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NEW BIOLOGY SYLLABUSES FOR SENIOR SECONDARY FORMS

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NEW BIOLOGY SYLLABUSES HAVE EITHER BEEN PREPARED OR PROPOSED FOR SENIOR SECONDARY FORMS TO COMPLEMENT THE ADOPTION OF INTEGRATED SCIENCE IN JUNIOR SECONDARY CLASSES, MRS. LOUISE MOK, DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SHE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A SEMINAR ON THE BIOLOGY SYLLABUSES FOR HIGHER AND ADVANCED LEVELS HELD AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.

IN RECENT YEARS MANY JUNIOR SECONDARY CLASSES HAD CHANGED FROM TRADITIONAL GENERAL SCIENCE TO A MODERN INTEGRATED SCIENCE SYLLABUS INCORPORATING CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS AND BIOLOGY.

TWENTY-SIX SCHOOLS PARTICIPATED IN THE PILOT SCHEME OF THE INTEGRATED SCIENCE SYLLABUS WHEN IT WAS LAUNCHED IN 1973-74, AND IN THE CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR THE NUMBER HAS RISEN TO 257 SCHOOLS.

+THIS REPRESENTS AN ENORMOUS INCREASE, ALMOST TEN-FOLD, IN A SHORT PERIOD OF ABOUT FIVE YEARS,+ MRS. MOK POINTED OUT.

ACCORDINGLY, A NEW BIOLOGY SYLLABUS HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR FORMS FOUR AND FIVE.

ALSO, THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, IN CO-OPERATION WITH SCIENCE INSPECTORS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, PRODUCED A NEW HIGHER LEVEL BIOLOGY SYLLABUS FOR 1979 AND A NEW BIOLOGY SYLLABUS AT ADVANCED LEVEL IS PROPOSED FOR THE 1982 EXAMINATION.

ALL THESE SYLLABUSES ADVOCATE THE SCIENTIFIC AND DISCOVERY APPROACHES MEANT TO DEVELOP IN STUDENTS A GREATER AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION OF THE USES OF SCIENCE IN THE MODERN WORLD, MRS. MOK SAID.

+STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONDUCT EXPERIMENTS, TO BE OBSERVANT AND TO BE READY TO FACE THE CHALLENGE OF PRESENT DAY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION AND RESOURCE DEPLETION.

+MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, THEY ARE ENCOURAGED TO FIND PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS TO OUR DAILY PROBLEMS,+ SHE ADDED.

ON THE CONTRIBUTION OF TEACHERS TOWARDS THE SYLLABUS MRS. MOK SAID THAT IN HONG KONG, SCHOOL TEACHERS PLAY A VITAL PART IN DESIGNING SCIENCE SYLLABUSES BY SITTING ON VARIOUS CONCERNED COMMITTEES.

+BIOLOGY TEACHERS ARE PARTICULARLY ACTIVE IN HELPING WITH THE DRAFTING OF SYLLABUSES, THE PRODUCTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS, AND THE ORGANISATION OF IN-SERVICE COURSES, SEMINARS AND FIELD TRIPS,+ SHE SAID.

MRS. MOK ASKED PARTICIPANTS AT THE SEMINAR TO MAKE COMMENTS ON THE HIGHER AND ADVANCED LEVELS BIOLOGY SYLLABUSES.

+I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY AND THE BIOLOGY INSPECTORS WILL FORWARD THEIR COMMENTS TO THE RELEVANT SUBJECT COMMITTEES FOR CONSIDERATION.+

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PHILATELIC BUREAU PROVIDES WORLD-WIDE SERVICE
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THE PHILATELIC BUREAU OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE CONTINUED TO SHOW STEADY GROWTH DURING THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR.

THIS WAS THE FOURTH FULL YEAR OF THE BUREAU'S OPERATIONS. SALES AMOUNTED TO \$674,648, AN INCREASE OF \$198,354 COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

ALL CURRENT POSTAL STAMPS, AND PHILATELIC SERVICES, ARE AVAILABLE BY POST TO PHILATELISTS AND PHILATELIC DEALERS ALL OVER THE WORLD FROM THE BUREAU.

+POSTAL STAMPS ARE CLASSIFIED UNDER TWO HEADINGS, DEFINITIVE AND SPECIAL ISSUES,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE EXPLAINED TODAY (SATURDAY). +DEFINITIVE STAMPS ARE ALWAYS IN PERMANENT USE WHILE THE SPECIAL ISSUES ARE RELEASED FROM TIME TO TIME TO MARK SPECIAL EVENTS.+

GENERALLY SPEAKING, NOT MORE THAN THREE SETS OF SPECIAL ISSUE STAMPS ARE RELEASED EACH YEAR.

+THIS YEAR WE HAVE THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, HONG KONG BUTTERFLIES AND THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY. THE HONG KONG BUTTERFLIES WILL BE RELEASED ON JUNE 20,+ HE SAID.

BEFORE THE RELEASE OF ANY NEW STAMPS, THE BUREAU SENDS CIRCULARS TO OVERSEAS PHILATELISTS, GIVING THEM DETAILS OF THE NEW ISSUE.

THE BUREAU OPERATES TWO TYPES OF DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS FOR THEM. +THE STANDING ORDER ACCOUNTS ARE FOR CUSTOMERS WHO REQUIRE REPEAT ORDERS OF ALL NEW ISSUES OF STAMPS AND SUPPLIES ARE DESPATCHED AUTOMATICALLY WITHOUT ANY NEED TO RE-ORDER. THE ORDINARY ACCOUNTS ARE FOR CUSTOMERS WHOSE REQUIREMENTS VARY FROM TIME TO TIME,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE BUREAU SELLS SPECIAL ISSUES WHICH HAVE BEEN RELEASED FOR SALE WITHIN THE LAST 15 MONTHS.

TWO SOUVENIR FOLDERS CONTAINING DEFINITIVE ISSUE STAMPS ARE ALWAYS ON SALE AT THE PHILATELIC COUNTERS. A SMALL FOLDER COSTING \$7 CONTAINS A LIMITED SET OF STAMPS WHILE THE LARGE FOLDER CONTAINS THE FULL RANGE OF DEFINITIVE STAMPS AND COSTS \$44.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE TWO PHILATELIC COUNTERS WHICH ARE MAINLY FOR LOCAL COLLECTORS AND TOURISTS. ONE IS IN THE GPO AND THE OTHER IS IN THE NEW TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE IN PEKING ROAD.

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PWD SETS UP LIGHTING DIVISION

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A LIGHTING DIVISION HAS BEEN SET UP IN THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE MOVE FOLLOWED RECOMMENDATIONS BY A BRITISH LIGHTING ENGINEER WHO WAS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN 1977 TO INVESTIGATE AND REPORT ON HONG KONG'S ROAD LIGHTING SYSTEM.

THE NEW DIVISION, HEADED BY A CHIEF ENGINEER, COMPRISES TWO SENIOR ENGINEERS, ONE FOR HONG KONG ISLAND AND THE OTHER FOR KOWLOON, SEVEN ENGINEERS AND FIVE TECHNICAL OFFICERS.

A HIGHWAYS OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID: +INITIALLY THE DIVISION WILL BE STAFFED BY A BLEND OF LOCAL ENGINEERS AND EXPERIENCED EXPATRIATES, HOWEVER, ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO PROVIDE LOCAL ENGINEERS WITH THE APPROPRIATE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INITIAL PRACTICAL TRAINING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM SO THAT LOCAL EXPERTISE CAN BE BUILT UP.+

THE FUNCTIONS OF THE DIVISION, WHICH SHOULD ACHIEVE A CLOSER WORKING RELATIONSHIP ON LIGHTING MATTERS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE TWO POWER COMPANIES, WILL INCLUDE THE APPLICATION OF MODERN DESIGN STANDARDS, TECHNIQUES AND LIGHT SOURCES AND PLANNED MAINTENANCE METHODS.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT THE USE OF MODERN LAMPS AND LANTERNS ON HONG KONG ROADS SHOULD RESULT IN A REDUCTION IN CRIME AND AFTER-DARK ROAD ACCIDENTS. IN ADDITION, MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY SHOULD BE ACHIEVED IN THE USE OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY.

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MARINE DEPARTMENT'S NEW FLOATING REFUSE COLLECTOR

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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT'S NEW FLOATING MECHANICAL REFUSE COLLECTOR HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A SERIES OF OPERATIONAL TRIALS WITHIN THE ABERDEEN HARBOUR, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE +WATER WITCH+ RECOVERED SOME 70 TONS OF FLOATING REFUSE WITHIN THE PAST 13 DAYS -- A DAILY AVERAGE OF 5.4 TONS.

+THIS COMPARES MOST FAVOURABLY WITH THE 1.8 TONS PER DAY NORMALLY COLLECTED BY THE ONE MOTORISED CARGO BOAT AND EIGHT SAMPANS THAT COMPRISE THE ABERDEEN REFUSE SCAVENGING FLEET,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN TERMS OF COST EFFECTIVENESS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, TO COLLECT REFUSE UTILISING THE CONVENTIONAL FLEET COSTS \$680 PER TON, WHEREAS THE OPERATIONAL COST OF THE +WATER WITCH+ IS \$157 A TON.

+THERE ARE STILL SOME TEETHING PROBLEMS RELATING TO BARGE STORAGE AND ULTIMATE DISPOSAL OF REFUSE COLLECTED BY THE +WATER WITCH.+

+HOWEVER IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THESE WILL BE RESOLVED IN THE NEAR FUTURE, FOLLOWING WHICH THE POTENTIAL OF THIS CRAFT SHOULD SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE,+ HE SAID.

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CHILDREN'S CENTRE OPENS ON TSING YI

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THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS. ANSON CHAN, TODAY (SATURDAY) OFFICIALLY OPENED A CHILDREN'S CENTRE ON TSING YI ISLAND WHICH PROVIDES A FOCUS OF ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN FROM CHEUNG CHING ESTATE.

THE CENTRE IS FINANCED BY THE LOTTERIES FUND THROUGH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND IS THE LATEST PROJECT RUN BY THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION.

IT PROVIDES A RANGE OF FACILITIES FOR CHILDREN, INCLUDING ROOMS FOR GROUP ACTIVITIES, RECREATION, STUDY AND COOKING, AS WELL AS A TOY CORNER AND A LIBRARY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, MRS. CHAN PRAISED THE ASSOCIATION FOR ITS ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE FIELD OF CHILD WELFARE, PARTICULARLY IN OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORK AND FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT IN DENSELY POPULATED HOUSING ESTATES IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT GROUP ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN WERE PROPERLY GUIDED IN A STIMULATING ENVIRONMENT.

SHE SAID IT WAS ENCOURAGING THAT THE CENTRE WHICH CAME INTO OPERATION LAST OCTOBER HAD ALREADY REGISTERED A MEMBERSHIP OF MORE THAN 600 AND ITS LIBRARY HAD REGISTERED MORE THAN 700 READERS.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE SECTION OF TSUNG MAN STREET BETWEEN ABERDEEN RESERVOIR ROAD AND TUNG SING ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL MOTOR VEHICLES FROM 10 A.M. ON MONDAY FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK TO FACILITATE ROAD REPAIRS.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THE SECTION OF TUNG SING ROAD BETWEEN ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD AND TSUNG MAN STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED TWO-WAY.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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TWO-WAY TRAFFIC

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT FROM 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M. ON MONDAY, GRANVILLE CIRCUIT IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE TEMPORARILY RE-ROUTED TWO-WAY TO FACILITATE ELECTRICAL DUCT LAYING WORKS.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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