



Press Release

A Hungarian in the Empire of Heaven

Along China's Coast: Dezső Bozóky's Travel Photography 1908 -1909

November 7, 2019

The University Museum and Art Gallery (UMAG) of the University of Hong Kong (HKU) will present *Along China's Coast: Dezső Bozóky's Travel Photography 1908 -1909* from November 8, 2019 to December 29, 2019. Following the success of UMAG's 2016 exhibition *Pictures of the Past: Hungarian Photographer Dezső Bozóky in Hong Kong*, the Museum is now presenting a larger group of photographs that Dezső Bozóky took along China's coast from 1908–1909. A naval officer with the Austro-Hungarian Navy, Bozóky first left Hong Kong for Canton before travelling to Fujian province, Shanghai and Beijing, documenting the countryside and cities, along with their inhabitants.

The photographer's interest in nature and architecture and, above all, the Qing dynasty street scenes and people he met, continue to transmit the excitement and wonder of this early European traveler in a country and culture so far from his own. UMAG's 2019 exhibition records an abundance of impressions from areas of China that have undergone phenomenal amounts of social and economic change.

An opening ceremony of the exhibition was held at UMAG today (November 7). Officiating guests included Consul General of Hungary in Hong Kong and Macau Dr Pál Kertész, Director of Ferenc Hopp Museum of Asiatic Arts, Budapest Dr Györgyi Fajcsák and UMAG Director Dr Florian Knothe.

For 70 of the years since Bozóky's journey along China's coast, Hungary has had a diplomatic representation in Hong Kong—a history that our project celebrates with this exhibition.

For more images and captions of the exhibits, please click [here](#).





Details of the Exhibition

Period: November 8, 2019 (Friday) to December 29, 2019 (Sunday)

Opening Hours:

09:30 – 18:00 (Tuesday to Saturday)

13:00 – 18:00 (Sunday)

Closed on Mondays, University and Public Holidays

Venue: 1/F, T.T. Tsui Building, UMAG, HKU, 90 Bonham Road, Pokfulam

Tel/Email: (852) 2241 5500 (General Enquiry) / museum@hku.hk

Admission: Free

Website: <http://www.umag.hku.hk/en/>

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About University Museum and Art Gallery of the University of Hong Kong (UMAG)

UMAG was founded in 1953 as the Fung Ping Shan Museum. It was originally established as the Fung Ping Shan Library in 1932 in honour of its benefactor. For more information on UMAG, please [click here](#).

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