

# Peter Hunt

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## Professional Profile

I am a classic example of the danger of giving good books to young people: two books that I read in my teens have defined my life, one leading me from Cardiff, Wales to Hong Kong, the other introducing me to my other life-long passion, the study of the First Indochina War 1945-54. With 40 years of work experience I have a proven track-record as a leader, planner and manager. I am equally at home in academic research, or in dealing with operational issues that require a quick appreciation and the execution of a clear and workable solution, or in researching, defining and implementing long term policy initiatives. Added to this experience I have developed the interpersonal, communication and negotiation skills necessary to build relationships, get things done, and produce “win-win” results. I do not mind being out of my “comfort zone.” I enjoy being part of, as well as leading, an efficient and effective team and thrive in pressurised and challenging working environments.

## Career Summary

**2013 - Date**                    **KINGS COLLEGE LONDON**  
**PhD Candidate (Part-Time)**

- Researching a PhD thesis at the Department of War Studies with the working title “To Fight and Win: The combat experience of the People’s Army at Vietnam at Dien Bien Phu and its effect on the ending of the First Indochina War” **Estimated completion date: 2019.**
- Successfully completed upgrade procedures from MPhil to PhD in November 2015.
- External presentations on the research to date have been given to the Royal Asiatic Society, Hong Kong Branch, the 6<sup>th</sup> Engaging with Vietnam Conference at the University of Oregon, the 7<sup>th</sup> Engaging with Vietnam

Conference at the Hanoi University of Business and Technology, The Hanoi National University of Education, and a staff ride to Dien Bien Phu for 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. Parachute Regiment.

**1978 - 2011**

**HONG KONG POLICE (1997-2011)**

**ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE (1978-1997)**

**Police Officer: Probationary Inspector to Assistant Commissioner**

- Over a career of 33 years I was advanced and promoted seven times and retired as Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) in the top 24 management team of a HK\$18 billion organization with nearly 40,000 disciplined and civilian personnel.
- In my last post as ACP Support I was accountable for public relations, traffic, firearms, uniforms and accoutrements, occupational safety and health, access to information and many other policy areas. In addition to this I was the Force's primary legislative spokesperson, representing the Force at the Legislative Council of Hong Kong on many issues.
- The highlight of my operational career was the command of Hong Kong's largest police land region, New Territories North, with nearly 3,000 police officers under my direct command and a population of 1.5 million people in my care.
- Policy issues that I was instrumental in implementing, and that I am particularly proud of, include the revision of the Force's firearms policy in the 1990s; the arming of women police officers that removed the last barrier to their advancement to the highest operational ranks; and the Force's adoption of social media in 2010 and beyond.
- I was involved in the planning and field command of many major international events, including the World Economic Forum meeting in 2001, the World Trade Organization Ministerial Conference 2005, and the Beijing Olympics Equestrian Events in 2008. All of these required the careful handling of the expectations and requirements of the many and varied stakeholders in the events.

## Career Summary cont.

**1974 - 1975**

**UDS GROUP**

**Computer Accounts Assistant, Macross Department  
Store, Cardiff.**

- Responsible for the daily input and collating of information for the, then, cutting edge computerized customer credit system. The system was a complete clunker but placating disgruntled customers and befuddled executives did wonders for developing my nascent people and communication skills.

## Education and Qualifications

**2012 M.A. (with Distinction)** War in the Modern World. King's College London. Dissertation title: "Giap Decides Not to Attack Dien Bien Phu: The Causes and Consequences of "The Most Difficult Decision."

**2006 Management** Advanced Management Programme. Henley Business School

**2006 Change Management** Strategic Change Management Programme. The University of Oxford Said Business School and The University of Hong Kong (SPACE)

**2003 OSH** Practical Issues in Effective Risk Management. The Institution of Occupational Safety and Health

**1996 M. Soc. Sc. (with Distinction.)** Criminology. The University of Hong Kong.

Dissertation title: "Dragons and Chicken wings: The Anomalies of the Involvement of Vietnamese Refugees in Crime in Hong Kong, 1989-1995"

**1978 BA (Hons)** International History and Politics. The University of Leeds  
**1974 3 A Levels** History, Geography and Economics. Cardiff High School  
**1972 9 O Levels** Including English and Mathematics. Cardiff High School

## Publications

**2016** “Rightist Tendencies or the First Virtue of a Soldier? A knowledge journey through the PAVN’s Crisis of confidence at Dien Bien Phu” in Thuy Linh Le, Dwyer, Leigh G, and Phan Le Ha (Eds) (2016) “Knowledge Journeys and Journeying Knowledge. The 7<sup>th</sup> “Engaging With Vietnam-An Interdisciplinary Dialogue” Conference” (Hanoi: The Gioi) pp. 316-331.

**2014** “For Vietnam The Spirit of Dien Bien Phu Lives On.” South China Morning Post, Hong Kong.

## Honours and Awards

**2011** Police Distinguished Service Medal Hong Kong SARG

**1999** Police Meritorious Service Medal Hong Kong SARG

## Personal Details

**Languages** English: Native. Cantonese (oral): HK Government Advanced Level with Distinction. French: Conversational. Putonghua: Basic. Vietnamese: Basic.

**Driving Licence** Private Car, Light Van and Motorcycle. Clean

**Travel Documents** British Citizen, Permanent Resident of Hong Kong SARG, with three year visa for Mainland PRC