

CRA TOWING THE PHILOSOPHICAL LINE

Even though the new coalition Government has recently pulled the rug on new school building, Tony Blair's rational of 'Education, Education, Education', voiced back in the nineties, remains very relevant.

Regardless of your politics, it is difficult to argue against the philosophy. The future prosperity of UK PLC depends enormously on the ability of educated and knowledgeable individuals to generate wealth, not least to help pay off the enormous debt mountain we are currently saddled with.



In a small way, bearing in mind the huge sums allocated at national level, the UK **Concrete Repair Association (CRA)** is also towing the 'philosophical line'

In addition to publishing various Advice Notes on concrete repair and allied disciplines, the Association has just introduced a brand new CD, which includes three educational audio-visual (A/V) programmes. Each self-running image with voice-over commentary illustrates and lucidly explains the essential approach needed for important, yet quite different, remedies for ailing concrete.

The A/V programmes are specifically designed to give an insight into concrete repair techniques and allied refurbishment procedures. They have been produced for the benefit of specifiers, contractors and owners of structures/buildings containing concrete components, who need a brief introduction to the methods and just as importantly, the critical matters to be taken into account when looking at specific projects.

The first programme, an entirely new presentation entitled 'Electrochemical rehabilitation of steel reinforced concrete structures', explains the primary causes of steel reinforcement corrosion in concrete and the various remedial options that are available. The second programme, entitled 'Structural strengthening with fibre reinforced polymers' provides an overview of structural strengthening using fibre reinforced polymers (FRP) composite materials. The third programme, entitled 'The route to a successful concrete repair', which has been in place for a number years now, has recently been updated in line with BS EN 1504.

The CD represents the CRA's contribution toward increasing knowledge and understanding of concrete restoration and rehabilitation or, to put it another way, toward sustainability.

Copies of the new CRA educational CD, which also contains the current CRA Advice Notes, can be obtained free-of-charge by calling: 01420 471615, or by e-mailing: publications@cra.org.uk

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