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Hey there, we are in Jakarta, Indonesia for the first time and all is well. We've been really busy for the past few weeks, doing a lot of interviews etc. We played in Singapore, Hong Kong and Korea and they were all amazing gigs. We weren't sure what the reaction was going to be, as we haven't been on this side of the world for a long time but we were in for a pleasant surprise!! The first two shows we played with "No Doubt" which was good fun. They were really nice people and they had a great crew working with them. Needless to say we had a few nights on the town in Hong Kong!! I heard 'Guns 'n Roses' were playing the night we arrived into Hong Kong so a few of us went over to see them. I was a big fan of theirs before and had seen them live with the original line up, so I am sorry to say that I found there was just something not quite right. I tried my hardest to get into it but, it just wasn't the same. All the new musicians were fantastic players but they ain't 'Slash, Duff, Izzy and Matt!!

We haven't had much time to do touristy stuff unfortunately but we had one day off in H.K. so I went wandering around the food markets and antique shops. The market was fascinating, loads of mad live fish and unusual vegetables, if only we weren't staying in a hotel, we could have picked up some fresh groceries and cooked a big meal together. But that's just the way touring is!!

We have been discussing our future plans and we are enjoying Asia so much that we would love to return here as soon as possible! We are doing a video for 'Stars' a few days after we get home to Ireland, and then some more promotional T.V. shows interviews etc.. until the 17th of October.

I've been playing the new 'Red Hot Chilli Peppers' album pretty much non-stop since I got it and I'm not getting bored with it yet. I've been a huge fan of theirs for a long time and really admire them all as players / performers. Hopefully I'll get to see them play live soon!

That's it for now!

Take care,

-Fergal.

PS..you may have noticed that the website has been a little slow to update and respond these past two weeks or so. Well, the Webmaster was on vacation, but is now back again full of energy!! Expect some changes soon!!