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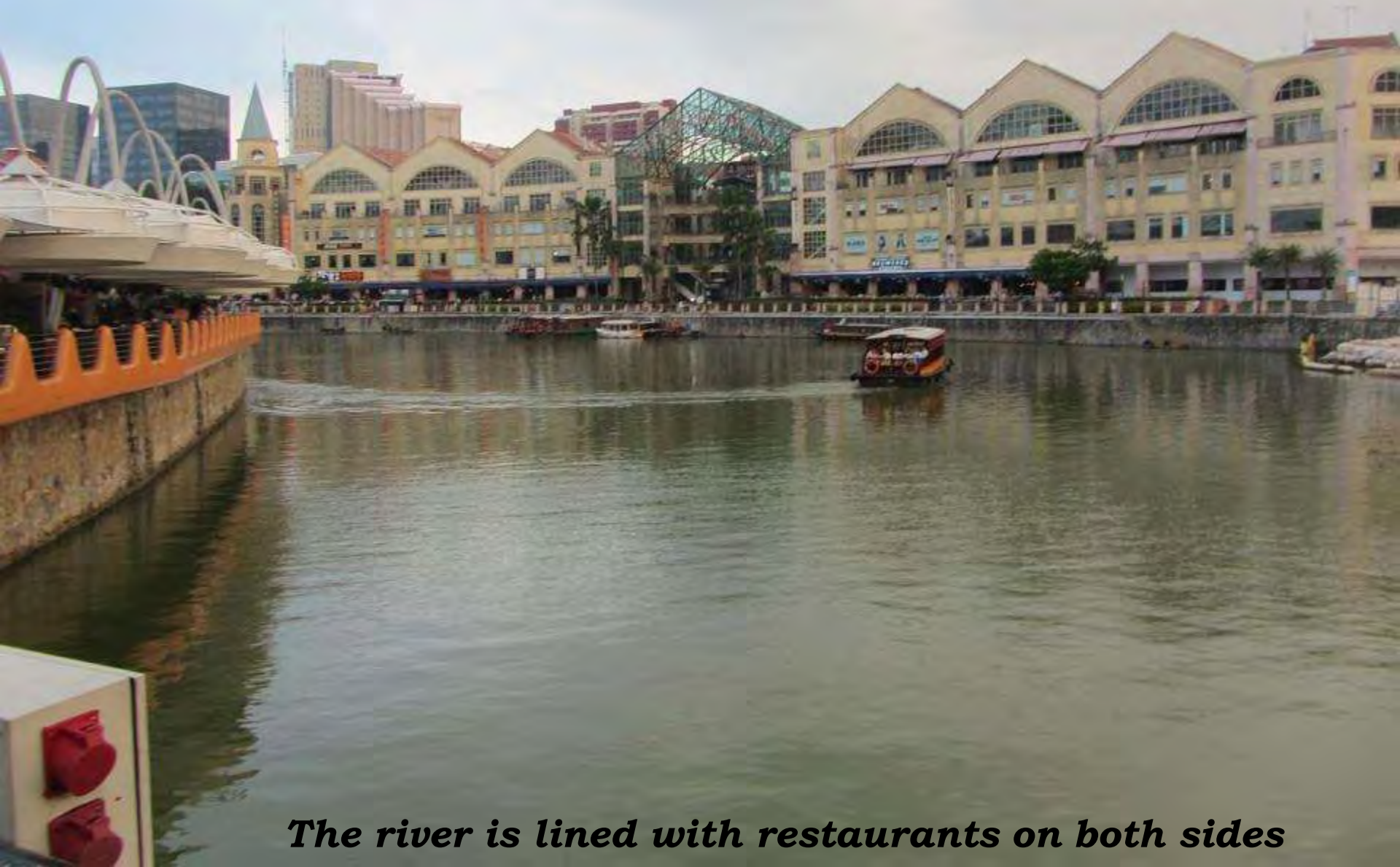


Grand Asia 2016

18 March – 10 April

***Cruise
Singapore to Beijing
March 22 – April 8***

Singapore



The river is lined with restaurants on both sides





***Beautiful city, clean, flowers and trees everywhere,
even on balconies and rooftops of buildings***



Marina Bay Sands Hotel



There's this huge hotel with three buildings like "legs" the top looks like a ship – that's an infinity swimming pool

The original hotel Raffles is still there and mixing Singapore Slings in the Long Bar that has mechanical ceiling fans





RAFFLES
SINGAPORE

ORIGINAL SINGAPORE SLING

31

30ml Gin
15ml Cherry Heering Liqueur
7.5ml DOM Bénédictine
7.5ml Cointreau
120ml Pineapple Juice
15ml Lime Juice
10ml Grenadine Syrup

*A dash of Angostura Bitters, garnished
with a slice of Pineapple and Cherry*







Bicycle repairs take place on the sidewalks in Chinatown



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Bangkok



The Royal Family is very much honored and their photographs can be seen in various public displays around the city



Golden Stupa Mountain Temple

It was very hot and very humid. We visited three temples. Very decorative buildings, lots of ceramic work and carvings

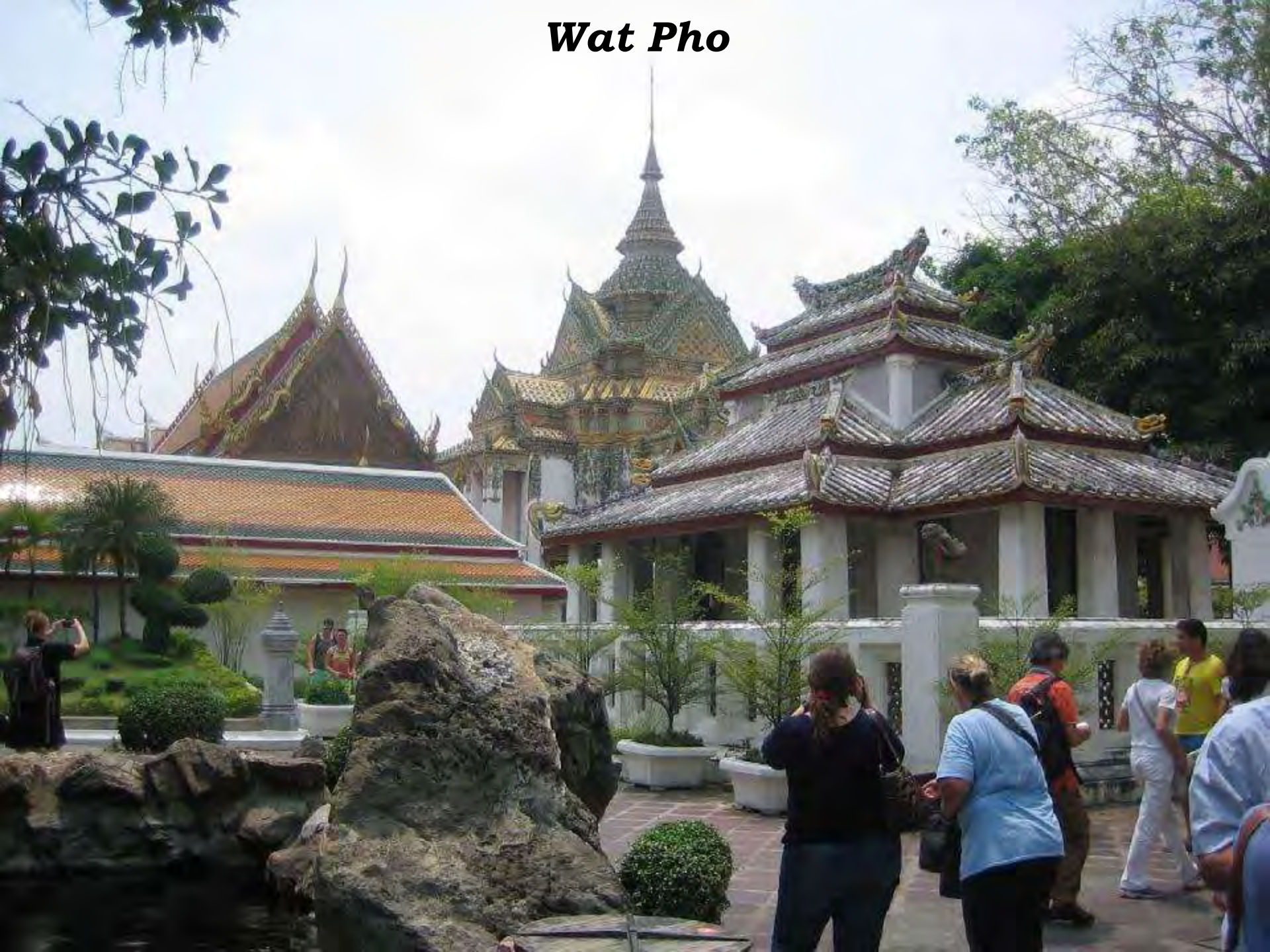








Wat Pho





***Wat Pho, the largest temple. features
a building filled with a reclining
Buddha that's 151 ft. long***







Wat Suthat











We rode on Tuk Tuks which speed along swerving between traffic



Ho Chi Minh City

Post Office

The Post Office is one of the well-known buildings, supposedly built by Alexander Eiffel, but websites don't confirm that



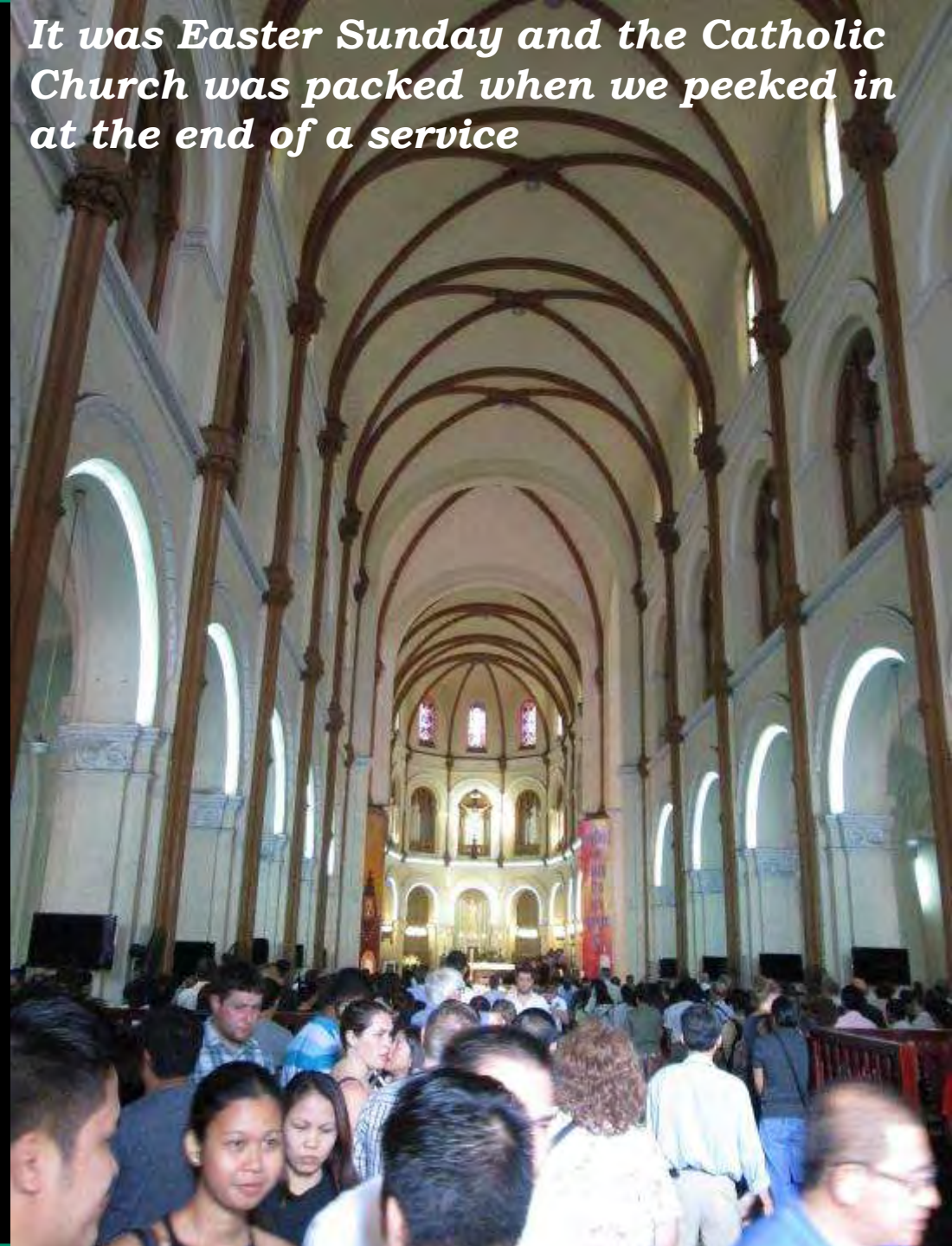


Saigon
Notre-Dame Basilica





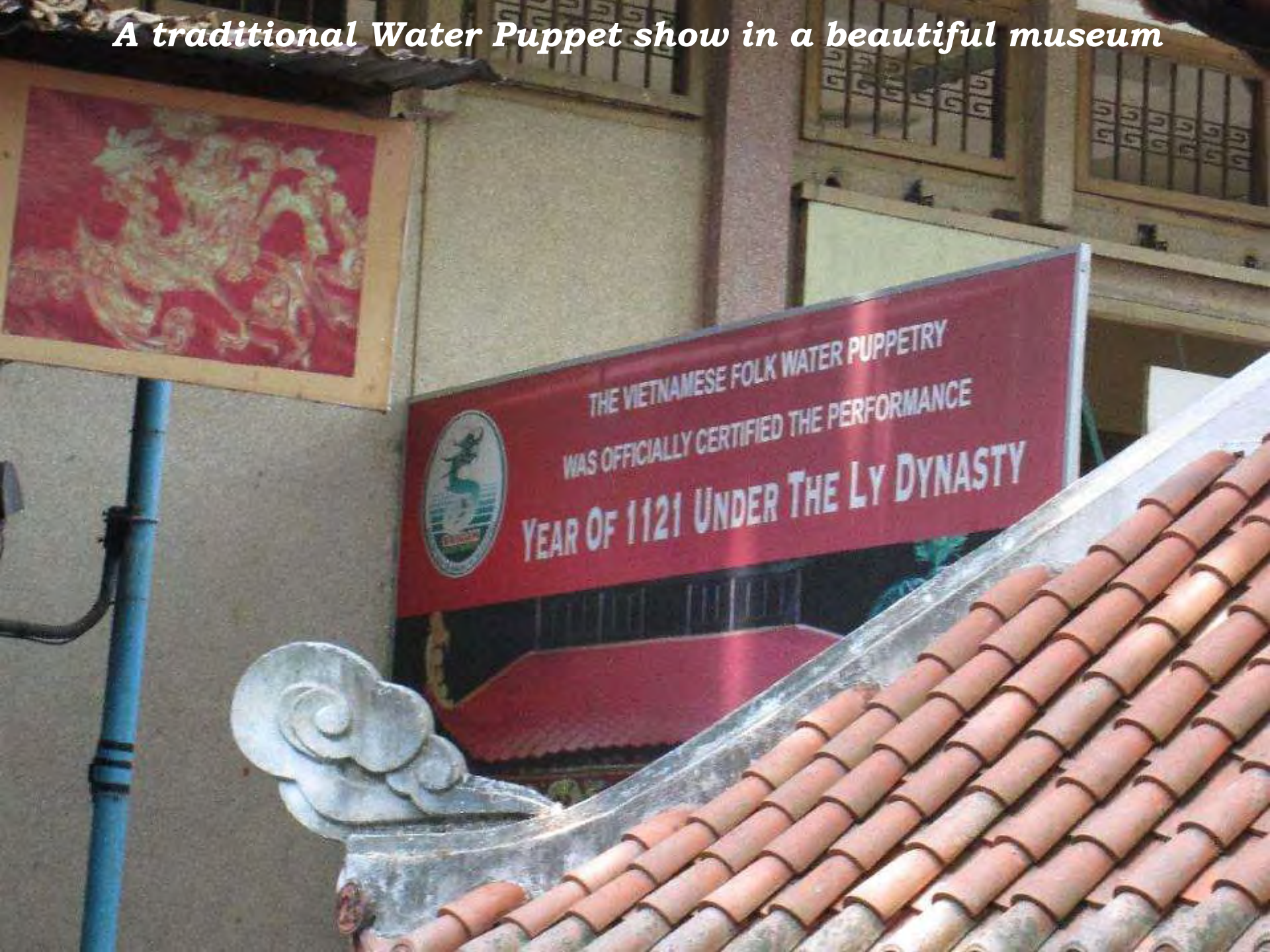
It was Easter Sunday and the Catholic Church was packed when we peeked in at the end of a service



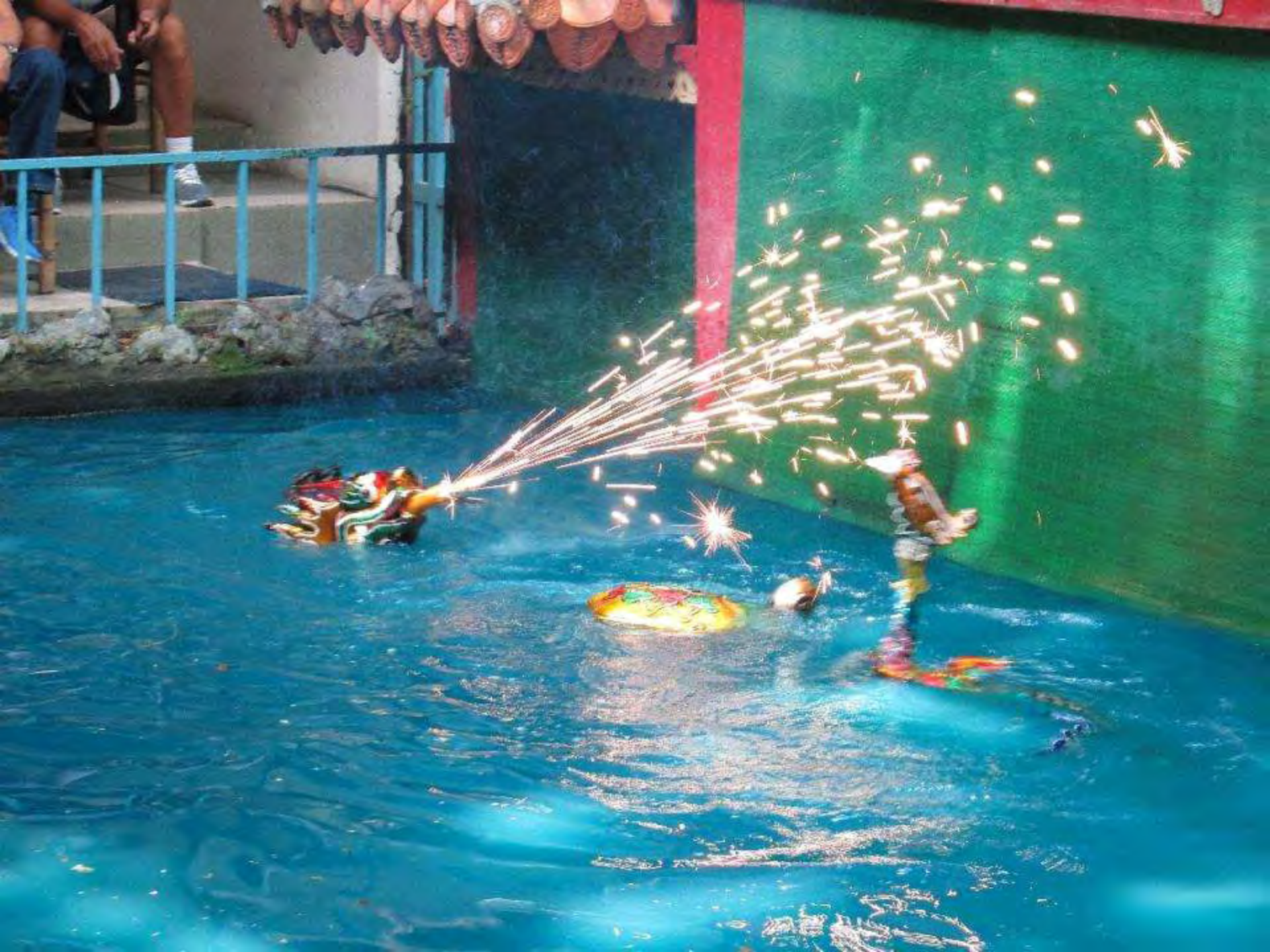




A traditional Water Puppet show in a beautiful museum









US Consulate



City Hall



Municipal Theatre



The Rex Hotel during the Vietnam War was used by the military to house bachelor officers and it was here that the press briefings were held each day





We had lunch in the very impressive Grand Hotel





Hong Kong



Water tour around Hong Kong Harbor

Hong Kong Day 1









THE PEAK TRAM 山頂纜車

Victoria Peak



SHRIMP CO.

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UBBA

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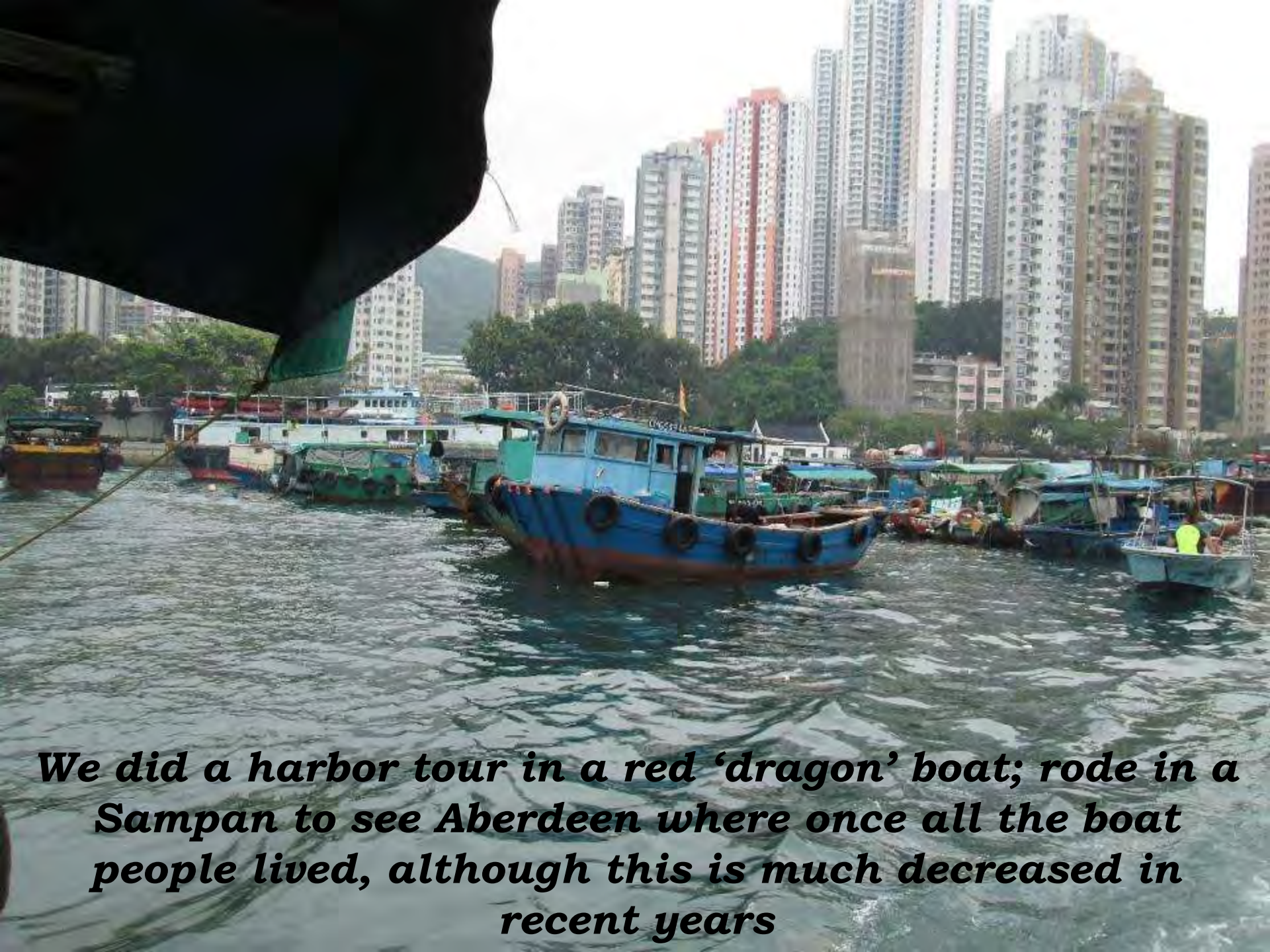
香港最高的360度觀景台











We did a harbor tour in a red 'dragon' boat; rode in a Sampan to see Aberdeen where once all the boat people lived, although this is much decreased in recent years





We ate lunch in an enormous floating restaurant, Jumbo, that used boats to ferry people out from shore



Stanley Market is one of the famous general markets for 'fake' designer goods

Stanley Market Road
12-6 赤柱市場道





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Hong Kong Day 2







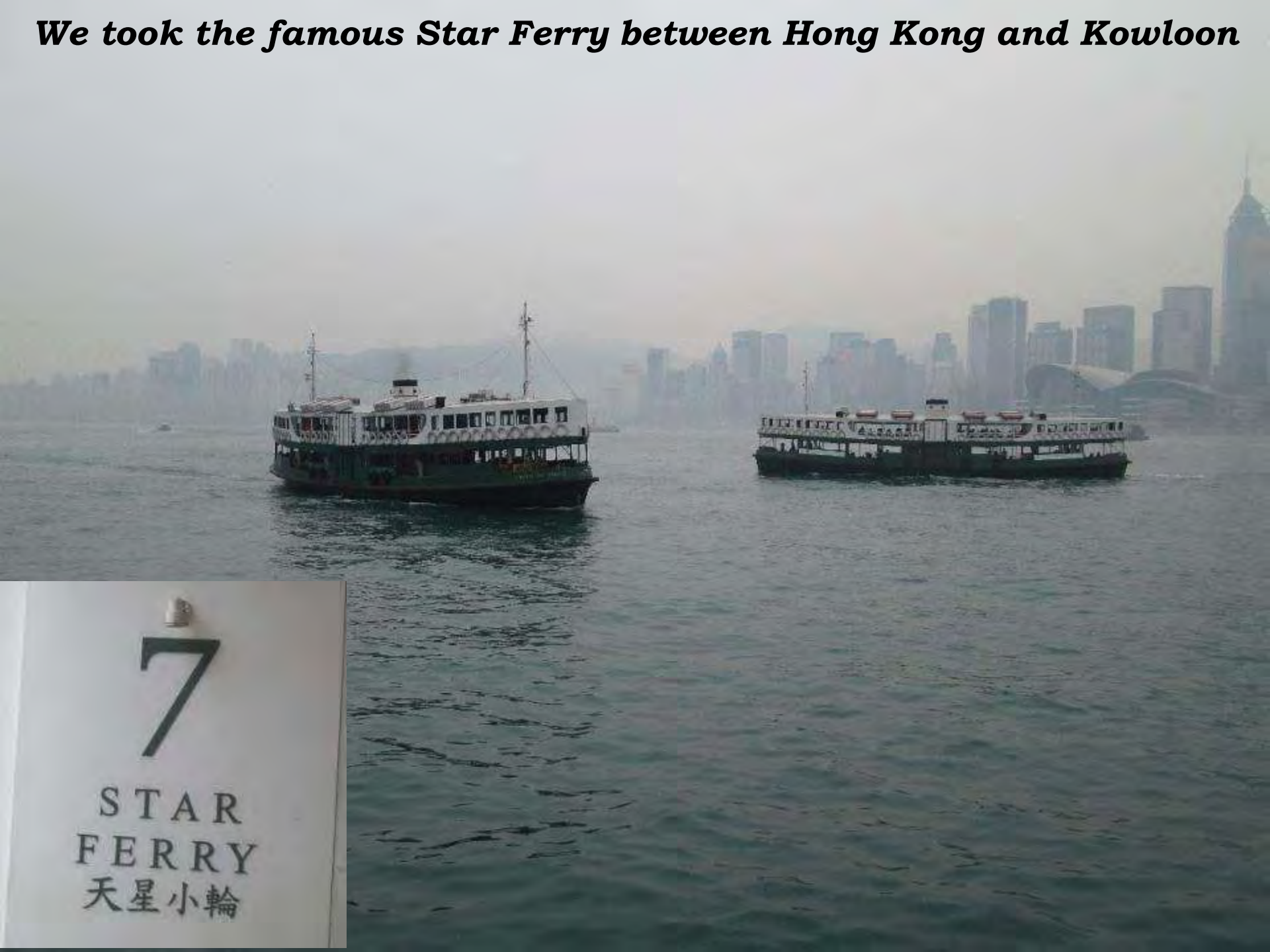




Incredible skyscrapers, every expensive designer store you can imagine and so busy the only way to get around as a pedestrian is to take the overhead walkways



We took the famous Star Ferry between Hong Kong and Kowloon



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STAR
FERRY
天星小輪





Shanghai

The only rain we had on the trip was here



*We rode the Maglev train at 431 km (270 miles)
per hour between downtown Shanghai and the airport*



金茂大厦

JIN MAO TOWER

88 Story - 1,380 ft

Empire State is 1,454 ft





The tower was in the clouds at the top and all we could see was down through the inside







Nagasaki

Threat of Nuclear Weapons

Eternal Peace

Peace Park



原爆記念像







うきやういへはまきんてい
水にはあはるのうきやうい
一面にうきやうい
うきやうい水がうきやうい
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***The Atom Bomb Museum with a
broken clock that stopped at
the exact time the bomb fell
and held many other sad
reminders***







原爆 (ファットマン)

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下の川（爆心地付近）の惨状

Devastation in the hypocenter area.

この下の川が流れる松山町（向かい側）は、1945年（昭和20年）8月9日、午前11時2分、人類史上2番目の原子爆弾が炸裂した中心地である。

当時この町には、約300世帯、1,860人余の一般市民が生活していた。松山町上空約500メートルで爆発した一発の原子爆弾は、その直後巨大な火の球となり、それより生じた数百万度の熱線と放射線と強大な爆圧は、あらゆるものを一瞬にして破壊し焼き尽くし汚染した。

町内にいた者は、偶然にも防空壕に避難していた9歳の少女を除き全員が即死した。

壊滅した松山町は想像に絶する焦熱地獄と化し、惨禍の跡は黒いげの死体が素々と荒廃した焦土に横たわり、まさに地獄の終えんを思わせるものであった。

また、下の川上流の家屋解体作業に派遣されていた県立長崎工業学校の先生及び生徒も、ほとんど爆死した。この地で爆死された方々の冥福を祈りし、二度と再びこの惨禍が地球上に繰り返されないことを願って。





Ground Zero where there is a simple black obelisk surrounded by circular concrete and grass circles



Busan





We visited a beautiful small Temple with many decorative highly painted buildings to take part in a Tea Ceremony. Again there were Cherry blossoms everywhere. It was very peaceful









Tea Ceremony









Beijing







Beijing Day 2

Hotel

Tian Anmen Square

Temple of Heaven



Temple of Heaven



We visited the Temple of Heaven, an enormous park-like complex with multiple temples and buildings. The largest was where the people came to pray for a good harvest









皇寧宇









Tian Anmen Square

Mao's Picture

Mao's Tomb

***Monument to the
People's Hero's***

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Google earth











Singapore



Vietnam



China

China

Hong Kong