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Hong Kong Response Project

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Sharon Shek writes:

Festivals in Hong Kong

Hong Kongers like getting together and share dinner for celebrating festivals. We have made new friends with Hong Kong families in the UK and, even though we are not one family, we eat together for big festivals. I know that there are some churches holding special events on the days of festivals. If you want to plan something for Hong Kongers, you will find it very helpful to read the information about Hong Kong (Chinese) festivals below.

There are three big festivals in Hong Kong. They are Lunar New year, Dragon Boat Festival and Mid-Autumn Festival. These three festivals are counted in the Chinese calendar. The first day of the Chinese calendar in 2023 is **22 January**. People celebrate Lunar New Year on that day. This is the biggest festival, and we celebrate for a few days and visit relatives and friends for a month. (More details can be found on the [newsletter 3](#), January 2022)

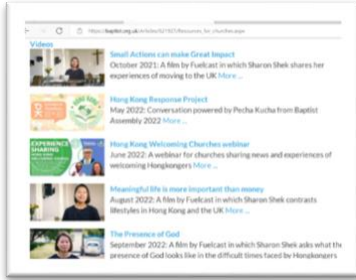
The second Festival is the Dragon Boat Festival - we also call it Tuen Ng Festival. It will be on **22 June 2023** (The fifth day of the fifth month in the Chinese calendar). We watch the Dragon Boat races and eat rice dumplings in this festival.



Mid-Autumn Festival will be on **29 September 2023** (The fifteenth of the eighth month in the Chinese calendar). The Chinese believe that the Moon is at its brightest and fullest size, coinciding with harvest time in the middle of Autumn. So, we eat moon cake and fruits under the moon and enjoy the moon.

Good news

Resources for churches usage



Recently, we have updated our Hong Kong Project Web page and we added some videos on it. It's helpful to look at them and know more about the value and stories of Hong Kongers and the experience of some churches.

We also encouraging our Bpapist family to host the 'Welcome course' which was produced by UKHK. This course is for 6 sessions and it's about the life and the culture in the UK. The titles are 'Welcome to the UK', 'Understanding British Culture', 'Making Friends', 'Wellbeing', 'Problem Solving' and 'Citizenship'. There is a video and some discussion questions in every session. Churches can choose to offer in-person, online or hybrid sessions. Find more details on [this article](#) and get the material on the [website of UKHK](#). Please tell us if you're planning to offer this course through [this link](#) so we can let Hong Kongers know through our network. If you want to help the Hong Kongers' integration and their language, as well as connecting more Hong Kongers, this course is a good resource for your church.



Please pray!

1. Pray for peace and wisdom of HK-welcoming churches serving the Hong Kongers. Bless the pastors and leaders as they experience the new season of love and mercy.

Next Step

1. Invite Sharon Shek to preach or hold a bilingual service in your church. Please contact at sshek@baptist.org.uk
2. Read about the [Multi-Ethnic church event that will take place in January](#). This event will help you learn how to serve the people from different countries as one kingdom of God. You can book at baptist.org.uk/multi

