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Peaceful Hong Kong Journey

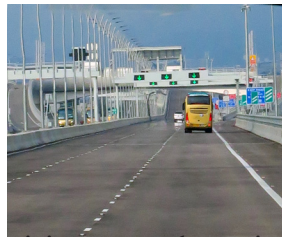
Larry Ng and his wife Bella were lucky enough to spend a few days in Hong Kong in March when it was quiet and peaceful. The Hong Kong stopover was on their return journey from a tour to Yangon/Myanmar and Chiang Mai/Thailand. They stayed in a boutique hotel called Hotel Stage in Jordan, Kowloon just across the street from Eaton Hotel and close to Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Eventually, Larry found out that the owner of the Hotel is an alumnus of the University of Hong Kong. He promised that any HKU alumnus staying there will get at least ten per cent discount and a room upgrade. Reservation has to be made directly by contacting james.hung@hotelstage.com. Larry was treated by DAAO officers of HKU to a birthday lunch at the Foreign Correspondents' Club which is at the former location of Diary Farm on Lower Albert Road. He had the chance to try the Beyond meat burger for the very first time and found it compatible to the real meat version. After the lunch, he was led to see the former Central Police Station on Hollywood Road. It has recently been converted to a museum which is definitely worth a



Kowloon West Rail Station



High Speed Rail Car



Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge

visit to see what prison life was like in the old days. During the rest of their Hong Kong stay, they joined a local tour which took them to try out the new high speed train going from Kowloon West to Guangzhou South. The Kowloon West station is spacious with many cafes but not that many shops yet. After touring the Guangzhou neighborhood, the tour bus took them to the western end of the newly opened Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge. It was a very smooth ride but was in the underwater tunnel majority of the time. So there was hardly any chance to take scenic photographs. The bus had to stop at both ends of the bridge. Passengers had to take their luggage and passport to go through immigration and security. It was quite time consuming. On the whole, it was an informative tour but not one that they would re-take in the future. Both of them are glad they had made such a tour to Hong Kong before the dem-

onstrations and violent incidences started.



HK Financial Secretary



Hong Kong Financial Secretary, Paul Chan, visited the U.S.A. in April. Several alumni of the University of Hong Kong were invited to meet him for dinner at the Hong Kong Flower Lounge. At that time, he was confident that the financial status of Hong Kong would continue to prosper in spite of competition from cities in the Greater Bay Area.



