

# Wild pig takes Hong Kong subway journey

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A young wild boar in Hong Kong has caused delight around the world. The animal hopped onto a Hong Kong subway train. Hong Kong is a densely populated region on the south coast of China. The boar led train workers on a wild chase.

The incident began at Quarry Bay station on Hong Kong Island one Friday afternoon this past June. The plucky piglet first slipped under the ticket barriers. Somehow, he then managed to board a passing train.

## A Video Star

Video online showed the young pig trotting down a half-filled subway car. Amused passengers sat and watched. Some took out their cellphones to record the chase. People have been watching the videos all over the world.

The train workers tried — and failed — to catch the piglet with a blue drop cloth. Officials said the pig left the train a few stops later and then boarded a second train. That second train headed under Victoria Harbor. Some subway trains go under large bodies of water such as this harbor.

The train was eventually driven to a train yard, away from passengers. There, officers from the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department successfully captured the animal. Then they released him back into the wild.

## Meeting Face To Snout

Hong Kong is best known for its many skyscrapers. However, it also has large areas of mountains and parkland that have warmer, mild temperatures. These areas are home to a large number of wild pigs.

Increasingly, humans and pigs are meeting face to snout in Hong Kong.

Boars have been filmed running alongside cars on roads and jogging down beaches filled with sunbathers. They have been seen at the city's international airport. One even fell through the ceiling of a children's clothing store.

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