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Local cadets visit Hong Kong

Thirteen local cadets from the 1838 Royal Canadian Army Cadets Corps (RCACC) just returned from a special trip to Hong Kong. On an invitation from the Hong Kong Adventure Corps, an army cadet-like organization, the local cadets joined British and Hong Kong cadets in a cultural exchange and exercise.

The cadets spent a busy 13 days participating in variety of activities including hiking, canoeing, swimming and scuba diving. For the Canadian cadets, however, honouring fallen Canadians was the central purpose of their trip.

According to Lt. Donald Caissie, one of the officers who went on the trip, recognizing the Canadians who valiantly fought and lost their lives in the Battle of Hong Kong was top priority for those who travelled to Hong Kong.

Lt. Caissie commented that many Canadians are not aware of the sacrifice Canada made in the 1941 battle of Hong Kong in which 511 Canadians lost their lives.

On the last day of their visit, the 1838 army cadets travelled to Sai Wan Bay War Cemetery to take part in a wreath laying ceremony. The Hong Kong Adventure Corps cadets provided an honour guard for this poignant ceremony.

The Army Cadets are given many opportunities to participate in exchanges with other cadet organizations worldwide.

These trips are usually funded by the federal government.

This trip to Hong Kong, however, was self-funded and it was only open to senior cadets who could fully appreciate the history and importance of this visit.

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