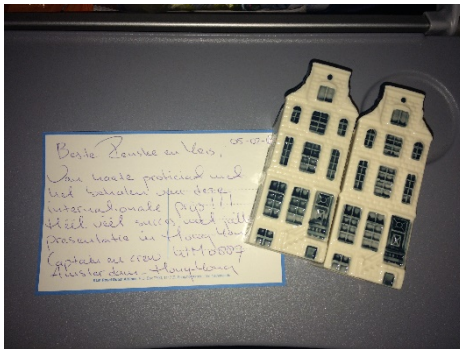


## Our amazing week in Hong Kong

Day one and two; our journey and arrival

Our trip to Hong Kong started at the Enschede train station at 12:16 PM. Our friends, family and our principle came to say goodbye. We boarded our train and after two and a half hours we arrived at Schiphol Airport. We spent a few hours at the airport before we boarded the plane. We had an amazing crew, they found our winning of the contest so



Translation:

Dear Renske and Kris,

Congratulations with your international prize! We wish you a lot of luck and fun in Hong Kong.

Captain and crew. KLM0887  
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amazing that they gave us a present.

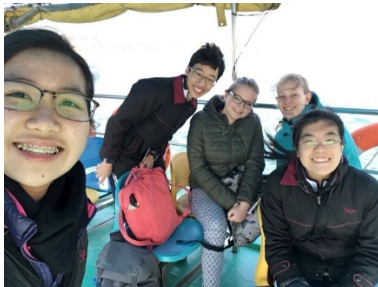
After a long flight we landed in Hong Kong on Monday in the beginning of the afternoon. After we got through customs and we got our suitcases we went looking for Mr. Martin Ho. We found him and he gave us each 1200 HKD and he advised us to buy an Octopus Card. At first, we didn't quite understand what it was exactly, but pretty soon we discovered it was very convenient. So, we took the bus to our hotel and arrived there we checked. In lobby we met Tehilla, Katy and Miss Kate. We exchanged some souvenirs and we chatted a bit. After that we went to hotel rooms, which were on the twenty-second floor! For the people who live in HK it is nothing out of the ordinary to stay on such a high level, but for us it is very spectacular. Mister Hui, who is the liberal arts teacher at the Sun Kei secondary school, picked us up at the hotel and he took us for supper. We went to a very nice pizzeria in PopCorn, the local shopping mall. There we met the vice-principle of Sun Kei secondary school, who joined us for supper. we talked about what we were going to do next few days in Hong Kong and when we finished they showed us a bit around the shopping mall. We said our goodbyes and we went exhausted and with a huge jetlag to bed.

Day three: Temple and Geopark

Our alarm went off early in the morning and we went to breakfast. We laughed really hard about the 'European Breakfast' because there was only an English breakfast and only the British eat that. After that we went to a temple with just the four of us. We went there

with the MTR and as inexperienced as we were we stumbled a lot, so we had to hold on tight.

We were amazed by the beauty of the temple, it was amazing to see the contrast between the traditional temple and the modern skyscrapers. We walked a bit around the temple and we took a lot of pictures.



After that we met our Hong Kong friends at the hotel and we saw Joseph for the first time. We went to the Hong Kong global geopark. We got on the boat and while we were enjoying the beautiful views we got to know each other a bit better. We really enjoyed all the breath-taking sceneries. For a few people it felt like a relieve to be on the ground again because they had gotten seasick. We walked a bit around the neighbourhood and we tasted some local food, like the fish balls, which we really enjoyed.

We went back to the hotel after that for a short period of time because we just had to get ready for dinner at Joseph's home. So, after we were done they took us to Joseph's home. We met his parent and his brother, who were so lovely and welcoming. His mom had prepared a lot of food and they had gotten sushi for us. We talked a lot during dinner about several things; things about Hong Kong and the Netherlands. When we had finished with eating we wrote wishes for the Chinese New Year.



Day four: University, Ten thousand buddhas and Mong Kok

The fourth day was Wednesday. We woke up by the sound of our teacher knocking on the door. We still don't know how, but we both slept through our alarm. So, we hurried to the door but luckily, we had to meet them at 11 o'clock so we had time enough.



After having breakfast, we still had some time till 11 o'clock, so we went to the shopping mall to look for some souvenirs for our friends and family. But soon we found out almost every shop is still closed before 11 am. It was also hard to find our way back to the hotel, because to us it looked all the same.

With our teachers, teammates, their teacher and Martin we went to the university. Inside was a little museum about medicines and

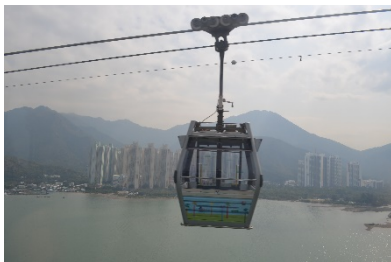
there we met the professor and project coordinator. Together we had lunch and after lunch we had a 'photoshoot'.

In the afternoon we went to the 10 000 buddha's. It was very impressive all those live-sized statues. By the time we arrived at the top we were a bit tired, but it was very nice up there.

In the evening we went with Joseph and a couple of other students from the Sun Kei Secondary School to Mong Kok. After buying some souvenirs we had dinner with them. We had really a nice evening and it was fun to talk with the students about the differences between Hong Kong and the Netherlands.



#### Day five: Big Buddha and Tai O



At Thursday we had the same problem with our alarm. After breakfast we went with the four of us to Big Buddha. It took quite some time to get there, but it was totally worth



it. First with the underground and then with the cable car, which was pretty cool. We had a very nice view in there and took a lot of pictures. Big Buddha was a very impressive statue and it was really big. We were very lucky with the weather, which was quite sunny, so we had a very nice view. We took the bus there to Tai O. Tai O

was a very nice little village. We sailed through the village by little motorboat and we sailed to the sea. We even saw some dolphins. In the village we found a nice teahouse and ordered some tea. We took the bus back and bought some souvenirs in the shops near the Big Buddha statue. And after that we took the cable car back and the underground. By the time we were back in the shopping mall we were quite tired, so we had dinner at the shopping mall and after dinner we went straight to our hotelrooms.

#### Day six: SKSS and Victoria Peak.



It was our last day in Hong Kong and we went to visit the Sun Kei Secondary School, which was really amazing. We saw that all the students were wearing uniforms, which is really strange for us because we can almost wear anything we want. We got a tour





around the campus and we went to an English lesson. A few students had prepared presentations about living in Hong Kong and one presentation was about the food, so we got to try some local food. We also told a bit about our country and we had brought some Dutch cookies for them to try. After that we had a liberal studies lesson: they told us things about the Chinese New Year and about other traditions. At noon we had a very delicious lunch and later we had a sharing. Student got to ask us questions about our

lives at home and things we enjoyed of Hong Kong.

Unfortunately, we had to leave and we went back to the hotel, where waited for a short period of time for some

students to pick us up and to go to Victoria Peak. We really enjoyed the view we had over the city. We went down with the amazing tram and we walked a lot around the water. We also crossed the water with the ferry. They showed us what they called ‘The Big Ben of Hong Kong’, which didn’t really look like the Big Ben. The time went by really fast and we had to say our goodbyes after they had brought us back to the hotel. We prepared for our flight of the next day and then we went to bed in Hong Kong for the last time.

