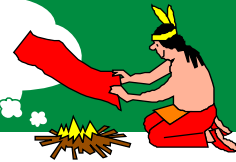


# WORD FOR WORD



## The Buck Stops Here



**“The buck stops here”, read a sign on the desk of Harry S Truman, President of the United States (1945-53)**

By placing the sign “The buck stops here” on his desk, President Truman was stating categorically that he was responsible for all decisions made in the Oval Office. No one else was to take the blame for whatever happened.

“Buck” is the knife made of the horn of male deer or antelope used in some card games. The possession of the buckhorn knife signifies that the player is responsible for the game. The saying implies that the speaker is prepared to take responsibility for anything

he is given to do.

Here in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the general public begins to buck up and throw off the gloom of the past few years as their spirits are buoyed by the newly introduced Principal Officials Accountability System. Under this system, the community pins high hopes on the Principal Officials to take a leaf out of President Truman's book: they will not pass *the buck* but will shoulder their fair share of responsibility.

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## Net Guide

### 香港電台 — 普通話大聯盟：普通話一分鐘

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想學普通話但抽不出時間？想糾正發音卻又不知從何入手？快上香港電台普通話大聯盟網站的《普通話一分鐘》網頁吧！

該網站輯錄了香港電台播放的《普通話一分鐘》節目首 60 集，以生動活潑的手法，利用日常生活中的例子，講解語音、詞彙、多音多義字等，帮助大家活學活用。其中還有廣普詞彙對照和模擬不同處境的對話，內容豐富。

該網頁設有文字解說，並附有香港城市大學講師史湄女士的示範講解。用者可透過 Real Player 或 Windows Media Player 軟件收聽，也可把節目下載到自己的電腦，隨時重聽，不單可以練習聆聽，更可邊聽邊讀，提高聽講普通話的能力。

溫故知新，多聽多講，始終是學好普通話的良方妙法。