

Feels Good

What 'Feels Good' is famous for

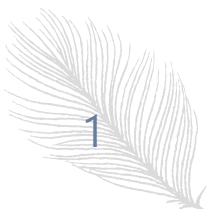
Located on a narrow street on Central, Feels Good is the home of happiness, laughter and good old memories. Don't get me wrong, Feels Good is totally different from the dim-lighted bars in Lan Kwai Fong where people get drunk occasionally. Their only similarity is that they both sell drinks. Feels Good, however, has been selling herbal tea instead for the last five decades. As time goes by, fewer and fewer people visit traditional herbal tea shops, be it the elderly or the young. Feels Good, which is one of the exceptions, is famous for its trinity of fragrant herbal tea, friendly shop owner and antique equipment. You can find the shop very easily because not only is its white signboard written with red bold words very eye-catching, but it also attracts many to line up outside the shop. All they want is to get their hands on the cylindrical glass cups filled with the warm dark-coloured liquid and enjoy the nostalgic ambience surrounding the shop. Yes! You'd lick your lips!

The early days of 'Feels Good'

To many's surprise, the settings in the herbal tea store as well as the drinks almost remain unchanged. What's really changed is the interaction between customers and the shop itself. Many years ago, despite having no Internet or smart phones, quite a number of citizens usually gathered in the store to watch television or listen to the radio. They used to buy a glass-cup of herbal tea, freshly poured



out from the large metal container. And enjoy themselves for the rest of the hour by chatting with those sitting nearby. For those who were late to get a seat, they would simply stand in front of the counter, put down some cents and remove the metal lid on the glass cup to take a sip. Apart from visiting Feels Good for the entertainment, the customers also went there when they were physically ill, ranging from catching a cold to having a sore throat. With the help of herbal tea, their sickness was relieved or even became cured a few days later. Long faces couldn't be seen as people were feeling good both physically and socially.



Time for 'Feels Good' to close

Although Feels Good was filled with many joyful moments, life is not always fortunate. Since the pandemic is very threatening and social distancing is required, the number of visitors to this historic old store is greatly reduced. In view of this, the shop owner, Mr. Tsang, who has worked for half of his life had made a tough decision. 'I am not capable of lifting up as much equipment as I used to. Plus, I get tired more easily and frequently. Besides, the rent of the store is not cheap and the pandemic seems to be never-ending. I believe that it is best for me to take a rest even though many locals, patrons and I are reluctant to let go', said Mr. Tsang. Serving the neighborhood for over fifty years, Feels Good is going to be closed for good (permanently). Luckily, before the end of its service, we still have two more months to grab our chance and savour our one last cup of nostalgic bitter-sweet memories.

