TOOLBOX



Visiting as a Freemason in Hong Kong

Visiting as a Freemason overseas can be a fascinating and very rewarding experience. Many New Zealanders pass through Hong Kong for a few days and are likely to take the **Peak Tramway**, the <u>funicular railway</u> which carries both tourists and residents to the upper levels of <u>Hong Kong Island</u>. Running from <u>Central district</u> to <u>Victoria</u> <u>Peak</u> via the <u>Mid-Levels</u>, it provides the most direct route and offers good views over the harbour and skyscrapers of Hong Kong. The lower terminus is located on <u>Garden Road</u> near <u>St. John's Cathedral</u>.

While in that part of the city, time your visit so that you can expand your masonic experience as a short walk up Garden Rd from the lower terminus, heading east is Kennedy Road and the first building along at No1 Kennedy Road is Zetland Hall, the home of Freemasons in Hong Kong.

Getting there is relatively easy. It's a short 650m from Admiralty Station on the underground or alternatively 500m from the tram station on Queensway, the main cross town tram route. In both cases walk up past Hong Kong Park on your left and the Tramway terminus on your right and you're there.

Zetland Hall is the Masonic Centre owned and operated by the Lodges that meet in Hong Kong. Currently there are 29 Blue or Craft Lodges that meet there under the auspices of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, as well as a wide variety of English, Irish, and Scottish side-orders. There is therefore likely to be a meeting most days.

The Zetland Hall website http://www.zetlandhall.com/ provides details of all meetings happening and also contact details. The facility appears to have a permanent staff so it is easy to ring as well and find out what is happening.

This is an easy place to visit and as a Freemason a masonic visit while in Hong Kong should not be missed. Finally also read the tool on 'Visiting Lodges Overseas'.



