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前 言

目下本港出版的中英對照會話本子多得很;好的本子固然有,但壞本子更多。主要的毛病是:資料陳舊,不符現實需要。更劣的是:抄抄襲襲,不知所云。有一本近期出版的會話本子,「作者」居然把 I 譯作「吾」, We 譯作「吾們」, 順使人拍掌叫絕不置!有一本一九六二年港版的會話本子, 裏面還談及十多年前上海的「繁盛景象」,完全不合目前的實際需要,給香港及南洋讀者看起來是會倒胃口的。

在下這本「新型英語會話」,雖不見得是上品,但資料卻是採用最新的;「今日香港」的資料全部取自香港政府年報,其他各部之資料也力求新頴和符合實際,適應本港及南洋讀者的需求。至於行文方面,英語、美語兼收並蓄,以適應廣大讀者的要求。至於謬誤之處,希各界人士不吝賜正,是幸!

William Ho

畧 字 表

aren't = are not can't = can notcouldn't = could not didn't = did not doesn't = does not don't = do not he's = he isI'm = I am isn't = is notit's = it ismustn't = must not they're = they are there's = there is wasn't = was not weren't = were not won't = will not you're = you are

Hong Kong To-Day

今日香港

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General Geography of Hong Kong

香港地理淺談

Visitor: Can you tell me the general geography of Hong Kong?

遊 客: 你能告訴我一些關於香港地理的普通知識嗎?

Guide: Hong Kong is on the south-east coast of China and adjoins the province of Kwangtung. The total land area of the Colony is 398½ square miles, made up with: (1) Hong Kong island, including a number of small adjacent islets: 29 square miles. (2) Kowloon, 3½ square miles. (3) The New Territories, including 235 islands: 365½ square miles.

導遊:香港位於中國東南部海岸,和廣東省接壤。殖民地的總面積是3984平方哩,由下列三部份組成:①香港島,包括幾個鄰近的小島,面積共29平方哩。②九龍割讓地,面積34平方哩。③新界,包括235個大小島嶼,共365½平方哩。

Visitor: I want a detail of The New Territories.

遊 客: 我想知道一些關於新界的情形。

Guide: In 1898 B.C. An acquiring under a 99-year lease a substantial stretch of mainland north of Kowloon and a group of islands in the immediate vicinity of Hong Kong was fixed, then, this: leased area became known as The New Territories.

導 遊:公元1898年,香港英國政府向淸朝租借九龍界限街 以北之大片地帶,包括各大小島嶼,租期是99年, 於是那些租借地便成了今日的新界。

Visitor: I've heard that there's a district called "New Kowloon", why?

遊客:我會經聽過「新九龍」這個名詞,究竟它是何意思呢?

Guide: There's a Boundary Street in Kowloon, the south of Boundary Street is called "Kowloon", the north of Boundary Street up to the Kowloon hill is called "New Kowloon".

導遊:九龍有一條街叫做「界限街」,界限街以南的地方叫做「九龍」,界限街以北至九龍山爲止叫做「新九龍」。

Visitor: Is there any famous island in the Colony?

遊 客: 香港那幾個島嶼最著名呢?

Guide: They're Lan Tau Island, Lamma Island, Cheung Chau Island, Peng Chau Island, Tsing Yi Island, Hay Ling Island, and High Island etc.

導 遊: 著名的島嶼有大嶼山. 博島(南丫)、長洲、坪洲、 青衣島、喜靈洲,和高洲等。

Visitor: Can you tell me which one is the highest mountain in Hong Kong?

遊 客: 你可以告訴我那一個是香港最高的山嗎? Guide: Tai Mo Shan 3140 feet is the highest.

導遊:大帽山3140呎最高。

Visitor: And then?

遊 客: 其次呢?

Guide: Lan Tau Peak 3061 feet is the second, Ma On Shan 2300 feet is the third, and Castle Peak 1908 feet is the fourth.

導遊: 大嶼山 3061 呎次高,馬鞍山 2300 呎居第三位,青

山1908呎居第四位。

Visitor: Which part is the most flat agricultural alluvial district in Hong Kong, can you tell me?

遊 客: 你能告訴我,香港屬下那一塊地區最平坦而適合於 農業種植的呢?

Guide: Yuen Long.

導遊:元朗。

Visitor: How many miles are there between Hong Kong and Macau?

遊 客: 香港至澳門相距若千哩呢?

Guide: Forty miles.

導遊:四十哩。

Visitor: How long is the distance between Hong Kong and London?

遊 客: 香港至倫敦又距若干哩呢?

Guide: Between Hong Kong and London is 5965 miles.

The jet age has brought the Colony barely 24

hours away from Britain.

導 遊: 香港與倫敦相距 5965 哩,由香港乘噴射機至不列頭。 可在24小時內抵達。

The Population of Hong Kong 香港人口問題

Visitor: Can you tell me how about the density of population in Hong Kong?

遊 客: 你能告訴我關於香港人口密度的情形嗎?

Guide: In 1961, the population of Hong Kong is 3,133, 131 persons, the Colony area is 365½ square miles, the average is 8572.7 persons per square mile, it's an extraordinary figure.

導 遊: 1961年,香港人口是三百一十三萬三千一百三十一 人,香港全境面積是三百六十五又二分一平方哩, 平均每方哩八千五百七十二點七人,這是一個不平 當的數字。

Visitor: Where do you get the figure from?

遊 客: 這些數字你從何處得來的?

Guide: From the Hong Kong Census Report 1961.

導遊:根據香港1961年人口調查報告獲得的。

Visitor: Can you tell me the distribution of populations in Hong Kong?

遊 客: 你能夠告訴我香港人口分佈情形嗎?

Guide: The population distribution by area in this Colony are as follows:

- (1) Hong Kong Island 1,005,041 persons.

 The average density is third in the Colony.
- (2) New Kowloon 852,849 persons. The average density is second in the Colony.
- (3) Kowloon 726,976 persons. The average density is first in the Colony.

導 遊:香港屬土境內人口分佈如下:

- ①香港島一百萬〇五千〇四十一人。平均人口密度 居香港各區的第三位。
- ②新九龍八十五萬二千八百四十九人。平均人口密 度居香港各區第二位。
- ③九龍七十二萬六千九百七十六人**。**平均人口密度 居全港各區首位**。**

Visitor: How many females are there in the Colony?

遊 客:全香港境內婦女人數共若干呢?

Guide: 1,522,481 females, and 1,610,650 males.

導 遊: 婦女一百五十二萬二千四百八十一人。男性一百六 十一萬○六百五十人。

Visitor: How about the future?

遊 客: 將來人口情形演變如何呢?

Guide: There'll be 3,950,000 population in the Colony 1966. It's a conservative suggestion.

導 遊: 在1966年,香港將有三百九十五萬人,這只一個最 保守的數字估計而已。

The Finances of Hong Kong 香港財經狀況

Visitor: What are the most important revenue in Hong Kong?

遊 客: 香港最重要的財經收入有那幾項?

Guide: Internal Revenue Tax and Duties tax are the most important revenue in Hong Kong. In 1961-2, Internal Revenue Tax is H.K. \$237,150,260. Duties Tax is H.K. \$166,993,904.

導遊:香港最重要的財經收入是內部入息稅和消費品稅。 1961年至62年財政年度,內部入息稅是二億三千七 百一十五萬〇二百六十元。消費品稅是一億六千六 百九十九萬三千九百〇四元。

Visitor: What are the Internal Revenue and Duties?

遊 客: 內部入息稅和消費品稅是什麽?

Guide: Internal Revenue is a name of tax, including:

Tax on earnings and Profits, Estate Duty, Stamp
duty, Entertainments, and Business Registration.

Duties Tax including: Tobacco, Hydrocarbon
Oil, Liquor, Toilet Preparations and Proprietary
Medicines.

導 遊:內部入息稅是一種稅項名稱,包括:利潤和入息稅,差餉地稅,士擔稅,娛樂稅,及商業登記稅。

消費品稅包括:烟草稅,汽油稅,酒精稅,及化裝品和成藥稅等。

Visitor: How about the financial year of Hong Kong?

遊 客: 香港的財政年度進支比對如何?

Guide: We're very proud that the financial year of Hong Kong is always surplused except 1959-60. In 1956-7 surplus 40.2 million dollars, 1957-8 surplus 51.2 million dollars, 1958-9 surplus 39.4 million dollars, 1959-60 deficit 45.3 million dollars, and, 1960-1 surplus 13.9 million dollars.

導遊·香港的財政進支比對,在我們來說是感到驕傲的, 因為它經常有財政盈餘,除了1959至1960的財政年 度有赤字之外,其他都是盈餘。1956至1957盈餘四 千零二十萬元。1957至1958盈餘五千一百二十萬 元。1958至1959盈餘三千九百四十萬元。1959—— 1960赤字四千五百三十萬元。1960至1961盈餘一千 三百九十萬元。

Visitor: How about the personal allowance tax?

遊 客: 個人所得稅又如何呢?

Guide: If the personal allowance is over H.K. \$7000 peryear, there's a tax rate of 12½%.

導 遊: 如果個人每年入息超過港幣七千元,則納稅百分之 十二點五。