

EDITORIAL

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Dear Reader,

The Hong Kong Anthropologist is an on-line journal dedicated to bringing anthropology to a general public and to providing a platform for undergraduate and postgraduate students, scholars, and others to publish interesting research. We are actively seeking research that draws upon the varied areas of anthropology and related fields. This issue features several articles that showcase the variety of cultures in Hong Kong and South China as well as the uniqueness of this modern oasis that exist in a comparatively small area.

In this issue, the collaborative team of Temily JAYA GOPAN, LI Zhao, and ZHUANG Shuting give us an intimate view of village life as well as posing interesting questions about asserting one's cultural identity in an ever-changing modern world. AO IEONG Mei Shan discusses the construction of identity and domestic status by portraying a lively scene of a particular female cluster named Chi So Noey (Sworn Spinster) in Shunde, China after their returning from Nam Yeung (Singapore). Not limiting ourselves to home-grown ethnicities, but we also consider how expatriates in Hong Kong express their culture with Alan van BEEK's article on Hong Kong Highlanders.

In order to understand modern society, it is important to see where Hong Kong has been, so Emily CHAN examines the production of earrings in the bronze-era Hong Kong and how this tells us how complex society was even in the distant past.

Regarding the elderly junkmen as a marginalized group in Hong Kong society, TSUI Sze Kwan presents a picture of their life and discusses how their life and social status are affected by social change.

Finally, to stimulate your sweet tooth, Natalie LO Kai Fung strives to answer once and for all if there is a correlation between gender and the consumption of sweets.

We look forward and encourage submissions from all disciplines on all regions of East Asia. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to e-mail us. To learn more about the journal, please visit our web page at: <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/ant/hkas>.

Best Regards,

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