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## Take Five

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He is Busy. She is in a Hurry. This is the way we live in this reputed City.

Hong Kong, a renowned international financial centre, is undoubtedly a great success. However, what cost has it incurred to obtain its attractive reputation?

Every Monday to Saturday you see never-ending hasty streams of people hurrying on flyovers, train stations and roads, heading to work. Time is so valuable for the endless work here that enjoying lunch in this way is a must if you want to gain time. With the absence of both parents at work, the duty of nurturing is handed over to foreign domestic helpers in many Hong Kong families. Many children learn the fact at a very young age that neither mum nor dad will ever pick them up from school.

Night falls and the Pearl of the Orient shines brightly. Eliza and Susan Chan, whose father works overseas and mother needs to work very late, are doing their homework which will then be checked by their helper, Emily. Good night, guys. And that's the end of the girls' weekday without any story time from their mum.

As for Mrs. Chan, there's still some way to go. She's in one of these well-lit office buildings contributing to her family, as well as to the Pearl. It isn't until midnight that she can finally be on her way home, resting her head avidly and comfortably on the cushion.

Oh! I'm home. How wonderful Yah! It's genuinely good, although it is now one in the morning. Home relaxes you after a hard day of work and stresses and strains. And to an employee like Mrs. Chan in Hong Kong, being able to take a peep at her own children tucked into bed is already the greatest treasure of the day.

A week goes by quickly. Suddenly, it's Sunday again, which is a happy family day for many, except Eliza and Susan who are at home waiting for their exhausted mother to wake up.

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The lack of merry moments between parents and children in the Chan family is only the tip of the iceberg in Hong Kong. Similarly, many other fathers and mothers have given up their family time to their jobs, which is an essential component of the luster of the Pearl.

So, next time when you admire the triumph of Hong Kong, do think of its 'builders' and applaud for them. Without them, we certainly wouldn't have got the charming nickname of the Pearl of the Orient.

*We work Hard and we Thrive,  
But don't forget to Take Five,  
And give true meanings to our Life.*