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The Silver Anniversary







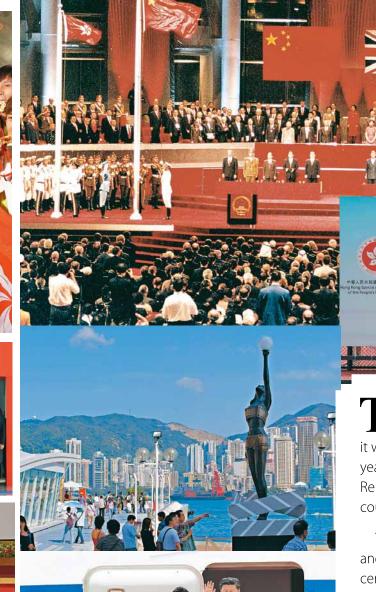






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Today, we are exactly half-way in this evolution, and as we look back at the past quarter-century, it has certainly been an eventful period. We have weathered two major financial storms in the Asian Financial Crisis in 1998 and the Global Financial Tsunami in 2008; and two major epidemics in SARS in 2003 and COVID since 2020. It was even more devastating in the political scene. Each and every challenge was of an unprecedented magnitude, but we have confronted it with resolve and fortitude, and emerged even stronger than before.

In every instance when we were buffeted by strong winds, the motherland has staunchly supported us and shielded us from harm. With the enactment of the National Security legislation and the improvement in the electoral system, we are opening a new exciting chapter. Hong Kong is better placed than ever to get on with doing what it has done best to achieve stability and prosperity, and be a major contributor to the motherland in its dynamic development.



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1997

- Establishment of the HKSAR
- · Tung Chee-hwa sworn in as Chief Executive
- Avian flu outbreak

1998

- Dollar peg protected after government confronted currency speculators in market
- · Chek Lap Kok airport opened
- · Airport Express line commenced operation

- Agreement reached with Walt Disney to build Hong Kong Disneyland
- Basic Law interpretation overturning Court of Final Appeal's right of abode ruling
- Giant pandas for Ocean Park

2000

- · Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes kicked off
- Mass Transit Railway shares floated on stock exchange
- · Dotcom fever hit town

2001

- · Hong Kong hosted Fortune Global Forum
- · Teachers tested on language proficiency
- Hong Kong Central Library opened

2002

- · MTR opened the Tseung Kwan O line
- Political accountability system introduced
- Government announced successive measures to support plunging property market

2003

- Heavy casualties inflicted in SARS epidemic
- 500,000 people marched against Basic Law Article 23, security minister Regina Ip Lau Suk-yee resigned
- China's first astronaut visited Hong Kong

2004

- Mainland tourists swarmed Hong Kong
- · Hong Kong won silver in Athens Olympics
- · The MTR Ma On Shan line opened

2005

- · A new 3+3+4 academic structure announced
- · Tung Chee-hwa resigned as chief executive, Donald Tsang stepping in
- Hong Kong Disneyland inaugurated

- "Devil cop" Tsui Po-ko shot dead in gun battle with police, one policeman died and another wounded
- Margaret Chan Fung Fu-chun appointed WHO director-general
- · Infringement of privacy condemned

- 2007

 Donald Tsang Yam-kuen won chief executive
- Asia's richest woman Nina Wang died, sparking off legal fight for estate
- · MTR and KCRC merged

2008

- Artiste Edison Chen Koon-hei apologized for obscene photo leaks
- · Olympic equestrian games held in Hong Kong
- · Hong Kong people offered help to Sichuan quake

- · Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge project
- · Plastic bag levy introduced
- Former Chinese University vice-chancellor Charles Kao won Nobel Prize in physics

2010

- · Minimum wage ordinance passed
- · 8 Hong Kong tourists killed and 7 wounded in Manila bus hostage crisis
- · Last Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination held

2011

- Minimum wage came into force, compounded by lunch break row
- Government gave out \$6,000 per head in tax
- Cross Harbour Race resumed with improved water quality

2012

- · 39 drowned in Lamma ferry disaster on National
- National education plan met with widespread
- Leung Chun-ying elected 4th chief executive

2013

- Clampdown at border following run on baby
- Former CIA employee Edward Snowden in Hong Political reforms consultation commenced,

Occupy Central idea mooted

2014

- Students protested after Beijing imposed limits on
- Occupy Central sparked confrontation with police
- · Shanghai-Hong Kong stock through-train launched

2015

- Contaminated drink water scare in housing estates, inquiry ordered
- Government's political reform proposal rejected by
- · Clamp down on parallel trade

2016

- · Multiple injuries in Mong Kok riots
- ATV ceased broadcast
- Basic Law interpretation on oath of allegiance

- 2017
 Former chief secretary Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor elected chief executive
- President Xi Jinping attended HKSAR celebration
- · Emphasis of 'One Country' before 'Two Systems'

2018

- Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge officially opened
- High speed rail link commenced operation

2019

Masked protestors stormed the Legislative

- Regular street violence spread across town
- Beijing stressed the importance of restoring law

2020

- First case of Covid-19 infection recorded
- Shortage of masks hit town
- Beijing passed National Security legislation for
- 2021
- · Hong Kong scored best-ever result in Tokyo Olympics
- Attractive prizes to promote vaccination · Apple Daily closed down

- 2022 Mainland medical staff lent a helping hand Fourth MTR cross-harbor line opened
- John Lee Ka-chiu elected sixth Chief Executive

- Super typhoon 'Mangkhut' wreaked havoc

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- **01** Representatives of the Chinese and British governments assembled at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre for the handover ceremony as the flags for the People's Republic of China and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region were raised.
- The Central Government Offices put on the national emblem of the People' Republic of China.
- The colonial government crest was taken down at the Central Government Offices.
- **04** Tung Chee-hwa (left) took the oath as the HKSAR's first Chief Executive.

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- 05 The world's first human infection case of the avia flu H5N1 was reported in Hong Kong, leading to massive culling of chickens.
- **06** Chris Patten, the last Governor, bid farewell to Hong Kong as his two daughters burst into tears.
- 07 The People's Liberation Army garrisons crossed the border at Man Kam To on July 1.
- **08** The Kwun Tong Government Offices were lit up on National Day.
- O9 The first flag-raising ceremony marking the National Day of the People's Republic of Chin was held at the Golden Bauhinia Square on October 1.
- The HKSAR government's first Honours & Awards Presentation Ceremony was held on July 2 at the Government House, with Ann Tse-kai, Fok Yingtung and ten others receiving the highest Grand Bauhinia Medal.







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- **01** Donald Tsang Yam-kuen, Financial Secretary, flanked by Rafael Hui Si-yan, Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, and Joseph Yam Chi-kong, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, mobilized Hong Kong's exchange fund to fend off currency speculators. **02** Tung Chee-hwa and other officials attended the opening
- remony of the Airport Express Line. O3 Local athletes participated in the Asian Games in Bangkok under the name of 'Hong Kong China' for the first time, and performed well winning 5 medals in each of the categories of Gold, Silver and Bronze. Picture shows Lee Lai-shan winning the Gold Medal in Women's Windowfing
- 04 The Asian Financial Crisis put pressure on the Hong Kong dollar and the stock market, with the Hang Seng Index dipping below 7,000 points in August.
- O5 The economic downturn brought down the price of properties which became 'negative assets' as owners made public pleas for help. The stagflation continued for 68 months until 2004.
- **06** Cheung Tze-keung, a notorious kidnapper, was arrested in Guangdong province and ultimately executed.
- The new international airport at Chek Lap Kok on Lantau Island commenced operation.











- The Central Government presented Hong Kong with two giant pandas, Jia Jia (left) and An An who made their new home at
 In August, a China Airlines flight from Bangkok exploded on landing during a typhoon. There were 3 casualties, with 203
- **02** Buddha's Birthday was gazetted as a public holiday. In May, a Holy Tooth Relic from Beijing arrived in Hong Kong for a 7-day public exhibition at the Hong Kong Coliseum.
- 03 In June, parents protested for the right of abode for their
- **04** In November, the HKSAR government reached an agreement with the Walt Disney Company in the US to build a theme park in Hong Kong to bolster its tourism industry.





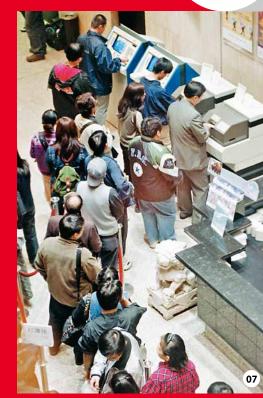


- people sustaining injuries.
 The HKSAR government organized a countdown extravaganza at the Happy Valley Racecourse on December 31 to usher in the new millennium.
- **07** In December, among the unfounded rumours of the 'millenium bug', people queued up at banks to withdraw their deposits.

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- **01** Chief Executive Tung Chee-hwa officiated at the listing ceremony of the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited.
- **02** The dotcom fever hit town with investors queuing up at banks for application forms whenever a new stock was listed.
- 03 Tung Chee-hwa attended the film premiere of local production "In the Mood for Love" in which Tony Leung Chiu-wai (second from left) won The Best Acto award in the Cannes Film Festival – a first for Hong Kong.
- Xinhua News Agency in Hong Kong was re-named Liaison Office of the Central People's Government. Picture shows unveiling of the new plaque at its office.
- 05 Hong Kong scored well in the Sydney Paralympics with track and field athlete So Wah-wai (first from right) winning three Gold Medals.
- With the implementation of the Mandatory Provident Fund scheme, all employees and self-employed persons between 16 and 65 years old are required to participate in the Fund, with both employers and employees making contributions.

























- **02** The Hong Kong Central Library was officially opened at Causeway Bay.
- O3 Citizens thronged the Central Library in its first week of
- 04 650 in-service teachers took part in the HKSAR Government's first English and Putonghua Language Proficiency Assessment for Teachers.
- Policeman Leung Shing-yan was shot and killed whilst handling a case of noise nuisance at Shek Wai Kok Estate in Tsuen Wan, with reinforcement arriving fully armed.
- **06** During the spring festival, many citizens crossed the



CONGRATULATIONS

on the 25th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR





















- Samba dancers appeared at Po Lam station in celebration of the opening of the Tseung Kwan O MTR line.
- **02** The 12.5-km Tseung Kwan O MTR line commenced operation, linking it with North Point on Hong Kong Island.
- **03** With the first report of Dengue fever in Hong Kong, officers were deployed at schools, construction sites and housing estates to exterminate mosquitoes.
- Michael Suen Ming-yeung, Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands, announced nine measures to stabilise property prices, including calling a halt to land auctions and the Home Ownership Scheme
- o5 President Jiang Zemin presided at the 5th anniversary of Hong Kong's return to the motherland, and the inauguration of the second term government of the
- A new ministerial system was introduced in the second term of the HKSAR government, with the principal officers, including the three secretaries and bureau chiefs, no longer part of the civil service establishment
- 07 In November, Premier Zhu Rongji attended the 16th World Accountants Conference in Hong Kong and took the opportunity to reinforce local confidence in the aftermath of the Asian Financial Crisis.







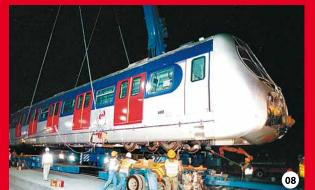
















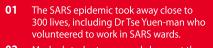


- In response to the street protest on July 1, the HKSAR Government revised the Article 23 legislation which was eventually shelved due to insufficient support at the Legislative Council.
- 10 Cantopop singer Leslie Cheung Kwok-wing committed suicide and was mourned by fans at the funeral
- 11 Regina Ip Lau Suk-yee, Secretary for Security, attended a public forum on Article 23 of the Basic Law.
- 12 Cantopop diva Anita Mui Yim-fong died of cancer at
- Financial Secretary Antony Leung and Vice Minister of the Ministry of Commerce An Min exchanged signed copies of the Mainland and Hong Kong Close Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA).

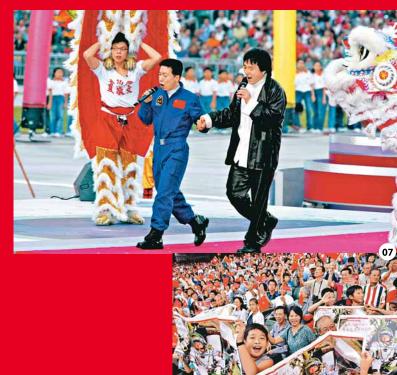


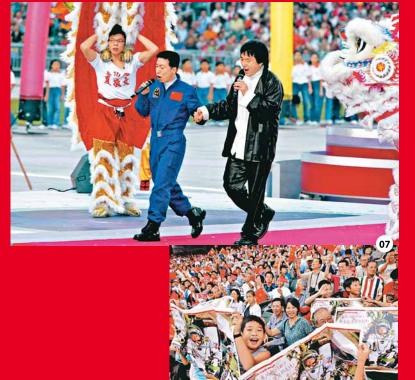


2003



- Masked students resumed classes at the end of April when the SARS epidemic started to
- During the SARS epidemic, residents of Amoy
- Premier Wen Jiabao visited residents at the SARS-infected Amoy Gardens to offer support.
- The Lok Ma Chau border control station commenced 24-hour operation on January 27
- Medical supplies from the Central Government arrived in Hong Kong.
- During his visit to Hong Kong, Chinese astronaut Yang Liwei sang a duet with kungfu star Jackie Chan at the Hong Kong Stadium





2003

內地與香港關於建立更緊密經貿關係的安排簽署儀式 Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement Signing Ceremony





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- The 11.4-km Ma On Shan line commenced

- Thousands of Hong Kong citizens flocked to She Kong Barracks for the military review.
- In celebration of the 77th anniversary of the founding of the People's Liberation Army forces its Hong Kong garrison put on a military review.



















- Of Arthur Li Kwok-cheung (centre), Secretary for Education and Manpower, announced the new 3+3+4 academic structure effective 2009.
- **07** Chinese Vice President Zeng Qinghong (second from left) officiated at the opening of Hong Kon Disneyland which is linked to the MTR.
- **08** Chief Executive Donald Tsang addressed the WTC Conference.
- 69 Korean farmers gathered in Hong Kong to protest against the World Trade Organization's 6th Ministerial Conference.
- 10 AsiaWorld-Expo, Hong Kong's largest exhibition and events venue, opened next to the international airport.



0,000 soccer fans watched a friendly match between ong Kong and the Brazilian national team.









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- O1 A shooting incident rocked the city with two policemen ambushed at a pedestrian subway at Tsim Sha Tsui by an off-duty policeman, Tsui Po-ko, who was shot dead in the
- **02** Investigation showed that Tsui Po-ko was also responsible for two earlier shoot-to-kill incidents.
- Members of Hong Kong Performing Artistes Guild condemned the infringement of privacy in the case of singer Gillian Tung.
- **04** The opening ceremony of Nan Lian Garden at Chi Lin Nunnery which features a Tang dynasty design style.
- A video with quotable quotes went viral showing a youngster on board a bus.
- **06** Backed by China, Margaret Chan Fung Fu-chun, former Director of Health, was elected Director-General of the World Health Organization, a post she held for ten years. She was also listed as one of "The 100 Most Powerful
- O7 Singer Gillian Tung was in tears over the publication of photos of her changing backstage in a show in Malaysia.
- Boasting a 60-acre outdoor protection zone and a 10,000-sq ft indoor exhibition area, Hong Kong Wetland Park is located next to the new town of Tin Shui Wai.





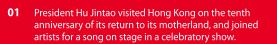












Shenzhen Bay Port is the first border control station offering co-location of boundary-crossing services.

02 President Hu was briefed on Hong Kong's public

- March Boedihardjo, a 9-year-old gifted student, was
- admitted to the Hong Kong Baptist University to study for a bachelor and masters degree in mathematics. **05** The passing away of Nina Wang, Chairwoman of Chinachem Group, sparked a contest for her multi-billion-dollar assets.
- Buoyed by expectations of closer co-operation with the Mainland in equity trading, the Hang Seng Index soared past the 30,000 mark.
- **07** Donald Tsang Yam-kuen chose "I'll get the job done!" for his Chief Executive election campaign motto.
- ON The amalgamation of Kowloon-Canton Railway
 Corporation with Mass Transit Railway Corporation
 into MTR Corporation Limited brought to an end the former's 97 years of railway service.
- **09** The Immigration Department trialed the e-passage to facilitate the cross-border traffic of students at Lowu.



























- Over 12 days, Hong Kong made history by hosting the equestrian competitions of the Beijing Olympics, including dressage, eventing
- caused an uproar in town before he announced his retirement from show business.
- Famous comedian Lydia Shum Din-ha passed away and was sorely missed for her contributio to the entertainment industry.
- The Lehman Brothers debacle also hit Hong Kong hard as investors gathered for negotiations with banks.
- 12 The global financial tsunami brought dow Hang Seng Index to below 11,000 points







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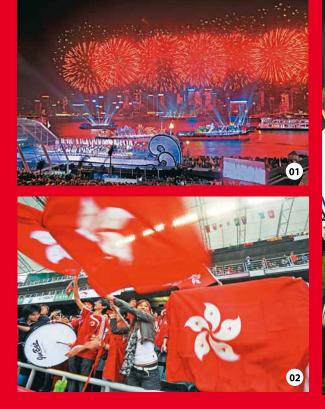




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- of the 2009 East Asian Games, Hong Kong put on a vorks and boat parade extravaganza in Victoria Harbour ir
- g Kong snatched a gold medal in soccer in the East Asia es, beating Japan in the final in a penalty shootout.



- Dubbed 'Father of Fibre Optics', Professor Charles Kao Kuen, former Vice-Chancellor of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics.













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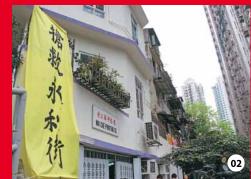






























- A 5-storyed building in To Kwa Wan collapsed, killing four people, and raised public concern on maintenance of old buildings
- The award-winning film "Echoes of the Rainbow" was shot on location at Wing Lee Street in Central which was subsequently listed as a heritage protected area.
- Four students from St. Joseph's College were among the 16 top scorers in the final Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination (HKCEE).
- In the aftermath of the National Day holiday peak period, complaints mounted on the poor treatment of tourists on low-cost tour packages.
- Protagonists supported building the 26-km Hong Kong section of the Express Link rail line that links Kowloon West with Shenzhen and the entire high-speed rail network on the Mainland. To curb property speculation, Government introduced a Special Stamp Duty (SSD) of 5 to 15% on owners who dispose of their properties within
- two years of purchase. 25 Hong Kong tourists were held hostage on a tour bus by an expoliceman in Manila. The incident lasted for 12 hours ending in 8 deaths
- and 7 injured. Government officials and representatives of the Central Liaison Office paid their respect to the kidnap victims.
- Local guide Li Qiaozhen apologized at a press conference when a video of her berating Mainland tourists for not making enough purchases went viral on the Mainland.
- Financed by the Film Development Fund Scheme, "Echoes of the Rainbow", starring Simon Yam and Sandra Ng, won the Crystal Bear Award in the 60th Berlinale.



- Up to 2021, government has issued eight lots of retail iBond the interest rate of which is linked to the average annual inflation.
 Henry Tang Ying-yen, former Chief Secretary for Administration, and legislator Paul Chan Mo-po attended a forum on Hong Kong's role in the
- **02** Government introduced a tax rebate scheme that gave out HK\$6,000 to every permanent resident aged above 18.
- O3 Designed on a 'door always open' concept, the new Central Government Offices are located at Admiralty, next to the Legislative Council
- Mainland's twelfth 5-year plan.
- **05** For the first time, the statutory minimum wage was set at HK\$28 per hour.
- **06** With improvement in water quality, the popular century-old Cross Harbour Race resumed for the first time since 1978.















2012

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- The media assembled outside the Kowloon Tong mansion of Henry Tang Ying-yen, a contestant for the Chief Executive post. The focus was on illegal extension to the buildin
- **02** Contestants Leung Chun-ying, Henry Tang Ying-yen and Albert Ho Chun-yan attended the Chief Executive Election Forum.
- Winning the election with 689 votes, Leung Chun-ying and his cabinet members met with the media.
- O4 After serving Hong Kong for 63 years, non-air conditioned buses, often dubbed 'hotdogs',
- **05** Mainland Gold medalists from the London Olympics put on a show at the Hong Kong Stadium

- O6 Citizens protested at Sheung Shui MTR st against parallel traders.
 O7 Lee Wai-sze (right) won the Bronze Meda
 - summer Olympics in London.

 68 Government's proposal to introduce national education into the curriculum was shelved due
- 09 In one of Hong Kong's worst maritime accidents, 39 people perished in a ferry collision off Lamma Island in its journey to the harbour for the National Day fireworks
- 10 92 people were injured in the accident an taken to Eastern Hospital for treatment.



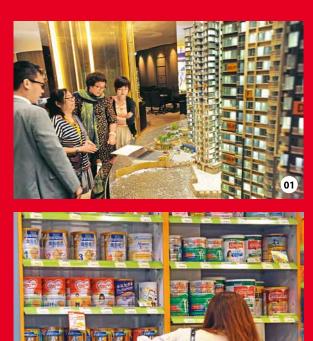
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the Home Ownership Scheme Secondary Market to





- Double Stamp Duty, in an attempt to stabilize property prices, with exemption for first-home buyers.
- To counter the shortage of formula milk powder, per day for cross-border travelers.
- More than 40 groups protested against the 'Occupy
- To cope with insufficient hospital beds, government panned bookings by pregnant women whose parents are non-permanent residents.
- Equipped with berth for two ships, the Kai Tal Cruise Terminal aims at developing Hong Kong as a regional cruising hub for the benefit of the tourism industry.
- Edward Joseph Snowden, an ex-CIA consultant, revealed various global surveillance programs, and was in hiding at one stage in Hong Kong.



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THE CONSTANT PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE























- **01** Citizens put their signature in support of the anti-Occupy Central
- **02** Li Fei, Vice-Secretary-General of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, chaired a briefing meeting in Hong Kong on the ramifications of revisions to the Basic Law on the elections for the Chief Executive and the Legislative Council.
- 03 In protest against the so-called 'August 31 resolution', students gathered in protest outside the Central Government Offices and stormed into Civic Square on September 26.
- **05** Police clashed with protestors on the first day of 'Occupy Central'

which subsequently spread from Admiralty to Mong Kok and Causeway Bay, and lasted 79 days.

- **04** Benny Tai Yiu-ting announced the commencement of 'Occupy Central' movement in the early hours of September 28.
- There was live TV coverage of the face-to-face dialogue between Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor, the then Chief Secretary for Administration, and student representatives.
- The inauguration of the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect program promotes the closer cooperation of the two major finance hubs.
- **08** Tung Chee-hwa established Our Hong Kong Foundation think-tank. **09** Hong Kong Legislative Councillors and Mainland experts attended a forum in Beijing on how to correctly implement the 'One country, two systems' concept.



- Hong Kong's Ng On-yee is the first Asian to win the World Ladies Billiards and Snooker Association (WLBSA) championship.
- The HKSAR government announced the new formula for the election of the Chief Executive.
- 03 Legislative Councillor Lau Wong-fat apologized for being late for the vote on the reform bill which was defeated on a vote count of 28:8.
- Councillor Regina Ip Lau Suk-yee shed a tear over the debacle.
- **05** To curb parallel trade, the Central government revised Shenzhen residents' Hong Kong visa to one trip per week.
- **06** A government-appointed investigation committee found that the excessive lead in drinking water in a number of housing estates in west Kowloon was due to lead
- **07** Giant panda Jia Jia celebrated its 37th birthday at Ocean Park.







2014

"一国两制"在香港的实践 — 香港白皮书座谈会















2016

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- **02** Rioters staged a street battle with police.
- **03** Masked rioters threw dust bins at police.
- O4 The oath-taking procedures of Legislative Councillors-elect Yau Wai-ching and Sixtus Leung Chung-hang were considered improper and invalidated by the High Court.
- - O6 It was the close of a chapter in local television history as Asia Television (ATV) ceased broadcasting after 59 years.





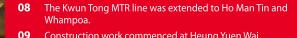




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- Boundary Control Point, the 7th border crossing with Shen Zhen.
- 10 Hong Kong's first Formula E racing was held at the Central waterfront with 30,000 spectators.
- Under the pilot scheme of the Green Form Subsidized Home Ownership Scheme, the 857 San Po Kong apartments priced at 60% of market rates were all sold out.
- Zhang Dejiang, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, officiated at the opening of the Belt and Road Summit in Hong Kong with 2,400













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- Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor became the fifth HKSAR Chief Executive, beating John Tsang Chun-wah and Woo Kwok-hing.
- President Xi Jinping and wife Peng Liyuan were in Hong Kong for three days for the 20th anniversary of Hong Kong's return to the motherland.
- President Xi inspected the PLA garrisons at Shek Kong as part of the 20th anniversary celebratory activities.
- President Xi stressed the importance of 'One Country" before "Two Systems" whilst presiding in the swearing-in ceremony for the new Chief Executive and her cabinet.
- **05** Hong Kong Heritage Museum opened a new Jin Yong Gallery featuring more than 300 items of the famous author.















- Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor resigned from her position of Chief Secretary for Administration to contest for the Chief Executive position. Picture shows her visiting the Wishing Tree at Tai Po.
- Former Chief Executive Donald Tsang Yam-kuen was sentenced to 20 months imprisonment for misconduct in public office. After serving two months in Stanley Prison, he was released on bail pending an appeal.
- Local boxer Rex Tso beat Japanese boxer Kohei Kono, notching up his professional record of 22 consecutive wins.
- Mainland stars of the popular TV series 'Legends of the Condor newly-opened Gallery.











- The 55-km Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge is a boon to the development of the Greater Bay Area, cutting commuting time to an hour.
- Visitor numbers soared with the opening of the Bridge, making Tung Chung on Lantau Island a popular spot for shopping and sightseeing
- 04 It was boom time for the local tourist trade as Mainlanders arrived by high-speed rail during the Golden Week in October.
- **05** Many Hongkongers tried out the comfort and convenience of the high-speed rail for their China tour.















- Of The Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong high-speed rail commenced operation in September
- 17 In a Legislative Council by-election, Vincent Cheng Wing-shun emerged victorious over Edward Yiu Chung-yim for the seat of Kowloo West.
- 08 In the first Diploma of Secondary Education (DSE) Examination, Thomas Wong Tsz-hang of La Salle College was crowned "the Super Scholar" with a 5** top score in 9 subjects.
- O9 Hong Kong suffered severe devastation by Super Typhoon 'Mangkhut', with Heng Fa Chuer on the Eastern waterfront being a major disaste area.
- Heng Fa Chuen bore the brunt of 'Mangkhut' a a fallen tree wrecked a minibus











- On July 1, masked protestors stormed the Legislative Council chambers, wreaking havoc and destruction.
- **02** Violence spread across the city on a regular basis, with rioters destroying shops and indiscriminately attacking passers-by.

2019

03 Protestors smeared the HKSAR crest with black paint inside the Legislative Council chambers.



- On June 15, Chief Executive Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor announced the postponement of the repatriation bill, but the opposition insisted on a complete withdrawal as protests turned increasingly violent.
- O5 In a day of senseless violence and destruction at Tsuen
 Wan and Kwai Chung, police deployed, for the first time,
 Specialised Crowd Management Vehicles equipped with
- **06** With mounting violence in the streets, police deployed Special Tactical Contingents to arrest rioters.
- Government's introduction of a repatriation bill to address a Taiwan homicide case and to plug the loopholes in Hong Kong's overall mechanism in juridical assistance was met with strong disapproval and sparked a large-scale protest march in June.



- **08** Protestors put up posters calling for a day of boycotts, while others blocked major traffic thoroughfares across the city.
- **09** Passengers challenged masked protestors who held up an MTR train at Diamond Hill station.
- Following yet another protest rally on July 22, violent members marched on to the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government and smeared the national emblem.
- **11** Families attended the anti-violence rally.



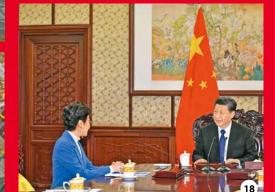
















- Chan Tong-kai, who earlier committed homicide in Taiwan, was discharged in Hong Kong after serving a 29-month prison term for money laundering.
- Violence spread to university campuses as rioters blocked roads within the Chinese University of Hong Kong in November.
- **14** After rioters left the CUHK campus, police discovered a large amount of protest materials, including Molotov Cocktails.
- 15 Close to 500,000 people braved the rain to attend a rally at Tamar Park in protest of the prevailing violence and disorder.
- **16** Commissioner of Police Stephen Lo Wai-chung was succeeded by Chris Tang Ping-keung in November.
- Government introduced the Prohibition on Face Covering Regulation in an attempt to curb violence.
- In a regular briefing meeting in Beijing, President Xi Jinping emphasised to Chief Executive Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor the overriding importance of restoring law and order in Hong Kong.









44 25 The Silver Anniversary











- A floral parade was part of the celebrations for the 23rd anniversary for the establishment of the HKSAR.
- 11 Jimmy Lai Chee-ying, founder of Next Digital, was arrested for violation of the National Security legislation.
- **12** Family members of 12 Hongkongers who were on bail and intercepted in Mainland waters held a press conference to voice their concerns.
- A co-ordinating meeting between the Office for Safeguarding National Security of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China in the HKSAR and the Committee for Safeguarding National Security of the HKSAR.
- 14 The Office for Safeguarding National Security of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region was officially opened in Causeway Bay.

2020

- Netizens were impressed with Dr Chuang Shuk-kwan (left) of the Centre for Health Protection who appeared for 72 consecutive daily media briefings on Whenever and wherever new stocks arrived.
- **02** On June 30, the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress approved the National Security legislation for Hong Kong for inclusion in the Basic Law.
- **03** During the various stages of social distancing requirements, government departmental officers patrolled hotspots frequented by foreign domestic

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- **07** Hong Kong's first Covid-19 patient was admitted to Sha Tin Prince of Wales
- Government collaborated with manufacturers on the production of reusable CuMask for free distribution to the public.
- Some residents objected to using a public housing block at Fan Ling as a temporary isolation camp, resulting in a confrontation with the police and the arrest of 11 protestors.































O9 Citizens rejoiced over the closure of Apple Daily when its assets were frozen for violation of the National Security

13 The number of Legislative Council seats increased to 90 following reforms in the electoral system. Picture show

the Tuen Mun-Ma On Shan line.

The MTR organised an Open Day at To Kwa Wan station on the Tuen Mun-Ma On Shan line.

12 The Standing Committee of the NPC approved provisions that improve the electoral system, ensuring that only patriots administer the HKSAR.

following reforms in the electoral system. Picture shows the Federation of Trade Unions candidate, Stanley Ng Chau-pei, campaigning at Siu Sai Wan.

14 Citizens enjoyed the free ride provided by public











- Enthusiastic crowds gathered at shopping malls to watch live broadcasts of fencing champion Edgar Cheung Ka-long in action
- O2 The Hong Kong team scored the best results ever with one gold, two silver and three bronze medals in fencing, swimming shows their victory parade across town.
- beating Daniele Garozzo of Italy in the fin of Men's Individual Foil at the 2020 Tokyo
- Siobahn Haughey won the hearts of Hongkongers when she bagged two silver medals in free style swimming at the 2020
- Customers must scan the QR code with
- companies and organizations, many companies and organizations held lucky draws with attractive prizes, including a \$10-million worth of brand new residential flat in Kwun Tong.
- Citizens queued up for vaccination at a
- 24-year-old Tong Ying-kit was the first person to be charged under the new National Security Law. He was sentenced

















- Luo Huining, Chief Officer of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government, congratulated John Lee Ka-chiu on his election success as the sixth HKSAR Chief Executive.
- After winning the Chief Executive election with an overwhelming support of 99% endorsement from the Election Committee, John Lee Ka-chiu invited his wife, Janet Lam Laisim, on stage to share in the historic moment.
- The new cabinet comprises three top secretaries, three of their deputies, and 15 bureau heads, hailing from a diverse









- A public housing block at Kwai Chung was locked down for 5 days for infection screening.
- A fifth wave of Covid-19 broke out in Hong
- A number of community isolation facilities were completed in record time with the help of the







