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Max has written an article about the cultural exchange conference for the school newsletter. Read it carefully and choose the best answers for Questions 29-35.

The Meaningful Cultural Exchange Conference

By Max Ma

Hong Kong had its 5th cultural exchange conference on 16th August, 20XX.

The conference, held every two years, provides an opportunity for students from around the world to exchange thoughts and ideas. It was my pleasure to have taken part in it, and I am glad to share with you what I saw and learnt in it.

With more than 100 students from 50 countries joining, this year's conference has been the largest ever. There were three different themes. Some talked about green life, a very hot topic. Big companies and society were also the focus. Of course, new technology could not be missed out. Everyone was eager for new knowledge as young people are the **pillars of society**. We hope to bring the world a better future.

At the opening ceremony, Mr Thomas Leung, Secretary for Education, gave a speech. He encouraged us to make good use of the Internet but at the same time not to rely on it too heavily. After that, everyone stood up in high spirits for the national anthem. During the conference, some students from England showed videos about green living while American students did a role play. What I liked most were the robots displayed by Japanese students before the role play.

Before the end of the conference, I was on the edge of my seat representing Hong Kong to give thank you cards to all the overseas students. We shook hands and hugged one another.

We sang the song *Friendship Forever* together to end the cultural exchange conference. Besides knowing more about other countries, I have also gained a lot of friendships. The conference really means a lot to me!

