Hong Kong here
Posted by linsi - 2007/03/07 19:16

I am interested to know hong kong people here. This small, ":busy as a bee" territory where i learned to appreciate despite the language barrier since i donot fluently speak cantonese.

:) :lol:

This room would speak more about domestic life in Hong kong and related stories involving culture and attitudes on how people face and decide living in accordance to situations and regulations mostly governing families inside the home.

Post edited by: linsi, at: 2007/09/05 05:16

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Re:Hong Kong here
Posted by linsi - 2007/03/08 23:05

Hong Kong has a very complicated status.
Hong Kong is governed under the principle of "one country, two systems", under which China has agreed to give the region a high degree of autonomy and to preserve its economic and social systems for 50 years from the date of the handover.

Hong Kong's constitution, the Basic Law, provides for the development of democratic processes. However, Beijing can veto changes to the political system and pro-democracy forces have been frustrated by what they see as the slow pace of political reform.

I have seen the endless struggles and pains of the chinese people, divide and seperate families due to immigration laws complicating their lives even more.

A Hong Kong National father lives in Hong Kong, while his mainland chinese wife and children live in China.
The barrier? Immigration laws.I am talking here of those who haven't made it yet to acquire the Hong Kong resident status to unite them as families.They have to live seperately.Are there hundreds of thousands of families still hanging and waiting?

Under the "one country two systems" principle, Hong kong is united or torn apart by the joint basic law of UK and China.

Population: 6.9 million (via UN, 2006)
Area: 1,098 sq km (424 sq miles)

Funny but this small territory could not acomodate millions from Mainland China.
:unsure: :dry: :S

Post edited by: linsi, at: 2007/03/08 23:10

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Re:Hong Kong here
Posted by linsi - 2007/03/09 15:08

Am I spamming?:lol: Where are those from Hong Kong? Hello there :) Last night I attended the Chinese Lunar Festival, With the clients and staff from work, I just learned that they celebrate the lunar year twice. One is the beginning which is the Chinese Lunar Winter Festival, and the closing of the holidays, the Chinese Lunar Spring Festival. I doubt if i am in the right position to write something about their culture since i really donot know but i hope a real one comes up to share us the unique heritage Hong Kong has. :)

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Re:Hong Kong here
Posted by linsi - 2007/03/12 08:27

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hi there

news were all around about hong kong using too much.:woohoo:

A report by the Word Wide Fund for Nature explains that Hong Kong people are using 75% more natural resources than the average world citizen. The report, titled The Living Planet Report, compares countries and regions by ranking how much pressure they exert on the world's limited resources through their consumption of grain, meat, and fish, their use of timber and cement, and their production of carbon dioxide emissions. Overall, Hong Kong ranked 26th out of 152 world countries studied.

http://www.parish-without-borders.net/cditt/gf/sub-gf98.htm#Target62

now there is good news for us,
every first tuesday of the month,we are then required to use paper bags or our own cloth bags to bag our groceries and what we bought from the shops. all plastic bags are discouraged or else we have to pay 50 cents per plastic bag which in turn goes to environmental friendly programs.

this is good.

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Re:Hong Kong here
Posted by Sandvand - 2007/03/12 23:42

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John

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Re:Hong Kong here
Posted by linsi - 2007/03/14 00:07

Sandvand wrote:
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John

Is this amusing?:lol: we have our own culture of being such when talking about coffins, i don't know about others, but cardboard coffins? I posted a recent article about it. Yes, Hong Kong's one form of promoting eco-system and being friendly to environment ;)

Here is an excerpt from the article which says:

"Although the cardboard coffins are more efficient and are said to produce less toxic gas during combustion, they aren't likely to be popular in Hong Kong, where skimping on the traditional Chinese rituals of sending the dead away is seen as a sign of disrespect.

But Hong Kongers should try to accept the advantages of the coffins, said to be gaining popularity in Japan and Europe, Yau said."

:cheer:

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Re:Hong Kong here

Posted by Sandvand - 2007/03/14 00:21

Did you misunderstand me - or maybe I am misunderstanding? I did not talk about plastic bags for the dead, but for groceries, as mentioned by you in your previous posting.

Just to clarify ...

John:)

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Re:Hong Kong here

Posted by linsi - 2007/03/14 01:20

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oh :lol:
where were we? I thought you were asking me

"Is the govenment also taking other measures towards making the city more environment friendly?"

so i came up with a new information about eco-coffins for hong kong as one measure proposed for environment friendly programs aside from the one i mentioned about the plastic bags for groceries which are discouraged every first tuesday of the month, using paper or cloth bags instead. i hope i could come up for more.

anyway going back to this piece of article about coffins, i agree that here in hong kong eco-coffins is another way of being friendly to the environment.

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Re:Hong Kong here

Posted by Sandvand - 2007/03/19 00:06

Linsi,

Time Asia has an interesting cover story about Hong Kong this week.

READ IT HERE

What do you think?

John:)

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Re:Hong Kong here

Posted by linsi - 2007/03/19 15:40

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hi john,

the cover story about hong kong is very interesting and very positive indeed.

i am always reminded on how these people came to be successful.

thanks,

linsi

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Re:Hong Kong here
Posted by linsi - 2007/03/19 21:40

I never learned the fluency in Chinese language speacially Cantonese. We were all wondering, after 150 years of Brtitish rule Hong Kong never adapted English as a second language. They , traded, lived and fashioned their future through their own language.

First they needed people who could speak English and Cantonese (bi-lingual) when applying for a job.Now, one must be able to speak fluent English, Cantonese and Mandarin (tri-lingual) to maintain a firm place under the Hong Kong sun

China flourished and succeeded with their own. Like the Japanese, they never depended on English to communicate. They made their way on top through their own native dialect. Why study Chinese? Because it is the language of the future . Nobody back home told me about this forecast :S :angry: :dry:

http://news.tradingcharts.com/futures/3/9/90246493.html

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Re:Hong Kong here
Posted by linsi - 2007/05/24 06:47

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no work today :) ;) :)

It's holiday here, it's buddha's birthday!

have all the time for the net :lol:

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Post edited by: linsi, at: 2007/05/24 06:48

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Re:Hong Kong here
Posted by Jacques - 2007/05/24 19:15

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Re:Hong Kong here
Posted by linsi - 2007/06/03 17:37

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hi jacques

is potunghua the same as mandarin? because three languages now are spoken here, aside from english and cantonese, there is the addition of potunghua.

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Re:Hong Kong here

Posted by Sandvand - 2007/06/03 17:41

That is right: Potunghua is the same as mandarin.

John

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Re:Hong Kong here

Posted by linsi - 2007/06/03 17:42

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it is sunday evening here, and this afternoon
i went to the grocery to shop the usual
food stuffs and grocery items for a week and gee!
so many people were doing the same.

one filipina smiled at me pushing a loaded cart
i smiled back, she was with a madame chinese :laugh:
greeted her and pointed at her cart.

she answered back- this is for a month's consumption.

woaah!- and when i reached the cashier, again plastic bags
and remembered that one day the government
will tax these plastic bags encouraging us to use
cloth or paper bags of our own.

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Re:Hong Kong here

Posted by linsi - 2007/06/03 17:43

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John

is that so john? ayayay! how ignorant of me
anyway i learned one thing that potunghua
is the same as mandarin.

:lol: B)

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Re:Hong Kong here
Posted by Jacques - 2007/06/03 18:34

Hi Linsi,

Yes putonhua and madarin is the same.

Why the chinese language was told "mandarin" ? It's because it was the language of the Court.So the contests to become a civil servant (mandarin) were in the language spoken at the imperial palace.

When the Mandchu dynasty was replaced by republic in 1912, there was no more mandarins, so the name of Beijing language has been changed in Guoyu" 'National Language'

After the victory of the communists, they again change the name to 'putonghua' (common language) by difference with the local dialects or minorities languages.

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Re:Hong Kong here
Posted by linsi - 2007/06/03 18:50

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that's interesting jacques not to mention
you know your history very well..

everybody says, mandarin is much easier
than cantonese..but sad to say
after 150 years of british rule the locals
never used english everyday.

that is also the reason why ethnic minorities
find it hard to enrol in secondary and tertiary
levels here..

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Re:Hong Kong here
Posted by Jacques - 2007/06/03 19:44

Hi Linsi,

The british where just the rulers of HK, but the more rich peoples here where not the British : Chineses, Indians, Americans, South-africans... the the low class hongkongeses who had not to deal with the british administration, so they talked between them in their common language (cantonese or hakka...)

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Re:Hong Kong here
Posted by linsi - 2007/06/04 17:39

I agree jacques but today

Tens of thousands of people have taken part in a candle-lit vigil in Hong Kong to mark the anniversary of the bloody crackdown on pro-democracy protesters in Beijing's Tiananmen Square.

There will also be a candle-lit vigil in victoria park tonight.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/olmedia/775000/images/_777100_candles300.jpg

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Re:Hong Kong here

Posted by Jacques - 2007/06/04 22:52

Hi Linsi and others,

Yes, today is the anniversary of one of the most sad day of the PRC history.

For what I saw at that time is that for the first time I saw HK people going down to the street to protest. One million.

Imagine one million people on 6 millions at that time. It is like in a 60 millions people country, 6 million were protesting !

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Re:Hong Kong here

Posted by linsi - 2007/07/01 09:27

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Leung-Kwok hung
Hong Kong's most popular street protestor now voted as member of the legislative council New Territories, East.

that's why leung-kowk hung has vowed not to cut his hair until the government of People's Republic of China apologizes for its crackdown on the Tiananmen Square protests of 1989, although it was cut once against his will when he was briefly imprisoned following a political action.

Leung's key campaigns include universal suffrage, and working- and under-classes welfare. His political agenda include introduction of a liveable minimum wage and a comprehensive social security system, restoration of workers' right to collective bargaining, and setting a tax on business speculation.

but i will surely vote for him :lol:

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Re:Hong Kong here
Posted by Jacques - 2007/07/23 22:39

Hi Linsi,

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Posted by linsi - 2007/07/24 05:20

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hi jaques,

that would be done by a global moderator or the admins
i don't think it is possible-

by the way you can delete it, no problem about that, i can make another one here, and thanks for reminding me-

cheers
linsi

:kiss:

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Re:Hong Kong here
Posted by linsi - 2007/07/27 22:31

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since the topic speaks of hong kong here, i wanted to post
a switch to a more timely issues,
a more relevant subject about hong kong's domestic workers
and how they fare with chinese employers-

high education of FDH's has come to be seen as objectionable quality" because an educated domestic worker is more likely to put on airs and to present herself as too good to do what is expected of her.

many middle-class chinese employers consider the english-language abilities of filipinas beneficial and many expect "helpers" to tutor their children.

but agency staff and members of the employers association both insist that many chinese employers favor less educated domestic workers because "they know their place.

As the owner of one of Hong Kong's biggest employment agency explained today " the high education of FDH's has come to be seen as objectionable quality" because an educated domestic worker is more likely to put on airs and to present herself as too good to do what is expected of her.

One staff member explained that her agency prefers women from the provinces who have little education. In her words "the applicants with higher education... argue more with their employers, some even have the gall to ask their employers how many degrees they have..

so the notion that higher education and english speaking now becomes objectionable to chinese employers-

Post edited by: linsi, at: 2007/07/27 22:32

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Re:Hong Kong here

Posted by linsi - 2007/09/05 05:08

Against Child Abuse

In April, 2006, four small children were found being neglected by their parents when the only caretaker was their 83-year-old grandmother (“The Pak Tin Estate incident”). The incident has aroused much media attention, which reminded us of the serious and unresolved problem of child neglect in Hong Kong...

My POV-

This is one of the gravest problems in Hong Kong concerning domestic abuse and neglect of children.

The high rising cost and standard of living in this terrortory drives every parent to work both, most of the time taking the risk of leaving children home alone to sustain and maintain everyday living.

one of the articles which i posted, happened recently, causing people to catch government's attention and steering the social welfare department on how to address the problem.

http://newpaper.asia1.com.sg/news/story/0,4136,140204,00.html

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Re:Hong Kong here

Posted by linsi - 2007/09/05 05:23

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on how people face and decide living in accordance
to situations and regulations mostly
governing families inside the home.

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Re:Hong Kong here

Posted by linsi - 2008/07/01 23:26

Poor Students in Hong Kong to Get Notebook Computers
The Hong Kong government has decided to appropriate 200 million H.K. dollars from an education fund to buy notebook computers for poor students in public schools.

A government official said the decision will benefit the students from low-income families who can not afford personal computers. About 40,000 students receiving financial aid or subsidies are expected to become beneficiaries.

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I watched MONEY MAGAZINE LAST NIGHT

the mini notebook pc sold at
1,900 HKG D

laptops now,is sold at 4000 HKGD less
which formerly is about 7-8000 HKG D

nice!

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Re:Hong Kong here

Posted by linsi - 2008/07/01 23:54

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http://209.85.141.104/search?q=cache:FvRB5mKqZ1YJ: english.peopledaily.com.cn/english/200011/06/eng20001106_54446.html+students+in+hong+kong+use+laptop+ computers&hl=en&ct=clnk&cd=

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