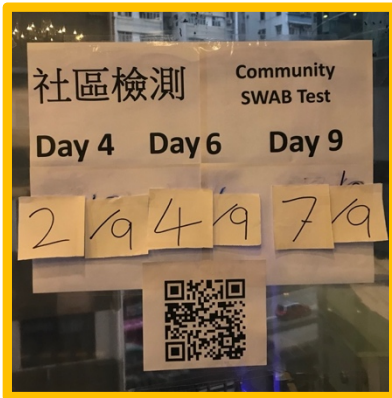


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This photo marks the end of my quarantine period at the Quarantine Hotel in Causeway Bay. I was trapped in 8sqm for four nights and three days and unfortunately the hotel food was really not that good. Thankfully, my dear friend Matilda (see photo) sent me a small snack package and you can also have all kinds of food delivered in Hong Kong. After the three days of quarantine, I had to do three more PCR tests, on days four, six and nine. Matilda picked me up from the hotel and I stayed with her and her boyfriend Damir for a few days in her aunt's apartment.

In Causeway Bay we went to IKEA to get the furniture for the dorm room. And for the first time we had real food again. Once again, a big thank you to Matilda and Damir!

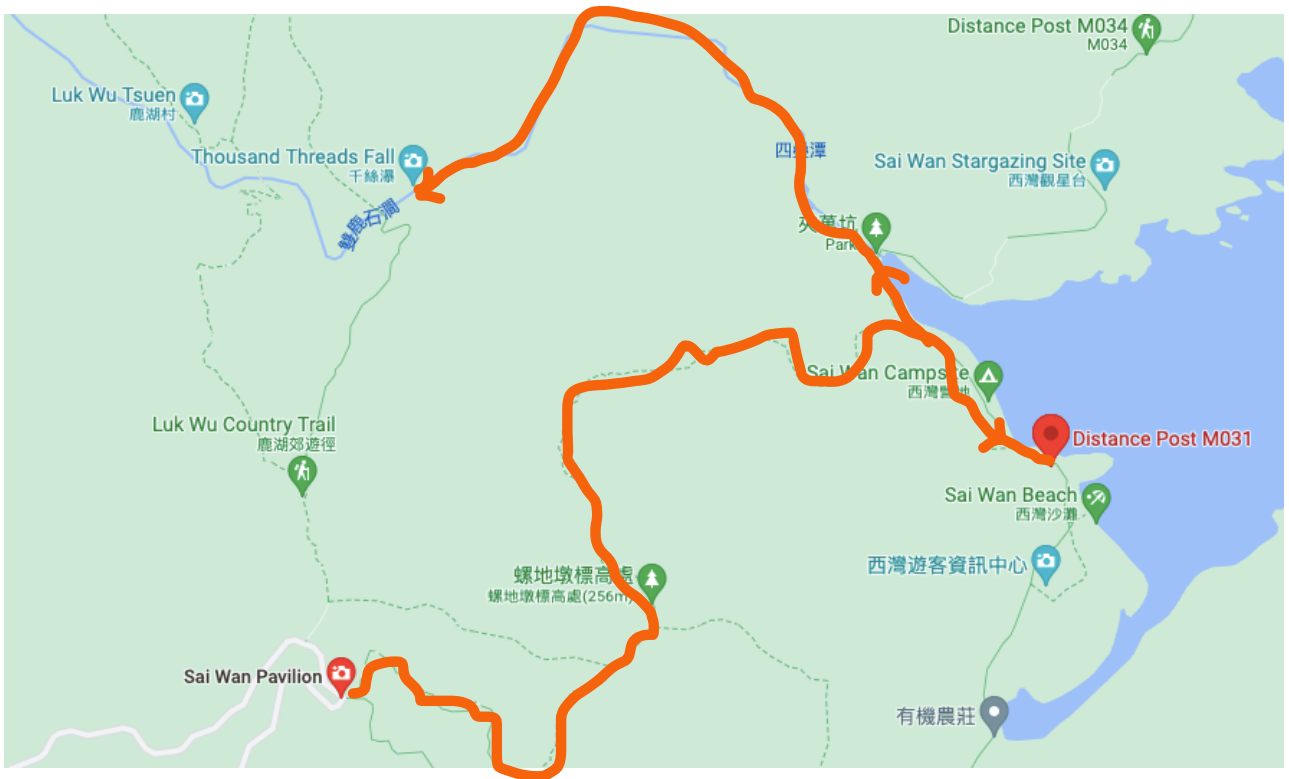
I'm sharing a dorm room with my roommate Zoe. The room is located on the 9th floor in [Student Hostel II](#) (former Yat Sen Hall) of Shaw College.



The campus is built into a mountain, so to speak, and my dormitory is right at the top, so the way down is usually quicker than the way up. But if you know all the hidden [elevators](#) and stairs, you can get from A to B relatively quickly. In any case, you walk a good 5-10 km every day and pass many beautiful spots: the Chinese garden, the pool, many wooded areas, the forecourt of the central university library.



My first trip destination was a beach in Sai Kung. The beach is not connected to public transport, so we first had to take a bus and then a cab to the starting point of the hiking trail in order to walk to the beach from there. The cab driver sang along with us to Shawn Mendes songs on the radio.



After the beach, we made a detour to a waterfall. You could swim in the plateaus there too. The way to the plateaus was a bit of a rocky climb, but luckily, as you can see in the next group photo, everyone survived!



Of course, a bit of art and culture is also a must. I was lucky enough to be able to visit the [M+ Museum](#) in Hong Kong for free (until a year after it reopened). The exhibitions there were incredibly beautiful. Other notable art experiences include the [Tai Kwun Centre for Heritage and Arts](#) and a small exhibition at [Over the Influence](#) by one of my favorite artists "[Little Thunder](#)":



Kika

Little
Thunder



The nightlife also has a lot to offer. However, because of Covid restrictions, everything closes by around 2am at the latest. If you are hanging out in Central, you have to hurry anyway to get the last metro at approx. 12:30 am, otherwise you have to pay for a cab (after all 200HKD, about 25€) or walk all the way to the night bus.



There is also lots of good food in Central and even some vegetarian restaurants. We had dinner with a large group in a vegan Buddhist dim sum restaurant and it looked like this:

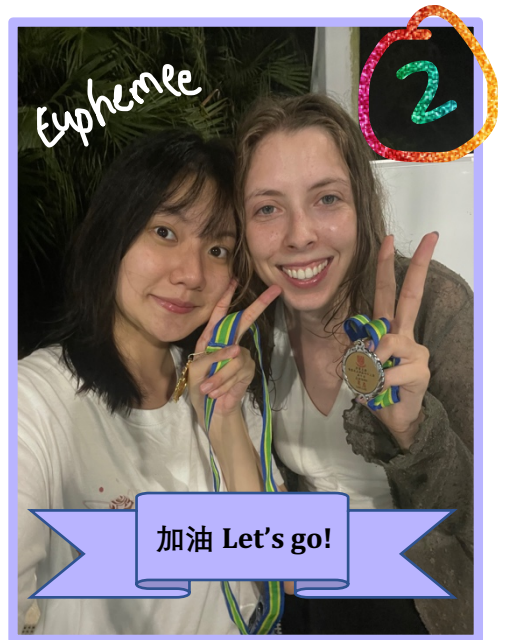


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Of course, I'm not just here for fun. I also took part in a very (un)important swimming competition and even came second! Who would've thought? I also lost my swimming goggles that same evening and haven't been back in the pool since - swimming goggles are pretty expensive :')



My birthday party fell through this year (typhoon signal strength 8), but on the evening of my birthday I did a Muay Thai (kickboxing) trial lesson and got a small birthday cake. Thanks Kaylie, Kat, Sifu and all Tai Wai Futak babies!!

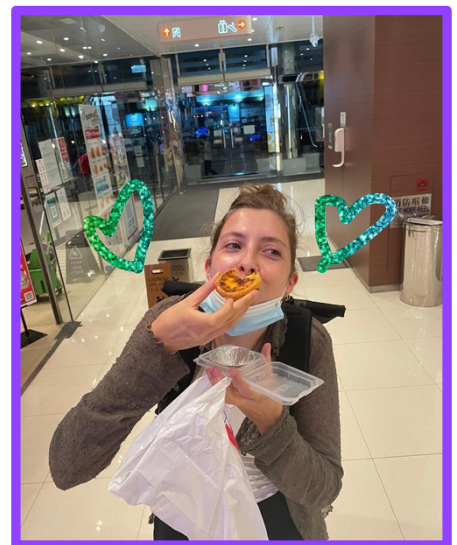


大圍富德拳館
Tai Wai
Fu Tak

Kaylie

That's it from me. Of course I there is always more to share. Anyone who follows my Instagram account (@kat_as_trophy) knows that there are a few gaps here and there, the mundane everyday life is missing. But I thought I'd pick out a few highlights for you, only the nice things of course. some things were also exhausting, difficult, stressful, sad, as it always is. But the good moments outweigh the bad: the food, the exciting courses, the architecture, the people, the nature, the new experiences. So, as a final treat, I'll leave you with a few more pictures! See you again next summer. This is probably the first and last (sorry, I don't have enough time, the coursesload is quite heavy) edition of the HK newsletter. See you soon,

KATHA



The KF1
Gym-cat



Tiger



We happened to run into a concert by the Hong Kong band TomFatKi at New Asia College. If you're interested in Cantonese rap, just enter "天水圍 GANGGANG" on YouTube.

