

Let sleeping cats lie—or not!

A View of My Hong Kong Trip

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I'm so thankful that Lions International provided me with the opportunity to go to the International Convention this year. I joined 14 of my fellow MD2 district governors-elect in the great city of Hong Kong and spent a week there, not only learning from the training sessions but also meeting Lions from all over the world and enjoying some of the sights of the city.

Arrival at the Hong Kong Airport was a treat. How great it was to encounter a gigantic cat sleeping amid hundreds of people dashing around to find their flights! The sleeping cat, a giant animatronic installation, titled "A Moment to Purr," features a massive ginger tabby measuring 8 meters long, 3.5 meters high, and 7 meters wide, positioned in a sleeping pose in Terminal 1, Arrivals Hall A. It is fully interactive: passengers can use a nearby digital kiosk to virtually feed or pet the cat, which responds with ear and tail movements and soft purring sounds. I



wanted to play with the cat, but alas, I had to meet up with my Lions group! A local Lion was waiting for us, and he guided us to the buses that took us to the Sheraton Four Points Hotel.

A thoroughly modern city with about 7.3 million inhabitants, Hong Kong is immaculate, has lush vegetation and no visible dirt anywhere except in construction sites, and bustles with activity. City transportation is highly accessible.

At the Sheraton, buses lined up daily to take us to the Asia World Expo Center, where the LCI convention was taking place.



Lions from all over the world attended; one figure cited 17,000 Lions in attendance! Just look at the arena—it is packed! It was in this arena that the district governors-elect pins were pulled. For my Council of Governors (Lions of Texas), Past International Director TJ Tijerina did the honors of pulling our pins, thus officially making us district governors!



Now that we district governors are back in Texas and recuperated from the long return flights, we have hit the ground running. It is our turn to run our respective districts. Wish us luck, fellow Lions!