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Heard around Hong Kong this month

IN A CITY WHERE THE SUBJECT OF SEX—particularly the topic of women’s pleasure—is still shrouded in taboo and misconceptions, a new online platform whose name is styled as “Fk.” has stepped up to promote sexual wellness. Founded by adult toy expert **Adam Chan**, graphic designer **Petra Greening** and strategist **Edwin Chan**, Fk. sells beginner’s vibrators, environmentally friendly lubricants and, for the more adventurous, even harnesses. As well as events, such as a pub quiz last month in Hong Kong, Fk. also promotes better sex education through upfront articles like “What about the vulva?” on the website wearefk.com. Christmas is coming...

THERE ARE BIRTHDAY parties and then there are three-week-long bacchanals: this year, **Christy Liang** outdid herself by using most of September to celebrate her 34th birthday and sixth wedding anniversary with Ben Liang before their second child arrives. “It’s my second pregnancy and all I’ve been craving, embarrassingly enough, is sushi, chocolate soufflé, ice cream, bubble tea and iced chocolate,” Liang says. Her celebrations included nine birthday cakes, ten bouquets of flowers and a staycation at the Landmark Mandarin Oriental, plus a line-up of meals that could have probably kept Hong Kong’s

restaurant industry afloat for the month: Liang and friends dined at Amber, Écriture, La Petite Maison, Roganic Hong Kong, Ciak and Somm (the latter apparently warranting several visits for the soufflé alone), then had a home-catered meal by Frantzen’s Kitchen and a dinner party thrown by a neighbour, who recreated The Chairman’s menu. As well as a Van Cleef & Arpels watch from her husband and an evening at the Louis Vuitton Objets Nomades exhibition at K11 Musea, Liang was given a maternity portrait session by Jada Poon, who made sure her friend had the photos by her birthday.

AS THE HOLIDAY season looms, it seems likely that many people in Hong Kong, particularly those with families overseas, will finally take the leap and travel abroad, potentially causing a spike in virus cases upon their return to Hong Kong. For travellers coming from countries like the UK, the Hong Kong government now wants to see negative Covid-19 tests before people are allowed to board the aircraft—a mandate likely to last well into next year. In response, **Cathay Pacific** has partnered with Hong Kong biotech company Prenetics to pilot a new digital health passport on Hong Kong-to-London flights. Passengers will be able to show their negative Covid-19 test results on a mobile app before boarding, which could potentially ease any international travel restrictions they face. That trip certainly better be worth the hassle.

HOW ABOUT A VINTAGE *Tatler Tale*? When **Jacqueline Chow** shared her favourite things about Hong Kong for this issue, which celebrates everything the city has to offer, she chose a humorous anecdote from her grandfather Henry Li, a doctor. “He’d often go and do house calls for his patients after he was done working in the hospital,” Chow says. “Every time he’d go to a patient’s home, he would take a rickshaw, like the ones you see parked outside the Star Ferry pier. I remember once, he had to go to Mid-Levels—you know how steep those roads can be—and the entire rickshaw tipped over and he fell overboard. He told me that story so many times growing up. It’s hilarious! Luckily, no one was injured but every time I see one of those rickshaws, I think of him.”