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ferent incidents, both of which date back several years.

One case involves an eight-year old logging road near Duncan that started spilling into a creek in 1989. The infraction wasn't discovered until 1991 and the investigation has been going on ever since.
The second case involves anoth-

er landslide into a creek from a logging road near Mackenzie in June 1992. In both cases, Fletcher Challenge faces charges of introducing "deleterious substances" into the creeks, as well as "harmful alteration" of fish habitats.

A Fletcher Challenge official said

cleaned up any damage.

'In both cases, the cleanup of those areas has been completed," Tom Williams said. "I think our people were surprised this has happened, because of the cleanup work that has been done and the ongoing liaison work between our people and fisheries officials."

The smaller companies, which include Rothenberger Enterprises, Precision Falling Ltd. and Klaus Hosselt Logging, also face charges relating to harming creeks and fish

Those incidents occurred during the past 18 months.

ment activities to protect the environment in all parts of the province, Sihota told a news conference.

'Our message is clear. Logging com panies must be environmentally responsible or they will be held accountable for their actions," he

Sihota said the previous government's relaxation of conservation measures and enforcement activities are partly to blame for the lengthy time it has taken in some cases for charges being laid.

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### Drive to attract more Caucasian shoppers gets a boost



ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: teacher Marian Hislop holds some of letters from her students at R.C. Palmer junior secondary in Richmond

# Asian students want a mall open to all

WYNG CHOW

USINESS TYCOON Thomas Fung got something that money can't buy. Free advice. And from an unexpected source: 60 Richmond teenagers.

In March, Fung told The Vancouver Sun that his Aberdeen Centre, North America's largest Asianoriented enclosed shopping mall, had a negative image of being "too Chinese," so he wanted to Caucasian-ize" and make it more user-friendly for non-Asians.

After reading The Sun story, 60 students from R.C. Palmer junior secondary school them recent immigrants from Hong Kong or Taiwan - flooded Fung with letters. Many agreed with him. But some didn't.

"If one day, you decide to have some Canadian stores move in, I will go to Aberdeen Centre to shop more often, it's great," wrote Lisa Chiang, who described herself as a frequent customer

Wrote Winnie Feng: "I still agree with your idea because I feel we have to learn how to speak English with other people. If we want to speak our own languages, we can stay at our home countries and don't have to immigrate to Canada.

"Most importantly, this is Canada, not Tai-wan. Therefore we have to respect Canadians." Mavis Chuang was also supportive

"It can help your economy grow and let Chinese join with other people of different (races) and Chinese would not always be in their own group," wróte the Grade 10 student.

But Christina Ho, 14, said that while she favors change, her parents might not.

"I have the same thought as you, that so many Asians go to Aberdeen Centre, Yaohan's or Parker Place. We can't see many Caucasians or Canadians shopping at those malls," Ho wrote.

We need to share our culture equally, so I agree

with your plan."
However, Ho added: "But my family disagrees because they want a place that is similar to Hong Kong. The other reason is, my mother can't speak English very well and she wants a place she can buy things in Cantonese

The writers, aged 14 to 16, belonged to three English-as-a-second-language classes taught by Marian Hislop

In March, Fung had said that although most of the 65 retail outlets at Aberdeen Centre were doing well, the entrepreneurs were missing out

by strictly catering to Asians and ignoring Caucasians, who still make up two-thirds of Richmond's population of 130,000.

In addition, changes were needed to meet growg competition from other shopping centres, Fung said. Ideally, he wanted to see a split of 60-per-cent Asian and 40-per-cent non-Asian businesses at the mall near Cambie and No. 3 Road.

"The students' reaction to his wording-was strong. Hislop said Friday. 'At first, they all agreed with Mr. Fung, but later, when writing their letters, some of them became more truthful and said they disagreed and didn't want change.

A sampling of 25 letters indicated that Fung's plans won 80-per-cent approval from the students. Contacted Friday, Fung, president of Fairchild Holdings Ltd., said he appreciated the students' comments and wrote back to each one individu-

'It shows the newcomers are all concerned and they do care about the community as a whole,' he said.

He said he is working at addressing some of the concerns, and remains committed to gradually changing the business mix.

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#### **VANCOUVER LIFE**

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