

The view from the top *— a property owner speaks*

The property bug is starting to bite me again.

It has been two decades long in Hong Kong. When I first arrived, there was a strange tendency toward transience, affecting like a chronic disease, as I asked: where's home? I thought the itch had been scratched, but now I find my weekends occupied seeking out new abodes in exotic new locations in Hong Kong...in the never-ending search for the perfect dream home.

Murphy starts with an obvious but solid premise: the world is getting more crowded and there is a finite amount of land. But when I match my history of sometimes good, sometimes decent, sometimes downright terrible timing, I realize that the crux of his postulate holds true – property is in a completely different class of its own. If I took his advice today and applied it then, I'd have saved plenty of angst in the property buying and selling process.

Murphy's book is a must-read for anyone contemplating entry into the ever dynamic Asia property arena – and everyone else seeking that perfect home.

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