEWAL OF 204 TIM LICENCES AND THE BALANCE (\$45,095) FROM CONFISCATED DANGEROUS GOODS.

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MORE WILL BE ACCOMMODATED IN KWAI SHING ESTATE  
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KWAI SHING ESTATE, WHICH IS ALREADY HOUSING SOME 35,000 PEOPLE, WILL HAVE ITS POPULATION DOUBLED IN 18 MONTHS' TIME.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE SECOND AND THIRD STAGES OF THIS PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IS IN PROGRESS.

ONE OF THE TEN MULTI-STOREY BLOCKS BEING BUILT UNDER THESE TWO PHASES WILL BE READY FOR OCCUPATION IN ABOUT JULY AND TWO OTHERS BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

THE ESTATE WILL HAVE ITS OWN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, COMPRISING A RESTAURANT, A CAFE, A SUPERMARKET, A DEPARTMENT STORE AND A LARGE NUMBER OF SHOPS.

ADEQUATE EDUCATIONAL AND WELFARE FACILITIES WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED

ON COMPLETION IN SEPTEMBER 1976, KWAI SHING ESTATE WILL BE ONE OF THE LARGEST HOUSING AUTHORITY ESTATE IN THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN.

UNDER THE TEN-YEAR HOUSING PROGRAMME, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IS TO BUILD FOUR OTHER PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IN THE NEW TOWN AND SEVERAL MORE ON TSING YI ISLAND. THESE HOUSING ESTATES WILL PROVIDE HOMES FOR ABOUT 200,000 PEOPLE.

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# ROYAL VISIT PRESS RELEASE



Sunday, April 13, 1975

## SECOND BATTALION GRENADIER GUARDS

Duke To Visit Illustrious Battalion At Stanley Fort

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The Duke of Edinburgh will spend a part of the morning on May 6 visiting the Second Battalion Grenadier Guards at Stanley Fort.

For the first time in the regiment's illustrious history, the Grenadier Guards are serving in Hong Kong.

Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel David Fanshawe, the 2nd battalion took over from the 1st King's Regiment in January and is based at Stanley Fort.

The regiment was founded by King Charles II in Bruges, Flanders in 1656. It was known as the first regiment of foot guards. The regiment fought in many battles up to Waterloo, including the Dutch wars (1665) and Marlborough's campaigns in the wars of the Spanish succession (1704-1709).

The regiment distinguished itself at Waterloo in 1815, by defeating the French Grenadiers, and the name was changed to the "First or Grenadier Regiment of Foot Guards." The wearing of bearskin caps was also authorised by the Prince Regent as a result of this victory.

The regiment continued to distinguish itself in battle and fought in the Crimea, Egypt and South Africa.

Up until World War I, the Grenadier Guards consisted of three battalions, but when war broke out, the 4th and 5th battalions were formed. They were disbanded in 1919.

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During World War II, the 4th, 5th and 6th battalions were formed and the 2nd battalion became an armoured battalion in the Guards armoured division. The Grenadier Guards were involved in the war in Europe and North Africa, but did not fight in the Far East. At the end of World War II, the 4th, 5th and 6th battalions were disbanded.

In 1960, the 3rd battalion was placed in suspended animation. At the farewell parade, the Queen decreed that a company of the 3rd battalion should be named the Inkerman Company and transferred to the 2nd battalion "to keep alive the spirit and traditions of the 3rd battalion until it is reformed."

The Queen's company of the 1st battalion is the personal company of the Queen. The Queen's company has the privilege of being on duty at Westminster Abbey on the occasions of the coronation of a sovereign.

The regiment has been awarded 76 battle honours and has 13 recipients of the Victoria Cross.

Princess Elizabeth, now the Queen, was Colonel of the Regiment between 1942 and 1952. The Queen is now Colonel-in-Chief of the Grenadier Guards and in January 1975, the Duke of Edinburgh was appointed Colonel of the Regiment.

While the 2nd battalion is in Hong Kong, the 1st battalion is stationed at Chelsea Barracks in London.

In the short time since arriving in Hong Kong, the Grenadiers have made friends with the local population, especially in nearby Stanley village.

They played their part in the Clean Hong Kong campaign - when they assisted Service children in tidying up Stanley Main Street and when the corps of drums, dressed in their traditional bearskin caps, scarlet tunics

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and blue trousers, played in the village at the end of the Lunar New Year festivities.

Prior to coming to Hong Kong, the battalion was on public duties in England and had a visit from the Queen at Windsor before advance elements left for Hong Kong.

The battalion in Stanley Fort comprises more than 600 men, with 283 married families.