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In China, not many people celebrate Christmas. Especially in Nanjing, there isn't much holiday spirit during this time of year. So this Christmas my family and I wanted to go somewhere warmer and hide away from the frosty snow in Nanjing, also to find somewhere with more Christmas feeling. In the end, my family and I landed in Hong Kong.

On Christmas Eve, we spent most of our time wandering around on the streets. All of the buildings on this small peninsula were clustered together forming a "man-made concrete forest." It reminded me of Shanghai, but I feel that the buildings in Hong Kong are much taller and skinnier. When sky got darker and darker, all of the lights slowly flickered on showing off the city's "holiday personality." I could've spent a whole night staring at the twinkling, gleaming lights that were put up on the walls of towering skyscrapers and the sparkling star on the tip of the Christmas trees. Speaking of Christmas trees, I especially liked the one in the center of Statue Square. The tree is 30 meters tall and was constructed by Swarovski using 20,000,000 pieces of CRYSTALS! My mom was almost sucked in by the fairytale world of lights.



On the top of Sky 100 (the tallest building in Hong Kong), bright lights created shapes of reindeers galloping and running along the sides of the building. The words: “Merry Christmas” slowly spun around the top. In Hong Kong all the houses are crammed up in tight apartment buildings, so people used building walls as their “yard,” lighting up the city.



On that special night, people came out in the chilly air to sing Christmas carols and holiday songs such as Silent Night, Jingle Bells, I Wish You Merry Christmas etc. They stand in those quiet alleys and the entrances to the subway stations and let their voices loose and fill our ears with joyous sounds. It wasn't until my family and I began singing along with them when I realized they were singing in English! ☺ Christmas in Hong Kong really is a pleasure; the spirit and the decorations all remind me of America in a different, musical way. ☺