



Events

in 2016

The world's first fully electric racing series charged into the city in October for the inaugural FIA Formula E Championship Hong Kong ePrix.

1. Mr Zhang Dejiang, a member of the Political Bureau Standing Committee of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and Chairman of the National People's Congress Standing Committee, visited the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Tseung Kwan O Aged Care Complex in March accompanied by the Chief Executive, Mr C Y Leung.
2. The Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect was launched in December.





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3. The Chief Secretary for Administration, Mrs Carrie Lam, officiated at the dedication of the West Kowloon Cultural District's M+ Pavilion in July.
4. The Financial Secretary, Mr John C Tsang, attended the launch of a new Chinese-language television channel, ViuTV, in April.
5. AsiaWorld-Expo hosted the vote-counting of September's Legislative Council Election, for which the turnout was a record 58.28 per cent.



The end of the year saw the opening of **(1)** the South Island Line and **(2)** the MTR Academy in Hung Hom.





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3. Hong Kong International Airport's five-storey Midfield Concourse opened in March.
4. The Hong Kong Institute of Education in Tai Po was retitled The Education University of Hong Kong in May.



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1. The 'Appreciate Hong Kong' campaign took its message to the Hong Kong Flower Show at Victoria Park in March.
2. The GPS-based mobile game, Pokemon Go, drew crowds to Morse Park in Wong Tai Sin in August.



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Shining on the World Stage

The year 2016 was most fruitful for the sons and daughters of Hong Kong. A prime example was Rex Tso the 'Wonder Kid', the professional boxer with 20 straight victories under his belt, including the October defeat of Ryuto Maekawa of Japan in the super flyweight contest, Battle of Victors, at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.





1. The pair of Ng On-ye and Wan Ka-kai won the World Ladies Snooker Championship of the World Ladies Billiards and Snooker Association in England in March.
2. Snooker player Marco Fu Ka-chun won the Scottish Open in Glasgow in December.
3. Angus Ng Ka-long took the men's singles crown at the Hong Kong Open Badminton Championships in November.
4. At 13 years old, windsurfer Mak Cheuk-wing reigned supreme in the girls' under-15 category of the Techno 293 World Championships on Lake Garda, Italy, in October.
5. Fencer Cheung Ka-long struck gold in the men's foil individual at the Asian Fencing Championships in Wuxi in April.





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6. Captain Hank Cheng came home in November after an 11-week trip that took in 20 countries on the first made-in-Hong Kong plane, Inspiration.
7. Football trainer Chan Yuen-ting was named the Asian Football Confederation Women's Coach of the Year in Abu Dhabi in December.
8. The Hong Kong team won 79 medals, including 27 golds, at the World Rope Skipping Championships in Sweden in July and August.



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1. Professor Shum Kar-ping, also known as the father of the Hong Kong Mathematical Olympiad, received the Paul Erdős Award 2016 from Professor Peter Taylor, executive member of the World Federation of National Mathematics Competitions, at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. He was the first Hong Kong academic to win the international award.
2. Mr Thomas Chee King-hei, a Master of Architecture graduate of CUHK, received the Royal Institute of British Architects' silver medal from the institute's president, Ms Jane Duncan, in London in December. He was Hong Kong's first winner in the institute's 180-year history.

(Photos 1-2 courtesy of CUHK)

Hong Kong 360

The dense cityscape and recreational space take on a fresh look with the help of 360-degree cameras. Featured here is Nathan Road in Mong Kok.





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1. The Hennessy Road-
Yee Wo Street junction
in Causeway Bay.

2. Montane Mansion in
Quarry Bay.



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3. The Central Piers and
Hong Kong Observation Wheel.



4. The West Kowloon Cultural District.



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1. The Peak.
2. Statue Square in Central.
3. Hong Kong Cultural Centre in Tsim Sha Tsui.

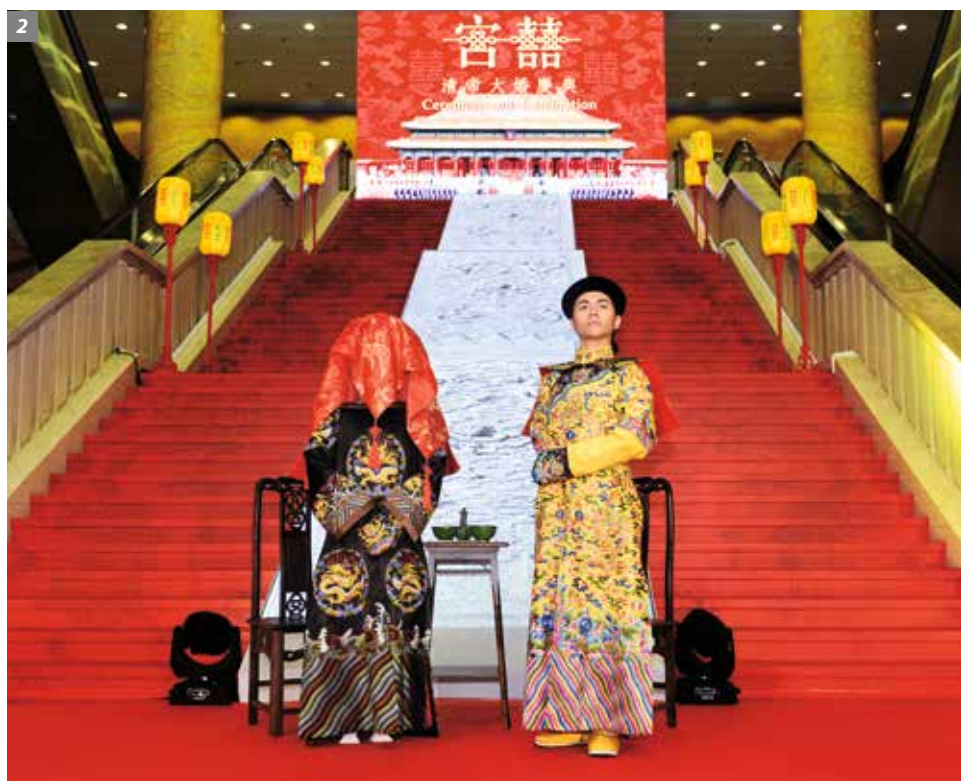


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Exhibitions

The Central Harbourfront was flush with romance during the Valentine's Day season, displaying 25,000 LED roses from a South Korean art installation, 'Light Rose Garden'.







Major exhibitions **(1)** 'Claude Monet: The Spirit of Place' and **(2)** 'Ceremony and Celebration – The Grand Weddings of the Qing Emperors' at the Hong Kong Heritage Museum, and **(3)** 'Mare Nostrum: Roman Navy and Pompeii' and **(4)** 'The Radiant Ming 1368-1644 through the Min Chiu Society Collection' at the Hong Kong Museum of History.



25 Albums that could
'Change Your Reputation',
according to David Bowie

大衛·寶兒推介25張
「轉變形象」的音樂專輯

The Last Days (The Last Days 1970, 1970)
Hallelujah I Love Her So (1972)
The Fuh-juh (1974) (1974) (1974) (1974)
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The Velvet Underground & Nico (The Velvet Underground, 1967)
Tupelo Honey (David Laov Haines, 1967)
Blues, Rock and Roll (1968)
The Apollo Theatre Sessions
In Person (The Jimi Hendrix Experience, 1968)
Forever of Victory (London, 1968)
The Bad Place of Tackler (1968)
Music Played On National (1972)
Bessie (1972)
Jacques Duet In Alive And Well And Living In Paris (1968)
The Electrician (1968)
The 1000 Spirits Of The Labyrinth (1968)
The Incredible String Band (1968)
Ten Songs By Tackler (1968)
Quartz (1968)
The American (1968)
The Mask of Lough (1968)
Black Angels (1968)
Funky Kingston (1968)
Delusion Of The Fairy (1968)
Oh Yeah (1968)
Le Sacre (1968)
The Pops (1968)
The Glory Of The Human Voice (1968)

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1. The 'Bowie/Collector' exhibition at One Pacific Place.
2. 'Nightscape 2050 – A Dialogue between Cities-Light-People in Future' at Taikoo Place.



Summer Fun

School's out and fun is in!
To chill out during one of the
hottest Julys since 1884,
children and their parents
took to the sun-drenched
Repulse Bay beach.



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1. The 'Animal Grossology' exhibition at the Hong Kong Science Museum.
2. More than 500 youngsters attended the 'Fly Together' art jam, held alongside the Hong Kong Book Fair at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre to celebrate the Hong Kong Trade Development Council's 50th anniversary.



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3. Summer Fest@ Central Harbourfront.
4. Summer H₂O by the Vibrant Science Academy at the Hong Kong Science Park.

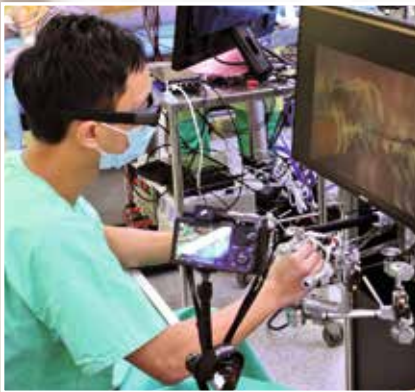


1. The crocheted artwork, 'Life is Beautiful: Harmonic Motion', created by Japanese textile artist Toshiko Horiuchi MacAdam and her team, on display at IFC Mall.
2. The annual Ocean Park Summer Splash.



Public Health

Hong Kong Polytechnic University's internally motorised, minimally invasive surgical robotic system, unveiled in March, is a world first and has been tested successfully in surgical experiments (*inset*).





1-2. The Yaumatei Specialist Clinic at Queen Elizabeth Hospital reopened in December after its reprovisioning was completed.





Patients undergoing rehabilitation use **(3)** the 'Hand of Hope' for stroke victims and **(4)** a robotic gait-training system, both at Tai Po Hospital, while **(5)** an elderly woman is moved using the ceiling-mounted patient lift system at Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital.



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At the community level, healthcare promotional drives were held during the year, featuring the **(1)** Colorectal Cancer Screening Pilot Programme and **(2)** Centralised Organ Donation Register. **(3)** A smoking cessation clinic offers nicotine replacement therapy to help smokers kick the habit. (Photo 1 courtesy of the Hospital Authority and Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Sichuan Rebuild

Hong Kong-funded reconstruction projects to help Sichuan Province recover from the 2008 earthquake were completed in 2016. The Caijia Nullah Bridge of the Mianmao Highway (photo) was among more than 180 projects funded by the HKSAR Government, the Hong Kong Jockey Club and non-governmental organisations.





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1. The China Giant Panda Garden in the Wolong Nature Reserve.
2. Hong Kong engineers shared their experience with their Mainland counterparts during the construction of the Mianmao Highway.
3. The Yinchang Tunnel along Provincial Road 303 (Yingxiu-Wolong section).



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4. Licheng Village Hospital in Santai District, Mianyang City, is supported by an NGO, the Origin Charity Foundation.

5-6. Students enter the new campus of Mianyang Youxian Zhongxing HKJC Junior Middle School and an operation gets under way at the Mianyang 3rd City Hospital HKJC Medical Complex. Both facilities were sponsored by the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

7-8. The Yuanba Integrated Social Welfare Service Centre.

9. Santai County No 1 Secondary School.

10. Undergraduate students of orthopaedic prosthetics observe a patient who is testing out a leg prosthesis developed by Hong Kong Polytechnic University.





1-2. A roving exhibition, 'HKSAR's Post-quake Reconstruction Support Work in Sichuan', took place between October and December.



Art in the City

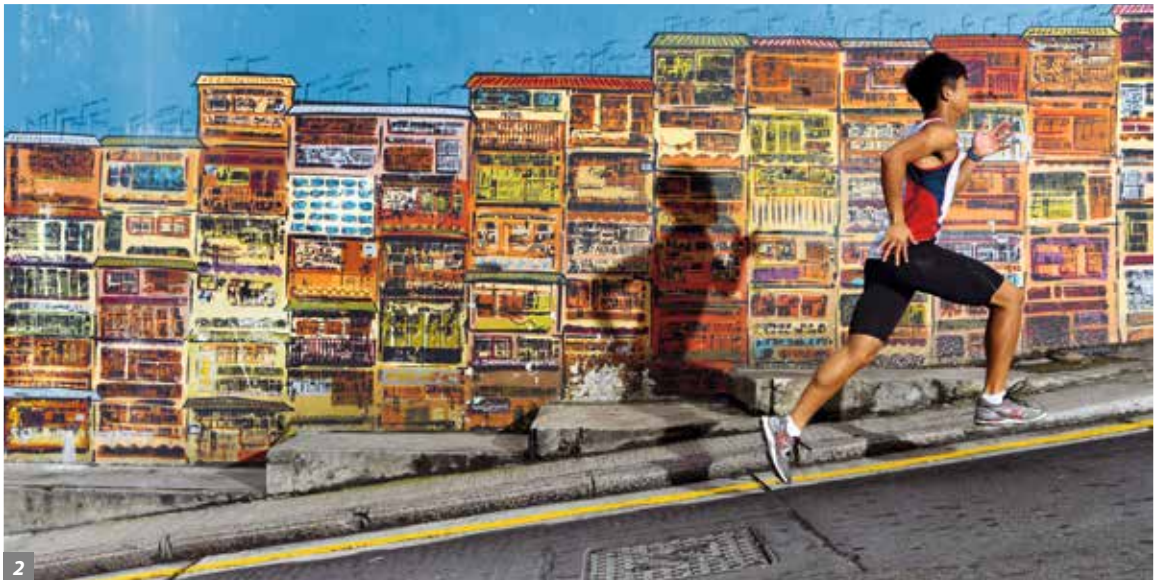
Art is very much a part of daily life, from MTR station sculptures to the comics engaging many a child. Hong Kong International Airport welcomed travellers with its 'Art, Culture and Music at the Airport' festival from July to November.





1. An HKwalls project in Sham Shui Po.
2. Staunton Street in Central.

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Art installations at **(3)** Ho Man Tin, **(4)** Yau Tong and **(5)** Kennedy Town MTR stations.





1. Ani-Com Park @ Harbour 'FUN' at Golden Bauhinia Square, Wan Chai.
2. 'Indulging in Imagination – Exhibition of Old Master Q's Comics Works' at Comix Home Base, Wan Chai.



Weather

About 10,000 bolts of cloud-to-ground lightning lit up the city's skies overnight following a day of oppressive heat that reached 35.6 degrees Celsius, the second highest for July on record.
(Photo courtesy of Huey Pang)







1. A rainbow spanned Victoria Harbour in December, an unusual sight in the city.
2. Super Typhoon Sarika struck in October, followed closely by Super Typhoon Haima within the same week.
- 3-4. Residents sweltered under the third hottest summer since records began in 1884, after braving an intense cold surge in January.



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1. Icicles formed on Lantau Island on 24 January, the coldest day since 1957 with the mercury falling to 3.1 degrees. Sub-zero temperatures were recorded on high ground.
2. Long spells of clouds, fog and mist shrouded the city during the most humid April since 1961, with a monthly mean relative humidity of 89 per cent.

Fire Services

Firefighters battle a simulated blaze at the opening of the Fire and Ambulance Services Academy in Tseung Kwan O in March. The state-of-the-art facility provides training for a wide range of situations. Courses are also held for overseas participants.







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The Fire Services Department's training demonstrations: **(1)** the Urban Search and Rescue Team shows how it combs the rubble for buried victims, **(2)** fire personnel demonstrate a rescue operation amid swift currents, and **(3)** fire and ambulance crews attend to mass casualties in a simulated train incident, all showcased at **(4)** the academy's opening in March. **(5)** The High Angle Rescue Team trains at Ngong Ping 360 to maintain a high level of preparedness in case a cable car incident happens.



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- 1-4. Firefighters worked selflessly for more than 100 hours in June to control a major blaze in a mini-storage facility at the Amoycan Industrial Centre in Ngau Tau Kok.
- 5-6. Residents show their appreciation for the firefighters' tireless efforts.
7. The two firemen who lost their lives fighting the fire – Senior Station Officer Mr Thomas Cheung Y F and Senior Fireman Mr Samuel Hui Chi-kit – received official funerals with full honours for their ultimate sacrifice.



Fishing

Fishing villages were once found all over Hong Kong. Some are now upscale residential enclaves or tourism meccas with seafood dining. Yet others have remained pretty much untouched by the passage of time, as this scene in Sai Kung shows.

1-2. Aberdeen in 1965 and 2016.



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3-4. Yau Ma Tei in 1967 and 2016.



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5-6. Tai O today and in 1982.

7-8. Sok Kwu Wan on Lamma Island today and in 1977.

1-2. Recreational fishing in Central in 1980 and today.



3-4. A fish market in Aberdeen in 1979 and today.

Monkeys

The Year of the Monkey in 2016 brought into focus Hong Kong's own primate population in the hills behind Kowloon, where there are about 2,000 monkeys – the Rhesus Macaques, Long-tailed Macaques and their hybrids, such as this adult female.







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1. Kam Shan Country Park is a natural habitat for Hong Kong's monkeys, as are Lion Rock and Shing Mun country parks.
- 2-3. The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department explores a new bin design to keep the primates from rummaging the rubbish.
- 4-5. Veterinarians under the Ocean Park Conservation Foundation conduct contraceptive surgery and medical check-ups to manage the macaque population.



Two rare species, **(1)** the Black and White Ruffed Lemur and **(2)** the Emperor Tamarin, call the Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens home.





Rio Olympics

Thanks to the perseverance of our disabled athletes, Hong Kong, China snared its first Paralympic swimming gold at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games in September, among a medal tally of two golds, two silvers and two bronzes won by team members (*inset*).





1-3. Training for the Games in June and July were the fencing team, badminton players and rowers.

4. The Hong Kong, China delegation during the Olympics opening ceremony on 5 August.

5. Ms Tiffany Chan Tsz-ching teed off for the Women's Individual Stroke Play.

(Photos 4-5 courtesy of the Hong Kong Paralympic Committee and Sports Association for the Physically Disabled)





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The Olympic spirit comes to Hong Kong with **(1)** a visit by the Mainland's volleyball gold medallists, seen here displaying their skills at Queen Elizabeth Stadium; **(2)** the 2016 Olympic Day – Olympic 'Fun' Run at Hong Kong Disneyland Resort; and **(3)** a private collection of Olympic torches on show in Mong Kok. (Photo 2 courtesy of the Hong Kong Paralympic Committee and Sports Association for the Physically Disabled)