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TKPSS students in Tsim Sha Tsui!

*From Sheung Shui to Tsim Sha Tsui, it's so far yet so close!
From TKPSS to the globe, the door is wide open!*



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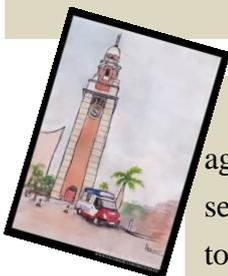
Hei (All from F.2B)

In late September and early October, all F.2 students had excursions and interviewed tourists in Tsim Sha Tsui. It was an eye-opening experience for them to meet foreigners coming from different countries in the world! Did students enjoy the adventure? Look for the answers below.



Let me share what I got to know about tourists. To make them comfortable to talk more about themselves, we had to introduce our background information to them first. For instance, our name, school and so on; but the most important thing was our purpose for doing this interview. They also needed to know what our video was for. My group mates and I told them our video was just for our presentation. So they believed us and allowed us to videotape them.

I have found that tourists like visiting The Peak most because they enjoyed the view of Victoria Harbour and the ride on the Peak Tram. To be honest, I have not heard of any tourists visiting any of the theme parks in Hong Kong. But most of them had been to Stanley Market. They liked going there because of the traditional souvenirs. All of them agreed that Hong Kong is a food paradise.



The tourists gave us some comments on how Hong Kong can improve. They all agreed that the hotel service is fantastic. However, some of them think that the customer service officers in shopping malls should at least know how to speak some English. The tourists found the experience a bit uncomfortable and it was inconvenient.



This tourist is an Australian teacher who teaches English. She said that our English is fantastic. All of us were really pleased after hearing this.

We have learnt a lot of new vocabulary items and have improved our English a lot.

I have improved my English as well as my communication skills.

Not only could it help improve my English, but also my voice. You know, I speak more loudly and boldly now!

I had been worried that tourists would reject our interview before the activity. However, they didn't. They were nice and kind.



What is CCL?

The school has adopted an innovative and effective teaching method, Constructivist and Cooperative Learning (CCL), to facilitate learning and teaching in all forms and subjects. In particular, F.1 and F.2 teachers extensively use this new way of pedagogy for various subjects. In short, students are believed to benefit from abundant opportunities of exploration, self-learning, and scaffolding among peers.



What do F.1 and F.2 students think of CCL?



- Some members are too talkative!
- Sometimes we argue with team members.

- We help each other to solve problems. Everyone learns more new things. The experience is so enjoyable!
- We pick up more effective study skills.
- I've developed better interpersonal skills and know how to communicate with people better.



Get to know our exchange student!

As an exchange student from Germany, Siggi has started his exciting journey to taste the hustle and bustle of this city. What does this F.4 student think about Hong Kong?

R: Reporters of Writing Scripters S: Siggi

R: What do you do with your friends in Hong Kong?

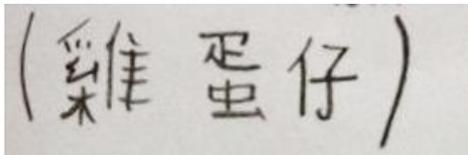
S: We go together to visit some tourist spots in Hong Kong or go to a shopping mall. Also, we try to find some Hong Kong food and eat something new.

R: What do you think about the Hong Kong people?

S: They're very polite and friendly, although they're very busy and have limited time.

R: What is your favorite Hong Kong local food?

S: Chocolate egg puffs.



← Siggi's handwriting!



R: What's the biggest difference between Germany and Hong Kong?

Is there anything you think is interesting, special in Hong Kong?

S: The life in Hong Kong is busier than Germany. Everywhere is so crowded. The space in Hong Kong is limited. In Germany, the living place is bigger. I think Hong Kong is a great place to explore. You can visit many places, like The Peak or Mong Kok. The food in Hong Kong is very good. And Hong Kong is a very intercultural place. So, you can find food and parts of the culture from nearly every country of the world.



R: What are the differences between the schools in Germany and Hong Kong?

S: German students spend in average less time on studying compared to Hong Kong students. At last, the learning environment in Hong Kong and Germany is very different which can be explained by the limit in university places in Hong Kong.



R: Does everybody have a chance to study in university in Germany?

S: It depends on different factors, like your result, the university itself and the subject you want to study. The best universities are in the capital, Berlin. But if your academic result is not so good or even bad you have to go to a smaller town to go to another university there. If you reach in the final exam a minimum of 50%, then you have the allowance to study in a university. If you can't get 50%, you can't study in any university.



Highlight of English Society Activities

Music and Lai Ka Wai

On Nov 10, many students were mesmerized by the music performance of Lai Ka Wai (6E) and Ng Cheuk Chi (6E). Students in general found the show very enjoyable and would like to know more about the performers. We interviewed Lai Ka Wai and found her sharing inspiring to students.



You've got talent!



R: Reporters of Writing Scripters

L: Lai Ka Wai

R: When did you start your interest in playing a musical instrument?

L: When I was studying in Primary 2, I saw a beautiful guitar. I loved it much, so I wanted to learn to play this musical instrument.

R: Is it difficult to play the guitar?

L: At the beginning, I experienced great hardship because I always made a lot of mistakes. It takes much time and effort to master a musical instrument.

R: How long have you been playing the guitar? Do you have any unforgettable experience?

L: Ten to eleven years. I can't forget the music performance competitions. I was in Secondary 3 at that time. Unfortunately, the string of my guitar broke off during the competition.

R: Have you got any suggestions to those who want to play musical instruments?

L: Be determined and keep practising! No pain, no gain. If you don't make an effort, you won't be successful.



Budding Speakers

Have you watched the F.1 Speaking Contest in November? The participants read aloud to compete for the championship. Who is the winning team? The champion is Mr. Jason Fung's group, which consists of students from F.1A and F.1B.

The winning team told Writing Scripters that they had spent a lot of time practicing, which was why they won. They had already recited the content well, so they could have better eye contact with the adjudicator as well as the audience. It was the first time for them to stage a performance in TKPSS. They thought that they became more confident and braver. On the other hand, they were glad that they spoke English more fluently.



The winning team - the stars of Form One Speaking Contest!

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