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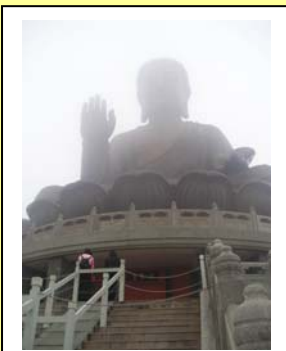
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PTA's Annual Day-Trip 2005 to Lantau Mr. K.F. Yu

Each year, the PTA organizes a day-trip for parents, their children and teachers because we think we can get along better and

build a better relationship during such a leisure activity.

This year, we went to the Po Lin Monastery and Tai O Fishing Village, on Lantau which is the biggest outlying island in Hong Kong. Since the



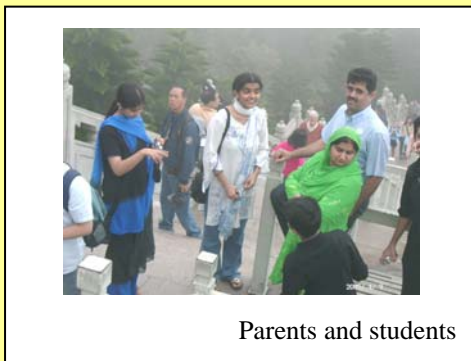
Buddha in the mist

construction of the new

International Airport, the road transport to Lantau has become very convenient

Parents, children and teachers gathered

at the school and set out soon after 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, 9th April. Before we set out, it was cloudy. The weather forecast said there might be patches of showers. We were lucky that it did not rain during our trip. We arrived at Tung Chung and switched from our coaches to two Lantau buses.



Parents and students

We were allowed to go into the base of the Big Buddha and see the Buddhist relic (a luminous stone reputed to come out of the

ashes of Buddha's cremated body). Afterwards, parents and children were busy taking pictures in front of the bronze statue.

It was about time to have lunch.

Before that, we took a mass photo



Mass photo

for this trip. Then, people flocked to the dining hall for the vegetarian lunch. All settled down sitting around

the seven big tables and awaiting the delicious dishes, such as spring-rolls,



Social worker and students

vegetables, to-fu, mushrooms, sweet-and-sour "pork" and deep-fried fish (taro).

Having enjoyed the meal, we had some free



Enjoying the meal

time to walk around the monastery. Some tourists burned incense to the gods.



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We set off to Tai O, nicknamed 'the Venice of Hong Kong.' About twenty minutes later, we arrived at one of the most famous fishing villages in Hong Kong. There were not too many tourists and we were able to enjoy walking around and seeing things without being in a rush. There were shops and hawkers on both sides of the narrow path selling fresh and dried seafood and local Chinese snacks. Many of us were attracted by these uncommon scenes and we moved very slowly. Our tour guides reminded us that we should bargain with the shopkeepers when buying seafood because Tai O is a famous tourist spot and seafood prices are high.



Parents at Tai O Tourist Info Centre

Tai O consists of two parts which are separated by a creek. For 50 years, people crossed the water on a rope ferry pulled by two villagers. In October 1996, a steel bridge across the creek was opened. The transportation in Tai O has become more and more convenient. We also walked from one side of the village to the other. On the bridge, we could see the stilt houses, which are supported above water by posts and are a very special feature of Tai O.



Students on a boat

Some of us spent \$10 for a 20-minute boat cruise to go on the creek and sight-see in the boat. Many of us tried some traditional Chinese snacks, for example, sweet to-fu and cha-guo (a kind of dumpling). Some bought souvenirs from this fishing village. Children enjoyed their fruit juice, fizzy drinks or ice sticks.

Finally we were on our way back to the school. We were all tired. Most of us fell asleep in the coaches. We really enjoyed the trip.



Parents and the teacher