



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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MORE TEACHERS USING AUDIO-VISUAL MEDIA

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THE CONCEPT THAT LEARNING IS A TEACHER SCRIBBLING NOTES ON THE BLACKBOARD TO BE COPIED MECHANICALLY BY STUDENTS IS CERTAINLY OUTDATED.

WITH THE HELP OF THE VISUAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, TEACHERS ARE MAKING LEARNING A MORE INTERESTING EXPERIENCE FOR STUDENTS.

THE HELP COMES IN THE FORM OF FILMS, SLIDES, PHOTOGRAPHS, CASSETTE TAPES, LEARNING PACKAGES AND OTHER A-V MEDIA WHICH ARE ON LOAN FREE OF CHARGE TO TEACHERS.

CURRENTLY, THE LIBRARY OF THE VISUAL EDUCATION SECTION HAS IN STOCK SOME 1,068 REELS OF 16 MM FILMS, 3,458 FILMSTRIPS, 218 SETS OF SLIDES, 576 RECORDED TAPES, 100 SETS OF PHOTOGRAPHS, 168 CARTRIDGES OF 8 MM LOOP FILMS, 1,028 OVERHEAD PROJECTOR TRANSPARENCIES AND SOME KITS AND LEARNING PACKAGES.

MRS MAY KWOK, SENIOR INSPECTOR IN CHARGE OF THE SECTION, POINTED OUT THAT MORE AND MORE TEACHERS WERE MAKING USE OF AUDIO-VISUAL MEDIA.

+TAKE THE EXAMPLE OF 16 MM FILM WHICH IS THE MOST POPULAR ITEM, 6,978 BORROWINGS WERE MADE IN 1973-75, + SHE SAID. +IN THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR, THE FIGURE REACHED 10,262.+

MRS KWOK SAID THAT MOST OF THE MATERIALS WERE PURCHASED FROM OVERSEAS, BUT SOME WERE DONATED BY OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS SUCH AS THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, OR ON LOAN FROM TRADE COMMISSIONS, CONSULATES AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

THE VISUAL EDUCATION SECTION ALSO PRODUCES ITS OWN AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS. THESE ARE MAINLY PHOTOGRAPHS, SLIDES AND 8 MM FILM-LOOPS.

INFORMATION OF MATERIALS AVAILABLE IS COMMUNICATED TO SCHOOLS BY MEANS OF CATALOGUES, SUPPLEMENTS AND A PERIODICAL CALLED +A-V NEWS+, ALL OF WHICH ARE PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE.

THE +A-V NEWS+ IS ISSUED ON A REGULAR BASIS AND CONTAINS INFORMATION ON THE LATEST ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY AND OTHER NEWS ON TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENTS OF EDUCATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS.

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THE ACQUISITION OF AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS IS CONDUCTED IN CLOSE CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER SUBJECT SECTIONS OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF SCHOOLS AND SPECIAL CURRICULUM PROJECTS.

+SUBJECT SPECIALISTS ARE INVITED TO INSPECT THE CATALOGUES OF OVERSEAS SUPPLIERS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON PURCHASES,+ MRS KWOK EXPLAINED. +THEY WILL AGAIN BE INVITED TO VIEW THE MATERIALS WHEN THEY ARE DELIVERED TO US AND DECIDE THE GRADE LEVEL FOR AND SUITABILITY OF EACH ITEM.+

THESE SUBJECT SPECIALISTS ALSO DRAFT THE NOTES FOR THE SECTION'S OWN CATALOGUES AND SUPPLEMENTS TO SERVE AS GUIDELINES TO PROSPECTIVE BORROWERS AS TO THE CONTENT OF A CERTAIN ITEM.

IN ADDITION TO INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS, AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT ARE ALSO ON LOAN TO SCHOOLS FREE OF CHARGE AND THE SECTION CARRIES OUT ON-THE-SPOT EVALUATION FOR SCHOOLS IN THEIR PURCHASE OF SUCH EQUIPMENT.

SCHOOLS WHICH BORROW THE TEACHING MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT ARE REQUIRED TO FILL IN ORDER FORMS WHICH BIND THEM TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS TO ENSURE PROPER USE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE LOAN ITEMS.

TO PROMOTE THE AUDIO-VISUAL APPROACH IN TEACHING, THE SECTION CONDUCTS VARIOUS COURSES AND WORKSHOPS FOR IN-SERVICE TEACHERS AND TRAINING OFFICERS OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS. IN THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR, A TOTAL OF 36 SUCH COURSES AND WORKSHOPS WERE ORGANISED, ATTRACTING MORE THAN 1,800 PARTICIPANTS.

ORGANISED VISITS ARE ALSO REGULARLY HELD EACH YEAR TO FAMILIARISE STUDENT TEACHERS FROM THE THREE GOVERNMENT COLLEGES OF EDUCATION, THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE AND FROM THE TWO UNIVERSITIES WITH THE SERVICES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE SECTION.

MRS KWOK SAID THAT APART FROM ALL THESE FACILITIES, TEACHERS WERE ENCOURAGED TO PRODUCE THEIR RESOURCE MATERIALS TO MEET THEIR SPECIAL NEEDS IN THE MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES UNIT RUN BY THE VISUAL EDUCATION SECTION.

HOUSED IN THE FUK WAH STREET GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL IN CHEUNG SHA WAN, THE MPSU IS OPEN EVERY WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY (EXCEPT SATURDAY AFTERNOONS OR PUBLIC HOLIDAYS) AND PROVIDES A VARIETY OF PHOTOGRAPHIC, REPROGRAPHIC, GRAPHIC, MODEL-MAKING, MOUNTING AND TRANSPARENCY-MAKING EQUIPMENT.

TEACHERS ARE TAUGHT HOW TO MASTER THESE MEDIA PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT BY SELF-INSTRUCTIONAL LOOP FILMS OR WITH THE ADVICE OF THE INSPECTOR AND THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANT WHO ARE ON HAND TO ASSIST THEM.

+LAST YEAR, AN AVERAGE OF 1,100 TEACHERS MADE USE OF THE MPSU,+ MRS KWOK SAID. +WE ARE HOPING TO EXPAND THE SIZE OF THIS UNIT FROM TWO TO THREE CLASSROOMS THIS SEPTEMBER AND EVENTUALLY TO EXTEND THE OPENING HOURS TO MEET THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR THE FACILITIES OF THE UNIT.+

THE ULTIMATE GOAL, SHE SAID, WAS TO HAVE A SIMILAR SET-UP ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

FIRST PROPERTY TAX DEMAND NOTES ON NEW BASIS GO OUT TOMORROW
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THE FIRST PROPERTY TAX DEMAND NOTES ISSUED ON THE BASIS OF THE ASSESSABLE VALUE OF THE PROPERTIES CONCERNED WILL GO OUT TOMORROW (TUESDAY) FOR PROPERTIES ON HONG KONG ISLAND, AP LEI CHAU AND MIDDLE ISLAND.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR LEGISLATION WAS ENACTED TO ASSESS PROPERTY TAX ON A NEW BASIS, THAT OF THE ASSESSABLE VALUE OF PROPERTY.

THIS NEW BASIS CAME INTO OPERATION ON APRIL 1 THIS YEAR SO THAT PROPERTY TAX FOR THE YEAR 1976/77 (APRIL 1, 1976 TO MARCH 31, 1977) WILL BE CHARGED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ASSESSABLE VALUE.

IN THE PAST THE VALUE OF ASSESSMENT HAS BEEN THE RATEABLE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY.

COMMENTING ON THE CHANGE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +EXISTING RATEABLE VALUES ARE BASED ON 1972 RENTAL LEVELS WHICH ARE NOW OUT OF DATE.

+ON THE OTHER HAND, ASSESSABLE VALUES ARE FIXED IN LINE WITH CURRENT MARKET RENTAL VALUES.

+THIS MEANS THAT BECAUSE OF THE GENERAL RISE IN RENTS SINCE 1972, MOST OWNERS WILL BE PAYING MORE PROPERTY TAX THIS YEAR THAN IN THE YEAR 1973/74 - 1975/76, AND IN SOME CASES CONSIDERABLY MORE.

+HOWEVER, PROPERTIES WHICH ARE WHOLLY LET AT CONTROLLED RENTS WILL BE ASSESSED ON RENTS RECEIVABLE.+

FOLLOWING THE ISSUE TOMORROW OF PROPERTY TAX DEMANDS FOR PROPERTIES SITUATED ON HONG KONG ISLAND, AP LEI CHAU AND MIDDLE ISLAND, DEMANDS FOR KOWLOON AND NINE SPECIFIED AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL GO OUT ON NOVEMBER 30, 1976, AND DEMANDS FOR NEW KOWLOON ON JANUARY 31, 1977.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT EXPLANATORY PAMPHLETS WERE BEING ISSUED WITH THE PROPERTY TAX NOTICES AND DEMANDS, AND PEOPLE RECEIVING THEM WERE ASKED TO STUDY ALL SUCH PAPERS VERY CAREFULLY SO THEY WOULD FULLY UNDERSTAND THE POSITION.

+FURTHER ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ALL INLAND REVENUE OFFICES IN HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND NEW TERRITORIES, AND AT ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

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ONE LANE TRAFFIC IN RUMSEY STREET
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PART OF THE ROADWAY IN RUMSEY STREET WILL BE CLOSED FOR SEVEN DAYS FROM 10 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 1) IN ORDER TO FACILITATE DEMOLITION WORKS AT MARINE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED, HOWEVER, THAT ONE LANE TRAFFIC WILL BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES.

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94 FAMILIES TOTALLING 389 PEOPLE FROM TAI ON MANSION
AND 205-205A SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET ACCEPT REHOUSING
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SIXTY-EIGHT FAMILIES TOTALLING 277 PEOPLE FROM TAI ON MANSION
AND 26 FAMILIES TOTALLING 112 PEOPLE FROM NOS. 205-205A SAI YEUNG
CHOI STREET, THE TWO BUILDINGS IN SHAMSHUIPO WHICH MUST BE VACATED
TO MAKE WAY FOR ESSENTIAL TUNNELLING WORKS ON THE MASS TRANSIT
RAILWAY, HAVE ALREADY ACCEPTED GOVERNMENT HOUSING.

HOWEVER MOST OF THEM HAVE NOT YET MOVED AND IN SOME CASES
THEY ARE WAITING FOR DECORATION OF THEIR NEW FLATS TO BE COMPLETED.

ANNOUNCING THESE FIGURES TODAY, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID:
+THE RESPONSE FROM NEARLY ALL OWNER-OCCUPIERS AND DOMESTIC TENANTS
IN TAI ON MANSION, AND THE RESPONSE OF THE DOMESTIC TENANTS IN
205-205A SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET, IS VERY ENCOURAGING.

+MOST OF THE FAMILIES AFFECTED HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE
OFFERS BY THE GOVERNMENT IN THE RESPECTIVE CASES CONCERNING
EX-GRATIA COMPENSATION FOR TENANTS AND MARKET-RATE COMPENSATION
FOR OWNER-OCCUPIERS PLUS A DISTURBANCE ALLOWANCE.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT BESIDES THE 68 FAMILIES IN TAI ON
MANSION WHO HAD ACCEPTED RE-HOUSING, SIX OTHER FAMILIES WERE
MAKING LAST-MINUTE ARRANGEMENTS TO ACCEPT GOVERNMENT HOUSING
AND IT WAS HOPED ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE FOR ALL OTHER
FAMILIES APART FROM THOSE WHO HAD GIVEN UP THEIR RIGHT TO
GOVERNMENT HOUSING.

AT SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET, ARRANGEMENTS HAD ALREADY BEEN
MADE FOR ALL BUT TWO FAMILIES APART FROM THOSE WHO DID NOT WANT
GOVERNMENT HOUSING.

DETAILS OF COMPENSATION AND EX-GRATIA COMPENSATION GIVEN TO
BOTH GROUPS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DOMESTIC TENANTS: EX-GRATIA COMPENSATION OF ABOUT \$20 PER
SQ. FT. FOR ALL LIVING ACCOMMODATION PLUS COMPENSATION AT A
SLIGHTLY REDUCED FIGURE FOR KITCHENS, BALCONIES, PASSAGEWAYS,
TOILETS, ETC. THIS COMPENSATION IS TO PAY FOR REMOVAL COSTS.

PAYMENTS OF 50 PER CENT OF THE AMOUNT IN ADVANCE, AFTER
THE TENANTS SIGNED AN AGREEMENT TO LEAVE. PAYMENT OF THE
REMAINING 50 PER CENT ON THEIR DEPARTURE.

OWNER-OCCUPIERS: PAYMENT FOR PREMISES AT \$215 - \$240 PER
SQ. FT. PLUS A 'DISTURBANCE ALLOWANCE' OF ABOUT \$20 PER SQ. FT.
ON THE SAME LINES AS THE EX-GRATIA COMPENSATION GRANTED TO DOMESTIC
TENANTS.

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IN ADDITION, OWNER-OCCUPIERS, WHERE ELIGIBLE, WERE OFFERED AND IN MOST CASES ACCEPTED GOVERNMENT REHOUSING.

FURTHER, ALL 39 OWNER-OCCUPIERS AT TAI ON MANSION RETAIN THE RIGHT TO APPEAL TO THE LANDS TRIBUNAL FOR A RULING ON THE VALUE OF THEIR PREMISES AND IF THE TRIBUNAL FIGURE IS HIGHER THAN THE AMOUNT PAID, THE GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE UP THE BALANCE.

THE ONLY EXCEPTION WILL BE THAT THE +DISTURBANCE ALLOWANCE+ OF ABOUT \$20 PER SQ. FT. WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM ANY AMOUNT AWARDED BY THE TRIBUNAL ON THE GROUNDS OF DISTURBANCE.

THERE ARE NO OWNER-OCCUPIERS AT 205-205A SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET. ALL 34 FAMILIES CONCERNED WERE DOMESTIC TENANTS.

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PLANS TO CONTROL NUMBER OF FISH BREEDERS
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PLANS ARE IN HAND TO INTRODUCE SOME FORM OF CONTROL TO REGULATE THE GROWING NUMBER OF MARINE FISH CULTURE OPERATORS IN HONG KONG WATERS.

ACCORDING TO MR. PHILIP CHEUNG, FISHERIES OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, A BILL TO THIS EFFECT HAS BEEN DRAFTED.

HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE BILL, KNOWN AS THE MARINE FISH CULTURE BILL, WOULD BE ACCEPTED.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE ABOUT 900 FISH BREEDERS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF HONG KONG.

THIS BUSINESS, MR. CHEUNG SAID, HAD A RELATIVELY SHORT HISTORY AND IT STARTED IN 1972 THROUGH A NUMBER OF CIRCUMSTANCES.

+ONE OF THEM WAS THAT FISHERMEN HAD BEEN ASKED BY THEIR CLIENTS, OPERATORS OF SEA-FOOD RESTAURANTS, TO KEEP THE FISH ALIVE AS THEY DID NOT HAVE THE NECESSARY FACILITIES TO DO SO,+ HE ADDED.

+THE NEED TO CONTROL THIS KIND OF BUSINESS BECOMES EVIDENT AS THESE FISH BREEDERS ARE CAUSING CONGESTION IN A NUMBER OF PLACES, ESPECIALLY IN SOK KWU WAN ON LAMMA ISLAND AND SAI KUNG WHERE MOST MARINE FISH BREEDERS OPERATE,+ MR. CHEUNG SAID.

THE BILL, IF PASSED, WILL MAKE IT MANDATORY FOR A MARINE FISH CULTURE OPERATOR TO APPLY FOR A LICENCE.

+IT IS OUR INTENTION TO DESIGNATE CERTAIN FISH CULTURE SITES WHERE THESE PEOPLE CAN CARRY ON WITH THEIR OPERATIONS,+ HE ADDED.

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