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NEW APPROACH TO MAKE LEARNING ENGLISH MORE INTERESTING  
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS INTRODUCED A NEW APPROACH TO MAKE LEARNING ENGLISH IN SCHOOLS MORE INTERESTING.

THE METHOD IS TO HAVE TEACHERS OF ENGLISH MAKE BETTER USE OF AUDIO/VISUAL AIDS IN THEIR TEACHING AS STUDENTS WILL FIND THAT LEARNING ENGLISH WITH THE HELP OF THESE AIDS MORE MEANINGFUL AND PRACTICAL.

EXPLAINING THE NEW APPROACH, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TEACHERS UNDERGOING IN-SERVICE TRAINING IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING (AUDIO/VISUAL) WORKSHOP ARE FORMED IN SMALL GROUPS AND ENCOURAGED TO PRODUCE RESOURCE MATERIALS TO MEET THEIR SPECIAL TEACHING NEEDS IN A SIMPLE AND ECONOMICAL WAY.

+FOR EXAMPLE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +THE PARTICIPANTS WHO WORK UNDER THE ADVICE OF A SCHOOL INSPECTOR AND A TECHNICAL ASSISTANT, ARE TOLD HOW TO USE A WASTE CARTON BOX TO MAKE A SCREEN FOR SHOWING SLIDES WHICH WOULD COST A FEW HUNDRED DOLLARS ON THE MARKET.+

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE PARTICIPANTS ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO MAKE USE OF PICTURES AND TAPE RECORDERS TO GET THEIR MESSAGES ACROSS TO STUDENTS.

THE ONE-WEEK TRAINING PROGRAMME HAS SO FAR PROVED VERY POPULAR. A TOTAL OF 132 PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS OF ENGLISH ARE ATTENDING THE WORKSHOP AT THE DEPARTMENT'S LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT DUE TO THE SUCCESS OF THE WORKSHOP, ANOTHER COURSE FOR TEACHERS IN KOWLOON WILL START SHORTLY.

+IN ADDITION, A SIMILAR IN-SERVICE TRAINING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS OF ENGLISH SUBJECTS IS BEING ORGANISED AND WILL SOON TAKE IN ITS FIRST BATCH OF PARTICIPANTS,+ HE SAID.

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NEARLY A MILLION TREES DESTROYED IN LAST DRY SEASON  
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HONG KONG'S COUNTRYSIDE AGAIN SUFFERED THE RAVAGES OF FIRE DURING THE LAST DRY SEASON WHICH DESTROYED NEARLY A MILLION TREES.

THE LOSS WAS HEAVIER THAN THAT OF THE PREVIOUS SEASON WHEN ABOUT 680,000 TREES WERE DAMAGED. THE NUMBER OF FIRE RECORDED ALSO SHOT UP FROM ABOUT 800 TO ABOUT 1,200.

IT WAS DEVASTATING THAT THE EXTENT OF PLANTATION AREAS AND MANAGED COUNTRYSIDE SCARRED BY FIRES DRAMATICALLY INCREASED TO ABOUT 1,188 HECTARES (APPROX. 3,000 ACRES) - ALMOST DOUBLE THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S FIGURE OF 700 HECTARES.

+THE LOSS WAS ENORMOUS+, REMARKED MR. C.C. LEE, COUNTRY PARKS PROTECTION OFFICER OF THE COUNTRY PARKS DIVISION, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

ALL THIS OCCURRED DESPITE REPEATED WARNINGS AND APPEALS BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES AND FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENTS.

IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE FIRE HAZARD IN THE COUNTRYSIDE, PARTICULARLY IN THE FOREST PLANTATION AREAS, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT CARRIES OUT CONTROLLED BURNING IN SPOTS SUCH AS ROADSIDE WHERE THICK DRY VEGETATION HAS ACCUMULATED. IN ADDITION, A SERIES OF +FIRE BREAKS+ ARE BEING MAINTAINED TO CHECK THE SPREADING OF FIRES. FORESTRY TRACKS WERE CLEARED TO ENABLE FIRE-FIGHTERS TO REACH ANY SPOT WITHIN THE PLANTATIONS EASILY.

SCHOOL CHILDREN WERE ENCOURAGED, THROUGH GENERAL CIRCULARS ISSUED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND EDUCATIONAL T.V., TO REFRAIN FROM DAMAGING THE COUNTRYSIDE BY LITTERING AND CARELESS HANDLING OF FIRE.

DURING THE DRY WINTER MONTHS, PUBLIC EDUCATION ON THE PROPER WAY OF LIGHTING AND EXTINGUISHING BARBECUE FIRES WAS MAINTAINED THROUGH THE MASS MEDIA.

THE DEPARTMENT'S TRAINED FOREST FIRE CREWS WERE ON STANDBY 24 HOURS A DAY. THEY WERE BACKED BY UNITS FROM THE FIRE SERVICES AND, ON DAYS WHEN LOW HUMIDITY COINCIDED WITH A PUBLIC HOLIDAY, BY MEN FROM THE CIVIL AID SERVICES.

MR. LEE STRESSED THAT HONG KONG'S COUNTRYSIDE COULD ONLY BE PROTECTED FROM FIRE WITH THE FULL CO-OPERATION OF EVERYONE WHO USES IT.

UNDER THE COUNTRY PARKS REGULATIONS, A PERSON CAN BE FINED UP TO \$5,000 AND SENTENCED TO ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT FOR UNLAWFUL LIGHTING OF FIRE.

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NEW ANTI-SMOKING POSTER  
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A NEW POSTER AIMED AT DISCOURAGING SMOKING IN LIFTS HAS BEEN PRODUCED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND WILL SHORTLY APPEAR IN LIFT LOBBIES.

THE POSTER SHOWS A SMOKER IN A LIFT SURROUNDED BY IRATE PASSENGERS.

ITS MESSAGE IS: +BE CONSIDERATE. THINK BEFORE YOU SMOKE+.

STICKERS AND POSTERS WITH THE +PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE+ MESSAGE HAVE ALSO BEEN PRODUCED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR DISPLAY ON BUSES, FERRIES AND RAIL TERMINALS AND PUBLIC ENCLOSED PLACES.

LIKE THE OTHER PUBLICITY MATERIAL, THE NEW POSTER HAS BEEN PRODUCED TO TRY TO EDUCATE PEOPLE TO THE DANGERS OF SMOKING AND IT IS ALSO AIMED AT PERSUADING PEOPLE NOT TO SMOKE IN PUBLIC PLACES.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID A NUMBER OF MEASURES WERE BEING TAKEN TO DISCOURAGE SMOKING, INCLUDING EFFORTS IN SCHOOLS WHERE THE HEALTH, SOCIAL STUDIES AND BIOLOGY CURRICULA FOR PRIMARY 6 STUDENTS AND IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS INCLUDE THE SUBJECT +SMOKING AND HEALTH+.

AN EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION FILM ON SMOKING HAS ALSO BEEN SCREENED AS PART OF THE FORM 1 SOCIAL STUDIES COURSE AND TWO TELEVISION FILMS PRODUCED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO SENIOR STUDENTS IN A NUMBER OF SCHOOLS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT, BESIDES DESIGNING A POSTER AND A STICKER, THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALSO PRODUCED FILMS AND SLIDES FOR TELEVISION AND CINEMAS. THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY HAD BEEN CO-OPERATIVE OVER THE PREPARATION OF A VOLUNTARY CODE OF ADVERTISING PRACTICE WHICH WAS INTRODUCED ON SEPTEMBER 1 THIS YEAR.

HE ALSO SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD BANNED CIGARETTE ADVERTISING IN BUILDINGS AND AREAS UNDER ITS CONTROL.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR MISSION SUNDAY CEREMONY  
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CAUSEWAY BAY ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 23) IN CONNECTION WITH THE MISSION SUNDAY CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT STADIUM, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

WITH EFFECT FROM 12.30 P.M. ON SUNDAY THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED UNTIL NORMAL TRAFFIC IS RESUMED TO FACILITATE THE ARRIVAL OF PEOPLE ATTENDING THE CEREMONY:

- \* CAROLINE HILL ROAD WEST WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY SOUTHBOUND FROM LEIGHTON ROAD TO THE STADIUM=
- \* CAROLINE HILL ROAD EAST WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY NORTHBOUND FROM THE STADIUM TO LEIGHTON ROAD AND BE PROHIBITED TO ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT THOSE REQUIRING ACCESS TO PREMISES IN THIS ROAD=
- \* EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY NORTHBOUND FROM THE STADIUM TO TUNG LO WAN ROAD= AND
- \* LINK ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY SOUTHBOUND FROM CAROLINE HILL ROAD TO BROADWOOD ROAD.

TO FACILITATE THE DEPARTURE OF PEOPLE AFTER THE CEREMONY, THE FOLLOWING DIVERSIONS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED WITH EFFECT FROM 4.45 P.M. UNTIL THE RESUMPTION OF NORMAL TRAFFIC:

- \* CAROLINE HILL ROAD WEST WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY NORTHBOUND FROM THE STADIUM TOWARDS LEIGHTON ROAD= AND
- \* EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD, LINK ROAD AND CAROLINE HILL ROAD EAST WILL BE ROUTED IN THE SAME WAY AS FOR ARRIVAL.

DUE TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE CEREMONY, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE ROADS TO THE CAROLINE HILL AREA WILL BE VERY CONGESTED. MOTORISTS ARE THEREFORE ADVISED TO AVOID USING THIS AREA AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE DURING THIS PERIOD UNLESS ATTENDING THIS FUNCTION.

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+LETTER BOX+ IN NT RADIO PROGRAMME  
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THE RTHK'S +NEW TERRITORIES WEEKLY+ CHINESE RADIO PROGRAMME WILL INTRODUCE A +LETTER BOX+ FOR THE FIRST TIME ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 23) EVENING.

THIS FOLLOWS A NUMBER OF LETTERS RECEIVED FROM LISTENERS ASKING ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF OPENING UP TWO NEW BUS ROUTES FROM TUEN MUN TO KWUN TONG AND FROM SHA TIN TO TSUEN WAN FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PUBLIC.

THEIR QUERIES WILL BE ANSWERED BY A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION DURING AN INTERVIEW BY THE PROGRAMME EDITOR, MR. FRANK NG, AT 6.15 P.M. ON SUNDAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION TODAY URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO MAKE GOOD USE OF THE PROGRAMME'S +LETTER BOX+ SHOULD THEY HAVE ANY INQUIRIES, COMPLAINTS OR SUGGESTIONS RELATED TO THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+THE NTA WILL DO EVERYTHING WITHIN ITS POWER TO GIVE LISTENERS THE QUICKEST ANSWER POSSIBLE ON AIR,+ HE SAID.

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COURSE ON APPLICATION OF SKILLS ANALYSIS  
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THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE IS ORGANISING A FOUR-WEEK FULL-TIME COURSE ON +THE APPLICATION OF SKILLS ANALYSIS TO HONG KONG INDUSTRIES+ FOR EXECUTIVES, TRAINING MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS.

THE COURSE, SPONSORED BY THE COMMONWEALTH FUND FOR TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION, WILL BE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MR. DOUGLAS SEYMOUR, AN HONORARY RESEARCH FELLOW OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND.

THE COURSE AIMS TO TRAIN PARTICIPANTS IN THE METHODS OF IDENTIFYING TRAINING NEEDS AND TO DESIGN SCHEMES OF TRAINING FOR INDUSTRIAL TASKS IN THEIR OWN COMPANY, ALSO IN THE METHODS OF ORGANISING TRAINING OF ITS EVALUATION.

THE COURSE WILL BE HELD FROM NOVEMBER 14 TO DECEMBER 9. THE LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION IS ENGLISH AND THE FEE FOR THE COURSE IS \$125. THE NUMBER TO BE ENROLLED IS LIMITED TO 15.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE, 373, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI, AND SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 4.

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