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NEXT STOP: HONG KONG

HISTORY OF HONG

Situated on the southeast coast of China, Hong Kong's strategic location on the Pearl River Delta and South China Sea has made it one of the world's most thriving and cosmopolitan cities.

Hong Kong as we know it today was born when China's Qing dynasty government was defeated in the First Opium War in 1842, when it ceded Hong Kong Island to Britain. Within 60 years, Kowloon, the New Territories and 235 Outlying Islands were also leased to Britain. However, the history of the more than 1100 square kilometres that Hong Kong now occupies predates the events of the Qing dynasty by more than a thousand years. And, as you explore the city's colourful heritage, you'll discover stories of powerful clans, marauding pirates and European traders.

From its earliest days as a British colony, Hong Kong served as a centre of international trade. In the turbulent years of the early 20th century, the city's population was bolstered by refugees, mostly from China. The arrival of immigrants in large numbers helped launch a new role for Hong Kong as a major manufacturing hub. It also



brought economically stimulating energy and industry to the city's character. In recent decades, as the economy of Mainland China has undergone a process of opening up, Hong Kong has transformed yet again – this time into a service-based economy as well as an important gateway to the world's largest market.

Under the principle of 'One Country, Two Systems', Hong Kong became a Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China on 1 July 1997. This

arrangement allows the city to enjoy a high degree of autonomy, including retaining its capitalist system, independent judiciary and rule of law, free trade and freedom of speech.



A look at the city's history could give a strong impression that change is the only constant here. However, despite all its reinventions, Hong Kong's spirit has never changed. In fact, the same energy and dynamism that turned a group of sleepy fishing villages into a crossroads of international trade is now taking Asia's world city into the 21st century. Experience that spirit and Hong Kong's story yourself by exploring the city's rich culture and heritage.

CLIMATE

Hong Kong has a sub-tropical climate with distinct seasons. The only predictable weather events that could have a significant impact on your travel plans are typhoons.

Typhoon season begins in May and ends in November. When a typhoon is approaching, warnings are broadcast on television and radio. There are various degrees of warning signals issued by the Hong Kong Observatory, but when the no. 8 signal is in place, most businesses and shops close down and flights may be cancelled. There is a separate warning system for heavy rain.

You can find detailed information about current and seasonal weather on the Hong Kong Observatory website. While you're in Hong Kong, you can also dial 1878 200 and press '3' for English to check the latest situation.



THE 16TH APHO CLOSING CEREMONY

The 16th Asian Physics Olympiad has finished and contestants from various countries and regions have spent a wonderful week in Zijingang Campus, Zhejiang University, during which they have got to know each other, promoted friendship, appreciated Jiangsu and Zhejiang's culture and also gained a lot of knowledge about China. In this session of contest, although participants have cultural differences, they are able to exhibit their worth under a common theme of Physics Olympiad. They have done well in theoretical examination and cultural exam and also have demonstrated a great interest in traditional Chinese culture in the visits to the museums.

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Hong Kong, China will take the baton to host APHO in the following year which is expected to show more wonderful things.



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TODAY'S CEREMONY

The 16th Asian Physics Olympiad held a grand closing ceremony at the theater of Zijingang Campus, Zhejiang University at 14:00 on May 10th, 2015.

Melodious folk music ensemble "Boat Song About Water-village" kicked off the event, followed by a strong rhythmic African drum performance igniting on-site passion. Boys' dance "Ulaanbaatar man" won a burst of applause with its perfect blend of boldness and softness.

Then the exciting awarding ceremony began. Honor Award, Bronze and Silver were awarded to winners in turn in the audience's applause.

After a fresh and beautiful song "Beside the Butterfly Spring", the long-awaited gold medal was finally announced, putting the whole atmosphere to a climax and a burst of warm applause. In addition, some players also gained the Best Male Award, Best Female Award and other awards.

Next, APhO's chairman made a speech and announced the next host place to be Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. Dance "To the youth", which was followed immediately, with its youthful and active dance steps, attracted audience deeply and smacked the prelude of the end of APhO.

Finally, the leader of Chinese Association for Science announced the success of this competition.

Contestants and volunteers, under the call of the hostess, came to the stage, clapping and dancing, and took pictures to commemorate the last moments in Zhejiang University.

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