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Walking in North Point on 2nd Nov, 2023

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Message from your President, Helen Tinsley

Welcome to our January/ February 2024 RASHK Newsletter.

By the time you read this Newsletter celebrations for the festive season will have been well underway. I hope you all enjoyed spending time with family and friends. We now look forward to Lunar New Year celebrations to welcome the start of the Year of the Dragon.

Included also are records of our schedule of events which have taken place in November and December of this year – all enjoyable and often thought- provoking, as we learnt from experts sharing wisdom in their own specific areas. One highlight was a walk around North Point under the guidance of Paul Chan from ‘Walk – Hong Kong’ when he shared his understanding of its hidden histories. The zoom talk by the archivist of Edinburgh’s Royal Botanic Gardens shed new light on the important contribution of George Forrest, self-taught botanist, and plant collector, to our knowledge of the flora of South China. Members of Hong Kong’s Gardening Society were welcome guests to this event.

Please take a minute to look at the programme of talks and visits which we have planned for you in the next couple of months. I look forward to seeing you at these events.

Charges for our events have remained unchanged for some time and zoom links have been free. However, to maintain fiscal prudence Council agreed, at a recent meeting, to minimal increases for in-person events and a nominal fee to register for zoom events. Details on revised charges for our various events are available later in this Newsletter.

As with other local societies, the idea is that there should be payment on registration to attend, using a system such as Stripe or bank transfer. Cash payment at the door will still be possible but is not the preferred payment method. We will assess the new payment arrangements using the booking for our planned 11 January 2024 visit to Hong Kong’s new Biodiversity Museum at HKU. We will monitor response to these changes with care.

2024 will soon be here and it is time to make a plan for our AGM. The date for your diaries is Friday, April 19, 2024. The venue booked, as in previous years, will be the Hong Kong Club. I look forward to seeing you there.

Ideas, suggestions, and feedback from you are always welcome.

Best wishes to you all for the coming year.

Helen Tinsley
December 2023

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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 send you the zoom link for access.

LOCAL VISIT

The Hong Kong Biodiversity Museum, HKU

Thursday • 11 January 2024



Details

The Hong Kong Biodiversity Museum (HKBM) is the first museum in Hong Kong that is dedicated to biodiversity serving as a natural history museum promoting environmental education and appreciation of biodiversity, fostering its preservation as a part of mankind's natural heritage and supporting scientific research on biodiversity.

Due to the geographical location, topography and climate, Hong Kong 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. Several of the species present, collected from the 1920's to 70's, are unfortunately now considered as threatened and thus represent an important heritage to pass on to the future generations.

The HKBM is currently managed by a team of experts from the School of Biological Sciences at The University of Hong Kong, together with the support from various scientists and partners. The museum is self-funded and supported by grants from the Environment and Conservation Fund (EE&CA No. 2211 & 2695), New World Charity Foundation, and donations from visitors and benefactors.

The Speaker

Dr. Benoit Guénard is an Associate Professor at School of Biological Sciences, the University of Hong Kong and the founding director of the Hong Kong Biodiversity Museum. His research focuses on the evolution and changes of biodiversity over space and time with a particular focus on ants and other insects to provide new tools and insights leading to the protection of these important organisms. Having published nearly 130 scientific articles and book chapters, he is one of the most cited scientists in his field, providing unique understanding on ongoing biodiversity changes and threats.

For over 20 years, he also raised awareness on the importance of science education and of biodiversity to human societies to mitigate ecological crises. Since the opening of the Hong Kong Biodiversity Museum to the public in May 2021, the work he accomplished with his team offers novel and exciting scientific knowledge on thousands of species, big or small, encountered locally or all over the world. Visited by nearly 30,000 visitors on site and reaching hundreds of thousands of people online, the HKBM serves now as a flagship in Hong Kong environmental education.

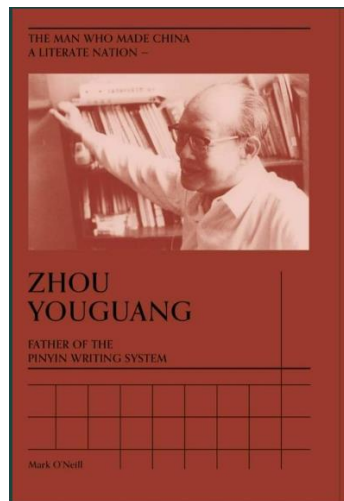
PROGRAMME

- Speaker:** **Dr. Benoit Guénard**
Director of the Biological Sciences Museum, HKU
Associate Professor, School of Biological Sciences, The University of Hong Kong
- Date:** **Thursday, 11 January 2024**
- Time:** **6:30 pm – 7:30 pm, Hong Kong Time**
- Venue:** **Room 2S-18, 2/F, Kadoorie Biological Sciences Building,
The University of Hong Kong, Pok Fu Lam Road, Hong Kong
(near Exit A1 of HKU MTR station)**
- Admission:** **\$100 for members and \$150 for guests / non-members**
- Registration:** **Please email <membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk> in advance to register your attendance.**
- The tour has a capped capacity and requires pre-registration and confirmation upon receipt of payment.**
- The details of the payment methods will be emailed to those people who email us for booking.**
- Registration will be closed at 12:00 noon on 10 January. No walk-in guests allowed.**

IN-PERSON TALK

The Man Who Made China a Literate Nation

Tuesday • 16 January 2024



Details

Zhou Youguang is the scholar who invented pinyin, a system of romanisation for Chinese characters. Since 1958, Chinese primary school students have learnt pinyin, before they learn characters. Thanks to him, one billion Chinese have become literate – the greatest contribution by a linguist in history. After an extraordinary life, he died in January 2017 at the age of 111 years. He had several lives – a banker in Shanghai, New York and London: supplying food and textiles for the army and ordinary people during World War Two; after 1949, a linguist. He lived through the campaigns of the Maoist period, spending 28 months in a labour camp in west China. He wrote 49 books, many critical of the Soviet Union, the Soviet model used in China and of Mao Zedong. In the last 20 years of his life, he was one of the few intellectuals in China willing to speak the truth in public. He lived so long thanks to an innate optimism, intellectual curiosity about everything and a Buddhist-like humility to see himself and his belongings as of little value.

The Speaker

Mark O'Neill was born in London, England and educated at Marlborough College and New College, Oxford. He worked in Washington, DC, Manchester and Belfast before coming to Hong Kong in 1978. He has lived in Asia ever since. He worked as a journalist for 30 years here, in Taiwan, India, the PRC and Japan, for Reuters, *SCMP* and many other publications. Since 2006, he has been writing books on Chinese history and society. Nine have editions in Chinese, simplified and traditional, as well as English, including “China’s Great Liberal of the 20th Century – Hu Shih”.



PROGRAMME

- Speaker:** Mark O'Neill
- Date:** Tuesday, 16 January 2024
- Time:** 7 pm – 8 pm, Hong Kong Time
- 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> in advance 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 15 January. Walk-in guests are welcome depending on availability.

ONLINE EVENT

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

Saturday • 20 January 2024



Details

Learn about the Chinese Canadian Museum in Vancouver Canada from Dr Melissa Karmen Lee, inaugural CEO of the museum. In 2017, the Province of B.C. announced its commitment to establishing a museum dedicated to celebrate the Chinese Canadian community.

In 2020, these community consultations resulted in the founding of the Chinese Canadian Museum Society of BC. The aspiration was to build a public museum honouring the history, contributions, and heritage of Chinese Canadians. Since its founding, the society has launched temporary exhibitions, secured a permanent museum site, and procured funders and donors to support the development of the Chinese Canadian Museum.

The Speaker



Dr. Melissa Karmen Lee (Ph.D) 李林嘉敏 was born in Vancouver, Canada. She currently holds the appointment of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at the Chinese Canadian Museum, in British Columbia, Vancouver. From 2019 to 2022, she was the Director of Education and Public Programs at the Vancouver Art Gallery. From 2016 to 2019, she was on the founding team to open Tai Kwun Centre for Heritage and Art, Hong Kong, serving as the Education and Public Programs Curator.

PROGRAMME

Speaker: Dr. Melisa Karmen Lee

Date & Time: Saturday, 20 January 2024, 11:00 am – 12:00 noon, Hong Kong Time
(Friday, 19 January 2024, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Vancouver, Canada Time)

Venue: Online event by Zoom

Admission: \$50 for members, \$60 for guests /non-members

Registration: Please email <membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk> in advance 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.

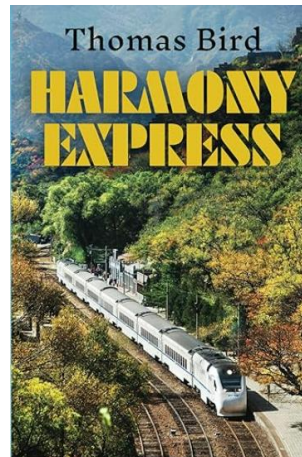
Registration will be closed at 12 noon on 19 January 2024.

Zoom links will be sent before or by 19 January 2024.

IN-PERSON TALK

Harmony Express: Travel by Train Through China

Thursday • 25 January 2024



Thomas Bird is an author and journalist who has lived and travelled throughout East Asia over the past 18 years. He will give a talk on his newly published book *Harmony Express: Travel by Train Through China*, a travelogue that recounts a five-year period from 2014–2019 when Bird worked as a travel writer in the PRC.

It was a transformative decade, one where China became a predominantly urban society for the first time in history. Between the 2010–2020, the size of PRC’s economy doubled, as did the average salary of its citizens, even if social reforms did not keep pace. Amidst a building boom the like of which the world has never seen, China’s railway network expanded massively, as more high-speed rail tracks were laid than the combined length of the rest of the world’s HSR.

Finding himself free from any serious commitments, amidst this maelstrom of change, Bird hit the railroad to explore The People’s Republic of China by train.

The scope of the book soon expands as Bird comes to view the story of China’s convoluted journey to modernity analogous with the development of the national railway network. He investigates the impact of “railway imperialism” a century ago when China’s railways lagged sorely behind the rest of the world and considers Beijing’s obsession with “catching-up”. And via several epic railway trips, he paints a picture of a country that, despite its best efforts to present a unified picture, is as diverse as it is unequal.

Significantly, Bird puts the people he meets on Chinese trains front and centre, telling their stories, communicating their dreams and trepidations to English-language readers. The result is a portrait of an era, and a great introduction for anyone interested in China’s twenty-first century, high-speed transformation.

[source: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Harmony-Express-Travels-Train-Through/dp/9888843265>]

The Speaker



Thomas Bird escaped the rain-soaked British suburbs for China in 2005, and has scarcely looked back since. A Chinese-speaker who spent 15 years living and working in Mainland China, first in the local print media, and then as a freelance scribe, his writing has been published in *BBC Travel*, *CNN Travel*, *Geographical Magazine*, *Lonely Planet Online*, *DestinAsian Magazine*, *the New Statesmen*, *The Guardian*, as well as several other sympathetic publications. He is a regular contributing writer to the *South China Morning Post* and has

contributed to over twenty guidebooks, most recently, *The Rough Guide to Thailand* and *Insight Guide to The Philippines*. When he's not rolling around Asia on trains, he enjoys craft beer and the teachings of Zhuangzi.

PROGRAMME

- Speaker:** Thomas Bird
- Date:** Thursday, 25 January 2024
- Time:** 7 pm - 8 pm, Hong Kong Time
- 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> in advance 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 24 January. Walk-in guests are welcome depending on availability.

LOCAL VISIT

The Tai Hang Fire Dragon Heritage Centre

Saturday • 17 February 2024



Photo credit: SCMP

Details

2024 is the year of Dragon in the Chinese calendar. Echoing the festive ambience, RASHK is delighted to take a guided visit to the Tai Hang Fire Dragon Heritage Centre, which was opened in 2022 with a mission to preserve and honour the heritage of the Tai Hang Fire Dragon Dance.

Housed inside a Grade 3 three-story historic building – once known as the Hung Shing Yi Hok, a school founded by Hong Kong Confucian Society in 1909 – the centre showcases the craft and history of fire dragon-making by exhibitions, workshops, talks and other educational activities.

After the visit, group members are welcome to join the optional self-pay Hakka lunch at the social enterprise restaurant on the first floor.

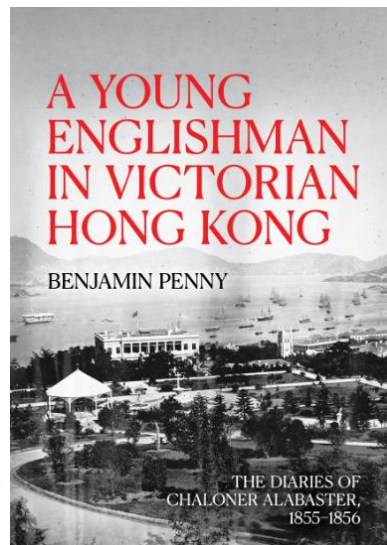
PROGRAMME

- Speaker:** English speaking guide commissioned by the centre
- Date:** Saturday, 17 February 2024
- Time:** 11:00 am – 12:00 noon, guided tour; optional lunch after the tour
- Venue:** 12 School Street, Tai Hang, Hong Kong
The Tai Hang Fire Dragon Heritage Centre
- Admission:** For the guided tour only (optional lunch is NOT included):
\$100 for members and \$150 for guests / non-members
- As an NGO, we are granted a discount price for members of our group to enjoy a Hakka lunch in the centre. The lunch price will be notified nearer the date when the menu is finalised.
- Registration:** Please email <membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk> in advance to register your attendance and indicate whether you are interested in joining the optional lunch.
- The tour has a capped capacity and requires pre-registration and confirmation upon receipt of payment.
- The details of the payment methods will be emailed to those people who email us for booking.
- Registration will be closed at 12:00 noon on 16 February. No walk-in guests allowed.

ONLINE TALK

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

Thursday • 29 February 2024



Details

In August 1855, 16-year-old Chaloner Alabaster left England for Hong Kong, to take up a position as a student interpreter in the China Consular Service. He would stay for almost 40 years, climbing the rungs of the service and eventually becoming consul-general of Canton. When he retired he returned to England and received a knighthood. He died in 1898. Throughout his adult life, Alabaster kept diaries.

In the first four volumes of these diaries, collected here by Benjamin Penny, the teenage Alabaster recorded his thoughts and observations, told himself anecdotes, and exploded in outbursts of anger and frustration. He was young and enthusiastic, and the everyday sights, sounds and smells of Hong Kong were novel to him. He describes how the Chinese people around him ironed clothes, dried flour and threshed rice; how they gambled, prepared their food and made bean curd; and what opera, new-year festivities and the birthday of the Heavenly Empress were like. Like many a young Victorian, he was also a keen observer of natural history, fascinated by fireflies and ants, corals and sea slugs, and the volcanic origins of the landscape.

Alabaster's diaries are a unique, vibrant and riveting record of life in the young British colony on the cusp of the Second Opium War. With *A Young Englishman in Victorian Hong Kong*, Penny sheds new light on the history of the region.

The Speaker

Benjamin Penny is a professor of Chinese history and religion in the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific, The Australian National University. His research examines religious and spiritual movements in modern and contemporary China as well as in medieval times; Taiwanese religion and society, and expatriate society in the treaty ports in the nineteenth century.



PROGRAMME

- Speaker:** Professor Benjamin Penny, FRAS 裴凝
School of Culture, History and Language
Head, ANU Taiwan Studies Program, Australian Centre on China in the
World, ANU College of Asia & the Pacific,
The Australian National University
- Date:** Thursday, 29 February 2024
- Time:** 7 pm - 8 pm, Hong Kong Time
- Venue:** Online talk by Zoom
- Admission:** \$50 for members, \$60 for guests /non-members
- Registration:** Please email <membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk> in advance 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 noon on 28 February 2024.

Zoom links will be sent before or by 28 February 2024.

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. This guided tour may also include a visit to the “Tram Tales: 120 Years of Hong Kong Tramways” exhibition (To be confirmed).

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 embrace the full view of Lamma Island and West Lamma Channel from the campus.

PROGRAMME

- Speaker:** To be confirmed
- Date:** Saturday, 2 March 2024
- Time:** 11:00 am – 12:00 noon, Hong Kong Time
- 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> in advance to register your attendance.

The tour has a capped capacity and requires pre-registration and confirmation upon receipt of payment.

The details of the payment methods will be emailed to those people who email us for booking.

Registration will be closed at 12:00 noon on 1 March. No walk-in guests allowed.

More Future Activities

In the coming few months we have some interesting events planned and under the process of application, liaison and confirmation for details. Stay tuned with the release of our e-flyers via the campaign system, MailChimp.

Below is a checklist for you to have an overview:

Local Visit: Ex-Sham Shui Po Service Reservoir Guided Tour

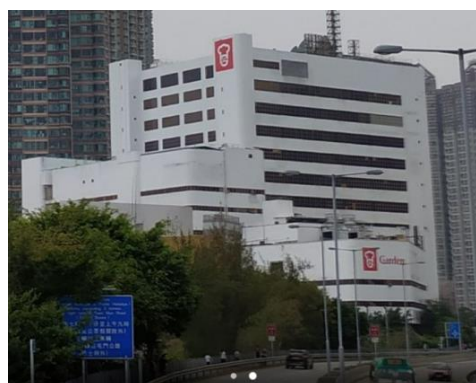


Date: Thursdays in March 2024 or
April 2024

Time: 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Venue: Ex-Sham Shui Po Service Reservoir

Local Visit: Guided tour to the Garden Bakery Hong Kong



Date: Saturdays in 2024

Time: TBC

Venue: Garden Bakery Hong Kong in Sham Tseng

Recent Activities

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

LOCAL VISIT

Walking in North Point Exploring British Colonial Influences and Its Blend of Unique Cultures

Thursday • 2 November 2023

North Point in Hong Kong has a significant history with a blending of history and cultures, but is not an obvious visit destination, with few British colonial influences except perhaps some street names. It has served as a refuge for many fleeing war or social unrest, resulting in a cultural and ongoing mix of diverse cultures involving immigrants from Shanghai, Fujian and overseas Chinese from Indonesia and Philippines. Their temporary residence often became permanent.

In the past North Point has served as an entertainment hub and industrial centre but these influences have diminished over the past 30-40 years, leaving some remarkable architectural and social characteristics. North Point was also the site of some tumultuous clashes between the colonial government and leftist movements in the mid 1960's.

Our group of about 20 met up at the Sunbeam Theatre and tested the function of the old fashioned weighing machine situated in the lobby there, before moving on to the local tramrail terminus to hear stories of the remarkable 1960s leftist factions whose headquarters was close by. We climbed many steps to the site of a related social unrest bomb explosion, sadly linked to loss of life, as reported in local newspapers of the day.

In a side alley off one of the main streets was a small stall selling exquisitely embroidered Chinese slippers, resulting in a successful sale to one of our group, who recalled childhood memories of being taken by her mother to purchase such lovely slippers for a special occasion. Our group then went to take a look and hear some of the significant history related to the iconic State Theatre, currently under conservation renovation, following successful lobbying and its recognition as the oldest surviving standalone theatre on Hong Kong Island.

We completed our tour at the Oil Street Art Space, which is now a vibrant center for art innovation.

Those who attended very much welcomed the shared expert knowledge and sites visited, as part of Hong Kong's rich history which is embedded in the district of North Point.



Text by Helen Tinsley

Photos by Helen Tinsley and Vonnie Fung

ONLINE TALK

**A global-microhistory of Augustine Heard & Company
in the 19th Century**

Dr Thomas M. Larkin

Thursday • 16 November 2023



The Four Heard Brothers, Courtesy of the Ipswich Museum

IN-PERSON TALK

Village Scholars in the New Territories and Their Book Collections

Dr. Patrick Hase

Wednesday • 22 November 2023



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LOCAL VISIT

Hong Kong Museum of Art

Guided Tour:

A Tale of Three Cities:

**Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and Export of Silk
Products in the Ming and Qing Dynasties**

Walk by Yourself:

**Special Exhibition: Titian and The Venetian Renaissance
from the Uffizi**

Saturday • 2 December 2023



Group photo after the visit of the Hong Kong Museum of Art.

Photo by Helen Tinsley



Florence Cantle, Treasurer, Friends RAS Hong Kong Branch, UK visited Hong Kong and joined our guided tour.

Photo by Helen Tinsley

ONLINE TALK

George Forrest, a Scottish Plant Collector in China

Ms. Leonie Paterson


Tuesday • 5 December 2023



George Forrest and chief collector Zhao Chengzhang

Of General Interest

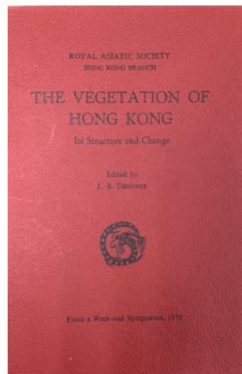
Former RASHK Seminar Documents and Monographs



**ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY
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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*
- *Jardine Matheson First Site in Hong Kong*
- *Hong Kong Cadet's 1862-1941*
- *The District Watch Committee: The Chinese Executive Council of Hong Kong*
- *The Emergence of a Chinese Elite in Hong Kong*
- *Peng Chau - 1798-1899*
- *Early Steamships in China*
- *Notes on Chinese Temples in Hong Kong*
- *Hong Kong before the British*

The above are available to purchase directly through RASHK membership for 100HKD, subject to availability

\$100

If you are interested in purchasing any of these, which are held in our RASHK office, please email membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk for further arrangement.

Membership Renewal

2024 Membership Renewal

Members are reminded that membership renewals for 2024 were due on 1 January 2024. If you currently pay by cheque and would prefer the convenience of paying by Direct Debit, please contact the Administrator for a Direct Debit Authorization form on <membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk> or click [here](#). Those of you who pay by Standing Order are requested to please ensure that the Order is for the appropriate amount.

Annual

Hong Kong Resident - Individual / Institutional HK\$750

Hong Kong Resident - Joint / Family HK\$1,100

Hong Kong Resident – Student* HK\$50

* in full-time education – please enclose a photocopy of your student ID.

Life

Life – Single HK\$10,500

Life – Joint HK\$15,400

Overseas

Overseas - Annual HK\$450

Overseas - Life HK\$6,300



Royal Asiatic Society Hong Kong Branch Membership Application Form 2024

Membership Application Form for 2024, please click [here](#).

Direct Debit Authorisation Form, please click [here](#).

Update Membership Information

If any member's personal or corresponding information needs to be updated, please email the details to membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk. Updated membership information will help us to deliver new messages and notices accurately to members. Thank you for your cooperation.

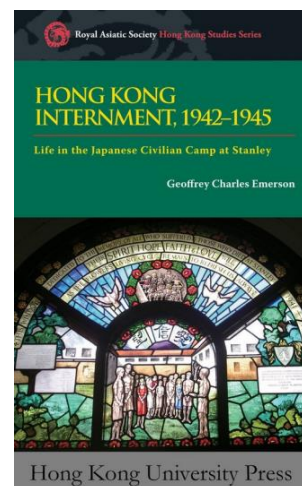
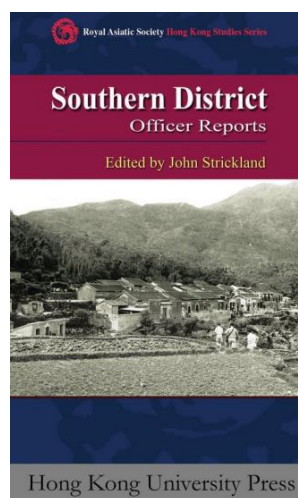
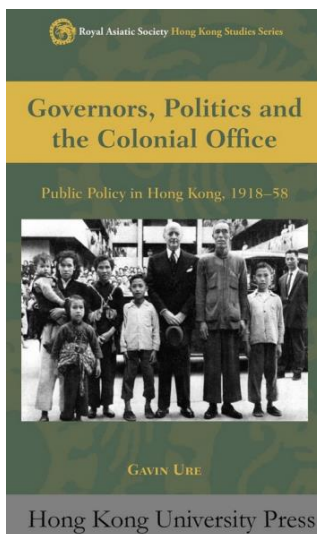
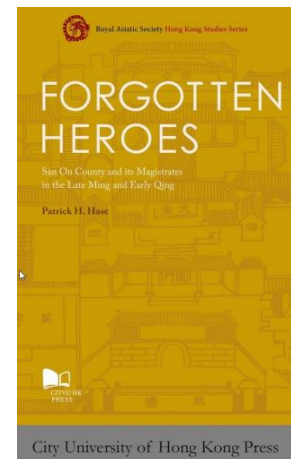
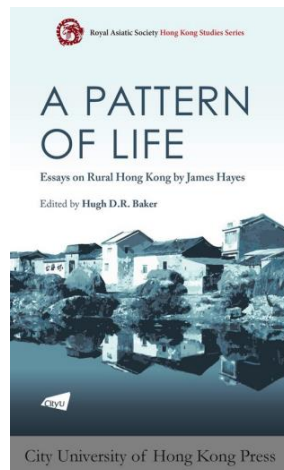
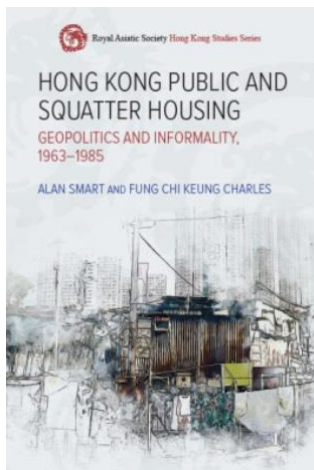
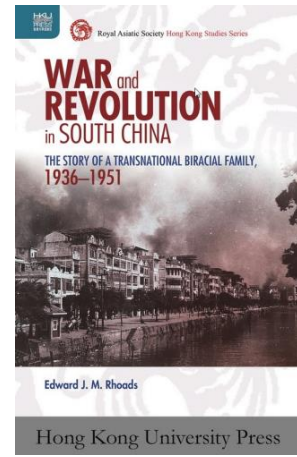
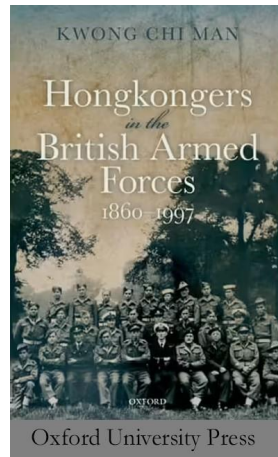
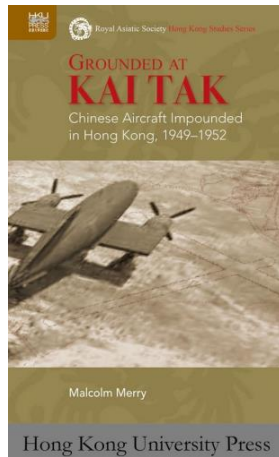
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