

A Hong Kong Travel Guide with a Difference

HONG KONG – 21 September 2009 – Wheel Away Disabled Travel, the *first* accessible city guide of its kind in Asia for people with disability, is 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. As seen on *Asia Television’s (ATV) Inside Story* on September 15th, and heard on *Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK)* on 18th September, 2009.

“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,” 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.”

About Wheel Away Disabled Travel

Wheel Away Disabled Travel was established in Hong Kong by Sarah Fuller to publish a travel guide about one of the most exciting cities in Asia, Hong Kong.

Sarah Fuller is from Adelaide, South Australia and has been living in Hong Kong for 17 years.

For information on how to purchase the city guide, visit: www.wheelawaydisabledtravel.com

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Testimonials

Jim Gould, Producer, Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK)

“Sarah Fuller has drawn on her family circumstances and 17 years spent in Hong Kong to produce a clear and comprehensive guide to the city. While primarily aimed at visitors who use a wheelchair, the book will also serve as a hugely valuable reference for others with a disability, and their carers. This highly detailed yet easy-to-use guidebook should prove immensely useful to any wheelchair user, or any other disabled visitor, who wants to experience the excitement and explore the sights of this vibrant city”.

Kumi Taguchi, Editor ‘Inside Story’, Asia Television Ltd.

“‘Wheel Away Disabled Travel - Hong Kong City Guide’ is an impressive, thoroughly researched and extremely useful resource. What makes it particularly attractive is the personal tone and hands-on approach of the author. She has obviously been there and done that so many times, and knows exactly what information a disabled traveller needs – from the dimensions of a hotel room bathroom, to the locations of accessible train exits. The guide opened my mind to just how difficult it can be if you are confined to a wheelchair; but also how, armed with detailed and accurate of information, a trip can be hassle-free and enjoyable. This resource would be great for anyone with a disability who is planning to come to Hong Kong; but also for locals who have struggled to find practical information about getting around their own city”.

Mabel Chau, Chief Executive Officer, The Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation

“For travellers with disability, pre-trip planning is critical and knowing how and where to get information regarding accessibility of the place of visit is crucial. Sarah’s “Wheel Away Disabled Travel – Hong Kong” is a comprehensive practical guide on where to stay, where to go, where to eat and how to get around plus more. It will enable travellers in wheelchairs to enjoy Hong Kong independently with confidence and dignity.

Sarah’s firsthand experience of travelling with her father who uses a wheelchair also provides the reader with a down to earth view point in balancing realistic expectations and the fun of travelling in a wheelchair in Hong Kong. Apart from that, the book originated from and contains the heart and loving care of a daughter who wished her father the best of his stay in Hong Kong. I congratulate Sarah for her effort and devotion to promoting accessible tourism”.

Brett Butcher, Chief Executive Officer, Langham Hotels International

“Travelling is one of the greatest pleasures in life. While most of us take it for granted, the disabled audience remains underserved. Sarah’s passion for travel clearly comes through and showcases many of Hong Kong’s finest points – both on and off the beaten track. Bravo!”

Deborah Biber, Chief Executive, The Australian Chamber of Commerce, Hong Kong

“Those of us that live in this remarkable city know that Hong Kong is more a journey than a destination; one that is now truly accessible to those who may have missed it before this meaningful new guide was published.”