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Lunch in Berlin continued

But before I got to my questions, one of the first things that Jackie said was “So boring, these four days, nothing to do. Everything closed.” That gave the Berlin members a chance to mention something about the holidays.

I asked if they [Jackie and staff] had done any sight-seeing like Sans Soucci, [in nearby Pottsdam, which included many famous palaces of Frederick the Great of Prussia]. “Not yet.” was the reply, “Maybe tomorrow.”

I asked about when filming would start, and they said on Tuesday. They were sorry but it wasn't possible to try to arrange a set visit immediately, if at all, because they were only co-producers and didn't have the ability to decide on their own, and because of the holiday they wouldn't even be able to contact anyone until Tuesday.

That was a bit of a disappointment because I had hoped to be able to set something up for Tuesday or Wednesday that would give us time to include some of our other European members, but that now seemed impossible.

Still it is a little hard to be too unhappy when you are having lunch with Jackie Chan, sitting and eating at the same table. I hope that maybe next time it will be your turn to be at the table with Jackie.



© 2003/Reuters Tobias Schwarz - May 6 in Berlin, Jackie with director Frank Coraci

More from Berlin in a future issue including some interesting comments, questions and answers from Jackie.



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“Our club's goal is to promote international friendship and understanding through a common interest.”

JACKIE CHAN 3/3/95

LATEST NEWS

AROUND THE WORLD in 80 DAYS expects to wrap in late July.

Jackie has agreed to make a movie in India, something he has talked about wanting to do for many years. Proposed locations include Jaipur in Rajasthan, and in West Bengal.

The Medallion (fka *Highbinders*) has an August 22 release date.

Jackie is the Ambassador of Tourism for Hong Kong. Due to the economic and tourist slump in Hong Kong because of the now finished SARS issue, he has decided to plan another fan club party. There are some contingencies, such as continued health clearance for travel, and minimum numbers of attendees.



Many thanks to member Kay Howitt, from Fairbanks, AK, for this beautiful collage celebrating our 100 issues. Over the years, we have had a lot of wonderful things happen, such as meetings with Jackie, attending Jackie's charity concerts, raising money for worthwhile organizations, and meeting new friends.

Now, in issue #101, we begin our run at a second hundred issues, with a splendid opportunity for our members to attend one of Jackie's fun fan club events in Hong Kong this August. Turn the page for details of this unique opportunity.

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HONG KONG WITH JACKIE CHAN!

Join us for an exciting special trip to Hong Kong for one of Jackie Chan's fabulous fan club events, including another of his charity auctions, plus attend the premiere of THE MEDALLION in Hong Kong. (Please note that the events (and therefore this trip) are tentative and may be subject to change or cancellation if SARS health concerns re-surface or insufficient numbers participate.)

Trip price is \$1148* August 2 departure, (arrives in Hong Kong Aug.3) departure August 10 (arrives in USA Aug. 10) , and includes the following:

- + Roundtrip airfare from Westcoast of USA and Canada on Cathay Pacific Airlines (Hong Kong's flagship carrier)
- + Seven nights first class hotel
- + Transfer from airport to hotel
- + Arrangements for obtaining event tickets and coordination for attending events
- + \$100 non-refundable deposit required
- + Full payment due July 1 in order to guarantee this rate** (Cashier's check or Money Order)
- + Space is limited and all who participate in our trip must be current members of the Jackie Chan Fan Club, USA.

* Price is based on double occupancy. Single supplement is available for an additional charge of \$325. For those outside the Continental USA and Canada we have a land only package for \$325 dbl occupancy, or \$650 single, is also available . If you are coming from USA and Canada but not on the westcoast, please contact me with the name of the airport where you wish to depart from for the add-on fare information. Indicate if you want a roommate and I'll do my best to find one for you. Let me know your requirements regarding smoking/non, perfume usage, whether you would share with someone of the opposite sex, or anything that would really matter to you in a roommate.

This price DOES NOT include admission to the Hong Kong events. The events have not been finalized and no price has been determined. In the past the events have cost approximately \$100 and has included some transportation to/from events. I will notify everyone who is part of our group of the events price and coordinate the tickets.

The weather will be hot and humid in Hong Kong in August. The premiere is likely to give you a chance to wear your fancy dress clothes. I am sure there are some who will dress more casually than others.

I will arrange an optional trip to the shop where Jackie's RalliArt clothing is sold, and to the shop which carries his Chinese silk clothing line.

Please note, that if you are going to Hong Kong totally on your own, i.e., making arrangements for air and hotel separately from our group, but you would like to be part of our group and for me to assist with coordinating your tickets and getting to the events, there will be an administrative charge. Please contact me directly regarding this matter no later than July 15.

**After July 1, it may still be possible, depending on space available. Price may have changed.

More on lunch in Berlin with Jackie

After a leisurely late breakfast on Easter Sunday, the phone rang. It was Dorothy, one of Jackie's personal assistants. She said asked if we could join them for lunch in about half an hour. Of course the answer was "Of course." Dorothy told me which restaurant and we got directions and headed out the door. We were coming from East Berlin and the restaurant was in the center of the city.

As we approached the restaurant, after parking the car, I spotted Jackie walking toward the restaurant from the opposite direction. I called out to him and in just a minute we were all gathering in front of the restaurant, saying our hello's, and heading inside.

The restaurant appeared to be deserted, but nevertheless, we were ushered into a private room with only two tables. Jackie, Dorothy, Osumi, another of Jackie's personal assistants, and one other from his staff were at the table on the right-hand side as you entered the room. Our three Berlin members and myself completed the contingent at that table. At the other table were members of Jackie's stuntteam.



© 2003 Heiko Mueller - Jackie looking at one of the birthday cards

Jackie was very relaxed and cordial to everyone. Sometimes he spoke with his staff in Cantonese, sometimes to us in English. Jackie took charge of

ordering, and chose some appetizers for us, which included pickled shrimp crackers, jellyfish, and some-

thing else that I can't remember.

We had a hot and sour soup, and boy was hot! We all looked in amazement when Jackie about emptied the entire contents of the black pepper container into his soup.

We were having a typical dim sum lunch, so Jackie also ordered ha gow, or shrimp dumplings, char siu bau, or barbecued pork buns, some vegetable dumplings, a chicken dish, a spinach and garlic dish, some sticky rice with pork, and some other things.



© 2003 Joy Al-Sofi - Jackie and staff heading to the restaurant

One of the first things I did was to give Jackie photos of the 9th Annual USA Jackie Chan Birthday Party, our birthday cards, one signed by all the party attendee, and the other with the names of the contributors to his birthday gift, a copy of the last few newsletters, and lastly, a scan of the photo of that little nine year old that was featured in our May issue.

Jackie was very excited to get the picture, he seized the picture, his eyes lit up, he showed to both Dorothy and Osumi.



© 2003 Joy Al-Sofi - Jackie just entering the restaurant

He asked me where I had found it and all in all it was quite clear that Jackie had no doubt that it was him in that photo.

I really tried not to ask too many questions. I wanted Jackie to be as relaxed and not feeling like he was "on the job," as much as possible. But the opportunity proved irresistible, and I did ask a few questions over the course of the meal.

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