

## **Shenzhen: a place worth visiting** (English short talk 26/11/12)

Good morning, principal, teachers and students,

First of all, I would like to play a song to all of you. However no English version is available. This song is sung by a doctor. His name is Dr. Lee Ka Yan(李家仁). Let's listen to his wonderful presentation now.

Let's stop here. Do you like this funny song? The song is “小明上深圳”. Yes. I am going to talk about Hong Kong's neighboring city, Shenzhen. The area of Shenzhen is twice the area of Hong Kong and the population is about ten million. I think some of your schoolmates might have migrated from Shenzhen or other parts in China.

I first visited Shenzhen in the year 1978, which was more than 30 years ago. At that time, Shenzhen was a small town with no construction at all. The streets were dark and dirty and were full of bicycles. The old buses were crowded with local people whose clothes were either blue or black only. The mainlanders knew very little about the outside world. We couldn't imagine how this small town has developed into a great city after the reform introduced by Mr. Deng Xiaoping 鄧小平 in 1979. From that year onwards Shenzhen has become a Special Economic Zone (經濟特區).

Today, I am not talking about politics. Indeed, I would like to introduce a few sightseeing spots in Shenzhen to you. Nowadays, it is very convenient to travel to Shenzhen by taking trains or buses. We can also come back to Hong Kong after a day's visit in Shenzhen. The transportation in Shenzhen is also comparable to that in Hong Kong. Now five routes of underground railways are in operation and they offer passengers convenient, fast and comfortable rides. Many modern and tall commercial buildings and shopping malls are built. The roads are straight and wide and many trees are planted along the two sides of the roads. There are also many large gardens in the centre of the city. Actually the lifestyle in Shenzhen is quite similar to that in Hong Kong.

The first place you may visit is Shenzhen Museum which is located in Futian 福田。The museum is at an MTR station, Civic Centre 市民中心。This museum is worth visiting. It introduces the history of Shenzhen and the development of the Special Economic Zone. The exhibitions are quite interesting. If you take one more station to Children's Palace 少年宮站, you can visit the world's largest book store where you can buy a variety of books and CDs.

If your family members like to see beautiful scenery, you should go to the Fairy Lake Botanic Garden(仙湖植物園). This garden is so large that you can travel to different parts only by car and spend a whole day in it.

Let me recommend a new park to you. It is called Shenzhen Park(深圳灣公園). It was built along the seashore. You can find wetland and birds there. If you can cycle, you may hire a bicycle in the park and cycle along the seashore. This cycling track is 10 kilometers long. Riding in such a beautiful environment is safe and enjoyable.

If you want to chat with your friends in an outdoor café, you must go to “Sea world”(海上世界). It is very enjoyable to sit in a comfortable chair and enjoy a cold drink in such an environment for half a day.

Shenzhen is a large city, and there are still many places for us to explore. I like this city and often pay a visit to it with many friends during my holidays.

Shenzhen is a modern city which is very near us. Every day a lot of mainlanders visit Hong Kong. We welcome them because tourists can bring money to us. On the other hand, when we visit China, they also welcome us. Actually, we are Chinese and I hope we can respect each other in the visits so that all people can enjoy their holidays pretty much.

That’s all for my talk. Thank you.

Full version of Dr. Lee Ka Yan(李家仁)’s “小明上深圳”  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1c6jipCG8J4>

### Some photos taken from the Internet

#### 1. Five routes of Shenzhen’s underground railway



## 2. Shenzhen Bay Park (深圳灣公園)



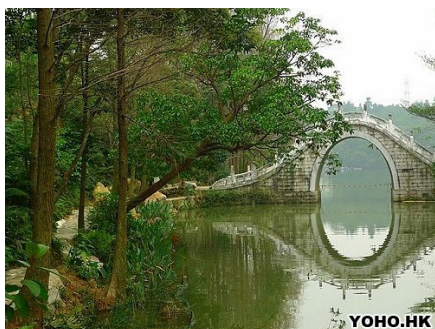
## 3. The world's largest book store (深圳書城)



## 4. Sea World(海上世界)



## 5. Fairy Lake Botanic Garden (仙湖植物園)



## 6. Shenzhen Museum (深圳博物館)

