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TEXTILE TALKS WITH AUSTRIA BEGIN ON MONDAY
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CONSULTATIONS WILL START ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 12) AT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS WITH AN AUSTRIAN DELEGATION ON THE TWO CURRENT ONE-YEAR TEXTILE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND AUSTRIA, DUE TO EXPIRE AT THE END OF JANUARY, 1980.

THE FIRST AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR EXPORT RESTRAINT ON WOVEN SHIRTS AND BLOUSES, AND THE SECOND CONSISTS OF AN EXPORT AUTHORISATION ARRANGEMENT COVERING 16 ITEMS.

AT THE REQUEST OF THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT, HONG KONG SUSPENDED THE ISSUE OF EXPORT AUTHORISATIONS AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER FOR SLACKS, SHIRTS, JEANS, TROUSERS AND DIVIDED SKIRTS, NOT KNITTED AND CROCHETED, WHOLLY OR MAINLY OF COTTON OR OF MAN-MADE FIBRES.

THE AUSTRIAN DELEGATION WHICH IS EXPECTED TO SPEND TWO DAYS IN HONG KONG, IS LED BY DR GOTTFRIED DINZL REPRESENTING THE AUSTRIAN FEDERAL MINISTRY OF TRADE, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY. HONG KONG'S DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR PETER TSAO.

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HK TO HOST ASIAN YOUTH MUSIC CAMP
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HONG KONG WILL HOST THE THIRD ASIAN YOUTH MUSIC CAMP TO BE HELD AT WU KEI SHA IN THE NEW TERRITORIES BETWEEN DECEMBER 1 AND 15 THIS YEAR.

THE CAMP IS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE AND THE ASIAN YOUTH MUSIC CAMP ASSOCIATION, IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE URBAN COUNCIL.

+OVER 150 YOUNG MUSICIANS FROM 12 COUNTRIES IN THE AUSTRAL-ASIAN REGION WILL TAKE PART IN THE CAMP,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

+HONG KONG WILL BE REPRESENTED BY 100 YOUNG MUSICIANS IN THE CAMP,+ HE ADDED.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE CAMP WILL BE TRAINED BY RENOWNED INSTRUCTORS FROM THE AUSTRAL-ASIAN REGION AND SIX PUBLIC CONCERTS WILL BE GIVEN FOR ENJOYMENT OF THE PUBLIC, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE GIS THEATRE ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL AT 3 P.M. ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 13) TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE THIRD ASIAN YOUTH MUSIC CAMP.

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PRESENT AT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE THE DIRECTOR OF THE CAMP, MR K.C. SIU- THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, MRS ELIZABETH WONG- AND THE MUSIC CONSULTANT, MR DAVID STONE.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CONFERENCE.

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BOOK OF LETTERS BY HK'S FIRST ADMINISTRATOR RESTORED

THE PUBLIC RECORDS OFFICE HAS RESTORED A VALUABLE BOOK OF LETTERS WRITTEN BY HONG KONG'S FIRST ADMINISTRATOR, MR ALEXANDER R. JOHNSTON.

THE BOOK, CONTAINING MR JOHNSTON'S PERSONAL AND OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1831 AND DECEMBER 1852, IS THE OLDEST DOCUMENT KEPT AT THE PUBLIC RECORDS OFFICE.

THE ARCHIVIST, MR IAN DIAMOND, SAID THE BOOK, CONTAINING ABOUT 200 LETTERS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS, WAS PRESENTED TO HIS OFFICE BY MR JAMES T. RUTNAM OF SRI LANKA, A PROMINENT BUSINESSMAN AND COLLECTOR OF HISTORICAL MANUSCRIPTS.

+THE 140-YEAR-OLD LETTERS, + HE SAID, +PROVIDE VALUABLE DETAILS ABOUT LIFE AND EVENTS IN HONG KONG AND CANTON DURING MR JOHNSTON'S SERVICE AT THESE PLACES.+

MR JOHNSTON BEGAN HIS CAREER IN MAURITIUS AS A WRITER AND LATER AS A CLERK IN THE COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, MR DIAMOND SAID.

+HE WENT TO CHINA IN 1833 AS PRIVATE SECRETARY TO LORD NAPIER AND THROUGH VARIOUS PROMOTIONS HE BECAME THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF TRADE UNDER CAPTAIN CHARLES ELLIOT.

+IN 1841, HE TOOK OFFICE AS HONG KONG'S FIRST ADMINISTRATOR,+ HE SAID.

+THE CORRESPONDENCE, THEREFORE, ALLOWS THE READER TO CATCH A GLIMPSE OF HONG KONG'S EARLY YEARS AND TO GAIN AN INSIGHT INTO POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC EVENTS IN THE FOREIGN TRADING ENCLAVE IN CANTON IN THE LATE 1830S+.

MR DIAMOND SAID WHEN HE FIRST TOOK DELIVERY OF THE BOOK, IT WAS DAMAGED AND THE PAGES +STUCK TOGETHER SO THAT THE VOLUME WAS LIKE A PAPER BRICK.+

+AFTER WEEKS OF CAREFUL WORK BY OUR REPAIR TECHNICIANS, THE BOOK WAS RESTORED AND RE-BOUND,+ HE SAID.

+THE 'REJUVENATED' VOLUME IS NOW AS STRONG AS ANY NEW BOOK,+ HE SAID.

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SCHOOLS NEED A BALANCED CURRICULUM

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SCHOOLS MUST HAVE A BALANCED CURRICULUM TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY AND INDIVIDUAL PUPILS, MR KENNETH TOPLEY, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING IN CANTONESE AT THE OPENING OF THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE HELD AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.

SCHOOLS HAVE A DUAL FUNCTION, MR TOPLEY SAID, IN THAT THEY ATTEMPT TO ENSURE PUPILS ARE PROPERLY PREPARED TO BECOME RESPONSIBLE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ON THE ONE HAND, AND ON THE OTHER TO PREPARE THEM TO LIVE FULL LIVES AND EARN A LIVING.

+IT IS IN MEETING THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUAL PUPILS THAT THE TEACHERS HAVE THE GREATEST CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE,+ HE SAID.

TEACHERS ARE IN DAILY CONTACT WITH THE PUPILS, AND KNOW WHAT MOTIVATES THEM AND SPARKS THEIR INTEREST, MR TOPLEY SAID. THIS MEANS THAT THE TEACHERS ARE IN THE BEST POSITION TO TELL WHETHER OR NOT A SYLLABUS IS WORKING.

+IT IS, THEREFORE, ESSENTIAL THAT IF WE ARE TO SUCCEED IN CREATING A CURRICULUM WHICH MEETS THE NEEDS OF OUR PUPILS AND WE MUST ENSURE THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE ENGAGEMENT OF PRACTISING TEACHERS IN THE TASK OF CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT,+ HE SAID.

TEACHERS ARE WELL REPRESENTED ON THE MAIN COMMITTEE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, AND THEY ALSO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE SYLLABUS CONSTRUCTION THROUGH THEIR INPUT TO THE SUBJECT COMMITTEES.

MR TOPLEY CONGRATULATED THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION FOR ORGANISING THE CONFERENCE WHICH PROVIDED A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR TEACHERS TO EXCHANGE THEIR VIEWS AND UPDATE THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

IT ALSO PROVIDED +A PARTICULARLY VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR TEACHERS AND MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE TO GET TOGETHER AND DISCUSS CURRENT PROBLEMS AND FOR BOTH TO SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS WITH OTHER LEADING LOCAL EDUCATIONISTS,+ HE SAID.

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IT IS THE NEEDS OF THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUAL PUPILS THAT THE TEACHERS WANT TO CONTINUE TO MAKE, HE SAID.

TEACHERS WANT TO HAVE CONTACT WITH THE PUPILS, AND KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING AND WHAT THEIR INTERESTS ARE. MR TORLEY SAID THIS IS THE BEST POSITION FOR THE TEACHERS TO BE IN.

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TEACHERS IN THE MAIN, HE SAID, MUST BE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CURRICULUM AND IN THE PRACTISING OF IT.

TEACHERS WILL BE REPRESENTED ON THE MAIN COMMITTEE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, AND THEY ALSO COULD BE INVOLVED IN THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THEIR INPUT TO THE SUBJECT COMMITTEE.

MR TORLEY ENLIGHTENED THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION FOR ORGANISING THEIR EFFORTS WHICH PROVIDED A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR TEACHERS TO EXCHANGE THEIR VIEWS AND UPDATE THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

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NEW ROADS FOR KOWLOON BAY
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND DRAINS IN THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE KOWLOON BAY DEVELOPMENT AREA ADJACENT TO THE FORMER RAF KAI TAK.

A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE CONTRACT WOULD COVER THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SIX-LANE ROAD LINKING THE AIRPORT TUNNEL WITH WAI YIP STREET.

A 14.6-METRE WIDE FOUR-LANE ROAD WILL ALSO BE BUILT TO LINK THE PROPOSED KAI TAK HOUSING ESTATE WITH THE SIX-LANE ROAD.

THE ROADS AND FIRST PHASE OF THE ESTATE ARE BOTH DUE FOR COMPLETION IN EARLY 1981.

IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING ACCESS TO THE HOUSING ESTATE, THESE NEW ROADS AND DRAINS WILL ENABLE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ADJACENT LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AREA TO COMMENCE.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS (KOWLOON) DIVISION OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, PWD.

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WATER CUT IN MID-LEVELS
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN MID-LEVELS WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 12) TO 6 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY 5-49 AND 2-62 ROBINSON ROAD, 15-31 SHELLEY STREET, 18-102 CAINE ROAD, 3-11 AND 18-22 CASTLE ROAD, CASTLE LANE, 1-13 SEYMOUR ROAD INCLUDING ST. JOSEPH'S TERRACE, MOSQUE JUNCTION, MOSQUE STREET, PRINCE'S TERRACE, YING FAI TERRACE, LEUNG FAI TERRACE AND WOODLANDS TERRACE.

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