



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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CANTON ROAD DUPLICATION OPENING TO TRAFFIC
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TRAFFIC ALONG CANTON ROAD WILL BE SMOOTHER WITH THE OPENING THIS WEEK OF THE NEWLY-COMPLETED CANTON ROAD DUPLICATION WHICH WILL SERVE AS AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE ALONG THE WESTERN PART OF TSIM SHA TSUI IN KOWLOON.

THE NEW ROAD BRANCHES OFF FROM CANTON ROAD NEAR THE CANTON ROAD FIRE STATION AND STRETCHES THROUGH THE SOUTH-WESTERN CORNER OF KOWLOON PARK TO JOIN SALISBURY ROAD.

IT WILL BE OPENED AT 10 A.M. ON THURSDAY (MAY 15) TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC ALONG THE SECTION NORTH OF PEKING ROAD, BUT TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC ONLY ON THE SECTION BETWEEN PEKING ROAD AND SALISBURY ROAD AS THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGE-WAY ON THIS PARTICULAR SECTION WILL NOT BE READY UNTIL SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

HOWEVER, SECTIONS OF ASHLEY ROAD AND MIDDLE ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO ACCOMMODATE SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON THE NEW ROAD. ASHLEY ROAD BETWEEN PEKING ROAD AND SALISBURY ROAD WILL BE ROUTED SOUTHBOUND, WHILE MIDDLE ROAD BETWEEN ASHLEY ROAD AND HANKOW ROAD WILL BE ROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.

THE CANTON ROAD DUPLICATION WILL HAVE FACILITIES FOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSING. A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE NEAR KOWLOON PARK AND A SUBWAY NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH SALISBURY ROAD WILL ALSO BE OPENED FOR PUBLIC USE FROM THURSDAY.

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INTERNATIONAL ROWING REGATTA AT DEEP WATER BAY
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OWNERS AND COXSWAINS OF SMALL CRAFT ARE WARNED THAT ACCESS TO THE FROM DEEP WATER BAY AND REPULSE BAY THROUGH THE SHALLOW INSHORE PASSAGE BETWEEN THE NORTH EASTERN TIP OF MIDDLE ISLAND AND DEEP WATER BAY ROAD WILL BE PROHIBITED FOR FOUR DAYS STARTING ON THURSDAY (MAY 15).

A MARINE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT DURING THAT PERIOD AN INTERNATIONAL ROWING REGATTA WOULD TAKE PLACE AT DEEP WATER BAY BETWEEN 10 AM AND 6.30 PM DAILY.

THE RACE WILL START FROM THE FORESHORES OF THE COUNTRY CLUB AND FINISH AT THE SOUTH EAST COAST OF DEEP WATER BAY OFF THE SHALLOW INSHORE PASSAGE TO THE NORTH EASTERN TIP OF MIDDLE ISLAND.

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DETAILS OF COMMON-CORE CURRICULUM FOR JUNIOR SECONDARY FORMS
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS SENDING TO ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS ADVANCE COPIES OF A PAMPHLET ENTITLED "A PRELIMINARY GUIDE TO THE CURRICULUM FOR JUNIOR SECONDARY FORMS".

A SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED TODAY THAT THE PAMPHLET HAD BEEN PRODUCED BY THE DEPARTMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO ASSIST SCHOOLS IN IMPLEMENTING THE FIRST STAGES OF A COMMON-CORE CURRICULUM FOR JUNIOR SECONDARY FORMS (I.E. FORMS 1 TO 3).

THE COMMITTEE IS A NON-STATUTORY BODY RESPONSIBLE FOR ADVISING THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE CURRICULUM.

ITS MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES HEADS OF GOVERNMENT, AIDED, SUBSIDIZED AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, PUBLIC EXAMINATION BODIES, THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION, THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE, AND THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION AS WELL AS DIVISIONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN, THE NEW CURRICULUM HAS BEEN DERIVED FROM THE RECENT WHITE PAPER, "SECONDARY EDUCATION IN HONG KONG OVER THE NEXT DECADE".

ALTHOUGH THE SECONDARY EXPANSION POLICY DETAILED IN THE WHITE PAPER HAS BEEN POSTPONED BECAUSE OF UNFAVOURABLE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS ALREADY STATED THAT IT WILL GO AHEAD THIS YEAR WITH THOSE ASPECTS OF CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT NOT REQUIRING SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

THE PAMPHLET DESCRIBES RECOMMENDED PROCEDURES FOR INTRODUCING THE FIRST PHASE OF THE NEW CURRICULUM IN SEPTEMBER 1975.

SALIENT FEATURES OF THE PAMPHLET ARE AS FOLLOWS:

THE CONSTITUENT SUBJECTS OF THE CURRICULUM ARE: CHINESE, ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES, CHINESE HISTORY, ART AND DESIGN, HOME ECONOMICS, DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, MUSIC AND ETHICAL/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

THE CURRICULUM HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A WELL-BALANCED EDUCATION SUITABLE FOR ALL PUPILS AT THIS LEVEL, WHETHER OR NOT THEY CONTINUE THEIR FORMAL EDUCATION BEYOND FORM 3.

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THE CONSTITUENT SUBJECTS ARE DESIGNED TO INTERACT (RATHER THAN EXIST AS INDEPENDENT ENTITIES) SO THAT PUPILS WILL BE LED TO AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN SUBJECTS.

THE NEW CURRICULUM SHOULD BE THOUGHT OF AS A TARGET TOWARDS WHICH SCHOOLS WILL BE EXPECTED TO MOVE AS QUICKLY AS THEIR INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES WILL ALLOW. IT IS FULLY APPRECIATED THAT SCHOOLS WILL NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT RESOURCES TO IMPLEMENT THE COMMON-CORE CURRICULUM IN FULL THIS COMING SEPTEMBER AND INTERIM MEASURES HAVE THEREFORE BEEN PLANNED TO HELP SCHOOLS BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN THEIR PRESENT CURRICULA AND THE TARGET COMMON-CORE CURRICULUM. THESE MEASURES INCLUDE THE ISSUE OF INTERIM SYLLABUSES FOR SUBJECTS OUTSIDE THE TARGET COMMON-CORE CURRICULUM.

THE NEW CURRICULUM IS IN NO WAY INTENDED TO BE RESTRICTIVE; IF SCHOOL AUTHORITIES ARE ABLE TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS IN THEIR CURRICULUM THEY ARE AT LIBERTY TO DO SO.

DETAILED SYLLABUSES HAVE BEEN PREPARED BY THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FOR ALL SUBJECTS OF THE NEW CURRICULUM AND WILL BE ISSUED AS SOON AS PRODUCTION HAS BEEN COMPLETED. THESE GIVE HELPFUL ADVICE ON TEACHING METHODOLOGY AND SUBJECT ORGANISATION AS WELL AS A SEQUENCE OF TEACHING ITEMS. MEANWHILE, INCLUDED IN THE PAMPHLET JUST ISSUED ARE OUTLINES OF ALL COMMON-CORE SYLLABUSES, DESIGNED TO GIVE TEACHERS A PREVIEW OF THE NATURE AND SCOPE OF THE COMMON-CORE CURRICULUM, PENDING THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMPLETE SYLLABUSES.

ALL COMMON-CORE SYLLABUSES WILL BE ISSUED INITIALLY ON A PROVISIONAL BASIS — I.E. THEY WILL BE SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION DURING A TRIAL PERIOD (BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER) DURING WHICH AN INTENSIVE PROCESS OF EVALUATION WILL TAKE PLACE.

THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL ESTABLISH CLOSE LINKS WITH SCHOOLS USING THE NEW SYLLABUSES; THIS COLLABORATION WILL INCLUDE IN-SERVICE COURSES OF TRAINING FOR TEACHERS, REGULAR VISITS TO THE SCHOOLS CONCERNED, DISCUSSION MEETINGS AND PROVISION OF ADVISORY SERVICES.

THE PAMPHLET GIVES ADVICE ON THE USE OF TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL DURING THE TRIAL PERIOD. NO MAJOR DIFFICULTIES ARE ANTICIPATED BUT INSPECTORATE ADVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO SCHOOLS REQUIRING IT. STEPS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO LIAISE WITH EDUCATIONAL PUBLISHERS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW MATERIAL TO SUPPORT THE COMMON-CORE CURRICULUM. MEANWHILE, SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN ADVISED NOT TO CHANGE EXISTING TEXTBOOKS IN SEPTEMBER SOLELY ON THE GROUNDS THAT NEW SYLLABUSES ARE TO BE ISSUED.

/FOR THE BENEFIT

FOR THE BENEFIT OF PUPILS ABLE TO CONTINUE THEIR FORMAL EDUCATION BEYOND FORM 3 THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE IS TAKING STEPS TO ENSURE THAT SYLLABUSES FOR FORMS 4 AND 5 COMPATIBLE WITH THE COMMON-CORE SYLLABUSES FOR FORMS 1 TO 3 ARE AVAILABLE IN EVERY SUBJECT. THIS MEANS THAT FOR SCHOOLS IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONAL SYLLABUSES THIS YEAR ON A TRIAL BASIS AN APPROPRIATE EXAMINATION WILL BE AVAILABLE BY THE TIME THE PUPILS CONCERNED HAVE REACHED FORM 5.

ALL SYLLABUSES ISSUED BY THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE EXCEPT THOSE FOR SUBJECTS TAUGHT ONLY IN ONE LANGUAGE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE.

THE COMMON-CORE SYLLABUSES HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO HELP PROMOTE A MARKED IMPROVEMENT IN THE QUALITY OF SECONDARY EDUCATION BY DISCOURAGING OLD-FASHIONED PATTERNS OF INSTRUCTION (EXCESSIVE DEPENDENCE ON TEXTBOOKS, LEARNING BY ROTE, ETC.) AND INSTEAD ENCOURAGING A MORE STIMULATING APPROACH TO LEARNING IN WHICH THE SPIRIT OF ENQUIRY PREDOMINATES, CHILDREN BEING TAUGHT TO MAKE FULL USE OF THEIR INITIATIVE AND TO DEVELOP THEIR NATURAL POTENTIAL TO THE FULLEST EXTENT.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT ONLY STRICTLY LIMITED NUMBERS OF ADVANCE COPIES OF THE GUIDE WERE AVAILABLE, BUT THAT WHEN PRINTING HAD BEEN COMPLETED, ADDITIONAL COPIES WOULD BE SENT TO SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND INTERESTED ORGANISATIONS. HE STATED THAT A CHINESE VERSION WAS ALSO BEING PRODUCED.

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ELEVEN PASS INSTITUTION OF FIRE ENGINEERS EXAMINATION * * * * *

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE 16 YEARS HISTORY OF THE HONG KONG BRANCH OF THE INSTITUTION OF FIRE ENGINEERS, TWO NON-MEMBERS OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAVE PASSED THE GRADUATE GRADE EXAMINATION.

THEY ARE MR. LEE HON-KEE AND MR. WILLIAM TSANG, BOTH OF WHOM WORK FOR LOCAL COMPANIES.

A TOTAL OF 83 CANDIDATES SAT FOR THE EXAMINATION IN MARCH. THE RESULTS, WHICH HAVE JUST BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM, SHOW THAT 11 CANDIDATES HAVE PASSED THE EXAMINATION, FIVE AT THE MEMBERSHIP GRADE AND SIX AT THE GRADUATE GRADE. THEY ARE MESSRS. BUTT WING-KEUNG, KWONG WAI-HON, LI CHI-ON, LIU TIN-CHEE AND LAU SHU-LAM (MEMBERSHIP GRADE) AND MESSRS. LEE HON-KEE, WILLIAM TSANG, KWOK JING-KEUNG, YEUNG KWONG-HUNG, CHEUNG WAH-KONG AND WU MOI-YAN (GRADUATE GRADE).

HONG KONG IS ONE OF THE INSTITUTION'S BIGGEST BRANCHES WITH A TOTAL OF 18 FELLOWS, 32 MEMBERS, 63 GRADUATES AND 104 STUDENTS. THE PRESIDENT IS MR. JOHN MARCH, A DIVISIONAL OFFICER OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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