

The Hong Kong Well-wishing Festival 2013 (Supported by Mega Events Fund)

10 – 23 February 2013

The Hong Kong Well-wishing Festival is one of the Hong Kong's most charming cultural events. As their ancestor did, at the beginning of each lunar year, many of the city's residents write their wishes on joss paper to throw onto the wishing tree and set water lanterns afloat to make their wishes and express their aspirations for the year ahead.

Visitors can witness and participate in the age-old rituals and taste the traditional Hakka food during Chinese New Year at Lam Tsuen in the New Territories.

Key Programmes

1. Hong Kong Cultural Heritage Village
2. Landmark of the Wishing Windmill
3. Meizhou Performance and Poon Choi Feast to Celebrate the Chinese New Year

Details

1. Hong Kong Cultural Heritage Village

Date	10 – 23 February 2013
Time	9am - 7pm, Monday to Friday; 9am - 10pm, Saturday, Sunday and Public Holiday
Venue	Lam Tsuen Wishing Square, Lam Tsuen, Tai Po
Admission	Free
Highlights	<p>➤ Hakka Tulou</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tulou* was inscribed on the World Heritage List administered by the UNESCO World Heritage Committee. A Hakka Tulou building will be constructed in the village. The history and cultural background of the Hakka people and the Tulou building will be introduced inside the replica construction. <p>* More information on Tulou: It is a type of Chinese rural dwellings of the Hakka people in the mountainous areas in southeastern Fujian, China. They were mostly built between the 12th and the 20th centuries. A tulou is a large, enclosed and fortified earth building, most commonly rectangular or circular in configuration with very thick walls. Tulou has three and five stories high and house up to 80 families. The building is a well-lit, well-ventilated, windproof and earthquake-proof with defensive purposes. It was described as "exceptional examples of a building tradition and function exemplifying a particular type of communal living and defensive organization in a harmonious relationship with their environment".</p>

	<p>➤ Wishing Culture Exhibition Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The history and development of the wishing culture from different regions in Hong Kong and China will be displayed. <p>➤ Traditional Hakka Culture Showcase</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hakka villagers will demonstrate the traditional Hakka culture such as Hakka dialect, music, dance, artifact, agricultural tools, clothing and drama in the form of a parade. Visitors can take photos with the Hakka people for free, or they can pay a fee to dress in the Hakka costumes for photo-taking (Fees to be confirmed). <p>➤ Flea Market</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local snacks such as Chinese olive, dragon's beard candy, maltose, steamed bun, dried seafood as well as traditional Hakka food will be available. The Flea Market also showcases different local hand-made artworks and cultural performances. Visitors can buy souvenirs there. <p>➤ Hakka Wedding Ceremony Parade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parade will be held on 14 February 2012 (Valentine's Day) (Parade time and route to be confirmed)
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2. Landmark of the Wishing Windmill

Date	10 – 23 February 2013
Time	9am - 7pm, Monday to Friday; 9am - 10pm, Saturday, Sunday and public holiday
Venue	Opposite to the Tin Hau Temple of Lam Tsuen Wishing Square
Admission	Free
Highlights	<p>➤ Landmark Windmill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A landmark windmill (around 30 feet in height) will be set up in attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the highest windmill in the world; • Additional windmills will be built near the landmark windmill for visitors to spin and make wishes.

3. “Meizhou Performance and Poon Choi Feast to Celebrate the Chinese New Year”

Date	23 February 2013
Time	5pm – 9pm
Venue	Soccer Playground of Lam Tsuen Wishing Square
Highlights	<p>➤ Traditional Hakka basin meal (“Poon Choi”)</p> <p>➤ Vegetarian Poon Choi will be served during the eve of Chinese Valentine's Day;</p> <p>➤ Traditional cultural dance by performing group from Meizhou of Mainland China and some local popular singers.</p>
Price	HK\$1,280 (10 pax)

Other Programmes

1. Throwing Joss Paper onto Wishing Tree
2. Throwing Joss Paper onto the Wishing Tree with Fancy Dressing Competition
3. Lantern Lighting Ceremony for the Newborns
4. Well-wishing Water Lantern
5. Early Morning Flea Market

Details

1. Throwing Joss Paper onto Wishing Tree

Date	10 – 23 February 2013
Time	9am – 7pm
Venue	Wishing Tree, Lam Tsuen Wishing Square, Lam Tsuen
Description	To make their wishes come true, visitors can write their wishes on joss paper and throw it onto the wishing tree.
Price	HK\$20 for Joss Paper. Available at the venue

5. Throwing Joss Paper onto the Wishing Tree with Fancy Dressing Competition

Date	16 February 2012
Time	2:30pm
Venue	Nearby the Lam Tsuen Wishing Tree
Description	Contestants with the fanciest and most creative costumes participating in the competition will be awarded prize money and a trophy.
Category	A group of 2 to 12 pax
Award	Prize money (amount to be confirmed) A trophy
Registration	Free registration. Please download the application form available at www.hkwellwishingfestival.com in mid-December 2012. Please send the completed form to ltws2009@gmail.com .
Remarks	➤ Participants arrive to the venue for registration; ➤ For competition details, please refer to the website which will be available in mid-December 2012.

6. Lantern Lighting Ceremony for the Newborns

Date	10 - 23 February 2012
Time	Noon and 3:30pm
Venue	Chinese Zodiac area of Lam Tsuen Wishing Square
Description	Chinese villagers have a tradition: lighting a lantern to wish the newborn baby healthy. The name of the newborn baby will be written on the lantern which will be hung on a bamboo scaffold during the festival. Participants can take the lantern home after the ceremony.
Price	➤ Lantern Package: HK\$380 (including a ceremony with unicorn dance, a lantern and a set of offerings). Available at the venue. ➤ Lantern Package with Poon Choi Feast: HK\$1,560 (including the above lantern package and a table of Poon Choi for 10 pax)

Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Registration by phone (+852 2638 8026) or on-line registration at www.hkwellwishingfestival.com for the Lantern Package with Poon Choi Feast is required; ➤ Registration on website starts in mid-December 2013.
Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Only vegetarian Poon Choi banquet will be served on 10 February 2013

7. Well-wishing Water Lantern

Date	10 – 23 February 2013
Time	9am - 7pm
Venue	Well-wishing Pool of Lam Tsuen Wishing Square
Description	Release Water Lantern in Lam Tsuen will bring good luck in the coming year.
Price	HK\$38 for a water lantern. Available at the venue

8. Early Morning Flea Market

Date	10 – 23 February 2013
Time	9am - 5pm
Venue	Youth Centre of Lam Tsuen Wishing Square
Description	Organic agricultural products planted by the elderly in the village will be sold in the Early Morning Flea Market.

Events programs are subject to change by organizer without prior notice. Please refer to the event website www.hkwellwishingfestival.com for the latest event information or contact +852 2638 8026 for enquiry.

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Appendix I – Details of Poon Choi Feast

Poon Choi Feast			Meizhou Performance and Poon Choi Feast To Celebrate the Chinese New Year
Date	10 – 13 February 2013 (Sunday to Wednesday)	14 – 24 February 2013 (Thursday to Sunday)	23 February 2013 (Saturday)
Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11am – 1pm• 1pm – 3pm• 3pm – 5pm• 5pm – 7pm		5pm - 9pm
Price	HK\$1,280 per table	HK\$1,080 per table	HK\$1,280 per table
Privilege for Travel Agents	HK\$1,180 per table	HK\$980 per table	Not Applicable
	One complimentary table will be offered for reservation of every 10 tables		
Deadlines	24 January 2013 (Thu) for booking 31 January 2013 (Thu) for payment		
Further Enquiry & Booking	Ms Chan / Ms Tsang Lam Tsuen Wishing Square Development Limited Tel: 9126 0973 (Ms. Chan) / 2638 8026 (Enquiry and Registration) E-mail: ltws2009@gmail.com		
Terms & Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Group reservation (of at least 10pax) only.• On the first day of the Chinese New Year (10 Feb), only vegetarian “Poon Choi Feast” will be provided.• Advance booking and payment must be made by the deadline. Walk-in groups <u>may be</u> accepted subject to the capacity of the venue.• Travel agents who would like to <u>book after the booking deadline</u>, please <u>call the enquiry hotline</u> to check the availability of the Poon Choi Feast.• It is recommended that the groups should arrive at the venue 15 minutes before the reserved session. In the event of late arrival or any enquiries on the event date, please contact organizer at 2638 8026 / 9126 0973.• Other terms & conditions may apply, please check with the organizer for details		