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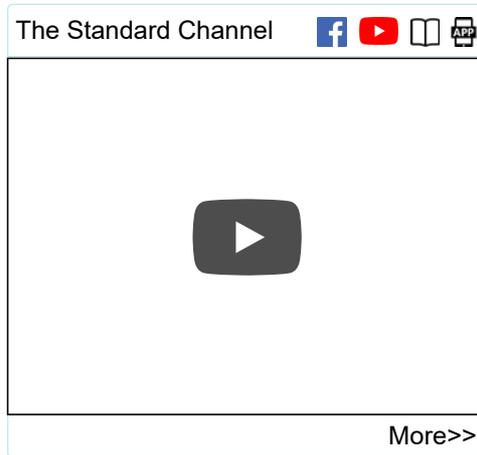
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Hong Kong has a rich history that's tied tightly to maritime trade.

And the story is examined in the Hong Kong Maritime Museum's immersive new exhibit. Titled Hong Kong's Maritime Miracle: The Story of Our City Since 1945, it runs until October 30.

In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong SAR, 25 exhibits explore Hong Kong's miraculous transformation from post-World War II ruin to a global maritime hub.

Five phases of post-war maritime history are explored: Regeneration (1945-1948), Back in Business (1949-1970), The High Growth Years (1960s-1980s), The Container Changed Everything (1972 to the present) and The Future.



The grand voyage begins with a display of a World War II bomb excavated in Happy Valley, and from here audiences can witness the destruction and rebirth of Hong Kong.

The exhibit looks to intertwine art and technology, featuring five newly produced short films by award-winning filmmaker Heiward Mak, intended to be equal parts educational and artistic.

Visitors are led through maritime voyages by a fictional character named Carmen So - the young protagonist in Mak's films. The movies aim to underscore how interconnected people's everyday lives were with the sea trade.

Other highlights include a display of the world's largest ship ever built, a 20th-century Star Ferry turnstile, and the only remaining dai fei smuggling boat.

Exciting interactive elements such as a virtual reality experience to view and locate bombs in Hong Kong during World War II are also available.

It is easy to take for granted how far Hong Kong has come in a short span of time. The HKMM exhibit is a time capsule of the collective experiences of Hongkongers at the time. Without maritime trade Hong Kong would not be the place it is today.

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