City University of Hong Kong
Study Year Abroad 2023/24

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HONG KONG

- Special Administrative Region of China
- 7.5 million population - one of the most densely populated regions in the world
- Smaller area than London
- Split into Kowloon (mainland), Hong Kong and Lantau Island, as well as over 260 outlying islands
- Dubbed Asia's World City, very multicultural and 350000 British expats
- A unique mix of dense cityscapes and mountainous regions



CITY UNIVERSITY

- Founded 1984
- 18000 students
- Over 400 global partner universities - most international university in the world
- 11 halls of residence, all situated next to the main campus
- Can study a wider range of courses, such as photography or even law
- Chemistry content for 3rd year was more similar to 1st or 2nd year at Bath

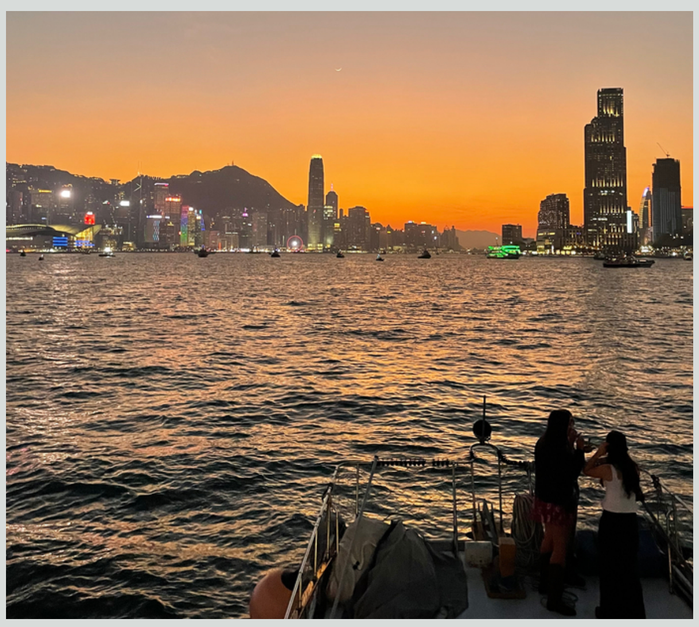
LIVING IN HK

- Very affordable and accessible to eat out in smaller local restaurants (Cha Chaan Tengs) but western restaurants can be much more expensive
- Easy to travel anywhere across Hong Kong due to the incredible MTR system as well as 24 hour bus services



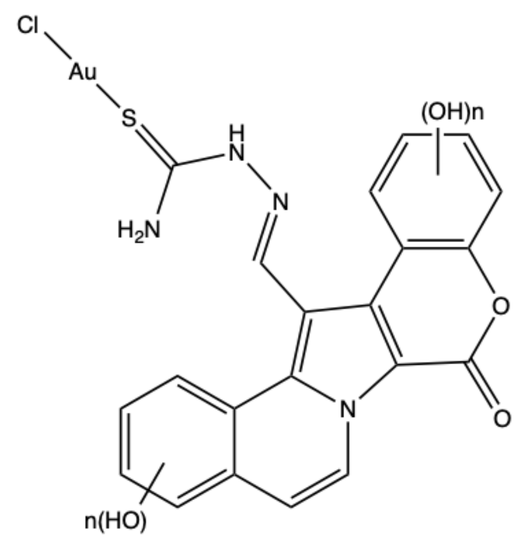
ACTIVITIES

- HK has one of the best skylines in the world, and it can be appreciated via hiking, rooftops or even a boat trip down the harbour
- 'Mr Wongs' is a local restaurant that caters to exchange students, serving unlimited food and beer for 100 HKD (£10)- a great social spot
- As a transport hub, many cheap flights operate from HK airport to destinations such as Taiwan, Japan and Thailand, to name a few
- There are many celebrations and festivals, most notably Chinese New Year, where you can celebrate with great food, drink and fireworks
- Amazing beaches with crystal clear water



RESEARCH

- Worked under Dr Babak in the Drug Discovery Lab , synthesising a novel gold (I) anticancer compound
- Gold (I) was added to the scaffold of Lamellarin D, a compound with anti-cancer properties found in a sea mollusc species
- The drug was a TOP1 inhibitor and results showed the coordination to gold improved the anticancer activity
- A library of 5 Lamellarin ligands and 5 organometallic gold (I) complexes were synthesized, characterized and biologically evaluated





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