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AUDIO-VISUAL AID SERVICE PROVES POPULAR

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SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES UNIT OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ARE VERY POPULAR AND ON THE AVERAGE ABOUT 200 TEACHERS A MONTH MAKE USE OF THE FACILITIES THERE.

THE UNIT UNDER THE VISUAL EDUCATION SECTION AIMS TO ORGANISE ACTIVITIES TO FAMILIARISE TEACHERS WITH THE TECHNIQUES IN THE USE OF AUDIO-VISUAL MEDIA IN TEACHING AND LEARNING.

AT THE SAME TIME, TEACHERS ARE ASSISTED BY THE UNIT IN THE DESIGN AND MAKING OF SIMPLE AND INEXPENSIVE TEACHING MATERIALS TO SUIT THEIR SPECIFIC NEEDS.

THE UNIT'S NEW OFFICE AT 182 CANTON ROAD, WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 19) BY MR. ARTHUR BROWN, SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT).

WHEN THE UNIT FIRST BEGAN OPERATION IN SEPTEMBER, 1973 IT WAS HOUSED IN THE FUK WAH STREET GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL. IT MOVED TO THE PRESENT ADDRESS IN JULY, 1977.

FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR USE IN THE UNIT COVER THE AREAS OF PHOTOGRAPHIC, REPROGRAPHIC, GRAPHIC, BOOKLET BINDING, SCREEN PRINTING, PICTURE PRESERVATION, MODEL MAKING AND AUDIO RECORDING.

THROUGH THESE SERVICES TEACHERS CAN PRODUCE AND USE AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS WITH A LOCAL FLAVOUR.

ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE CENTRE INCLUDE FAMILIARISATION VISITS FOR GROUPS OF TEACHERS AND TRAINEES, SCHEDULED COURSES AND PRACTICAL WORKSHOPS ON AUDIO-VISUAL TECHNIQUES, SEMINARS, AND EXHIBITIONS OF AUDIO-VISUAL RESOURCE MATERIALS PREPARED BY TEACHERS.

A TOTAL OF 26 AUDIO-VISUAL COURSES AND WORKSHOPS WERE ORGANISED DURING THE 1977/78 ACADEMIC YEAR AND ATTENDED BY ABOUT 400 TEACHERS IN THE EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION OF MEDIA AND PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES. THE INTAKE FOR THE 20 COURSES AND 16 WORKSHOPS IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR IS ABOUT 900.

MR. PAUL YUE OF THE UNIT SAID: +ALL IN-SERVICE TEACHERS ARE WELCOME TO MAKE USE OF THE FACILITIES IN OUR WORKSHOPS TO PRODUCE AIDS FOR USE IN THE CLASSROOMS.

+ALL EQUIPMENT IN THE WORKSHOPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR USE FREE OF CHARGE TO THE TEACHERS. THEY CAN BRING THEIR OWN MATERIAL TO PRODUCE THE AIDS OR USE MATERIALS IN THE WORKSHOPS WHICH ARE CHARGED AT COST ONLY,+ HE ADDED.

THE EQUIPMENT ARE CAPABLE OF PRODUCING VARIOUS AUDIO AND VISUAL AIDS IN CLASSROOMS SUCH AS PHOTOGRAPHS, GRAPHIC DRAWINGS, MODELS, COLOUR TRANSPARENCIES, CHARTS, DIAGRAMS AND CASSETTE TAPES WITH RECORDING.

/THE UNIT.....

THE UNIT IS OPEN TO TEACHERS EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M. AND FROM 2 P.M. TO 4.30 P.M. = AND EVERY SATURDAY FROM 9 A.M. TO 11.30 A.M. EXCLUDING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPORTERS/PHOTOGRAPHERS TO COVER THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES UNIT'S NEW OFFICE BY MR. ARTHUR BROWN, SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) AT 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 19) ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF 182 CANTON ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

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RECORD NUMBER OF MARRIAGES IN 1978

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THE NUMBER OF MARRIAGES REGISTERED LAST YEAR REACHED A RECORD TOTAL OF 40,400 -- 17 MORE THAN THE PREVIOUS RECORD OF 40,383 IN 1977, THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR. P. JACOBS, ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY).

+THE TOTAL INCLUDED 4,304 MARRIAGES BETWEEN PARTIES PREVIOUSLY MARRIED TO EACH OTHER, GENERALLY BY CHINESE CUSTOMARY CEREMONIES, AS COMPARED WITH 4,541 MARRIAGES OF THIS CATEGORY IN 1977. EXCLUDING THESE 'REMARRIAGES', THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED MARRIAGES INCREASED BY 254 FROM 35,842 TO 36,096,+ MR. JACOBS SAID.

THE RECORD IS ONLY ABOUT 0.04 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THE 1977 FIGURE.

HOWEVER, THE FACT THAT THERE WAS A SLIGHT INCREASE IS SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE 1978 WAS A +BLIND YEAR+, I.E. IT DID NOT HAVE A FIRST DAY OF SPRING (LAP CHUN) ACCORDING TO THE CHINESE LUNAR CALENDAR, AND WAS THEREFORE REGARDED BY TRADITIONALIST CHINESE AS NOT BEING AN AUSPICIOUS YEAR FOR MARRIAGES.

IN THE PAST THIS HAS RESULTED IN AN AVERAGE DECREASE OF FIVE PER CENT IN THE NUMBER OF MARRIAGES IN EVERY +BLIND YEAR+ AS COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING YEAR.

IT IS THOUGHT THAT THE FACT THAT THERE WAS A SLIGHT INCREASE IN MARRIAGES IN 1978 MAY BE EVIDENCE THAT THE TRADITIONAL BELIEF IN +BLIND YEARS+ IS NOT RIGIDLY OBSERVED BY THE YOUNGER CHINESE GENERATION.

ANOTHER FACTOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE CHANGE OF PATTERN IS BELIEVED TO BE THE STRUCTURE OF THE POPULATION WHICH NOW HAS A LARGE NUMBER OF PERSONS WITHIN THE MOST POPULAR AGE GROUP FOR MARRIAGES, I.E. 21 TO 24 FOR WOMEN AND 25 TO 29 FOR MEN.

THE NUMBER OF CHURCH MARRIAGES IN 1978 ROSE BY 210 TO 2,712 AS COMPARED WITH 2,502 IN 1977. MOST OF THE REGISTERED MARRIAGES WERE, AS USUAL, CELEBRATED AT THE MARRIAGE REGISTRIES. THE TOTAL OF SUCH MARRIAGES WAS 37,668, BEING 193 LESS THAN THE 1977 FIGURE.

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INSPECTION VISITS TO DRUG STORES

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PHARMACY INSPECTORS OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN PAYING INSPECTION VISITS TO PHARMACEUTICAL TRADERS TO ENSURE THAT THEY COMPLY WITH THE REVISED PHARMACY AND POISONS REGULATIONS WHICH CAME INTO FORCE LAST JULY.

CIRCULARS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SENT TO THESE TRADERS AND LOCAL PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURERS ADVISING THEM TO APPLY FOR REGISTRATION WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE CIRCULAR ALSO REMINDED THAT, WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1, 1979, APPLICATIONS FOR IMPORT LICENCES WOULD NOT BE ENDORSED UNLESS THEY ARE ACCOMPANIED BY A COPY OF THE REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE, OR PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE OR A COPY OF THE RECEIPT FOR APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF THE PRODUCT TO BE IMPORTED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

UNDER THE NEW REGULATIONS ALL PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, IMPORTED OR MADE LOCALLY, WOULD HAVE TO BE REGISTERED BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO BE SOLD.

+THE PRODUCT, BEFORE BEING ACCEPTED FOR REGISTRATION, IS ASSESSED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S PHARMACEUTICAL REGISTRATION SECTION ON ITS SAFETY, QUALITY AND EFFICACY,+ HE SAID.

CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION ARE VALID FOR FIVE YEARS. PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES ARE ALSO VALID FOR THE SAME PERIOD.

EXPLAINING THE LAST CATEGORY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THESE WERE GRANTED TO PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS WHICH HAD BEEN AVAILABLE ON THE MARKET BEFORE JULY 1 LAST YEAR AND WHICH HAD PROVED TO CAUSE NO SERIOUS ADVERSE EFFECT ON MEN AND ANIMALS.

+THIS IS TO AVOID DISRUPTION OF THE SALE AND SUPPLY OF THESE PRODUCTS,+ HE SAID.

ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN, THE FORENSIC PHARMACY SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT WOULD GRADUALLY EXTEND ITS ENFORCEMENT EFFORT TO COVER OTHER AREAS UNDER THE NEW REGULATIONS.

+A PERSON VIOLATING THE REGULATIONS IS LIABLE, ON CONVICTION, TO A MINIMUM FINE OF \$2,500 AND A MAXIMUM OF \$10,000, PLUS A PRISON TERM OF ONE YEAR. HE IS ALSO LIABLE TO A FURTHER FINE OF \$1,000 FOR EVERY DAY DURING WHICH AN OFFENCE CONTINUES SUBSEQUENT TO THE DATE OF CONVICTION,+ HE SAID.

THE FORENSIC PHARMACY INSPECTORS, CURRENTLY ENFORCING THE POISONS REGULATIONS, HANDLED NEARLY 100 PROSECUTIONS UP TO DECEMBER LAST YEAR, MORE THAN DOUBLE THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S FIGURES.

+THE CONVICTION RATE SO FAR IS NEARLY 100 PER CENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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PILING FOR POK FU LAM FLYOVER TO GET UNDERWAY SOON

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PILING FOR THE LATEST FLYOVER COMPLEX TO EASE THE HEAVY TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE MID-LEVELS IS EXPECTED TO GET UNDERWAY WITHIN A MONTH.

CAISSON WORK IS PROGRESSING FOR THE \$25 MILLION COMPLEX FROM POK FU LAM ROAD TO CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST.

A PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE PROJECT INVOLVED THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE 660-METRE ELEVATED ROAD, AND THE RE-ALIGNMENT OF A SECTION OF HILL ROAD. ALSO INCLUDED IS THE MODIFICATION OF THE EXISTING DRAINAGE WORKS.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT CALLED TENDERS IN JANUARY LAST YEAR, AND WORK ACTUALLY STARTED ON THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT IN JUNE. IT WILL TAKE ANOTHER 20 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THIS FLYOVER WOULD ALLEVIATE CONGESTION BETWEEN POK FU LAM AND WESTERN DISTRICT.

WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF ABERDEEN AND POK FU LAM, THERE HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN TRAFFIC ON THE ROAD NETWORK LINKING CENTRAL AND THESE AREAS.

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CAS PASSING-OUT PARADE

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THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR. TED NICHOLS, TOLD A GROUP OF 120 CIVIL AID SERVICES RECRUITS GRADUATING TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THEY HAD TAKEN A FIRST, BUT VERY POSITIVE, STEP IN COMMUNITY SERVICES.

SPEAKING AT THE PASSING-OUT PARADE OF THE RECRUITS AT THE CAS KOWLOON TRAINING CENTRE, MR. NICHOLS SAID: +THERE REMAINS MUCH MORE TO BE LEARNT, AND MUCH MORE TO BE ACHIEVED IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

+OUR MODERN WORLD IS COMPLEX AND COMPETITIVE. TO SUCCEED THEREIN ONE HAS TO ACQUIRE THE CORRECT BLEND OF TEAMWORK AND LEADERSHIP THAT IS BEST SUITED TO DEVELOP TO THE FULL ONE'S NATURAL ABILITIES.+

+SERVICE IN THE CAS WILL HELP YOU TO REALISE SUCH AN AMBITION, IF YOU WILL LET IT.

+ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT YOU WILL DERIVE BENEFIT FROM MEMBERSHIP OF YOUR ORGANISATION IN DIRECT PROPORTION TO WHAT YOU PUT INTO IT, AND THAT NOTHING WORTHWHILE IS ACHIEVED WITHOUT EFFORT AND HARD WORK,+ HE SAID.

AT THE CEREMONY, MR. NICHOLS ALSO PRESENTED SPECIAL CERTIFICATES AND CIVIL DEFENCE LONG SERVICE MEDALS TO 10 CAS MEMBERS.

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