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DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1974.

NEW WAYS TO TRAIN TECHNICAL TEACHERS

AN INNOVATIVE TEACHING METHOD IS BEING ADOPTED BY THE NEWLY OPENED HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE - THE FIRST FULLY-FLEDGED INSTITUTION FOR TECHNICAL TEACHER TTRAINING IN HONG KONG.

+AS IT IS A COMPLETELY NEW ESTABLISHMENT, WE ARE FREE TO TRY OUT OUR IDEAS WITHOUT BEING TIED DOWN BY THE TRADITIONAL SYSTEM+, MR. PETER SMITH, PRINCIPAL OF THE COLLEGE SAID TODAY.

WORKING TOWARDS THE GOAL OF PREPARING NEW ENTRANTS TO THE TEACHING PROFESSION AND RAISING THE STANDARD OF TECHNICAL TEACHING IN HONG KONG, EVERY MODERN EDUCATIONAL DEVICE WILL BE EMPLOYED.

THROUGH GUIDED DISCOVERY TECHNIQUES, STUDENTS GRASP THE ESSENTIALS OF THE COURSES BY READING TEXTBOOKS SUPPLEMENTED BY SLIDES AND TAPE-RECORDED LECTURE MATERIALS.

THESE EDUCATIONAL AIDS CAN BE BORROWED FROM A RESOURCE UNIT WHICH IS SET UP IN THE FORM OF A LIBRARY. IN THIS WAY, TUTORS WILL NO LONGER BE LIMITED TO THE ROLE OF TRANSMITTING KNOWLEDGE, THEY WILL BE AT HAND TO OFFER ADVICE AND SUPERVISION.

IN THIS WAY, STUDENTS CAN APPRECIATE THE EXCITEMENT OF DISCOVERING FOR THEMSELVES, AS OPPOSED TO THE USUAL PRACTICE OF BEING SPOON-FED BY THE LECTURERS. MOREOVER, FEELING FREE TO GO AT THEIR OWN PACE, STUDENTS FIND IT EASIER TO DIGEST THE LESSONS.

+IN OUR COLLEGE, FLEXIBILITY IS THE GUIDING PRINCIPLE, BECAUSE WE DO NOT BELIEVE IN ANY HARD AND FAST RULE BY WHICH STUDENTS CAN BE TRAINED TO TEACH. INSTEAD, THE EMPHASIS IS ON KEEN OBSERVATION OF THE STUDENTS' PERSONAL FLAIR AND TALENT, AND TUTORS CAN THEN DERIVE A MEANS TO CORRECT AND IMPROVE UPON HIS WORK+, MR. SMITH SAID.

TO FACILITATE OBSERVATION, THE STUDENTS ARE DIVIDED INTO MICRO-CLASSES, AND THEIR PERFORMANCES ARE RECORDED BY CLOSED-CIRCUIT TV, TO BE PLAYED BACK AFTERWARDS AND COMMENTED UPON BY TUTORS AND CLASSMATES.

TURNING TO THE CONTENTS OF EDUCATION OFFERED IN THE COLLEGE, MR. SMITH NOTED THAT TO ATTAIN A WELL-BALANCED CURRICULUM, EMPHASIS HAD BEEN LAID BOTH ON EDUCATIONAL AS WELL AS TECHNICAL ELEMENTS, AND TO THIS END SUBJECTS SUCH AS PSYCHOLOGY, PHILOSOPHY AND ENGLISH ARE TAUGHT.

ON THE EXPANSION PROGRAMME OF THE COLLEGE, THE PRINCIPAL REVEALED THAT IT WAS ENVISAGED THAT FULL-TIME STUDENT ENROLMENT COULD INCREASE GRADUALLY FROM THE EXISTING 120 TO 660 IN 1977/78.

EXPANSION AND INCREASED STUDENT ENROLMENT CERTAINLY CALLS FOR MORE FACILITIES AND LARGER ACCOMMODATION. THESE REQUIREMENTS, MR. SMITH ADDED, WOULD BE MET WHEN THE COLLEGE TAKES OVER THE EXISTING BUILDING OF THE VICTORIA TECHNICAL SCHOOL WHEN NEW PREMISES FOR THE LATTER BECOME AVAILABLE. THE VACATED VICTORIA TECHNICAL SCHOOL BUILDING WILL BE ADAPTED AND REFURBISHED SPECIALLY TO SUIT THE REQUIREMENTS OF TECHNICAL TEACHERS.

+WE SHALL THEN BE IN A POSITION TO CATER ALSO FOR THE NEEDS OF SPECIAL GROUPS OF TECHNICAL TEACHERS SUCH AS THOSE WORKING WITH THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND THOSE IN DETENTION CENTRES+, MR. SMITH OBSERVED.

THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE BEGAN ITS FIRST SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 4 THIS YEAR. IT IS AT PRESENT OPERATING IN THE VACATED BUILDING OF THE PREVIOUS MORRISON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL. THE NEW COLLEGE REPLACES THE DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL TEACHER TRAINING OF THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WHERE TECHNICAL TEACHER TRAINING WAS PREVIOUSLY CONDUCTED.

OFFERING A WIDE RANGE OF COURSES FOR TEACHER TRAINEES, PRACTISING TEACHERS AND INDUSTRIAL TRADE INSTRUCTORS ALIKE ON A FULL-TIME, PART-TIME AND EVENING BASIS, THE COLLEGE IS AN IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S TECHNICAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

ITS FACILITIES INCLUDE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, WORKSHOPS FOR THE PRACTICE OF MANUAL SKILLS. TWO WELL-EQUIPPED WORKSHOPS - FOR THE STUDY OF THE TECHNOLOGY OF ENGINEERING MATERIALS - ARE BEING FITTED IN A NEWLY-ADDED FLOOR OF THE NEARBY MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WHOSE FACILITIES THE COLLEGE AT PRESENT LARGELY SHARES.

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HEALTH EDUCATION EXHIBITION IN TAI PO
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A THREE-DAY HEALTH EDUCATION EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT THE TAI PO LIONS YOUTH CENTRE IN TAI PO MARKET EARLY NEXT MONTH.

IT IS BEING MOUNTED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT, NEW TERRITORIES. IT WILL OPEN ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, AND CONTINUE UNTIL THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5. THE HOURS WILL BE FROM 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M. AND 2 P.M. TO 4 P.M. DAILY.

THE THEME OF THE EXHIBITION WILL BE ON HOME SAFETY AND CARE, AND WILL STRESS PERSONAL AND FOOD HYGIENE.

DISPLAYS WILL BE IN CHINESE, AND ITEMS MAKING UP THE EXHIBITION WILL INCLUDE NUMEROUS ILLUSTRATIONS, DRAWINGS, PHOTOGRAPHS, CARTOONS, AND MODELS.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, AND GROUP VISITS BY STUDENTS FROM THE TAI PO AREA ARE ENCOURAGED.

+THE NEED FOR CARE TO ENSURE SAFETY AT HOME IS GENERALLY RECOGNISED,+ A SPOKESMAN SAID. +THE EXHIBITION WILL HELP TO PROVIDE A NUMBER OF USEFUL HINTS IN VISUAL FORM.+

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