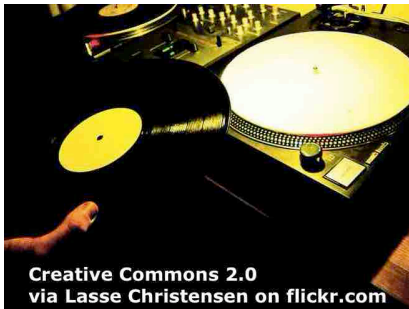


## Record breaking 96-year-old DJ retires

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A 96-year-old DJ has retired after broadcasting for more than seven decades. Ray Cordeiro hosted his final radio show in Hong Kong. It has been running on the RTHK station since

1970. Mr Cordeiro is a legendary broadcaster in Hong Kong and is a household name for several generations of Hong Kongers. The veteran DJ decided it was the right time to hang up his boots on his show *All The Way With Ray* on Saturday night. He ended his final programme with his customary words: "Well, that's it. Thank you very much for tuning in. Goodbye. Thank you for coming." He said he was the "luckiest man in the world". He told listeners: "To do what I want to do, to love what I want to love. I don't think I have any regrets."

Ray Cordeiro is affectionately called Uncle Ray. He is known for his trademark baritone voice and for wearing a flat cap. His shows were full of easy-listening music and chat in English and Cantonese. In 2000, the Guinness Book of World Records awarded him the title of the world's most durable DJ. His fame extended beyond the shores of Hong Kong. In his role as Hong Kong's most celebrated broadcaster, he got to know some of the biggest names in the music industry, including the Beatles. He said COVID-19 affected his decision to retire. He said: "Working these past many months in the presence of COVID-19 was difficult, especially knowing that I am in the high-risk demographic."

Sources: [bbc.com](https://www.bbc.com) / [scmp.com](https://www.scmp.com) / [channelnewsasia.com](https://www.channelnewsasia.com)

### Writing

Radio is better than television. Discuss.

### Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

DJ / retired / broadcasting / radio / a household name / generation / goodbye / regret / trademark / baritone voice / title / fame / music industry / decision / retire / high risk

### True / False

- 1) A man who worked as a DJ for over 70 years retired. T / F
- 2) The man founded and set up a radio station called RTHK in 1970. T / F
- 3) The DJ was known for hanging up his boots in his studio. T / F
- 4) The DJ is full of regrets about his career. T / F
- 5) The DJ was well known for playing opera - especially baritone voices. T / F
- 6) The Guinness Book of World Records said he was the oldest ever DJ. T / F
- 7) The DJ got to know the group The Beatles. T / F
- 8) The DJ is resigning because of fears over COVID-19. T / F

### Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. <b>running</b>    | a. traditional    |
| 2. <b>veteran</b>    | b. recognized     |
| 3. <b>customary</b>  | c. adore          |
| 4. <b>luckiest</b>   | d. business       |
| 5. <b>love</b>       | e. airing         |
| 6. <b>known</b>      | f. acclaimed      |
| 7. <b>awarded</b>    | g. most fortunate |
| 8. <b>celebrated</b> | h. precarious     |
| 9. <b>industry</b>   | i. long-serving   |
| 10. <b>high-risk</b> | j. given          |

### Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think of DJs?
- b) What kind of people make good DJs?
- c) Would you like the same career for seven decades?
- d) Who is your favourite DJ or radio presenter?
- e) What do you think of radio shows?
- f) Is music radio or chat radio best?
- g) Do you have any regrets?
- h) What do you want to do in life?

## Phrase Match

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. broadcasting for more than      | a. risk demographic       |
| 2. Mr Cordeiro is a legendary      | b. in the music industry  |
| 3. a household name for            | c. tuning in              |
| 4. Thank you very much for         | d. seven decades          |
| 5. I don't think I have            | e. broadcaster            |
| 6. He is known for his trademark   | f. his decision to retire |
| 7. Hong Kong's most                | g. any regrets            |
| 8. some of the biggest names       | h. baritone voice         |
| 9. COVID-19 affected               | i. celebrated broadcaster |
| 10. knowing that I am in the high- | j. several generations    |

## Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- Is there any need for radio in this Internet age?
- What do you think of easy-listening radio shows?
- What kind of DJ do you think you would be?
- What advice do you have for Ray?
- What do you think Ray should do next?
- In what ways is radio better than television?
- What questions would you like to ask the DJ?

## Spelling

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- I am in the high-risk ochigmeadrp

### Answers – Synonym Match

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6. b	7. j	8. f	9. d	10. h

## Role Play

### Role A – Easy-listening Music

You think easy-listening music is the best thing to listen to on the radio. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): language learning, world news or local news.

### Role B – Language Learning

You think language learning is the best thing to listen to on the radio. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): easy-listening music, world news or local news.

### Role C – World News

You think world news is the best thing to listen to on the radio. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): language learning, easy-listening music or local news.

### Role D – Local News

You think local news is the best thing to listen to on the radio. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): language learning, world news or easy-listening music.

## Speaking – Radio Shows

Rank these with your partner. Put the best radio shows at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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|---------------------|--------------|
| • Easy-listening    | • Politics   |
| • Language learning | • Sports     |
| • World news        | • Gardening  |
| • Pop music         | • Local news |

### Answers – True False

1 T	2 F	3 F	4 F	5 F	6 F	7 T	8 T
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.