

CNN Highlights – Thousands are Leaving Hong Kong

Vocabulary

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Unable to _____ life in the city that has become one of the most _____ in the world. As other countries are largely learning to live with the _____, people here are fleeing the still _____ Covid _____, and they're leaving by the thousands.

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They are leaving as the city is _____ a fifth wave, and quickly running out of hospital beds. New _____ are being built to house the thousands of positive cases. Hong Kong's rule that all positive cases must quarantine in a government facility like this has been pushed to the limit by the rapidly spreading omicron _____.

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Translation:

...本週，該香港市政府表示將恢復允許來自已被禁止的九個國家的航班。領導該市的行政長官林鄭月娥表示，由於香港的Covid情況並不比其他任何地方好，因此不再需要該禁令。從其他國家回來的香港居民仍需接種疫苗，仍需隔離，但時間已縮短至一周。這夠了嗎？本月上半月，出入境數據顯示，有五萬多人離開香港，七千人進城。

真的就是字面上說的“被趕走了”。成千上萬的香港居民已經受夠了。

無法忍受這座已成為世界上最孤立的的城市之一的生活。隨著其他國家在很大程度上學習與病毒共存，這裡的人們正在逃離仍然具有壓迫性的 Covid 限制，成千上萬的人正在離開。

即使他們已在離開的路上，這些居民也要求我們隱藏他們的身份。大致來說我認為香港從每個方面來看曾經是最好的地方之一。而現在它正在失去很多這些優勢。如果我們不留下來，也沒麼麼東西會留下來，什麼都不會改變。你不能改變政府。

他們正在離開，因為這座城市正處於第五波浪潮之中，醫院病床很快就用完了。一些新的隔離設施正在建造中，以收納成千上萬的陽性病例。香港規定所有陽性病例都必須在這樣的政府設施中進行隔離，如此一來已被迅速傳播的 omicron 變體推到了極限。

許多香港人質疑為什麼他們要忍受如此嚴厲的限制，只是為了讓事情有像這樣結束。

就像艾倫一樣，他已經經營這家健身房六年了。如果這座城市不盡快開放，他說他的生意將在幾週內倒閉。

我覺得.....每次來這個健身房都沒有看到這裡的人，我感到孤獨和悲傷。我看著地面。一切都留在地上。我只是一直想念它。

香港特首林鄭月娥似乎終於承認她以中國為首的新冠疫情政策對經濟和人民造成的損害。週一，她宣布該市將放寬一些限制。雖然領導層希望這些變化能夠恢復這座城市的活力，但其嚴厲的清零疫情政策和削減政治自由令人懷疑他們能否扭轉局面。至少對他們來說，一切都來得太晚了。



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