



Wah Yan College Kowloon
Class of 1963
50th Anniversary Reunion November 8-9, 2013
Hong Kong

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November 8 - 9, 2013. Spouse and guest are welcome to all events.

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Evening of Friday, November 8

Event: Welcome Dinner

Time: 5:30 pm

Venue: American Club 美國會 Tel : 2842 7400

48th floor, Exchange Square 2, Central. 香港中環交易廣場第二期. Take elevator to 47th floor, then change elevator to go to 48th floor. Public transportation : Exit A at the Central station of the Island MTR line. Then take overpass to Exchange Square 2.

Dress Code: Smart casual (no jeans, T-shirts, and sneakers).

5:30 – 7:00 pm Arrival and registration. Cocktail reception. Getting reacquainted. Video on life in Wah Yan and beyond.

7:00 – 9:00 pm Buffet dinner.

9:00 pm – midnight Socializing.

Morning of Saturday, November 9

Event: Visit to Wah Yan

Time: 10:30 am

56 Waterloo Road, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon. Public transportation : Exit D at the Yau Ma Tei station of the Tsuen Wan MTR line.

Meet at the parking space outside of the auditorium.

Dress Code: Casual

10:30 – 12:15 Discussion with teachers, current and past principals. Conversation with students. Tour of campus.

12:15 Group portrait.

12:30 – 1:30 Informal lunch in school cafeteria.



Evening of Saturday, November 9

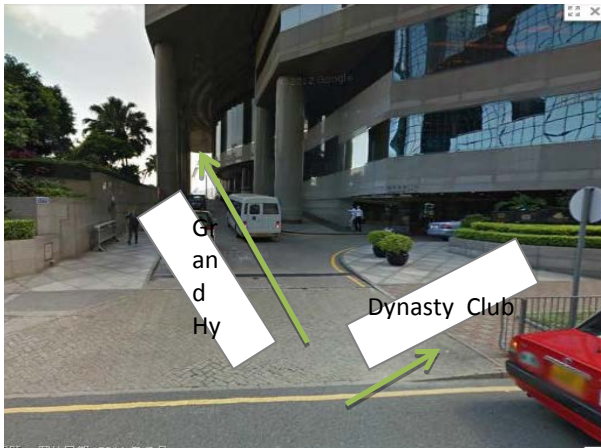
Event: Gala dinner

Time: 5:30 pm

Venue: Dynasty Club 皇朝會 Tel: 2824 1122

7th floor, South West Tower, Convention Plaza, One Harbor Road, Wanchai. 灣仔港灣道一號.

Turn right just before the slope going up to Grand Hyatt Hotel's front entrance – directly next to Grand Hyatt service apartment entrance. Public transportation : closest MTR station is Admiralty on the Island MTR line. Exit C2 and take taxi at taxi stand to Dynasty Club at One Harbor Road.



Dress Code: Smart casual (no jeans and sneakers).

5:30 – 6:30 Reception and cocktails. Table assignment. Video on life in Wah Yan and beyond.

6:30 Group portrait.

7:00 – 7:30 Welcome remarks. Group singing school song. Keynote address by Jesuit.

7:30 – 9:15 Chinese banquet-style dinner accompanied by music from our era. Classmates remarks on their time in Wah Yan and beyond.

9:15 – 9:45 Lucky prize draw.

9:45 Presentation of Wah Yan Kowloon Class of 1963 Fund.

10:00 Group singing *Danny Boy* and *Auld Lang Syne*. Bidding farewell and departure.

10:00 – 11:00 Golden oldies music hour.



General Information of Interest in Hong Kong

November in Hong Kong is one of the best months for cool, dry, sunny weather, offering many opportunities for city exploration as well as outdoor activities in the many hiking trails in country parks, the villages in the New Territories, and the various islands. Temperature usually ranges from 19 to 24 degrees Centigrade (66 to 75 degrees Fahrenheit).

Public Transportation

With very few exceptions, senior citizens over 65 years old now pay only \$2 in all public transportation including buses, trams, the MTR subway, and ferries to offshore islands like Lantau, Cheung Chau, Peng Chau, Lamma. If you already have an ordinary Octopus card, all you need to do is to exchange that for a senior citizen one.

Taxis are ubiquitous, but color-coded fleets serve different regions of Hong Kong. The urban area of Hong Kong Island and Kowloon are served by red taxis. New Territories is served by green taxis. Lantau is served by blue taxis. Sometimes, a taxi driver won't cross the harbor from Hong Kong to Kowloon or vice versa. So it is best to check before getting into the taxi.

Telecommunication and Internet

To avoid high roaming charges on your mobile phone, you can buy a prepaid SIM card with a Hong Kong mobile phone number in many 7-Eleven and similar stores or telecommunications service providers. For iPad-type devices with cellular data capability, you can also buy a SIM card with a prescribed amount of data usage over a period of time. A lot of restaurants and coffee houses here have hot-spots for free Internet connectivity. Many MTR stations have free Internet kiosks.

Medical Emergency

Hong Kong has a one telephone number for all kinds of emergency : 999. If you call 999 for a medical emergency, an ambulance will come and take you to the nearest public hospital where your waiting time depends on the criticality of your problem. You can also take a taxi to the outpatient department of private hospitals like Sanatorium Hospital in Hong Kong or St. Teresa Hospital in Kowloon. You will be treated immediately for a price. Always have your Hong Kong ID card or passport with you.

Off the Beaten Track

If you want to get away from the “mallification” of Hong Kong or feel overwhelmed by the sea of humanity, Hong Kong still offers many places that are charming, relatively quiet and untouristed that can provide a delightful half- or full day’s visit. For hikers, there are trails with different levels of difficulty--see www.hike.hk. There are still walled villages whose residents live in the same way as previous generations. Wikipedia describes several of the better-known villages:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walled_villages_of_Hong_Kong



A day on one of the outlying islands is another possibility. This website has the ferry schedules for these islands, departing from Central piers on Hong Kong side:

http://hongkongextras.com/ferries_outlying.html

For a quiet walk on a beautiful uncrowded beach, Lower Cheung Sha Beach 下長沙 in Lantau Island is accessible from Central in under an hour. You can enjoy a drink and a choice of Thai, Italian, or South African cuisine right on the beach. Or visit the fishing village of Tai O 大澳 in north Lantau Island after which you can have tea or a meal at the newly restored Tai O heritage hotel nearby.

Cultural Events and the Performing Arts

Hong Kong is a not cultural desert! In addition to the History Museum in east Tsimshatsui and the Hong Kong Heritage Museum near Shatin, there are no less than 12 others devoted to exhibits from art to coastal defense and the life of Sun Yat Sen. See listing in :

http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/cs_mus_lcsd.php

Hong Kong offers many cultural events year-round--international film and art festivals, cultural heritage exhibitions, concerts by local and world-renowned ensembles, folk music and Chinese opera performances, plays, etc.

From October 18 to November 17, as part of the World Culture Festival, Eastern Europe is the focus of a range of visual and performing arts. For information on the program, see:

<http://www.worldfestival.gov.hk/2013/en/about.html>

The Hong Kong Cultural and Leisure Services Department provides an up-to-date listing of all the events at its venues two months in advance. As such, events in November are not yet available now. But if you check their websites starting in October, you will find plenty of events.

http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/ce/CulturalService/HKCC/en/programme/prog_mon_201309.html

Shopping

If you do not mind fighting your way through the hordes of tourists from China, there are the usual huge malls in Pacific Place, IFC, Landmark, Times Square, Festival Walk, Ocean Terminal, and the luxury-brand stores along Canton Road in Kowloon. The Citygate outlet mall next to the Tung Chung MTR station has lower-priced designer-brand merchandise like Ralph Lauren, Nike, Coach, etc.

If you are interested in electronic gadgets and computer accessories, there are four major computer shopping malls, two in Hong Kong and two in Kowloon.

In Hong Kong:

Wan Chai Computer Centre Exit 4A of Wan Chai MTR station	298 Computer Zone and Oriental 188 Shopping Centre 188 Wan Chai Road, Wan Chai
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In Kowloon:

Golden Shopping Centre, Shum Shui Po Shum Shui Po MTR station	Mongkok Computer Centre 8 Nelson Street, Mongkok
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