An Email of Advice

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Hi Harry,

I'm really happy to hear that you are going to visit Hong Kong in August. Let me give you some useful information about Hong Kong so that you know what to bring and do.

First, I think you should bring T-shirts and shorts because Hong Kong is very hot in August. The temperature in August is about 22°C to 36°C. You should drink more water. Moreover, you should wear a hat and use sun block to avoid sunburn.

Second, I know that you want to buy some sportswear and clothes. Let me suggest you go to Sham Shui Po. There are lots of inexpensive products, so you can buy your favourite clothes. Moreover, there is a flea market where you can buy second-hand products such as books, mobile phones or CDs. You may buy some special things there too.

You tell me that you would like to try out some delicious local food in Hong Kong. I recommend going to Mong Kok because you can try a lot of local food from cooked-food stalls, for example, fish balls and egg puffs. Also, you can go to 'cha chaan tengs' to try egg tarts and tea with milk. They are the icons of our local food culture, so you must not miss them.

In addition, you ask me about the table manners in Hong Kong. I think you should remember a few things. First, when you pick up food from serving dishes, you should take the pieces of food nearest to you. Second, while chatting during meals, you need to put the chopsticks beside your bowl or on the chopsticks rest. Do not use them to point at people. Third, when you eat soup, you have to use a spoon and eat without making a noise.

The last thing you ask about is other manners and customs. During the trip, when you meet new friends, you should not try to hug or kiss them. This is because Hong Kong people are shy. Therefore, you just need to shake hands with them or give them a nod and a smile. They will be happy to be your friends.

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These are the things I would like to share with you. I hope they are helpful. Moreover, I am really looking forward to seeing you and very pleased to be your guide too. Just call me when you arrive.

Bye, Simon

Teacher's Feedback: Simon, your introductory and concluding paragraphs are appropriate with clearly defined topics. The ideas are well developed. Keep up your good work! (Miss Cheng Kit Wai)