

1	<p>Beijing: the first city to host both Winter and Summer Olympics</p> <p>The 24th Winter Olympic Games were held in Beijing from 4 to 20 February 2022. Beijing became the first "City of Two Olympics" that hosted both the Summer and Winter Olympic Games. China won 9 gold, 4 silver, and 2 bronze medals, ranking third in the medal league. The Winter Olympics results of China were the best ever.</p>
2	<p>Jumbo Floating Restaurant sinks in South China Sea</p> <p>Jumbo Floating Restaurant, a Hong Kong tourist landmark with a history of nearly half a century, was once known as "the world's largest floating restaurant" and was visited by many tourists from the rest of China and abroad. During the epidemic, the boat ceased operation and was towed out of Hong Kong waters for repairs when it capsized in bad weather and sank to the bottom of the South China Sea.</p>
3	<p>Fire at Yuen Long cable bridge suspected to be related to crossbeam fluorescent light tube</p> <p>The fire at Long Ping Station's cable bridge in Yuen Long this June caused a 13-hour blackout in Tuen Mun, Yuen Long and Tin Shui Wai. An investigation by CLP Power Hong Kong Limited (CLP) reveals that the fire was suspected to be caused by a fire in the fluorescent light tube on the crossbeam. In response, CLP said it would install fire protection devices on the cables and permanent underground cables to reduce the risk of accidents.</p>
4	<p>Xi Jinping's third term commences at 20th CCP National Congress</p> <p>The 20th National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) was held in Beijing this October. Xi Jinping delivered a report summarising his work over the past five years, mentioning "One country, Two systems" and work in Hong Kong and Macao several times. After the Closing Ceremony, a new leadership team was elected, and the Politburo Standing Committee remained at seven members. Xi Jinping was re-elected CCP's General Secretary and Chairman of the Central Military Commission for the third term.</p>
5	<p>Teletubbies model knocked down leading to heated debate</p> <p>A five-year-old boy accidentally knocked down a \$50,000 Teletubbies model in a Mongkok toy shop in May. A surveillance camera footage of the incident was released and caused controversy. Some people reckoned that the shop had not placed the model properly. The toy shop later apologised for the incident and admitted that there was negligence in the protection arrangements.</p>

6	<p>Giant panda An An passes away at 35 after 23 years with Hong Kong people</p> <p>Ocean Park announced in July that the giant panda An An had been euthanised at the age of 35 because of his old age and declining health. An An was a gift from the Central Government to Hong Kong to celebrate the second anniversary of the handover. Many people in Hong Kong mourned An An's demise, for the panda had been in Hong Kong people's company for 23 years.</p>
7	<p>Phased implementation of vaccination passes; Government combats abuse of issuance of COVID-19 Vaccination Medical Exemption Certificates</p> <p>The HKSAR Government introduced the Vaccination Pass Scheme this February to strengthen their vaccination protection capability. The Scheme requires that, to enter Scheduled Premises, everyone must have their own LeaveHomeSafe Apps scanned and meet the requirements for different doses of vaccines in different stages. In September, the police also stepped up efforts to combat the abuse of issuance of COVID-19 Vaccination Medical Exemption Certificates (VMEC) by arresting seven private medical doctors, whose VMECs were later declared invalid by the Government.</p>
8	<p>China Eastern Airlines plane crash kills all 132 people on board</p> <p>This March a China Eastern Airlines Boeing 737 crashed into a mountainous area in Wuzhou, Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region, in a near 90-degree vertical crash on its way from Kunming to Guangzhou. All 132 passengers and crew members on board died. The Guangxi Fire and Rescue Department conducted search and rescue operations after the incident, and the investigation into the cause of the accident is underway.</p>
9	<p>Russia-Ukraine war causes inflation, hits global economy</p> <p>This February Russian President Vladimir Putin launched a war against Ukraine on the grounds of "demilitarisation and de-Nazification". It has been one of the largest wars in Europe since World War II. The war has lasted for more than six months causing a large number of military and civilian deaths and casualties in both countries. Apart from military support, the West has also cut off Russia's exports of raw materials, resulting in soaring energy and food prices and inflation.</p>
10	<p>Schools take early summer break for epidemic prevention</p> <p>In response to the fifth wave of the COVID-19 epidemic at the beginning of this year, the HKSAR Government strengthened their work on combating and preventing the epidemic. On 28 February the Government announced the school holiday arrangements for all schools in Hong Kong: the summer holidays would be brought forward from July and August to March and April, with special holidays until the end of the Easter holidays. Schools were allowed to adjust their last school days accordingly and the new school year would continue to commence on 1 September.</p>

11	<p>Government relaxes quarantine restrictions to 0+3 residence quarantine period for inbound persons</p> <p>The Government announced on 30 September that the quarantine period for inbound persons to Hong Kong would be relaxed to "0+3" at residence. Passengers are required to have a negative rapid antigen test result within 24 hours prior to boarding the plane for Hong Kong. Upon arrival in Hong Kong, the inbound persons are also required to stay at residence for 3 days, during which they must conduct rapid antigen tests every day and nucleic acid tests on alternate days.</p>
12	<p>Public mourns death of Queen of the UK</p> <p>Queen Elizabeth II passed away on September 8 at the age of 96. The Queen reigned for over 70 years, making her the longest living and reigning British monarch to date. World leaders and dignitaries paid tribute to the late monarch. The state funeral was held at Westminster Abbey in London and large crowds lined up to view the Queen's coffin during the 10 days of mourning.</p>
13	<p>Japan's former prime minister gunned down at the age of 67</p> <p>Former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe was assassinated during a speech in Nara, Japan on 8 July while canvassing for a Liberal Democratic Party candidate. After attempts to resuscitate Abe, he was pronounced dead at the age of 67. Abe was elected Prime Minister twice—in 2005 and 2012—and was the longest serving Prime Minister in Japanese history.</p>
14	<p>Investigation report on the fall of screen at MIRROR's concert to be released</p> <p>During a boys group's concert at the Hong Kong Coliseum in July, a giant screen fell onto the stage that hit two dancers, including Mo Lee Kai-yin, who is still in hospital with serious injuries. The Government had set up a panel to investigate the incident, but the findings of the investigation were not yet completed in early November. There are concerns about who should be held accountable to the accident and the safety of those working on stage.</p>
15	<p>Over 100 dead in Indonesia football stadium riot</p> <p>Several thousand fans rushed into the stadium field after the home team had lost a first-division football league match in Indonesia this October. Tear gas was immediately released to disperse the fans. At least a few hundred people, including children, were injured and killed in a stampede of people fleeing in panic.</p>
16	<p>Xi Jinping visits Hong Kong on the 25th anniversary of the handover</p> <p>President Xi Jinping visited Hong Kong by high-speed rail to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Hong Kong's reunification with the Motherland. He delivered an important speech at the 25th anniversary ceremony and inauguration of the 6th HKSAR Government on 1 July. In the speech President Xi specially cared about the development of young people in Hong Kong and highlighted their importance to the SAR's future.</p>

17	<p>Over 100 dead in people piling up on one another in accident in Itaewon, Korea</p> <p>More than 200 people were injured and killed during a Halloween celebration at Itaewon on 29 October. There were 100,000 participants that day, but insufficient police officers were deployed to manage the crowd. The scene of the incident was narrow and steep, with a large number of people pouring in on both sides at the same time. It caused a domino effect resulting in the human stampede incident.</p>
18	<p>Will Smith slaps guest across the face and banned from Oscars for 10 years</p> <p>Will Smith won the Oscars Best Actor Award at the 94th Academy Awards. Prior to the award presentation, he went on to the stage to slap the guest across the face who was joking about Smith's wife's hair loss. Smith subsequently resigned his Academy membership and was banned from all Academy events in the next 10 years.</p>
19	<p>John Lee elected the sixth Chief Executive of Hong Kong</p> <p>The sixth Chief Executive election was held in May and John Lee Ka-chiu, the only candidate, was elected with 1,416 votes and 99.16% support rate, both were record highs. Lee expressed his gratitude to the Central Government for the appointment, and said he would lead the new SAR Government to fully and accurately implement the principles of "One country, Two systems", "Hong Kong people running Hong Kong" and "a high degree of autonomy" in accordance with the Basic Law.</p>
20	<p>Monkeypox epidemic continues to spread: first imported case in Hong Kong</p> <p>This July the World Health Organization declared the monkeypox epidemic as a public health emergency of international concern. More than 100 countries have reported cases of monkeypox, and deaths continue to be recorded. The first imported case was recorded in Hong Kong this September when the patient arrived from the Philippines.</p>
21	<p>Man arrested on suspicion of murdering his girlfriend and dumping body in Hung Shui Kiu</p> <p>On the morning of April 29, police received a report of a man dragging a humanoid on a wheel board along Tin Ha Road in Hung Shui Kiu. A deceased woman was found wrapped in a quilt on the wheel board. The deceased and the arrested man were in a relationship. The man was arrested for murder. Two men and a woman living with the deceased were arrested for preventing the lawful burial of a body.</p>
22	<p>School bans boy from growing long hair, and boy files a complaint to EOC</p> <p>A Form 5 boy was asked by his school to cut his hair short because it was too long; otherwise, he would face disciplinary action such as demerits for violating school rules. The boy filed a complaint to the Equal Opportunities Commission against the school's alleged breach of the Sex Discrimination Ordinance and the complaint was accepted. The first mediation meeting between the two sides was held in September and is still at the mediation stage with no results.</p>

23	<p>Staff members charged in child abuse case at Children's Residential Home</p> <p>It was revealed late last year that staff members from the Children's Residential Home under the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children had allegedly abused children. Police investigated and found that at least 40 children had been abused by beating, head hitting, and slapping involving more than half of the staff. So far, over 30 staff members have been charged and five of them sentenced to prison.</p>
24	<p>Hong Kong Palace Museum opens with nearly 1,000 valuable exhibits</p> <p>The Hong Kong Palace Museum opened its doors to the public on 2 July, in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of Hong Kong's reunification with the Motherland. Nearly 1,000 pieces of Grade A national and overseas cultural relics are on display. 70% of the exhibits are on display for the first time in Hong Kong. The Museum said it would collaborate with the Academy of Chinese Studies to organise activities for promoting Chinese culture in the future.</p>
25	<p>Tower crane collapse at Anderson Road, Sau Mau Ping causing 3 deaths and 6 casualties</p> <p>Three people were killed and six injured when a 65-tonne tower crane collapsed at a Housing Society site on Anderson Road, Sau Mau Ping in September. The accident was allegedly due to a welding problem on the base. After the accident, the Labour Department has inspected all tower cranes in operation throughout Hong Kong to ensure their safety.</p>
26	<p>Human trafficking cases in Southeast Asia followed up by Hong Kong Government's task force</p> <p>A number of human trafficking cases in Southeast Asia including Cambodia and Myanmar involving Hong Kong people were reported this August. Scam syndicates lured people from overseas countries with high salaries. These syndicates then confiscated their victims' passports and coerced them into committing crimes and frauds. The Security Bureau has received requests for assistance from a number of Hong Kong residents and set up a task force to follow up.</p>
27	<p>Government issues "culling order" for euthanising hamsters</p> <p>This January a staff member and customer of a pet shop in Causeway Bay were diagnosed with the Delta variant of the coronavirus. Samples of the shop's hamsters were later found to be positive for the new coronavirus. On the following day, the Government issued a "culling order". Some hamster owners surrendered their pets for the sake of their families' health. Around 2,000 little pets were estimated to be brought to their decease by means of animal euthanasia.</p>

28	<p>US House Speaker visits Taiwan, PLA conducts live-fire drills around Taiwan</p> <p>Ignoring repeated serious warnings from China, US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi visited Taiwan in a leg of her trip to Asia this August. Upon arrival in Taiwan, she met with local officials and advocated US-Taiwan cooperation. The Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs summoned the US Ambassador to China overnight to protest. The People's Liberation Army also conducted the largest-ever live-fire exercise against Taiwan as a countermeasure.</p>
29	<p>With UK prime ministers resigning in quick succession, Liz Truss becomes the shortest serving prime minister</p> <p>Former UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced his resignation this July following a party scandal at 10 Downing Street during the epidemic and the resignation of more than 40 officials. Liz Truss, then Foreign Secretary, took over Johnson's position as Prime Minister. However, due to the continuing economic downturn at home and opposition from the community and her political party, Truss announced her resignation after 45 days in office. It made her the shortest serving Prime Minister in British history.</p>
30	<p>Sexual harassment and assault case in Tangshan draws national attention to violence</p> <p>This June an incident of sexual harassment and violent assault occurred in Tangshan City, Hebei Province. A man attempted to sexually harass a woman at a barbecue restaurant. When his harassment became unsuccessful, a number of other men and he violently assaulted four women, two of whom required hospital treatment for their injuries. The suspects were arrested by the police. The violent incident caused widespread controversy.</p>

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