

Newsletter (No. 2)

Monthly Accomplishments (November 2002)

- 1) **Data collection and analysis**
 - a) **Coping with linguistic and national diversity**

Despite Hong Kong's strong emphasis on the English language Hong Kong demonstrates a significance bias against outsiders. Evidence for this is found in Hong Kong's system of law enforcement.
 - b) **Income inequality**

Upon close examination the majority of Hong Kong citizens only share in the image that wealthier Hong Kong citizens have created -- not the wealth itself.

See NEW! under Graphs and Tables at <http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/indices/datadex.html>.
- 2) **An HTML-formatted email** that automatically downloads four colorful and very informative graphs about the plight of Hong Kong's educational system and its ability to generate future social capital. See <http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/ff/fund/promotion/021126.html>.
- 3) Other new website additions include
 - a) **New documents**
 - i) Hong Kong's 2001 Census Report - Table 28 Distribution of household monthly income.
 - ii) Hong Kong Central Policy Unit's Commission on Strategic Development 2000. *Bringing the Vision to Life: Hong Kong's Long Term Development Needs and Goals*.
 - iii) The Education Council's Response to the English language curriculum framework proposed by CDC 2000.
 - iv) The Education and Manpower Bureau's brochure entitled *Education Statistics. January 2002*.
 - v) The University Grants Committee's *Facts and Figures 2001*.
<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/indices/pdcdex.html>.
 - b) **Selected outgoing correspondence** to key members of Hong Kong society including several members of the Legislative Council, SCOLAR, and Hong Kong's Professional Teachers Union. See <http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/ff/fund/correspondence.html>.
 - c) **An additional statistical method** - MANOVA and COVANOVA
- 4) EARTH is now able to **receive and send faxes directly**.
- 5) **A long list of Hong Kong business associations** and key people within each association has been compiled and several electronic address books are under construction.
- 6) **Important informational inroads** toward establishing an incorporated trust under Hong Kong law have been paved. An organizational chart more appropriate for the Hong Kong legal environment will soon replace the existing webpage dedicated to this topic.
- 7) **Application for use of the Hong Kong Brand logo** is still pending.

Strategy Update

Government Relations

SCOLAR has reported that its recommendations for language educational reform have been completed, but that the report containing these recommendations will not be made public until January. Contact Ayesha OSMAN at ceossu@emb.gov.hk for further information in this regard. In response to EARTH's offer to welcome a SCOLAR member on its Board of Directors EARTH was asked to prepare a statement outlining the duties of an HKLNA-Project Fund board member and the project's expected future research. See item 3b above. The requested statement is in preparation,

Fund Raising

More time will be spent on the telephone and less devoted to correspondence. See items 2 and 3b above.

Outlook for the coming month of December

- 1) EARTH has been invited and will attend the International Languages in Education Conference 2002 on 7 December 2002.
- 2) EARTH's participation at the Hong Kong Economics Association has been cancelled due to lack of interest on the part of the HKEA in the economics of education...

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To everyone else who would like to support EARTH and the HKLNA-Project, but do not know how, please contact EARTH by email at hsmr@pacific.net.hk or by telephone at (852) 2630 0349. Have a Happy Holiday!

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