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Editor's Note on the Nude Photos Scandal

"Sex sells, celebrity sells. Combine the two..." South China Morning Post

Everybody knows the answer — an unprecedented scandal over nude pictures on the Internet. This was exactly what happened weeks ago. The photos of some pop stars having sex have been uploaded to the cyberspace. And guess what, the police publicly investigated the case, which led to a lot of demonstrations and criticisms. People said that the Hong Kong Police show their concern about these issues on the Net, but they have different standards towards different cases and victims. On the other hand, discussions on the Net are still being carried on. Hence, something must be done to stop the problems from happening again and again.

Firstly, the control and management concerning indecent and obscene items on the Net is not enough. The only thing being done is netizens are asked whether or not they are over 18 years old when logging on. If you are over 18, you can enter. If you aren't, you are supposed to close the browser. However, how many people would honestly answer the question? Ask yourself. Therefore, more should be done to protect the innocent from indecent and obscene articles, for



The scandal continues to take front page in all Hong Kong tabloids.

instance, nude photos and videos. The access to these things is too easy.

Age isn't the only problem. Even if you are old enough to access these things, it is not sensible to watch, look or even gaze at these sex photos or videos illegally posted on the web. Looking at them is a flagrant abuse of the victims' pride. Yet these days it has been proved that a number of people don't care about laws, let alone pride.

I suggest that there should be proper supervision over illegal sexual items. I don't believe that control is harder than creation. If the police have tougher control over these obscene photos, it would be much better. It is not an excuse for the police to say "sorry, we don't actually have enough resources to put in": as the recent pop star nude photos scandal proved, the Police Force indeed have the resources. Alternatively, they could seek help from the government which has earned a huge fortune, right? Just ask Mr. Tsang!



Hong Kong tabloids: Here's a snapshot from *The Standard*



Sadly, the police don't have good ways to improve the situation, or maybe they haven't even thought of improving it.

Therefore, I think that education and morality must be reconsidered. As our teacher

Mr. Lee said during the special afternoon assembly in March, Hong Kong people have a very special ethical code. Externally they seem to be very open, but in fact, they still maintain traditional Chinese values. Parents tell their children that sex is bad. Teachers find talking about sex in class embarrassing. Mass media report it a lot, usually exaggerating it. All these reasons lead to our distorted perspectives on sex and sexuality, so what do the teenagers do? Simple. They search it on the Net and TV. Yet, these channels are usually misleading. If the teens unfortunately end up in ill-intentioned websites and get inappropriate

information, there will be a lot of problems in the future. So, better education starting from childhood is essential. Parents and teachers should discuss sex openly, just like what parents and teachers do in western countries. They start educating them from kindergarten. Sex education is part of their life. That is the difference between Hong Kong and western countries. Sex is a taboo topic among Hong Kong people, but they are still curious about it. This is why they like satisfying their curiosity by surfing the Net secretly.

To conclude, I believe that the Hong Kong government must do something to remedy the problem. From web control to education, a lot has to be done.

To be a truly international city, Hong Kong still has a long way to go.

William Ngo 3B
Chief Editor of Writing Scripters

Edison Chen Photos Scandal

2D Macy Lai, Nathalie Leung, 4B Una Koo

"Edison Chen photo scandal" is the hottest news in Hong Kong recently. Now this scandal is over. What's happened to Edison and the female celebrities involved in the scandal? Let's look at the background information and our fellow schoolmates' comments and feelings concerning this issue.

Background



Edison Chen's Mac computer was sent to a computer shop for repairs. Shockingly, an employee there recovered the obscene photos of Edison Chen and the female celebrities. He copied and accessed them without Edison's consent.

Edison's photos were taken between 2003 and 2006. The ladies involved include Gillian Chung Yan-tung, Bobo Chan Man-woon, Cecilia Cheung Pak-chi and four other female celebrities.

Our feelings

Nowadays, the Internet is very popular all over the world. It's very useful and convenient for us to search for information and chat with friends, but people have started to use it in a wrong way, for example, distorting others' e-mail messages and sending viruses to others on the Internet. The Internet is a double-edged sword – it may be good for us, but it may also harm us. We should be more careful when we use the Internet.

Interview with schoolmates

We interviewed some schoolmates asking their opinion on Edison photos scandal.



- R: What do you think of Edison Chen photos scandal?
- S: I think the ladies who were in the photos with Edison Chen are very sad because they have lost their dignity. They hadn't thought about the consequences before they took those photos. As a result, they should be responsible for what they did.
- R: How did you feel when you heard about this news?
- S: This is very important news that should be reported but I think journalists should not report it in such an exaggerating way.

Key:
S: Alice Lui 2D
R: Reporter



We conducted an interview with Miss Wong Yin-ching. Miss Wong is a P.E. teacher, but she is also gifted in some academic aspects. She has a special ability too. Do you want to know what it is? Read the following...

W: Miss Wong S: Shirley Woo 3C

S: Miss Wong, do you have any special abilities?

W: I think I've got a good memory. I can remember many people's names, for example, the students that I've taught, including the graduates. I can call their names easily and I can also remember my friends' birthdays. Many people recognize my 'ability' too.

S: When did you know about your special ability?

W: Well, I think I knew about it when I was in secondary school because I studied arts at that time. The arts subjects required us to recite or remember a lot of information so it trained my memory. I could remember all the information in a day when I was in secondary school. Compared to my classmates, I thought I really had got a better memory.

S: Oh, it's really amazing! Are you proud of it? Why?

W: Yes, of course, because I can easily call my students' names. It's convenient for me and I can get closer to them. That fosters our relationship. When I spot some students not behaving well, it's easy for me to correct them because I know their names.

S: Have your family members got the same talent?

W: Yes, they've got the same talent. I realized that my two sons could also remember things quickly. For example, my younger son has been in kindergarten for just a very short while but he can remember words he has just learnt, in a day.

S: That's brilliant. Do you think having a special talent is weird?

W: No, I don't think so. I think it just depends on how we use our talents. The way we accept our abilities also affects our feelings. I think my ability is normal. So when some teachers asked me questions and I could answer them, I felt good. On the contrary, when I couldn't answer their questions, I would feel stressed because of my good memory.

Postscript:

I appreciate that Miss Wong has such a good memory. Having a good memory is also convenient for us to work because we don't have to worry about forgetting things and we can help others like what Miss Wong does.

Before the interview, I felt a bit nervous. But during the interview, I found that it was not as difficult as I had imagined. Because of the photo size problem, I had to take photos with Miss Wong twice. She was not annoyed with me but very helpful. She is such a nice teacher!

The Guinness Book

1B Billy Chan 3B Shan Li Daisy Lam 3C Shirley Woo

Amazing Feats!

THE HEAVIEST WEIGHT DANGLED FROM A SWALLOWED SWORD



Matthew Henshaw (Australia) swallowed a non-retractable 40.5 cm long sword and then held a sack of potatoes weighing 20.1 kg attached to the handle of the sword for five seconds at the studios of Guinness World Records.

THE STRANGEST DIET

Michel Lotito (aka Monsieur Mangetout) from Grenoble, France, has been eating metal and glass since 1959. Gastroenterologists have described his ability to consume 900 g of metal per day as "unique". Mangetout - Michel's nickname - is literally translated as "eat everything". Michel says bananas and hard-boiled eggs make him sick.

Although many people may think they are crazy and it is unbelievable, they have found their strengths and made good use of them. How about you? Will you make good use of your strengths? There is no need to compare with others because everyone is unique. Don't belittle yourself. Try to find out your abilities. (IN A SAFE WAY, OF COURSE)

The drama performance - The Three Evils

On 4th March the English Drama Club members participated in a drama performance. The show is called "The Three Evils". Let's see the members', our teacher's and the audience's feelings about this unforgettable experience.

Interview with actress 3A Emma

- R: Are you satisfied with your performance?
Emma: Yes, I am very happy that the performance was quite successful. And I thought we did our best, as we all put a lot of effort in practising.
R: Was the practice during the rehearsals hard?
Emma: Yes, it was. Before the performance, we needed to practise after school late at 6:00 p.m. Actually, the hardest part was memorizing the dialogues and the actions.
R: What have you learnt from the performance?
Emma: I felt very lucky to participate in the drama show. Although I felt exhausted during the practice, I got along well with all the members and our relationship became closer. I also became more confident after the show. We always need to do our best to show our passion.

Key:
R: Reporters

3A Emma Chow, Yumiko Ng



Interview with the audience 3A Yeung Nga Lam

- R: How did you feel after watching the performance?
Nga Lam: The show was fabulous. I enjoyed the show very much. The characters were very attractive.
R: What attracted you to watch the drama show?
Nga Lam: I need to get more stamps for my English passport and the teachers recommended me to watch it. I am glad that I didn't miss the chance of watching the English Drama Club's performance.

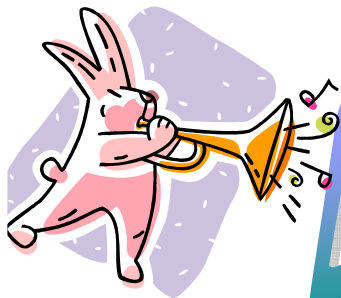


Interview with the English Drama Club Advisor Mr. Tse

- R: Do you think the students in TKPSS have talent in acting?
Mr. Tse: Yes, they do. They have talent in acting but they need more practice. Some of them lack experience, so they were shy during the performance.
R: What do you expect the drama club students to do or learn?
Mr. Tse: I hope they will perform a great show in front of TKPSS students. They can also take part in more inter-school competitions. I expect students to build up their self-confidence when they learn drama.
R: Do you enjoy being the drama club advisor?
Mr. Tse: Yes, I do. Students in this school have high expectations and we share a common goal: we always do our best to perform better in the shows, and bring unforgettable sensation to the audience.



The English Drama Club will have performances again. We hope they can solve the problems and have a successful show again next time.



DIY

entertains your life!

Have you ever designed gadgets yourselves in your daily life? Undoubtedly, it is a good chance for you to practise now. Have a try now!

1. Hairstyle



First, divide your hair into two sides, comb carefully and tie each half with elastic rubber bands.



Grip each bunch and comb it well.



Start to rotate the bunch slowly and slacken your gesture.



Roll each bunch upward and comb it.



Use the U-shape hair pin to fix the two bunches into a tree top.



Done! Start to make another one! (For your friend, maybe.)



Finished!

2. Clay handicraft

Materials:

1. Clay in different colours
2. Mucilage
3. Pigments



Steps:

Roll the white clay into noodle shapes and put them into a box.

Make the orange, green and yellow clay into some grains, radishes, green bean and corn.

Mix the mucilage with the yellow pigment and sprinkle on the noodles.



(Just in Case You don't know)
DIY means "Do It Yourself"
That's not hard, Just do it!



LITCHI DESSERT

Like ice-cream? Love ice-cream? Crazy about ice-cream? Yes, you are reading the right page.

3A Emma Chow, Yumiko Ng

We all love ice-cream. Everybody wants to have a colorful, tasty, icy ice-cream during lessons (Please note: it isn't allowed). However, how much do you know about ice-cream?

We aren't going to tell you the history of ice-cream and all those boring things about it. We aren't going to persuade you to buy ice-cream. We aren't going to sell you ice-cream either.



- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 3 large eggs
- 2 cups milk
- 1/4 teaspoon five-spice powder
- 1 cup chilled litchis in syrup
- 1 cup chilled heavy cream
- Some Salt



1. In a bowl whisk sugar, cornstarch, eggs, five-spice powder and a pinch of salt together.
2. Using a saucepan, heat the milk until it boils.
3. Add in a slow stream of egg mixture, whisking.
4. Pour the custard to a pan and boil over medium heat (about 1 min.), whisking constantly.
5. Cover and chill the custard for about 3 hours.
6. Mix together 1/2 cup of cream with the litchis in a blender, and the rest into the custard.
7. Freeze the whole thing in an ice-cream maker.

8. CONGRATS, IT'S DONE!



Feelings:

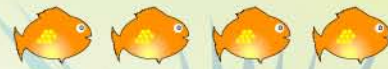
Actually, we found it really challenging to make the dessert the first time we tried it. But we didn't give up. We tried again and again. Finally, we made a good-looking, tasty dessert. This dessert is nice and delicious. Try it! We're sure that you will also like it!

What is this?

Welcome to our new page, T-ZONE, specially created to please all the technology-lovers!

At the beginning, Writing Scripters mainly focused on serious issues such as reporting school events and students' achievements. We found that most of the students are interested in more appealing topics. Therefore, we created this page, hoping that this issue would be more appealing and attractive. ENJOY!

PART 1—ALTAVISTA BABEL FISH TRANSLATOR



Can't afford an electronic dictionary? Don't understand an English website? Never mind! Open your browser and go to www.babelfish.altavista.com. Here you can find Babel Fish Translator. Copy the text that you want to translate, and put it in the box. Choose the language, and there it goes! It can even translate the whole webpage by typing the link in it. Wonderful, right?



PART 2—ALLEXPERTS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



Got questions no one can answer, even your teachers? Want homework help?

ALLEXPERTS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS is a great Q&A website. A lot of professors, teachers or staff can help you solve a wide range of problems. Computing, science, books, family relationship, traveling, cultures... even religion is included! The best thing is, you may **PERSONALLY** contact the professor and get help, unlike Yahoo! Knowledge.

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In the end...

World Wide Web is a great invention. Every day, tons of information are updated. You can find fresh information every minute. If you make good use of it, it will really be a great, reliable friend. Of course, you have to use it in a proper way. Next time, we will introduce useful software. Wait and see!

Different places all over the world

2D Macy Lai, Nathalie Leung, 4B Una Koo

There are many places all over the world. Have you been to all of them? Of course not. Some people like travelling because they can feel relaxed and free when travelling. Some people like watching breathtaking views. Some of them like shopping when they are travelling. Some of them like playing. How about the following three places? These are good places where you can relax, feel free and play.

TOKYO DOME PARK, TOKYO



Tokyo is the capital and the biggest city in Japan. Disneyland and Tokyo Tower are the most famous spots there. How about Tokyo Dome Park?

Tokyo Dome Park is like a theme park that will make your dreams come true.

There is the Thunder Dolphin and Wonder Drop, an exciting ride, and the spa which allows you to relax. You can visit the big mall with numerous shops. You'll be hungry after so many activities, so pick any restaurant that serves your favourite cuisine.



Palm Beach, Australia

When we mention Australia, we always think of kangaroos and koalas. What else can you come up with? What about Palm Beach? It is located in the most Northernly part of Sydney.

There are parks, beaches and sporting areas including golf club, facilities for soccer and tennis in Palm Beach. Palm Beach has a breathtaking scenery. You can enjoy it and feel relaxed there.



FEELING: Life is very busy, especially for the people in Hong Kong. Relaxing ourselves is very important in our life as it can relieve our pressure. So we should have more activities to relax ourselves, for example, listening to music, sleeping, playing, travelling, eating... and so on. Everyone prefers different activities for relaxation. Try to have more relaxing activities to add spice to our life!

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