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Dear Members and Friends

An appropriate moment to bring everyone up to date with a couple of recent, or even future, happenings within the Branch.

### **(a) Future Events**

I'm sure everyone will be aware that we had pencilled in the talk by former HK Marine Policeman, Les Bird, on his experiences dealing with Vietnamese boat people during the 1980's, for 6 Oct 2020. (Please visit [www.omrs-hk.org](http://www.omrs-hk.org) and click on "Upcoming Events, for details of both Les and his recently published book on the subject). Although the Government has recently eased social gathering restrictions somewhat, the Committee (in consultation with Les) has decided to postpone this event, probably until early next year. We had not gone firm on a venue for Les' talk, but this will be resolved once we decide on a new date.

It is possible that the Committee will plan an outdoor event for either October or November, so please (as the saying goes) "watch this space."

### **(b) Branch Shields**

Older members, (or should I rephrase that to read "longer serving members!"), may recall that a number of years ago the Branch purchased shields, or plaques, displaying the OMRS logo, for purchase by members and for presentation to guest speakers. (Again, please visit the website homepage for sight of this logo). Although we have not held any stock of these shields for many years, we have recently found an outlet in Hong Kong which manufactures them locally and we have placed an order. We expect this order to be delivered quite soon, and anyone who would like to purchase one (or more) is welcome to do so. These attractive shields are made of beechwood and can be either wall-mounted or free-standing on, for example, a sideboard. Cost will be \$340-HK each. Unfortunately MailChimp does not allow attachments, so I am unable to provide a photograph of the shield here. However, should anyone want a photo of one, please contact the undersigned and it will be provided.

Please stay safe in these troubled times!

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