

With Wheelchair – Travel Overseas still an Option.

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HONG KONG – 21 September 2009 – Wheel Away Disabled Travel, the first accessible city guide of its kind in Asia for people with disability, was released in Hong Kong.

The Hong Kong city guide is a 'must' for all adventurous travellers, travel agents and health care professionals. It contains detailed information on accessible transportation, over 100 hotels, 370+ restaurants, and top tips for sightseeing and shopping.

The detailed research, personal tone and hands-on approach of the author, Sarah Fuller, comes across in this carefully thought through, and easy to navigate city guide. It contains practical information about getting around Hong Kong, and is not only for people with disability, but also for seniors and families with children in prams who struggle to find a straight forward way around.

Whether you're a nervous first-timer or an experienced, independent wheelchair traveller, it is possible to have a safe and enjoyable trip. Or if you're living in Hong Kong and use a wheelchair or require other services for the disabled, the Hong Kong City Guide is a resource that's been written to make your lives in the city easier.

"I've written this book due to my fathers' experience, which I wanted to share with others, a knowledge gained over many years of organising travel in Asia to ensure access and ease. Life does not stop because of a serious illness, wheelchairs and travel do mix," said author, Sarah Fuller, whose father uses a wheelchair following a massive stroke.

"If you have disability, or you're travelling as a carer for someone with disability, it can be a real challenge to plan your trip, travel to your destination and then manage the daily realities of moving around a new city. My book offers a variety of information, practical tips and suggestions; it covers things to be aware of before you arrive, how to get around, where to stay, things to see and do, accessible dining and tailor-made day trips."

"Ocean Park has always endeavoured to be as accessible as possible for visitors with disabilities, so it's great that this information is now so comprehensive and easy to use thanks to this book," said Allan Zeman, *Chairman Ocean Park and Lan Kwai Fong Holdings Ltd.*, Hong Kong. "This is definitely the best guide of its kind in Hong Kong."

"From the viewpoint of health care professionals, the Wheel Away City Guide is groundbreaking for Asia," said Kit Sinclair, *Fellow, World Federation of Occupational Therapists, and Occupational Therapist*. "Going outside your comfort level for a regular traveller can be fraught; for people with disabilities it can be totally overwhelming. This is soon to change for travellers to Hong Kong."

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(A.I.R. Editor's note: Sarah Fuller is from South Australia, and has lived in Hong Kong for 17 years).

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