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CALL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TEACHING CENTRES INTO RESOURCE CENTRES
FOR TEACHING METHODS
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THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (PROFESSIONAL), MR. HO NGA-MING TODAY URGED MORE TEACHERS TO VISIT THE TWO MATHEMATICS TEACHING CENTRES WHICH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO SEE DEVELOPED INTO RESOURCE CENTRES FOR TEACHING METHODS, CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND PROJECTS.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE SEMINAR AND EXHIBITION TO MARK THE INAUGURATION OF THE CENTRES, MR. HO SAID : +ULTIMATELY, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THESE CENTRES BECOME A RENDEZVOUS FOR TEACHERS SO THAT THEY CAN FREELY EXCHANGE THEIR EXPERIENCES AND IDEAS IN A CONGENIAL ATMOSPHERE.

+WE FIND THAT MANY TEACHERS, AFTER ATTENDING OUR WORKSHOPS, HAVE REALLY TRIED OUT THE IDEAS IN THEIR CLASSES, WITH THE RESULT THAT SOME ELEVEN PRIMARY SCHOOLS HAVE STARTED USING ACTIVITY METHODS SINCE 1972.+

PUPILS IN THESE EXPERIMENTAL CLASSES, HE SAID, SHOWED A LIVELY INTEREST IN THE USE OF EQUIPMENT AND AN EAGERNESS TO LEARN.

THERE WAS ALSO A MUCH BUSIER AND HAPPIER ATMOSPHERE IN THE CLASSROOM, AND BETTER UNDERSTANDING, A MORE INQUISITIVE MIND AND GREATER SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY RESULT.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR POINTED OUT THAT WORKSHOPS AND TEACHING CENTRES COULD ONLY SOLVE PART OF THE PROBLEM.

HE STRESSED THAT TEXTBOOKS WOULD HAVE TO BE GEARED TO THESE NEW APPROACHES. REFERENCE BOOKS AND BACKGROUND READING MATERIALS WOULD ALSO BE REQUIRED.

MR. HO ADDED : +WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE MORE MANUFACTURERS INTERESTED IN MAKING USEFUL AND INEXPENSIVE MATHEMATICS EQUIPMENT. ALL IN ALL, CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT IS A COMMITMENT WHICH NEEDS THE TOTAL INVOLVEMENT OF THOSE WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION. IT IS ONLY THROUGH SUCH JOINT EFFORTS THAT WE WILL SEE AN IMPROVEMENT IN MATHEMATICS EDUCATION.+

HE CALLED ON TEACHERS OF MATHEMATICS TO ENCOURAGE PUPILS TO EXPERIMENT, TO THINK, TO QUESTION AND TO FIND SOLUTIONS. LEARNING WOULD THEN BECOME AN ACTIVE AND CREATIVE PROCESS AS WELL AS AN ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE.

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OPENING OF PHILATELIC SALES COUNTER

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A PHILATELIC SALES COUNTER WILL BE OPENED SHORTLY AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE ON HONG KONG ISLAND TO SELL STAMPS OF RECENT COMMEMORATIVE ISSUES AND SOUVENIR FOLDERS CONTAINING STAMPS OF CURRENT DEFINITIVE ISSUE.

MR. C. D'ALMADA, PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG PHILATELIC SOCIETY AND MR. J.B. SHAW, PRESIDENT OF THE CHINA PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE SAID :+FACILITIES WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR PHILATELIC COVERS TO BE HAND-STAMPED, AND A SPECIAL POSTING BOX WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THESE COVERS.+

THESE SERVICES, HE SAID, WOULD BE OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO TOURISTS INTERESTED IN PHILATELY.

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SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLIES CODE OF PRACTICE

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, WILL BE ISSUING TO ALL SCHOOLS A CODE OF PRACTICE RELATING TO THE SALES OF TEXTBOOKS, EXERCISE BOOKS, SCHOOL UNIFORMS AND OTHER SCHOOL ACCESSORIES IN EARLY JANUARY WHEN SCHOOLS RESUME AFTER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

FULL DETAILS OF THE CODE WILL BE GIVEN TO NEWSPAPERS ON ITS BEING ISSUED TO SCHOOLS.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLIES FOLLOWING THE COMMITTEE'S THIRD MEETING ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

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HEALTH REPORT FOR NOVEMBER
RISE IN REPORTED INCIDENCE OF MEASLES

HEALTH RETURNS FOR NOVEMBER ISSUED TODAY BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SHOW AN INCREASE IN THE INCIDENCE OF MEASLES.

IN OCTOBER, REPORTED CASES OF THE DISEASE DROPPED TO ONE, WITH NO DEATHS, BUT LAST MONTH, NOTIFICATIONS ROSE TO FOUR, AGAIN WITH NO DEATHS.

+WINTER-SPRING IS USUALLY THE TIME OF YEAR WHEN MEASLES BECOMES A PROBLEM, + A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID, +AND PARENTS OF SUSCEPTIBLE CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN SIX MONTHS AND FIVE YEARS ARE ADVISED TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE IMMUNISED.+

THE INCIDENCE OF SCARLET FEVER TOTALLED FIVE. NO CASES OF THE DISEASE HAD BEEN REPORTED IN THE PREVIOUS TWO MONTHS. SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR, 27 CASES OF SCARLET FEVER HAVE BEEN REPORTED, WITH NO DEATHS.

REPORTS OF BACILLARY DYSENTERY ROSE FROM 26 TO 41, AND CHICKENPOX FROM SEVEN TO 21.

BUT THERE WAS A DROP IN THE INCIDENCE OF ENTERIC FEVER, FROM 32 IN OCTOBER TO 26 LAST MONTH.

ONE CASE OF CEREBROSPINAL MENINGITIS WAS REPORTED, THREE OF AMOEBIASIS, 33 OF FOOD POISONING, ONE OF OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM, 54 OF VIRAL HEPATITIS, AND FOUR OF TETANUS.

OF THE 68 DEATHS RECORDED DURING NOVEMBER, 61 WERE CAUSED BY TUBERCULOSIS -- A DROP OF THREE FROM THE 64 DEATHS FROM THE SAME DISEASE RECORDED IN OCTOBER -- ONE BY CEREBROSPINAL MENINGITIS, FOUR BY VIRAL HEPATITIS, ONE BY TETANUS, AND ONE BY TETANUS NEONATORUM.

NO CASES OF DIPHTHERIA WERE NOTIFIED. THE RECORD FOR POLIOMYELITIS ALSO REMAINED CLEAN. THE INCIDENCE OF OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES SHOWED NO APPRECIABLE VARIATION.

DURING THE MONTH, HONG KONG REMAINED FREE FROM CHOLERA AND OTHER QUARANTINABLE DISEASES.

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PARTY FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN
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THOUGH THERE IS NO SNOW IN HONG KONG, SOME 250 UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN IN TSZ WAN SHAN AREA WILL STILL BE ABLE TO SEE WHAT A SNOWMAN LOOKS LIKE NEXT WEEK.

THE HONGKONG HILTON IS DONATING A FIVE-FOOT SNOWMAN CAKE FOR A PARTY BEING ORGANISED FOR THE CHILDREN BY THREE WELFARE AGENCIES.

THE AGENCIES ARE PROJECT CONCERN, THE TSZ WAN SHAN ZION YOUTH CENTRE AND THE SWD'S ESTATE COMMUNITY WORK OFFICE.

THE PARTY, WHICH WILL BE FOR EIGHT TO TWELVE-YEAR-OLDS, WILL BE HELD AT THE HALL OF TAK OI SECONDARY SCHOOL IN TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 30) FROM 2.30 TO 4 P.M.

WHILE THE CAKE WILL BE THE MAIN ATTRACTION THERE WILL ALSO BE GAMES AND A LUCKY DRAW FOR TOYS AND GIFTS DONATED BY VARIOUS COMMERCIAL FIRMS.

NOTE TO EDITORS :- YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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KOWLOON BIRTHS REGISTRY AND KOWLOON CITY MARRIAGE REGISTRY
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THE KOWLOON BIRTHS REGISTRY NOW LOCATED AT NOS.8-12 SUNG WONG TOI ROAD, FIRST FLOOR, KOWLOON WILL MOVE TO SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 6TH FLOOR, ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 2, 1975).

THE REGISTRY WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC DURING NORMAL OFFICE HOURS FROM 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M. ON WEEK-DAYS AND FROM 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M. ON SATURDAYS.

THE KOWLOON CITY MARRIAGE REGISTRY NOW LOCATED AT SUNG WONG TOI ROAD WILL CEASE OPERATION WITH EFFECT FROM TUESDAY (DECEMBER 31).

ALL MARRIAGES IN THAT AREA WILL BE PERFORMED AT THE SAN PO KONG MARRIAGE REGISTRY.

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