

The Conservatory Bans Plastic Straws



Popular restaurant, The Conservatory in Sai Kung square has recently made the switch from plastic to paper straws. Owners Kim and Rob Cooper said the switch was influenced by friend and industry colleague, Garry Stokes of Sea Shepherd HK who leads a plastic free initiative as well as the couple's 9 year old son Jack. "After watching *The Plastic Whale* at Nord Anglia International School he asked why we used single-use plastics straws in our (his) restaurants". Rob adds "as ex-scuba divers, we should have known better, it took a young lad to open our eyes to the scale of this global problem we were contributing too". To celebrate the move, Jack has invented the 'BanStraws' milkshake made with bananas and strawberries. The new addition will go on the Kid's menu



at The Conservatory. Sai Kung resident, Lisa Odell who founded Plastic Free HK last year adds "every single restaurant that joins in this movement is a massive success". She hopes to persuade every restaurant in Sai Kung to switch over to paper straws within the next year.

Dead dolphin found stranded in Hong Kong Global Geopark

A male dolphin corpse was found stranded on the shore of Wang Chau island on December 10. The body was severely putrefied upon discovery. After an initial investigation carried out by the Ocean Park Conservation Foundation, the dolphin was confirmed to be a 1.6 metres-long male finless porpoise. A dolphin species categorised as 'vulnerable' by the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

The body of the dolphin was later transported back to Ocean Park for further examination in order to determine its cause of death.

According to the foundation's investigation on cetacean stranding cases in Hong Kong, there are about 200 finless porpoises in Hong Kong and adjacent waters. Around 16 of the species were found stranded in 2017.

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French International School Unveils New TKO Campus

On December 8, the French International School of Hong Kong (FIS) unveiled a large reproduction of celebrated Hong Kong artist Almond Chu's *Mother of Water* at its new Tseung Kwan O campus. The artwork will eventually be recycled into limited edition eco-chic bags in line with the strong emphasis the school places on sustainability. At the unveiling, Mr Berti, Consul General of France in Hong Kong and Macau said that "FIS set out to construct a dream school, green, spacious and innovative". FIS currently has four other campuses across Hong Kong, the TKO eco-campus will begin accepting students from September 2018.



Expat Parent Charity Christmas Lunch

We would like to extend our most heartfelt thank you to our guests, sponsors, and everyone else who supported Expat Parent Magazine's first charity lunch on November 30.

The event was a resounding success, with a total of 77 people attending the lunch. From the raffle sales, auctions, and your generous donations, we generated over \$18,000 for our charity of choice, Box of Hope.

A special mention goes out to Mindy and Jude from Events For Life who spectacularly put this lunch together. Thank you also to Nicholas, Nikki, and the team at Mr Wolf who carried the lunch through without a hitch.

We'd love to see the photos you took, so



please share them with us on social media using the hashtag #epminglejingle. Thank you once again for your incredible support and generosity, and see you again at our next event.