Dear Members and Friends

At risk of stating the obvious, it has been a rather eventful summer so far for those of us who have stayed in Hong Kong throughout this period!
Please see below August’s Newsletter, outlining past and future events.

• Recent Events

At the end of June, a small but enthusiastic group of members visited the Green Hub in the New Territories - the former Tai Po Police Station.

Built in 1899 shortly after the British took over the New Territories, the building functioned as a Police Station until it was “released” by the HK Government in 1987.

It was then taken over by the Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden, who to this day run the site as an award-winning conservation and education centre.

A full description of our visit can be found at [www.omrs-hk.org](http://www.omrs-hk.org).
Please click under “recent events.”

• Future Events

The Branch Executive Committee have discussed this subject in detail. Perhaps unsurprisingly, it has been decided that in view of the current situation in the city no further events will be held until the situation calms down somewhat.

Having said that, however, it may be possible to hold a social occasion in September - perhaps at the RHK Regiment (Volunteers) Clubhouse or the USRC.

Longer term, the following talks are in the pipeline, with guest speakers who are specialists in the quoted
subject: -

(a) Qing and Republican Chinese decorations;
(b) Anglo-Chinese soldiers in the British Army 1850 - 1997;
(c) Battle of Midway WW2;
(d) the junk “Keying” which sailed from China to the U.K. for the Great Exhibition held in 1851.

Other events include a possible visit to Macau with lunch in the Clube Militar de Macau in early 2020.

As the saying goes, please watch this space!

Best regards

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