

# SARS 2003

## *A Brief Regional Case Study*



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PoW Hospital Close  
19 March 2003



Schools Close  
27 March 2003



Amoy Gardens  
30-31 March 2003



Home Confinement  
2 April 2003



12 Deaths in 1 Day  
20 April 2003



WHO worldwide alert  
12 March 2003



# KEY SARS EVENTS



WHO lifts travel alert  
23 May 2003



No new SARS cases  
24 May 2003



Prince of Wales H.  
10 March 2003



Metropole Hotel  
22 February 2003



HK removed from  
WHO list  
23 June 2003

# KEY RESPONSE MEASURES

Legal  
Arrangements



Multi-Agency  
Approach



Border  
Control



Designated  
Medical Centres



Home  
Confinement



School  
Closures



Cleaning  
Program



Public  
Communication



# MASS OUTBREAK INCIDENT

Amoy  
Gardens



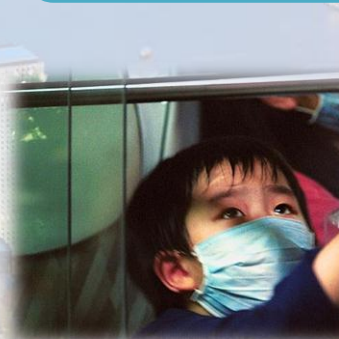
Isolation



Mass  
Evacuation



Camp  
Confinement



# KEY DIFFICULTIES

Paranoia (Fear of the Unknown)



Protective Equipment



Economic Slump



Death Toll

|   | Areas     | Total | deaths | fatality ratio (%) |
|---|-----------|-------|--------|--------------------|
| 1 | China     | 5327  | 349    | 7                  |
| 2 | Hong Kong | 1755  | 299    | 17                 |
| 3 | Taiwan    | 346   | 37     | 11                 |

Prolonged Event



Scale of Event



Intense Media Scrutiny



Dangerous Environment



# KEY LESSONS LEARNT

Improved Preparedness



Heightened Awareness



Cleaner Hong Kong



Better Animal Control



Rapid Response



International Liaison



Multi-Agency Coordination



IT & Equipment Support



A man in a dark suit and white shirt is smiling and giving a thumbs up. He is standing next to a person in a Donald Duck costume, who is also smiling. The background is a dark wood door with glass panes.

**Thank You!**

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