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Photos taken at The Tai Hang Fire Dragon Heritage Centre by Helen Tinsley and Vonnice Fung.

Message from your President, Helen Tinsley

Welcome to our March / April 2024 RASHK Newsletter.

I hope that you all enjoyed spending time with family and friends wherever you were, over the festive season when we welcomed the Spring Festival and the beginning of the Lunar New Year of the Dragon. Hong Kong was full of festivities in celebration of this most important festival, appreciated alike by both locals and our many visitors to Hong Kong.

Included in the Newsletter are records with photos of our schedule of events in January and February, with local in-person and zoom talks, covering a wide range of thought provoking topics. Mark O'Neill introduced us to the topic of his latest book on the fascinating and little known history of Pin Yin's development and use in enhancing literacy within the Chinese community. Thomas Bird shared pictures and readings from his recent book, with highlights from his broad and deep experience of rail travel on China's more traditional train networks. Our zoom talk from the Director of the Chinese Canadian Museum helped to set up a link with one of our local experts on North American Chinese history. Our visit to the Hong Kong Diversity Museum, as a recent venture based in HKU, was well attended, both highly enjoyable and informative, with 100 % prepayment made via Stripe or bank transfer. To celebrate the start of the Lunar New Year of the Dragon we arranged another well attended and informative visit to the recently opened Tai Hang Fire Dragon Heritage Centre, followed by a delicious Hakka group lunch on another floor of the heritage museum building. It brought back memories of our RASHK visit a few years ago to the annual Fire Dragon September celebrations in Tai Hang. Looking forward and at the time of writing we still have a February zoom talk planned as well as an early March visit, based around the University of Chicago campus Heritage Centre in Pokfulam.

Please also take a look at the programme of events we have in store for you in the coming 2 months, while plans for our May/ June 2024 activities are well under way. One date for your diaries is Friday evening of 19th April 2024 when we will be holding our RASHK AGM at the Hong Kong Club. If you think you would like to serve on one of our committees please let me know. I hope to see many of you at the AGM to hear reports on the work of our Society, with a chance to greet both old and new friends.

Thank you for your support for our new registration and related charging system which has been generally accepted by our members. Inevitably with revised arrangements a few glitches and concerns have been raised and sorted out, with help from Vonnice and Sally.

As always, ideas, suggestions and feedback on our Society's services and future development are always welcome.

Best wishes to you all.

Helen Tinsley
February 2024

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NOTE FOR ONLINE TALKS

The RASHK hosts online talks over the Zoom application, downloadable on computer at <https://zoom.us/> or smartphone from any app store.

Zoom links to access the online talk will be sent to members (who have registered) prior to the event.

If you would like to attend an online talk, please email membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk so that we can register your attendance and send you the zoom link for access.

LOCAL VISIT

Heritage Tour at The University of Chicago Campus in Hong Kong's Mount Davis

Saturday • 2 March 2024



Details

The University of Chicago Francis and Rose Yuen Campus in Hong Kong which opened in 2018, was built on a historically important site at Mount Davis, Pokfulam. The Chicago complex won the prestigious Prix Versailles international design.)

Converted from the heritage building, Block B Annex and the entry courtyard, it became the Hong Kong Jockey Club University of Chicago Heritage Courtyard and Interpretation Centre (HCIC). The Chicago complex is currently a regional hub for ambitious research, education and collaboration and an important addition to the University's international presence and engagement.

The Mount Davis Fort was one of the largest coastal defence batteries in Hong Kong and was first operational in 1911. It saw extensive actions during the Battle of Hong Kong (8th – 25th December 1941). The existing relics include artillery batteries, lookout, barracks and training field etc. The Mount Davis Battery was rated Grade 2 historic building in 2009.

The revitalized Grade 3 heritage buildings, namely Blocks A, B and B Annex, and the preserved exterior heritage elements (the battery and the magazine), as well as heritage trails all together projects the unique history of the Mount Davis site.

Visitors can also appreciate the full view of Lamma Island and West Lamma Channel from the campus.

Participants can also visit on their own, from 10:00 - 10:45 am, the “Tram Tales: 120 Years of Hong Kong Tramways” exhibition in the campus ahead of the guided tour, (More details: <https://uchicago.hk/event/university-chicago-presents-tram-tales-120-years-hong-kong-tramways-0>)

PROGRAMME

- Speaker:** English speaking guide commissioned by the University of Chicago Booth Hong Kong Campus
- Date:** Saturday, 2 March 2024
- Time:** 11:00 am – 12:00 noon, the guided heritage tour;
10:00 am – 10:45 am, optional by yourself, to visit the themed exhibition: “Tram Tales: 120 Years of Hong Kong Tramways”
- Venue:** 168 Victoria Road, Mount Davis, Hong Kong
- Admission:** \$100 for members and \$150 for guests / non-members
- Registration:** Please email <membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk> and provide your membership number, if applicable, at the time of registration.

Please kindly complete your registration by advance payment via Stripe's payment links below (using your Credit Card):

Member (\$100)

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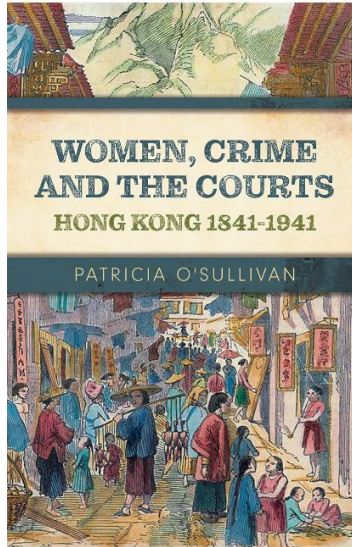
Details about the other payment option will be sent on registration. Upon receipt of payment, your registration will be confirmed by email.

Registration will be closed at 12:00 noon on 5 March 2024.

In-Person Talk

**Incarcerated Women -
Hong Kong's Women's Prison and its Occupants**

Wednesday • 6 March 2024



Details

In response to International Women's Day (8th March), this talk is on the history of Women's Prison in Hong Kong and those who lived and worked inside Victoria Gaol and successor in Lai Chi Kok.

While women were filling the magistrates courts and prisons of the British Isles during the 19th century, a female criminal in Hong Kong was a rarity. Yet, often because of grinding poverty, some did find themselves on the wrong side of the law.

Petty crimes - small-time thieving, illegal hawking or the possession of small amounts of illegal opium, etc - account for most of the appearances in court, but more heinous ones, often with a Hong Kong flavour, also feature. Making use of what was to hand, arguments were conducted with the aid of meat choppers, and why stop at one or two chops, when 70 seems like such a nice round number?

The trade in children, especially young girls, often involving kidnapping, was an easy and lucrative one for women to pursue, and punished by the courts accordingly. Not that all the women in front of the magistrates were Chinese, by any means: certain Western women were quite capable of attracting notoriety and worse.

The talk will reveal day-to-day life in the small Women's Prison, and the stories of the Matrons - the women who had charge of the prisoners. It will recount, too, how the British justice system tried to cope with the challenges the situation presented, and life in the small Women's Prison, where a minority of the defendants would 'do time'.

The Speaker



Patricia O'Sullivan started researching Hong Kong's vibrant history in 2010, initially uncovering long-forgotten family stories for *Policing Hong Kong - an Irish History* (Blacksmith Books, Hong Kong 2017). Based in the UK, she tries to spend a few months of each year in Hong Kong, and is currently researching her next book, on the city's connections with World War One.

She has written many articles on forgotten aspects of the city's life, some of which are to be found on her website, www.socialhistoryhk.com. *Women, Crime and the Courts: Hong Kong 1841-1941*, which contains the fuller story of the Women's Prison here, was published by Blacksmith Books in 2020.

PROGRAMME

- Speaker:** Patricia O'Sullivan
- Date:** Wednesday, 6 March 2024
- Time:** 7:00 - 8:00 pm
(Reception starts at 6:30 pm)
- Venue:** Café 8, Roof, Hong Kong Maritime Museum, Pier 8, Central
- Admission:** \$175 for members, \$220 for guests /non-members
(Light refreshments are included in the admission fee)
- Registration:** Please email <membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk> and provide your membership number, if applicable, at the time of registration.

Please kindly complete your registration by advance payment via Stripe's payment links below (using your Credit Card):

Members (\$175):

<https://buy.stripe.com/8wM5nq5Tz4Fg3Cw8xf>

Non-members / Guests (\$220):

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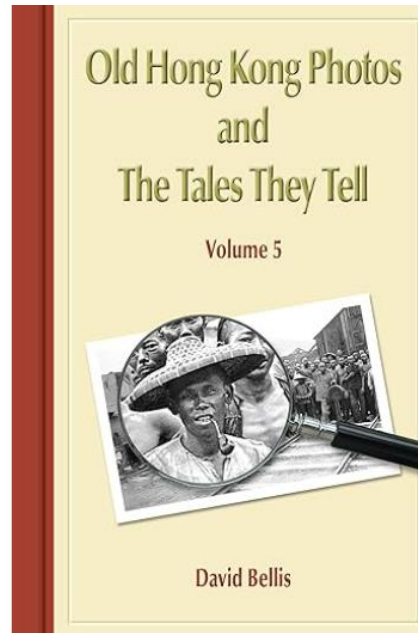
Details about the other payment option will be sent on registration. Upon receipt of payment, your registration will be confirmed by email.

Registration will be closed at 12:00 noon on 5 March 2024.

IN-PERSON TALK

Who in these 1880s-1950s photos called Hong Kong ‘home’?

Thursday • 14 March 2024



Details

David’s latest book shows photos of the wide variety of people you’d meet in Hong Kong in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, and looks at who among them called Hong Kong ‘home’. In this talk he’ll show us their photos and explain how he answered the question. We’ll also hear several people’s stories that didn’t make it into the book.

Each photo has been scanned at high resolution, so David can zoom in to show us its hidden details. He’ll use these details as clues to piece together the stories behind each scene.

This is a richly illustrated talk, using photos from David’s latest book and from earlier books in the series, plus other photos from his collection that haven’t been shown before.

The talk will last approximately 45 minutes, followed by Q&A.

This will be David’s last in-person talk for RASHK before he relocates to the UK in July.

The Speaker



David Bellis runs the award-winning Gwulo.com website, home to over 50,000 pages about Hong Kong's history, including over 35,000 photos. He also gives regular illustrated talks, and has published a series of books showing photos from his collection and telling their stories: *Old Hong Kong Photos and The Tales They Tell*. The fifth and final volume in the series was published in December.

Originally from Wales, David first visited Hong Kong in 1989, and has lived here since 1992.

PROGRAMME

Speaker: David Bellis

Date: Thursday, 14 March 2024

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
(Desk reception opens at 6:30 pm)

Venue: Lecture Theatre, Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre ([Map](#) & [Transportation](#))

Admission: \$110 for members, \$150 for guests /non-members

Registration: Please email membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk and provide your membership number, if applicable, at the time of registration.

Please kindly complete your registration by advance payment via Stripe's payment links below (using your Credit Card):

Members (\$110):

<https://buy.stripe.com/7sIg24gyd5Jk7SM14R>

Non-members / Guests (\$150):

<https://buy.stripe.com/bIYg240zfgnYfle8xk>

Details about the other payment option will be sent on registration. Upon receipt of payment, your registration will be confirmed by email.

Registration will be closed at 12 noon on the event date.

LOCAL VISIT

Ex-Sham Shui Po Service Reservoir Guided Tour

Thursday • 21 March 2024



Details

The Ex-Sham Shui Po Service Reservoir (Ex-SSPSR), aka Bishop Hill Reservoir, was accorded a Grade 1 historical building status by the Antiquities Advisory Board in June 2021.

The Water Supplies Department (WSD) has been launching guided tours of the service reservoir with a view to enhance public's understanding of the historical background and appreciate the internal structure of the Ex-SSPSR, so as to increase public's awareness on conservation of historic waterworks building and heritage.

Located underground, the structure reflects the romantic ancient Roman attitudes to architecture. Its remarkable structure offers a precious glimpse of Hong Kong's water supply history over the past hundred years.

To learn more about the details of this tour organised by WSD, please visit:

<https://www.waterconservation.gov.hk/en/ex-sspsr/index.html>

Royal Asiatic Society Hong Kong has finally succeeded in the application for a guided tour for our members, particularly those who did not have the chance attend in January 2023. For a report and pictures of our visit to this remarkable site, please take a look at last year's March/ April 2023 Newsletter. A minimum of 25 participants is required to form a group and the capacity is capped at 38 by the WSD. The deadline to register with the administrator is 5 March 2024. The group will be cancelled if we do not have enough people to sign up before the deadline.

PROGRAMME

- Guide:** English speaking guide arranged by the Water Services Department (WSD)
- Date:** Thursday, 21 March 2024
- Time:** 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
- Venue:** Ex-Sham Shui Po Service Reservoir
Meeting point at Berwick Street, Shek Kip Mei
- Admission:** \$100 for members, \$150 for guests /non-members
- Registration:** Please kindly complete your registration by advance payment via Stripe's payment links below (using your Credit Card):

Members (\$100):

<https://buy.stripe.com/cN28zC95L5Jkeha6p9>

Non-members / Guests (\$150):

<https://buy.stripe.com/00g3fidm11t48WQ6pa>

Details about the other payment option will be sent on registration. Upon receipt of payment, your registration will be confirmed by email.

Please email <membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk> and provide your membership number, if applicable, and the following details required by Water Services Department (WSD):

1. Your full name on ID card
2. Age
3. Last 4 alphanumeric characters on our ID card, e.g., 123(A)

Places will be assigned according to the time when an email with all the details above are received.

Places are non-transferable as WSD will provide insurance for individuals.

Registration will be closed at 12 noon 5 March 2024.

The route between the assembly/dismissal point and the Ex-SSPSR takes a walk of about 15 minutes. It consists of mainly narrow trails and stairs and certain efforts will be required. Participants should assess their health conditions before registration.

CROSS-BORDER PRC TRIP

Visit to Tangkou Community Project and Some Heritage Areas at Kaiping, China

Good Friday 29 • March - Easter Monday 1 • April 2024



Tour Escorts: Rocky Dang and Peter Stuckey, RASHK's life members

Details

Kaiping, (Hoiping) in the Greater Bay Area of Guangdong Province is famous as a hometown of many overseas Chinese and for its "diaolou", or defensive watchtowers. Two of our Life Members, Rocky Dang and Peter Stuckey have a project in the heart of the "diaolou" areas known as the Tangkou Community Project (www.tangkoucommunityproject.com) and are inviting us to join them there on an introductory weekend over Easter.

The Project provides a platform for visitors to explore and discover aspects of the extraordinary regional history, the unique architecture, the vibrant community and the ways of typical rural life in southern China. It is a revitalisation project with accommodation, restaurants, a farm where rice and many kinds of vegetables and fruit are grown and visitors are encouraged to get as hands-on as they wish, an open kitchen, a cycling centre, coffee shop, a garden courtyard and seminar facilities. We also have our own private access to an old mansion which still has many features just as when the owners left it many years ago.

We will be catching a coach from Central leaving at 9:40 am on the Friday morning. The coach takes around 4 hours all the way, via the Shenzhen Bay Immigration Check point. Upon arrival we will have a full program of activities, including visits to local mansions and diaolous (fortress towers funded by Overseas Chinese) built around a century ago. We will explore areas of interest including typical Lingnan diaolou villages. Explanation will be given of the importance of the overseas Chinese experience in this area and of the Tangkou Community Project. During the weekend we will include visits to the Li Gardens and the Zili UNESCO World heritage site. Some activities will involve cycling but alternative activities will be provided in case some participants do not wish to cycle. We will walk around the farm to learn more about rice growing and local produce and can have the opportunity to pick our own vegetables to share and take home. During the trip we will also enjoy some local gourmet meals and delicacies, especially with locally grown, fresh green ingredients. We will return by coach to Hong Kong on the Monday afternoon, arriving in the early evening.

Tour Price:

Four days / Three nights on a twin sharing basis: HK\$3,000

Three days / Two nights on a twin sharing basis: HK\$2,500

If you prefer to stay in a pleasant shared dormitory, without en suite, a discount of HK\$500 can apply.

Single supplement of HK\$500 applies.

Non-members surcharge: HKD\$300

Tour Price Included:

Coach tickets, transport, en suite accommodation, all meals, entrance fees, guiding and bicycles.

Tour Price Excluded:

Insurance, visa fees, self-ordered drinks.

You will need to have a permit for crossing the border into Mainland China, either a visa or a return permit which you need to arrange yourself.

You must also arrange your own insurances.

For enquiries please contact:

Please send your expression of interest, or commitment, as soon as possible or forward any query you may have to: Peter Stuckey at peterstuckey@yahoo.com.hk

About China Visa for your reference:

The official website for China Visa applications is: <http://www.visaforchina.cn>

Those who are reluctant to use the online facility for China Visa application may wish to check out Shoestring Travel at Flat 4, 4/Floor, Alpha House, 27-33 Nathan Road, Tsimshatsui.

Registration and payment:

Please email membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk in advance, copied to peterstuckey@yahoo.com.hk to register your attendance.

The details of the payment methods will be emailed to those people who email us for booking. Upon receipt of payment, your registration will be confirmed by email.

Registration will be closed at 12:00 noon on Friday 15 March.

Annual General Meeting



**The 64th RASHK Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for
6:30 pm, Friday, 19th of April 2024.**

This year the venue will be at the Hong Kong Club.

**Members and guests are warmly invited to attend to hear reports from Council members on their
year's work and elect Council members for the coming year.**

**The AGM will commence at 6:30 pm with snacks and drinks available from 6:00 pm onwards. Full
details will be sent out to members separately.**

LOCAL VISIT

Po Leung Kuk 145th Anniversary: Building Charity with Benevolence Heritage Walk

Saturday • 27 April 2024



Details

Po Leung Kuk is one of the largest charitable organizations in Hong Kong. In 2023, the Kuk celebrated its 145th anniversary and hosted various special exhibitions and events. Its history has always been inextricably intertwined with that of Hong Kong with twists and turns.

The Main Building of Po Leung Kuk was completed in 1932 and has been the home for countless of children admitted to the charity due to inadequate parental care. Upgraded as a Grade I historic building by the Hong Kong SAR Government in Dec 2023, the Main Building is a witness to the Kuk's charitable works in Causeway Bay since the late 20th century, and is one of the few historical buildings that retain their original purposes in Hong Kong.

Mr. Jayson Leung, Assistant Curator of Po Leung Kuk Museum, will give us the exclusive guided tour about the Main Building's architectural features, and at the same time to explore its interesting behind-the-scenes stories. Archival materials would also be shown for an exclusive view.

Retrospect of the Po Leung Kuk's 145th Anniversary:

https://youtu.be/f-9LBE8EkbQ?si=QrJTH_4wMbgcgW60

For more on Po Leung Kuk Museum, please visit:

<https://www.poleungkuk.org.hk/en/service/po-leung-kuk-museum>

<https://www.facebook.com/poleungkukmuseum/>

The Speaker

Jayson Leung is the Assistant Curator of Po Leung Kuk Museum, who has curated exhibitions for the museum since 2014. His main interested areas include broadening the use of digital technology for exhibitions and education programmes. In recent years, he has developed “Po Leung Heritage”, a self-guided tour incorporating audio-visual elements for public visitors and designing virtual tours for online access.

Being one of the leading curators for the "Po Leung Kuk 145th Anniversary: Building Charity with Benevolence" Special Exhibition hosted at the Hong Kong Heritage Museum between October 2023 and February 2024, Jayson has contributed to research archival documents, hosting public talks and publishing projects about the historical and cultural development of Po Leung Kuk.

PROGRAMME

Speaker: Mr. Jayson Leung, Assistant Curator of Po Leung Kuk Museum

Date: Saturday, 27 April 2024

Time: 11 am – 12 noon

Venue: 66 Leighton Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong

Admission: \$100 for members, \$150 for guests /non-members

Registration: Please email <membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk> and provide your membership number, if applicable, at the time of registration.

Please kindly complete your registration by advance payment via Stripe's payment links below (using your Credit Card):

Member (\$100):

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Non-members / Guests (\$150):

<https://buy.stripe.com/bIYaHKchX3Bc7SMaFu>

Details about the other payment option will be sent on registration. Upon receipt of payment, your registration will be confirmed by email.

Registration will be closed at 12 noon HK Time on 26 April 2024.

Recent Activities

Note: Audio only recordings of online talks are available upon request to the RASHK Administrator Email address.

LOCAL VISIT

The Hong Kong Biodiversity Museum, HKU

Dr Benoit Guénard

Thursday • 11 January 2024



Our visit was generously hosted by Professor Benoit Guenard, the instigator of this relatively recent addition to the Museum community of Hong Kong. The museum is dedicated to biodiversity, serving as a natural history museum promoting and acting as a flagship for local environmental education and appreciation of our local biodiversity. Hong Kong in fact presents an astonishing diversity of plants, fungi and animals, with an estimate of more than 30,000 species. With nearly 50,000 specimens, the HKBM hosts the largest and most comprehensive biodiversity collection within Hong Kong. Some of these species, evident in local collections dating from the 20's- 70's, are now under threat in the wild. HKBM is housed in a relatively small space situated in HKU's Biological Sciences Building, but easily accessible from HKU's MTR station. On entering this space, one is immediately impressed by the glass fronted floor to ceiling cabinets housing an extensive and diverse range of animal, bird, fish, insect and plant specimens, exquisitely displayed. It is clear that in future, more space will be needed to support the museum's development and expanding species collections.

Professor Guénard introduced us to the history and objectives of the museum, answered all our members' questions about some of the chosen display specimens with great aplomb and shared his vision of what the museum represented, as a treasure trove for knowledge and understanding of our local fauna and flora. As

an expert on insects, particularly ants, towards the end of our visit, he used an I-pad linked to a microscope to give us close up views of the detailed and wonderful anatomy of some of the insects on display.

If any member is aware of a privately held species collection looking for a future home, HKBD is an obvious contact point. RASHK itself has a proud tradition of members' documentation of the flora and fauna of Hong Kong, evidenced from published seminars dating back to 1960's and 70's. As a token of appreciation, we presented our host with 2 copies of these RASHK publications.

One indirect outcome of this visit is a planned visit later this year to Hong Kong's official Herbarium, with details to be announced once available.



Text by Helen Tinsley

Photos by Helen Tinsley and Russ Harding

IN-PERSON TALK

The Man Who Made China a Literate Nation

Mark O'Neill

Tuesday • 16 January 2024



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ONLINE EVENT

**Chinese Canadian Museum:
To Elevate, Enrich and Engage across Communities**

Dr Melissa Lee

Saturday • 20 January 2024



IN-PERSON TALK

Harmony Express: Travel by Train Through China

Thomas Bird

Thursday • 25 January 2024



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Photo by Vonnie Fung

LOCAL VISIT

The Tai Hang Fire Dragon Heritage Centre

Saturday • 17 February 2024



The Centre is housed in a Tai Hang designated heritage building, and recently restored. Although the Tai Hang Fire Dragon 3- day September Festival, which brings good fortune to the local residents, with its history and magnificent display is well known to Hong Kongers, the Centre was opened only in 2022 to make its history and cultural heritage status accessible to visitors throughout the year. A visit for RASHK members and their guests seemed a highly appropriate way to welcome in the start of the Lunar New Year of the Dragon and we had a capacity group attending.



We were warmly welcomed and beautifully briefed by our knowledgeable volunteer docent host. Details of the organization and physical effort required to showcase the dragon dance around Tai Hang over 3 successive nights were also shared. These days the very long dragon is made of recyclable material as much as possible. Some of the background and history of the festival was evident in the exhibits of donor tablets on display as well as short video-clips on a large screen. There was also an exquisite model which highlighted the importance of different colored T-shirts worn by the male participants and representing various and important roles taken by those involved. At the end of our visit each member of our group was presented with



a special souvenir packet of lai see envelopes, featuring images of the Fire Dragon.



About half of our group then proceeded upstairs to enjoy a specially prepared and delicious Hakka themed lunch – a perfect way to exchange greetings and close this visit in celebration of the Lunar New Year.



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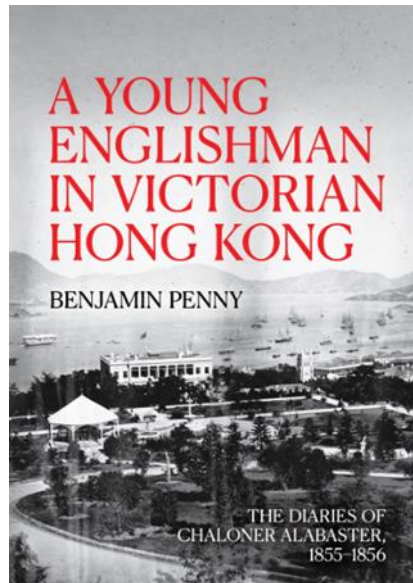
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ONLINE TALK

**A Young Englishman in Victorian Hong Kong:
The Diaries of Chaloner Alabaster, 1855–1856**


Professor Benjamin Penny, FRAS 裴凝

Thursday • 29 February 2024



Of General Interest

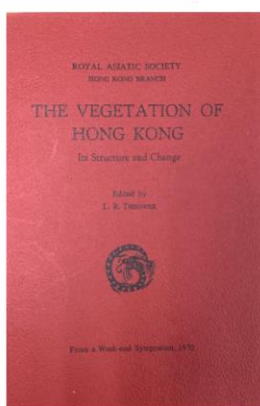
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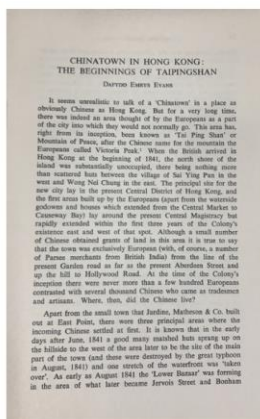
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PREVIOUS SEMINARS & LECTURES

RASHK retains some copies of previous seminar and lectures available as either Booklets or Monographs



- *Tung Kwu Island: The Type Site of Hong Kong's Older Pre-historic Culture*
- *Chinese Street Cries in Hong Kong*
- *Hong Kong - The interaction of tradition and life in the towns*
- *The Fauna of Hong Kong*
- *A Notice of the Sanon District*
- *The Vegetation of Hong Kong*
- *Sessional papers for Hong Kong - 1879 - 1982*
- *Fan Lau and its Fort, An Historical Perspective*
- *Expansion and Extension in Hakka Society*
- *Militia Market and Lineage: Chinese resistance to the occupation of Hong Kong's New Territories in 1899*
- *Further notes for the Sung Wong Toi*
- *The changing face of Hong Kong: Weekend Seminar*
- *Aspects of social organization in the New Territories*
- *Some traditional Chinese ideas and conceptions in Hong Kong Social life today (Symposium 1960)*
- *The New Territories and its Future*
- *The San On Map of Mgr. Volonteri*
- *Plover Cover Village to Tai Po Market: A study in forced migration*



- *Debate on national Salvation: Ho Kai vs Tseng Chi Tse*
- *Chinatown in Hong Kong: The beginnings of Tai Ping Shan*
- *A historical review of Housing conditions in Hong Kong*
- *Letters from China 1835-1836*
- *A brief report on Sung type pottery finds in Hong Kong*
- *The origins of Hong Kong's Central Market and the Tarrant Affair*
- *Old British Kowloon*
- *A Reconnaissance of Ma Wan & Lantau Islands in 1794*
- *Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter Hong Kong 1903-1915*
- *The Chan Family of Tseung Kwan O*
- *Hong Kong's First Government House*
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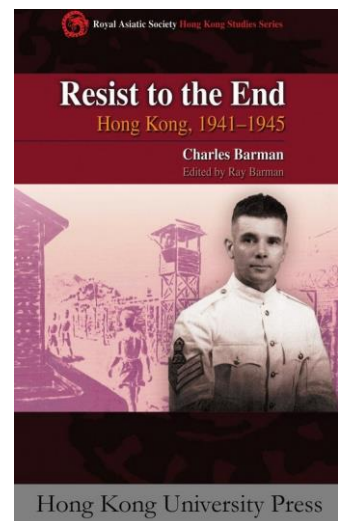
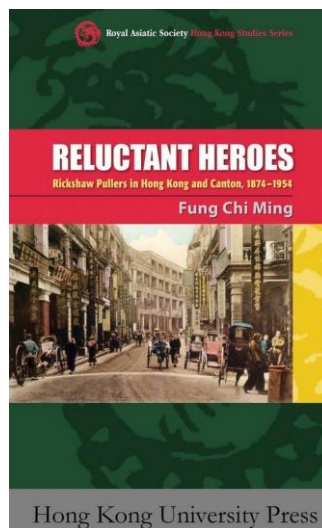
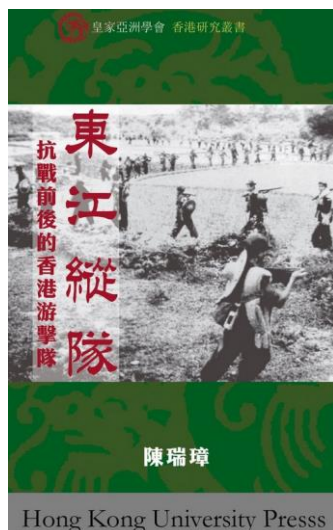
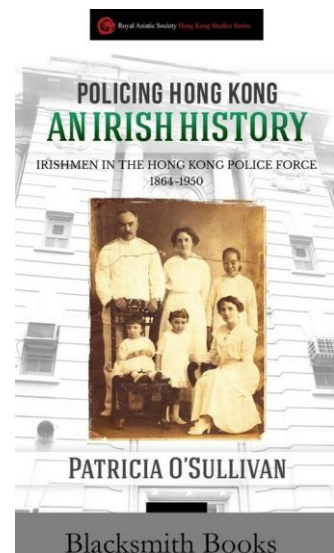
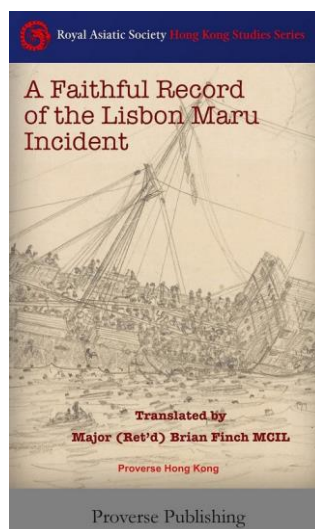
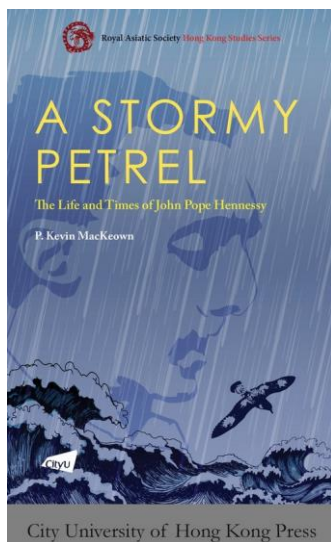
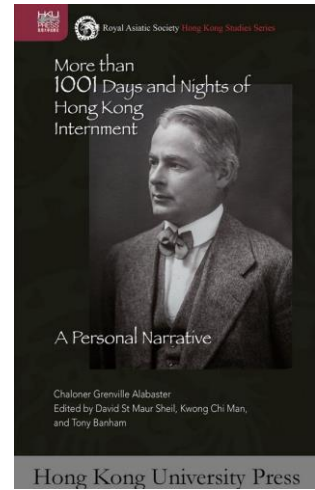
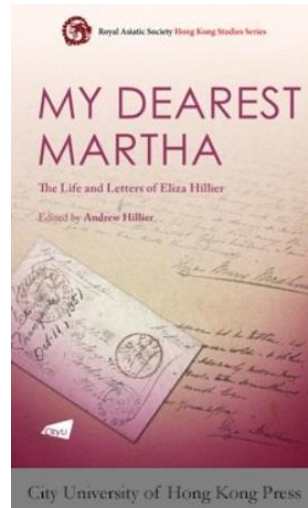
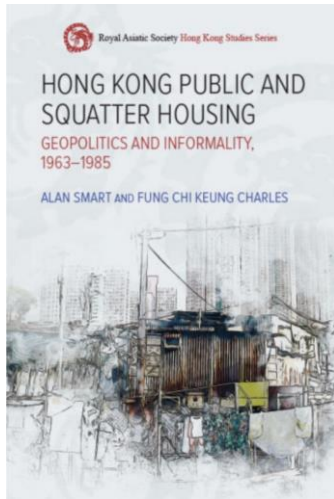
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