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DISCUSSION ON HONG KONG'S STATUS IN AMERICAN G.S.P.
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THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. DAVID JORDAN, LEAVES FOR WASHINGTON TOMORROW (THURSDAY) FOR DISCUSSIONS ON HONG KONG'S STATUS IN CONNECTION WITH THE AMERICAN GENERALISED SCHEME OF PREFERENCES (G.S.P.).

INCLUSION IN THE SCHEME WILL MEAN DUTY-FREE ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES OF CERTAIN PRODUCTS WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT BY EARLY SEPTEMBER.

LAST MONTH, PRESIDENT FORD ISSUED TWO LISTS -- ONE CONTAINING THE NAMES OF COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES TO WHICH HE HAS GRANTED BENEFICIARY STATUS UNDER THE GSP- AND THE OTHER THE NAMES OF THOSE ON WHICH A FINAL DECISION IS STILL TO BE MADE.

HONG KONG IS ON THE SECOND LIST, WHILST ITS STRONGEST TRADE COMPETITORS IN THE REGION -- SOUTH KOREA, TAIWAN AND SINGAPORE -- ARE ON THE FIRST, A SITUATION WHICH COULD HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR HONG KONG.

HONG KONG HAS ARGUED, AND CONTINUES TO ARGUE, THAT IT HAS ALL THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR BEING GRANTED BENEFICIARY STATUS.

+THE LATEST OFFICIAL INFORMATION FROM WASHINGTON IS THAT WE ARE BEING GIVEN ACTIVE CONSIDERATION,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT SAID.

HE SAID THAT THE NEWS WAS ENCOURAGING, BUT ADDED THAT THE OUTCOME WAS STILL UNCERTAIN. +THERE STILL SEEMS TO BE SOME DOUBTS THAT NEED DISPELLING, THAT IS WHY MR. JORDAN IS GOING TO WASHINGTON,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MR. JORDAN WILL BE PLEASED TO MEET MEMBERS OF THE PRESS FOR A BRIEF INTERVIEW BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE ON FLIGHT PA 848 TOMORROW.

PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ARE KINDLY ASKED TO BE IN THE VIP PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM AT KAITAK NOT LATER THAN 2 P.M.

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NEW SYLLABUSES TO SUIT NEEDS OF STUDENTS

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THE PROPOSED NEW SYLLABUS FOR SOCIAL STUDIES IS ONE OF A SERIES OF SYLLABUSES THAT ARE NOW BEING FINALISED BY THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

IT IS INTENDED TO ISSUE THESE NEW SYLLABUSES BEFORE THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR IN SEPTEMBER SO THAT INTERESTED SCHOOLS MAY USE THEM WITH A VIEW TO FINDING OUT WHETHER ANY MODIFICATIONS ARE REQUIRED TO SUIT THE NEEDS OF HONG KONG STUDENTS.

+AT THIS STAGE, PUBLISHERS ARE NOT BEING ASKED TO PRODUCE NEW TEXTBOOKS UNTIL THESE NEW SYLLABUSES HAVE BEEN FULLY TRIED OUT AND MODIFIED IF NECESSARY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN THE TRYING OUT PROCESS WILL RECEIVE EVERY POSSIBLE HELP IN THE FORM OF ADVICE AND MATERIALS FROM THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IN THE CASE OF CONSUMER EDUCATION, THE SOCIAL STUDIES SYLLABUS INCORPORATED THIS TOPIC AT AN EARLY STAGE. FOLLOWING AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH THE CONSUMER COUNCIL, TOPICS IN THE SOCIAL STUDIES FIELD RELATING TO THE ROLE OF THE CONSUMER WERE PUT TOGETHER AND EXPANDED UNDER THE HEADING CONSUMER EDUCATION.

RECENTLY, A CONSUMER EDUCATION ADVISER FROM BRITAIN, MRS. ALMA WILLIAMS, VISITED HONG KONG AND DURING HER STAY HAD ADVISED THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON PROBLEMS CONCERNING CONSUMER EDUCATION.

FOLLOWING THIS VISIT, PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN MADE TO MODIFY THE SOCIAL STUDIES SYLLABUS IN THE LIGHT OF MRS. WILLIAMS' ADVICE AND THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE IS NOW CONSIDERING THESE MODIFICATIONS.

+DETAILS OF THE NEW SYLLABUSES WILL BE RELEASED AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID. THE TOPICS RELATING TO CONSUMER EDUCATION ARE DESIGNED TO GIVE STUDENTS A BACKGROUND SO THAT THEY APPRECIATE THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AS A CONSUMER AND BE ABLE TO USE INTELLIGENTLY THE CONSUMER SERVICES OFFERED IN HONG KONG.

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ANTI-POLIO CAMPAIGN

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A TOTAL OF 23,064 DOSES OF ANTI-POLIOMYELITIS VACCINE WAS ADMINISTERED ON CHILDREN IN THE MONTH-LONG CAMPAIGN IN MARCH.

OF THESE, 6,131 WERE FIRST-DOSES, 7,634 SECOND-DOSES AND 9,299 BOOSTER-DOSES.

THE DRIVE WAS THE SECOND IN THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S 1975 ANTI-POLIO CAMPAIGN PROGRAMME, THE FIRST BEING IN JANUARY WHEN 26,390 DOSES OF VACCINE WERE ADMINISTERED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT FOR A CHILD TO BE IMMUNISED THREE DOSES OF VACCINE WERE REQUIRED, WITH AN EIGHT-WEEK INTERVAL BETWEEN THE FIRST AND SECOND DOSES. A THIRD DOSE SHOULD BE TAKEN A YEAR LATER.

HE EMPHASISED THAT POLIO VACCINE IS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AT ALL GOVERNMENT MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRES, AND THE CAMPAIGNS CARRIED OUT IN EACH YEAR ARE JUST TO REMIND MOTHERS OF THE AVAILABILITY OF THE VACCINE AND TO URGE THEM TO HAVE THEIR CHILDREN IMMUNISED.

+ALTHOUGH POLIOMYELITIS HAS NOW BEEN VIRTUALLY ELIMINATED SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE VACCINE IN 1967, A HIGH LEVEL OF IMMUNITY AGAINST THE DISEASE MUST BE MAINTAINED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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TEMPORARY WATER CUT

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A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN YAUMATI WILL BE WITHOUT WATER FOR FIVE HOURS AS FROM 1 A.M. ON SATURDAY (APRIL 19) WHEN WATERWORKS STAFF WILL BE CONDUCTING A TEST FOR LEAKAGE IN THE AREA.

AFFECTED WILL BE PREMISES BOUND BY DUNDAS STREET, SHANGHAI STREET, WATERLOO ROAD AND THE SEA-FRONT.

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SUMMERTIME BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY

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RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT SUMMER TIME WILL COME INTO OPERATION FROM 3.30 NEXT SUNDAY (APRIL 20) MORNING.

THIS MEANS THAT PEOPLE SHOULD PUT THEIR CLOCKS AND WATCHES FORWARD ONE HOUR BEFORE RETIRING FOR THE NIGHT ON SATURDAY.

UNDER THE INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES ORDINANCE, SUMMER TIME COMES INTO EFFECT EACH YEAR AT 3.30 A.M. ON THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER APRIL 15.

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RETIREMENT OF BUILDING SURVEY ADVISOR

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE FAREWELL PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR MR. E.H. ROWLEY, BUILDING SURVEY ADVISOR OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, WHICH WAS ANNOUNCED AS HAVING BEEN ARRANGED FOR TOMORROW (THURSDAY, APRIL 17), HAS HAD TO BE POSTPONED TO TUESDAY, APRIL 29. THE TIME AND PLACE ARE AS BEFORE -- AT 4.30 PM IN THE STAFF CANTEEN ON THE MEZZANINE FLOOR OF MURRAY BUILDING.

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INTER-SCHOOL DRAMA COMPETITION

DRAMA GROUPS FROM SEVEN SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL BE STAGING THEIR BEST PERFORMANCES THIS WEEKEND IN AN INTER-SCHOOL DRAMA COMPETITION AT THE CARITAS COMMUNITY HALL IN CAINE ROAD ON SATURDAY (APRIL 19) FROM 2 PM TO 6 PM.

THE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS ARE RAIMONDI COLLEGE, SACRED HEART CANOSSIAN COLLEGE, ST. MARY'S CANOSSIAN COLLEGE, YING WA BOYS' SCHOOL, HONG KONG WAH YAN COLLEGE, MARYKNOLL SISTERS' SCHOOL AND ST. STEPHEN'S GIRLS COLLEGE.

JUDGES WILL BE MR. YUEN NAP-FAN, ASSISTANT MANAGER OF THE CITY HALL AND MR. LAI KWOK-PUN, A WELL-KNOWN LOCAL SCRIPTWRITER.

THE COMPETITION IS ORGANISED BY THE JOINT SCHOOL DRAMA COMMITTEE FORMED BY RAIMONDI COLLEGE AND SACRED HEART CANOSSIAN COLLEGE WORKING UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE CENTRAL DISTRICT COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE.

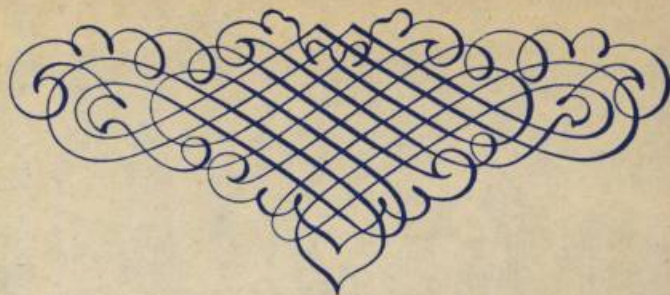
A LOCAL OPTICAL FIRM IS SPONSORING THE EVENT AND ITS OPERATIONS MANAGER, MR. STEPHEN CHAN WILL BE ONE OF THOSE OFFICIATING AT THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY AFTER THE COMPETITION. OTHERS WILL BE MR. MUI WAH-ON, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, CENTRAL AND MR. MUI KAN-KIT, COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICER (CENTRAL).

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NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE COMPETITION.

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ROYAL VISIT PRESS RELEASE



Wednesday, April 16, 1975

ROYAL VISITORS WILL SEE BOTH UNIVERSITIES

Itineraries Include Meeting Students

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will spend some time during their visit in May meeting members of the staff and students at both the University of Hong Kong and The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

On the morning of May 6, the Duke will be flown by helicopter from Harcourt Road to the Chinese University where he will land on sports field of Chung Chi College.

The Duke will then visit the Institute of Chinese Studies, and walk through the cloisters where some members of the senate and the student union will have the opportunity of talking to him.

The Queen and the Duke will together visit the University of Hong Kong on the afternoon of May 6. The Royal couple will tour Loke Yew Hall, see some exhibits, and then have tea with students on the university lawn.

Of the two universities, the Queen will be interested to learn that the Hong Kong University is the older, having been incorporated in 1911 to take over the work of the College of Medicine, established in 1887.

It is a self-governing corporation, based in the Pok Fu Lam area of the Island. It draws its income from grants made by the Hong Kong Government, tuition fees, investment income, and donations from foundations and private benefactors.

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There are altogether five faculties: arts, science, medicine, engineering and architecture, and social science and law. Admission is conditional upon passing the advanced level examination of the university, or some examination recognised as its equivalent.

The university did not admit women students until September, 1912. Twenty years later, in 1941, of the total of about 600 students, about 120 were women. At present, the total number of students enrolled is about 4,000, of which about 1,100 or 28 per cent, are women.

Allowing for moderate 'pocket money,' the purchase of books, and necessary fees and subscriptions, an undergraduate in residence at the Hong Kong University should need at least \$6,000 a year.

But many scholarships, grants and bursaries are awarded undergraduates yearly. Indeed, about 51 per cent of the total number of undergraduates receive some form of financial assistance.

The Chinese University of Hong Kong was inaugurated in October, 1963. It is a federal university with Chinese as the main language of instruction. It is also a self-governing corporation drawing its income mainly from grants made by the Hong Kong Government.

The university is made up of three foundation colleges - the New Asia (established in 1949), the Chung Chi (established in 1951), and the United (established in 1958).

The university occupies 331 acres of land on Tai Po Road overlooking Tolo Harbour, near Sha Tin. The site has been developed essentially into four plateaux with the headquarters and central activities located in the approximate centre of the campus, surrounded by the three foundation colleges.

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There are four faculties at the undergraduate level: arts, science, social science, and business administration. They offer courses through 25 teaching departments. The undergraduate enrolment at present is about 3,200.

The university actively provides faculty members with research facilities. Three research institutes - of social studies and the humanities, of science and technology, and of Chinese studies - have been set up to enable staff members to keep abreast of the latest developments. Various research centres now exist within the three institutes to concentrate on specific fields of studies.

Both the University of Hong Kong and the Chinese University of Hong Kong play important roles in providing higher education in Hong Kong, and both are making a significant contribution to the advancement of the frontiers of knowledge.