

## Fresh eggs

**Lore of the land** Do you know: when Hong Kong's first television service was broadcast; who was the only governor to die while in office; how many pandas Beijing gave the city last year? (See answers below.)

If those questions don't faze you, you'd stand a good chance of navigating your rickshaw through more than 100 years of Hong Kong history faster than the tram, bus, Star Ferry, junk and MTR engine of your family or friends in a new board game: Hong Kong Quizztory.

Bilingual and timed to hit the shops as our Olympic visitors begin to make their way home – with a souvenir game under their arm, hopefully – Quizztory was actually conceived in 2003.

Stephen Barry, the founder of Stepworks, a local provider of marketing and branding services, was lying in quarantine in Queen Mary Hospital as doctors attempted to find out whether he was a victim of the Sars epidemic that gripped the city. As normal life ground to a halt, Barry wanted to keep his team busy.

Work on the board game began but when Hong Kong and its business recovered, the Quizztory project was put on the back burner. Until now.

"With Hong Kong people increasingly passionate about celebrating their unique history and identity, we hope that Hong Kong Quizztory will give natives, residents and visitors of all ages a fun and memorable way to learn more about this amazing city," says Barry.

Gameplay is straightforward for anyone

familiar with board games played with a dice, and progress can be helped or hindered by the answers given to Hong Kong-themed questions. Split into two levels of difficulty, the questions are asked when certain squares are landed upon as players advance from the year 1900. The winner is the person who makes it past 2009 (the East Asian Games) first.

Devotees will be encouraged to suggest their own questions for future editions of the game at website [www.quizztory.com](http://www.quizztory.com).

This challenger to the Hong Kong Monopoly monopoly on city-themed board games can be bought from Dymocks, Bookazine and Swindon stores, among other outlets, for HK\$199.

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Answers: 1957; Edward Youde (governor from 1982 to 1986); two.

