



Cover story:

AVIATION

All about the iron birds that carry us around

We don't have wings but thanks to the Wright Brothers, we can fly even with our luggage and meals. This issue of The Salesian brings you up in the cloud and down on Earth to have an informative flying experience.

Hong Kong Aviation History - Kai Tak Airport - Bryan Wong

What is the first picture that pops up in your mind while you see the word "aviation"? You may come up with ideas like Chep Lap Kok airport or the accident of Malaysia airline. However, have you ever heard about Kai Tak Airport?

Kai Tak Airport is the original name of the former Hong Kong International Airport in Kowloon. Kai Tak Airport has been the exclusive international airport of Hong Kong until July 6 1998.

The story of Kai Tak actually started in 1924. The establishment of Kai Tak

belonged to two plutocrats who were Ho Kai and Au Tak. Ho Kai and Au Tak had owned the land before the government acquired it, which explains the name of the airport.

In 1936, the first domestic airline in Hong Kong was established. After operating for a few years, the dark age of Kai Tak airport began. In 1941 during the World War, Hong Kong fell into the hands of the Japanese which implied that the airport was controlled by them. In 1943, the Japanese army extended Kai Tak by building an additional runway which lied across the Clear Water Bay Road. But the construction destroyed some historic builds in



the Kowloon walled city.

Over 60 years, the airport has served Hongkongers until July 6 1998. Kai Tak was eventually transformed to government offices and recreational facilities.

For more information, google "Kai Tak Airport" or ask your parents!

DO YOU KNOW?

Many aviation enthusiasts were upset because of the demise of Kai Tak due to the unique approach. As private aviation is not allowed at Chep Lap Kok, some enthusiasts had lobbied to keep the Kai Tak runway by themselves.



Fun in the cloud - Gordon Lam

An airline meal is a meal served to passengers on the plane. The types of food served depend on the airline company and the travel class. First-class passengers can enjoy expensive cuisines.

These days, different meals were produced for passengers with cultural diets and restrictions. There is a variety of food on plane, for example, Japanese, Chinese, Italian and Indian food. Besides, baby meals or veggie meals are also provided.

Passengers could have special meals (such as a vegetarian or kosher option) as long as they ordered them before boarding the plane. Low fat meals could be opted if customers want to keep fit. Besides, don't be surprised that there are some cartoon meals in special occasions.

Hong Kong cuisine turns up on plane recently. This results from Hong Kong Dragon Airlines' desire to promote the food quality on plane. Pineapple buns, rice hot pot and other Hong Kong food are now provided on planes. The emersion of Hong Kong cuisine would be an appealing alternative to tourists as well as popularising the tasty Hong Kong food.



*Kosher: Conforms to the standards of kashrut

Aviation mystery - Cosmos Patipan

Mystery behind the scenes

Every accident lies with an unbelievable mystery. It's been over a month since the flight accident of MH730. However, still, its wreck hasn't been retrieved. Then, you may wonder what had happened within those hours? Could it be related to paranormal phenomenon? This depends on your own belief.

Flight 19 and MH 730

The flight accident of MH730, as well as the prominent disappearance - FLIGHT 19 occurred in 1945 over Bermuda triangle, remain to be the biggest mysteries in aviation industry. FLIGHT 19 disappeared without any clues or explanations during training in the mid-air of Florida. Some suggest that there were numerous vortexes on the water surface which would pull the aircrafts into another space and time, while other suggest that that was due to severe weather conditions. As for MH730, it did not happen within the zone in Bermuda. Then, how come it disappeared?

An ET abduction

Strange hypotheses often come up in our mind. However, strange they are, we cannot neglect the possibility. Some suggest Earth is a place full of ET abductions. In spite of lacking scientific proofs, there are still evidences from lots of people around the world claiming ET activities on Earth. If ET has advanced flying saucers and technology, then it could be possible that they abduct MH730 for suspicious purposes!

Airport facts - Kendrew Ngai

- ▶ All international airline pilots speak English.
- ▶ The most dangerous airport in the world is probably the Gibraltar International Airport. The road cuts directly across the runway. So, traffic has to stop every time a plane lands and departs.



- ▶ The smallest airport in the world is Juancho E. Yrausquin Airport located on Saba, an island owned by The Netherlands in the Caribbean. It also has a really short runway, which is merely 400m long. How does a plane land? Visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=XiVM0w9YquQ to find out more!



- ▶ There was no air traffic control in the past; pilots had to keep their eyes peeled for other planes.
- ▶ The oldest airport in the world is College Park Airport in Maryland (set up by Wilbur Wright in 1909)
- ▶ One-third of the world's airports are located in the United States of America.
- ▶ In Singapore, there is a swimming pool on the roof of their Changi Airport. It operates from 0700 to 2300 daily, providing travellers in transit an excellent place to relax.
- ▶ Dubai Airport has the world's largest airport duty-free section with 161,000 square feet of shopping space. It is the single largest airport retailer in the world too.

The Puffin - Jonathan Chong

As the technological development is advancing at a rapid pace, it is no exaggeration that the development of aviation is also making a great step forward.

Who haven't dreamed about flying in their own personal aircraft? What is better than a hover-capable, electric-powered, low-noise, personal vertical takeoff and landing technology-concept aircraft?

The Puffin would be capable of flying a single person at a speed of 150 miles per hour. The Puffin would be an electric-powered, 12-ft (3.7m) long, 14.5-ft (4.4m) wingspan personal aircraft. Is this fascinating you? However, the Puffin's range would be the most limiting characteristic, at just 50 miles, perhaps it could be improved in the coming years.

Our lives are destined to change because of the development of aviation. Although there have been some aviation disasters, we still strongly believe that the future aircrafts are very technologically advanced and safe to fly.



What to read?

- Ken Cheung, Alson Kwok

“*Fantastic Mr. Fox*” written by Roald Dahl is a fairy tale which all the animals were personified, like Mr. Fox who stole food to feed his family and many animals. On the other hand, the farmer, of course tried all means to kill him. Through their chases, human nature was revealed.

The personification of the characters in the story aimed to show that animals were no better than humans as they were equally cunning, greedy and selfish. They acted according to their wills and needs as they all had eaten the foods from the farmers but no one took the responsibility.

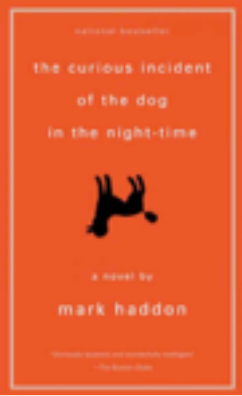


This tale gives readers room to think about the true meaning of fairness and justice. After I had read the book, I found out we might have prejudice views against anyone; and sadly, prejudice might be inevitable in human nature.

“*The curious incident of the dog in the nighttime*” is a mystery novel. This book is about a boy, gifted with a superbly logical brain, found that a dog called Wellington was killed, who was trying to solve the murder. The book began with a boy who is a genius without social skill. It’s interesting to get into his unusual mind which only contains numbers and physics, but no emotion, and the special ways he used to solve the case.

Saying about why I love this book, one of the biggest reasons is the background of it which is quite different with any other books. Although Christopher has a huge talent in Math, he actually cannot imagine what a person is thinking or determine how a person feels. These characteristics suggest that Christopher is autistic.

Following the path of Christopher in finding the murderer, fascinates me a lot. Especially when Christopher found that the case was related with his dad and his dead mum.



Campus corner



The school year is almost over. Still feel that you don’t know much about what is going on in our school? Let us show you the latest achievements our schoolmates have made and more great suggestions for reading!

How to show off my talents?

- Steven Lo

Last month, six Salesians joined an inter-school drama competition and had a great performance. We interviewed them afterwards.

Can you tell me something about the competition you joined?

Kenny: Sure, we joined the 'Speak Out Act Up' drama competition which we had also joined last year. In the competition, every contesting team needs to perform either



one of the two titles which was released one week before the competition.

What are the titles and who creates the script?

Anson: We have done two scripts, which are 'A Terrible Mistake' and 'Help me find the first aid box'. We created these two scripts together. It is a nice experience.

How did you perform?

Ronald (also one of our editors): We have performed 'A Terrible Mistake' the first time and done a good job. We have volunteered to perform the second skit we prepared as well. We were successful to ‘wow’ the audience in the second performance, but unluckily it was not marked by the judges.

Human - or not?

- Wong Kin Leung S.3A

I couldn't believe my eyes!

A UFO crashed just a few minutes ago, and now a plane. Was this simply an accident? No. Absolutely not! The question is, why? No matter what the reason was, there were too many citizens here. It was too dangerous to have such a big crowd at the spot. I gotta get them out.

Wait! Who’s that man? That man dressed like Holmes, with a brown hat and a coat. Was he smiling? Smiling at the very site? It's so strange! But I'd get no time for this guy, who knows there won't be any explosion in the UFO and the plane. Everyone must leave NOW!

After I led those curious citizens out of the park, and after the firefighters had confirmed the site was safe, I went inside the UFO. Inside was a bit hot, but luckily not hot enough to kill. For the equipment, well, I didn’t think any single man around could understand them. I gave up. I got out of the UFO, and climbed into the plane. This was what I wanna see. This was what I could not understand. I looked around, but strangely, no bodies were found. Where was the pilot?

"Sir! There's something up there!" The officer yelled. I got out of the plane, and saw a parachute in the sky. Was he the pilot? Let check it out. We got to the place the parachutist would land and waited for him. When the parachutist saw us, he looked scared, probably because our guns were all pointing in his direction. (With no reason, I was still thinking about the man who was smiling. What on earth was he doing? Why couldn’t I get rid of him in my mind?)

The parachutist knew he was in trouble, but he was very cooperative. He was the pilot of the plane, and he was kidnapped by a man. “The strange man was probably a British, wearing brown coat and a hat, just like Sherlock Holmes,” the parachutist said.



How do you feel about your performance?

Cosmos: I think we have been quite good. However, the preparation time is not enough and I used to get nervous every time I have to perform. Nevertheless, we have already done our best and reached our limit. Although we didn't get any team prizes, Hugo got an individual award.

Hugo, what is your feeling about getting the award?

Hugo: It's my honour. I think my teammates also contributed a lot, and I think I wouldn't have made it without them.

Will you join the competition next time?

Ken: Sure I will as it is fun! It is a good experience to stand in front of the crowd and show them our skills. When we were planning our scripts, we could use our creativity while any genres are possible. Our teacher has also given us a lot of freedom to develop our story.

Cosmos: I hope we can keep it up next time.

What? British? Dressed like Holmes? No. It couldn't be. It didn't make any sense! How could the man survive in a plane crash without any scratches?

I had to find him. But some strange feelings made me worried. So I went back to my office and took my pistol. At the same time, I got a phone call from my officer. “Sir, we’ve discovered a body. Perhaps it is the one who kidnapped the pilot.”

That's why I was here, looking at a dead body. Was it a real corpse of human – covered with slimy, unknown liquid and has grey flesh? God! For safety's sake, we brought the "body" to the hospital, and did lots of experiments on it.

After a few days, the hospital sent us a report, and said the dead body couldn’t be classified. It was only some sorts of biological coat; and of course, not made by humans. Meanwhile, someone saw a UFO and a man wearing brown hat and a coat on board in California. It's getting more complicated, but there is nothing I can do because I am on the other side of the continent.

[This is an outstanding piece of work in 2nd term S.3 writing examination]

Who is our rising star?

- Ben Siu, Brian Yung

We interviewed one of the leaders of our school basketball team (C grade), Choi Hoi Sing. After leading the team to have won some major awards, the leader shared with us his experience and feeling in the recent competitions.

How did you feel before the basketball competition? Were you nervous?

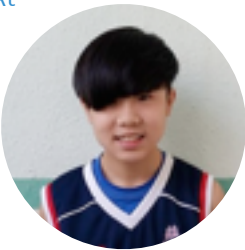
Choi: Yes, but although I felt very nervous before the competition, it was great for me to have such an amazing experience.

What were you thinking before the competition?

Choi: I was telling myself that I would win if I have confidence.

How did you feel before and after each shot, as well as at the last minute of the match?

Choi: To be honest, I was nervous before shooting the basket because you’ll never know if things would go smooth. Conversely, I had a strong sense of success when I succeeded. Basically, I knew that there must be a winner and a loser in the competition. At the very last moment, I was worried that we couldn’t make the “crunch shot”.



What was your feeling after you won the competition?

Choi: After victory, of course, I felt so great and satisfied. Although it was toilsome, it’s totally worthy for me!

What would you like to do most when you are back to school?

Choi: I want to share my exaltation to others. I believe there is room for me to improve my skills.

In the case of Choi, we learnt that “determination” is important to overcome all difficulties that we are faced with. I hope that you guys could be brave to face any challenges in the future.

Talents Wanted

We want YOU!
Ready for a big challenge?
Find Mr. Kwan or
Ms. Wong at Room 509.
Talents never go unnoticed!