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Hong Kong is the ideal place in Asia for people and business to connect and excel, thanks to its sound fundamentals, strategic location, advanced soft and hard infrastructure and world-class talent. 🌐

In this pluralistic society that blends East and West, old and new, people can connect to a safe, cosmopolitan, livable city.

The rule of law, based on a tried and trusted common law system safeguarded by independent judiciary, enables people and business to connect to partners with security.

It's easy to connect to world-class professionals and talent, given Hong Kong's broad and deep pool of world-class professional and business services.

Hong Kong is a transport and information hub fully connected to global markets and networks.

In this leading global financial centre with deep and liquid capital markets, free flows of capital, goods and information, business can connect to an international hub of finance and commerce.

This little book provides a glimpse of how you can connect and excel in Hong Kong.

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COSMOPOLITAN

From festivals and food to architecture and entertainment, Hong Kong is a fascinating blend of East and West. Some 7.45 million people have made a home in this bright and beautiful place where tradition, modernity and the futuristic blend in surprising ways.

Global village

Non-Chinese comprise about 8 per cent of the Hong Kong resident population. There are 126 foreign diplomatic representations in Hong Kong. Chinese and English are official languages. English is widely used in the Government and in the legal, professional and business sectors. Almost all information in signs, announcements and government and business websites is also provided in English.



Cosmopolitan social scene

Hong Kong has many clubs, chambers of commerce, business and other associations, special interest groups and networking clubs, making it easy for expatriates to build business and social networks.



International media hub

Hong Kong strongly upholds the freedom of the press. Nearly 90 international media organisations have offices in Hong Kong, which serves as the regional base for *The New York Times* International Edition, *Financial Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, CNN International and Agence France-Presse. Major international media with significant operations in Hong Kong – Bloomberg, CNBC, Dow Jones and Thomson Reuters. Hong Kong is a regional broadcasting hub with 13 operators up-linking over 220 satellite television channels for the regional market. No censorship of local and foreign media, including internet and satellite TV content beamed to Hong Kong.

Wine and dine

With every kind of culinary offering from around the world, Hong Kong has a well-deserved reputation as a food lover's paradise.

- ❖ Plenty of places to chill out in vibrant bar districts such as Lan Kwai Fong, SoHo, Star Street Precinct and Kennedy Town.
- ❖ Hong Kong Wine and Dine Festival offers gourmets a fabulous feast.
- ❖ More than 1,000 exhibitors from around the world make use of the sparkling opportunities offered by the Hong Kong International Wine & Spirits Fair, the region's largest such event.
- ❖ One of the world's leading wine auction centres.
- ❖ No wine duty.



Sensational shopping

- ❖ At the crossroads of world trade for over 170 years, Hong Kong is a great global emporium, with high-end malls selling the latest international brands to bustling night markets where you can find delightful bargains.
- ❖ Offbeat markets offers local colour – Sneaker Street, Ladies Market, Goldfish Market and Flower Market.

CNN ranked Hong Kong among
**the world's best
shopping cities.**



Hong Kong celebrates **Western and Eastern festivals** with equal enthusiasm. Christmas, Chinese New Year and the Mid-Autumn Festival are especially good times to see Asia's glittering city in full splendour. 🌕



Celebrations

- ❖ Western festivities such as Halloween, Valentine's Day and Oktoberfest are popular.
- ❖ Traditional festivals such as the Cheung Chau Jiao Festival (Bun Festival), Tai O Dragon Boat Water Parade, Tai Hang Fire Dragon Dance and Yu Lan Ghost Festival have been inscribed on the National List of Intangible Cultural Heritage.





Passion for fashion

- ❖ The world's leading fashion brands do business in Hong Kong.
- ❖ The city's design schools nurture plenty of talent.
- ❖ A number of Hong Kong fashion designers have won world acclaim.
- ❖ The annual Hong Kong Fashion Week, one of the largest fashion events in Asia, features talented designers from around the world.



Vibrant Harbourfront

Hong Kong's world famous Victoria Harbour has iconic appeal. The harbourfront also offers enjoyment.

- ❖ The Central Harbourfront Event Space hosts a variety of local and international events and carnivals year-round, including Clockenflap and Art Central.
- ❖ The 1.76 hectare Tamar Park in Admiralty District features a landscaped garden, water features, a floating platform and an amphitheatre, offers broad views of Victoria Harbour and a swathe of open green carpet for visitors to enjoy.



- ❖ A number of projects, designed to make the harbourfront more attractive, accessible and vibrant, are moving forward. They include a promenade stretching from Central and Western District to the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre in Wan Chai, an urban park in front of the Hung Hom Ferry Piers.

- ❖ "The Symphony of Lights" lights up Hong Kong with light and music nightly.

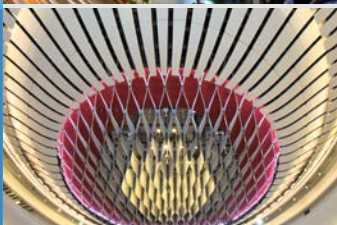


A vibrant melting pot of cultures, Hong Kong boasts many museums, concert halls and performance venues, and a vast array of cultural events from around the world. Hong Kong is the world's third-largest art auction sales market, after New York and London.



Cultural hub

- ❖ The first performing arts venue, the Xiqu Centre, dedicated to preserving and promoting the art of xiqu, opened in January 2019.
- ❖ The Art Park has been opening in phases starting from 2018.
- ❖ Freespace, which opened in mid-2019, presents a brand new arts experience for audiences.
- ❖ The M+ museum building was ceremoniously topped out in November 2018.
- ❖ Construction of the Hong Kong Palace Museum, which will display artefacts of Chinese art and culture from the collection of the Palace Museum, is underway.



Stretching across 40 hectares of harbourfront land, the **West Kowloon Cultural District**, now rapidly taking shape, is **one of the largest cultural projects** in the world. With a variety of performance spaces and museums, the cultural quarter will produce and host world-class exhibitions, performances, and arts and cultural events and consolidate Hong Kong's leading position as a major cultural hub. 💡

Arts events

- ❖ In 2019, Art Basel Hong Kong attracted 242 leading galleries from 35 countries and territories across the world. The event helps Hong Kong cement its place as the epicentre of Asia's international art scene.
- ❖ More than 100 contemporary galleries from around the world showcased cutting-edge works by exciting new talent at Art Central.
- ❖ Other prominent events include Hong Kong International Film Festival, the Asia Contemporary Art Show, Hong Kong Arts Festival, Le French May, Chinese Opera Festival, International Arts Carnival and World Cultures Festival.
- ❖ The city hosts top-tier galleries and auction houses such as the Gagosian, White Cube, Christie's and Sotheby's.



Throughout the year, a variety of arts events manifest the **vibrant diversity** of Hong Kong's cultural life. 💡



Fine museums

Hong Kong's museums offer a variety of exhibitions from near and far, past and present. Major museums include Hong Kong Museum of Art, Heritage Museum, Science Museum, Space Museum, Museum of Coastal Defence, and Maritime Museum.

The cosmopolitan city hosts a variety of international sporting events throughout the year, including the Hong Kong Marathon, Hong Kong Sevens, golf and tennis opens, cycling, badminton, squash and volleyball. International athletes compete in Hong Kong in a variety of sports, making the city a premier sports venue in Asia.



Hong Kong Marathon

More than 74,000 runners took part in the 2019 Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon, an IAAF Road Race Gold Label event.



Magnificent 7s

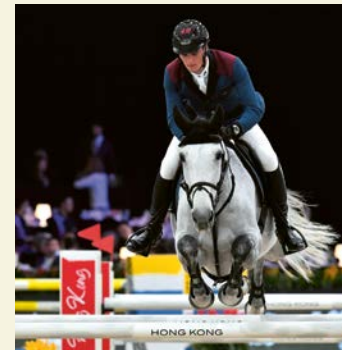
Every year, tens of thousands of rugby fans from around the world descend on Hong Kong to experience the excitement of the Hong Kong Sevens, the world's premier international rugby sevens tournament. In 2019, 28 teams battled for the coveted championships at the Hong Kong Stadium, in front of 120,000 spectators.

Horse racing

Horse races at Happy Valley and Sha Tin on Wednesday nights and weekends draw tens of thousands of fans during racing season.

Longines Masters of Hong Kong

Top international showjumpers and their horses put on a grand spectacle in the Asian leg of the Longines Masters Series – the Longines Masters of Hong Kong – at AsiaWorld-Expo in February 2019.



The FIA Formula E Championship

Sleek electric cars raced on a Central Harbourfront track in the 2019 Hong Kong E-Prix in March.



Hong Kong's education institutions, which enjoy excellent global rankings, are home to scholars and faculty from around the world. They are attracted by Hong Kong's academic freedom and the chance to learn in a cosmopolitan and liberal environment. Universities provide excellent prospects for internships and further education. Many prominent international institutes maintain centres in Hong Kong.

Top-notch universities

Hong Kong's 21 degree-awarding institutions offer internationally recognised qualifications, the chance to acquire an international perspective and good employment prospects.

- ❖ In Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings 2019, **3 universities in World Top 50 & Top 10 in Asia:**



University of Hong Kong (HKU)

25th
in world **2nd**
in Asia



Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)

37th
in world **7th**
in Asia



Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)

49th
in world **9th**
in Asia

- ❖ 3 universities in World Top 100 & Top 10 in Asia: Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2019/ Asia University Rankings 2019: HKU (36th/4th), HKUST (41st/3rd), CUHK (53rd/7th).
- ❖ **3 young universities in World Top 20:** The Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2018: HKUST (1st), City University of Hong Kong (CityU) (7th), Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) (18th).
- ❖ **World No.1 hotel and tourism school:** PolyU's School of Hotel and Tourism Management ranked top in Global Ranking of Academic Subjects by ShanghaiRanking in 2017 and 2018.

Hong Kong offers some of the world's best business administration and executive business management programmes. 💡

World-class MBA and EMBA

- ❖ **World No.1 & No.4 EMBA programmes:** Financial Times Executive MBA Ranking 2018: Kellogg-HKUST EMBA programme (No.1 for third consecutive year, and ninth time overall); EMBA-Global Asia, delivered jointly by Columbia Business School, London Business School and HKU (No.4).
- ❖ In 2018, The Economist rated the HKU's MBA programme No.1 in Asia for the ninth consecutive year.



International schools

Hong Kong has 55 international schools. They offer about 44,900 primary and secondary school places. Non-local curricula – UK, US, Canadian, Australian, French, German, Japanese, South Korean, Singaporean and the International Baccalaureate programme.

Premier international institutes

Hong Kong hosts many leading international institutes of learning.

- ❖ The University of Chicago Booth School of Business offers its flagship Executive MBA programme, among others, at its Hong Kong centre.
- ❖ Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine set up Hong Kong's first School of Veterinary Medicine, in collaboration with Hong Kong CityU.
- ❖ The Savannah College of Art and Design, a leading US design school, offers a full range of courses at its Hong Kong branch.



A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of several modern skyscrapers in Hong Kong. The buildings feature glass facades with prominent curved and angular architectural elements. The sky is a clear, bright blue with some light, wispy clouds. The perspective creates a sense of height and dynamic movement.

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Hong Kong is a dynamic business, finance, trading, shipping and events hub. It is also a leading design and innovation centre, and home to a flourishing fashion and film industry. Hong Kong's world-class athletes personify the city's dynamism.

A powerful combination of factors – prime location, rule of law, high-speed communications, free flow of information and capital, low and simple tax system and a pro-business government – makes Hong Kong a leading international business and financial centre, consistently ranked the world's freest economy.



World rankings



freest economy for the past 25 years
(US-based Heritage Foundation)



for **economic freedom** since 1996
(Canada-based Fraser Institute)



for **economic openness** (UK-based Legatum Institute:
Global Index of Economic Openness 2019)



competitive economy (Swiss-based International
Institute for Management Development:
World Competitiveness Yearbook 2019)



for **global competitiveness** (World Economic Forum (WEF)
Global Competitiveness Report 2018)



Ease of Doing Business
(World Bank: *Doing Business Report* 2019)

Start-up hub

Ranked one of the fastest growing start-up hubs in the world, the Hong Kong start-up ecosystem has seen impressive growth over the past few years.

- ❖ StartmeupHK is an initiative by Invest Hong Kong to attract entrepreneurial talent and innovative ventures from around the world to use Hong Kong as their global launch pad.
- ❖ The city now hosts **over 2,620 start-ups**.

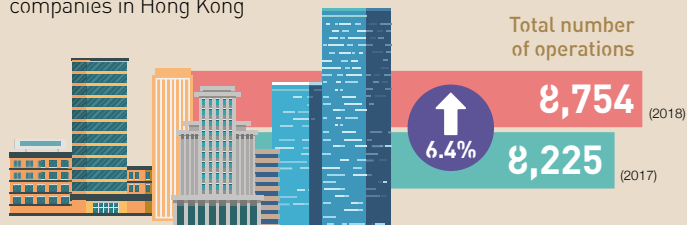


- ❖ Support for start-ups:
 - Excellent package of advantages
 - Incubators and accelerators
 - Government funding support
 - Private venture capital

A magnet for foreign firms

Hong Kong is an ideal place for overseas and Mainland companies to run their regional and local operations.

Overseas and Mainland companies in Hong Kong



Regional headquarters

1,530

(2018)



Local offices

4,799

(2018)



Regional offices

2,425

(2018)



Staff engaged

485,000

(2018)

❖ Sectors: Import/export trade, wholesale and retail; financing and banking; professional, business and education services

❖ Major sources of parent companies: Mainland China, Japan, US, UK, Singapore

Leading financial centre

Hong Kong is one of the world's leading financial hubs.



❖ **World's No.2 for financial system**

(WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2018)

❖ **World No.3 global financial centre**, behind New York & London; 1st in Asia (Z/Yen and China Development Institute: Global Financial Centres Index, March 2019)

❖ **Leading investment hub World No.2** for both foreign direct investment (FDI) inward stock and outward stock in 2017 (UNCTAD: World Investment Report 2018)

❖ **World's 5th largest and Asia's 3rd largest stock market** by market capitalisation, end 2018 (US\$3,819 billion)

❖ **World No.1 for Initial Public Offering (IPO) funds** raised in 2018

❖ **World No.1 environment for IPO and M&A** (mergers and acquisitions) activity (Global Transactions Forecast 2019 compiled by Baker McKenzie and Oxford Economics)

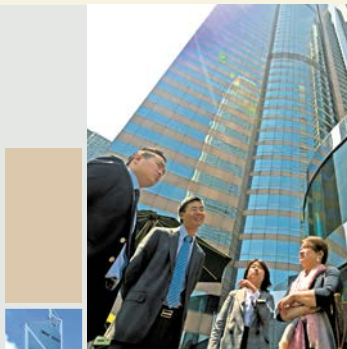
One of the highest concentration of insurers in Asia



- ❖ One of the world's most open insurance markets.
- ❖ 162 authorised insurers at end-February 2019 – one of the highest number in Asia.
- ❖ US\$62.7 billion generated in total gross premium income in 2017.

Premier international banking centre

- ❖ **2nd largest international banking hub in Asia**
- ❖ 77% of the world's 100 largest banks operate in Hong Kong
- ❖ Resilient and well-capitalised banking sector
 - Stable, free and transparent environment
 - Follows latest international banking regulation standards
 - Well-capitalised with a total capital ratio at 20.3% (end-December 2018) – well above international standards
- ❖ State-of-the-art financial infrastructure
 - Real-time gross settlement systems enable safe and efficient settlement of interbank transfers in Hong Kong dollars, US dollars, Euro and Renminbi
 - Faster Payment System enables 7x24 real-time funds transfer and payment services across different banks and stored value facilities



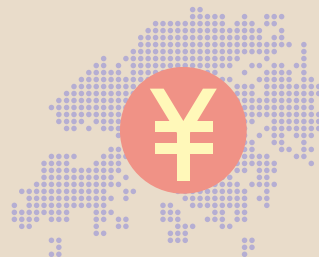
Strong Hong Kong-Mainland financial connections

Strong financial connections between Hong Kong and the Mainland, further facilitating two-way investment flows and consolidating Hong Kong's position as China's international financial centre and a global offshore Renminbi (RMB) business hub.

- ❖ Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect
- ❖ Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect
- ❖ Bond Connect



Hong Kong is the **world's largest offshore RMB business centre**. 💡



Leading offshore Renminbi business centre

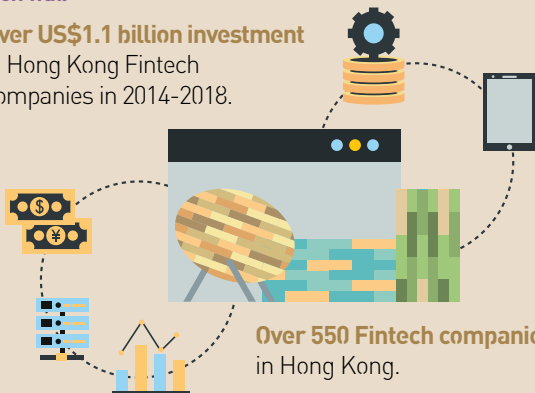
- ❖ Range of RMB products and services to meet the needs of both local and overseas companies and financial institutions.
- ❖ At end-2018, RMB deposits and certificates of deposit totalled more than RMB657.7 billion (US\$97.9 billion) – world's largest offshore pool of RMB funds.

Asian Financial Forum (AFF)

Over 3,300 financial and business leaders and policymakers from around the world gathered at the AFF 2019, an annual signature event in the international financial world for high-level exchanges over financial and economic issues, and for promoting and showcasing the unique advantages of Hong Kong as an international financial centre.

Fintech hub

Over US\$1.1 billion investment
in Hong Kong Fintech
companies in 2014-2018.



Over 550 Fintech companies
in Hong Kong.

- ❖ FinTech cooperation agreements signed with Australia, Dubai, Gibraltar, Singapore, Switzerland and the UK.
- ❖ A fundraising centre for Fintech companies at all stages of development – IPO raising, private and public funding for R&D, technology adoption and start-ups.
- ❖ Fintech liaison platforms and “sandboxes”.
- ❖ Authorisation of virtual bank.
- ❖ Fintech co-working space in Cyberport, world-renowned incubation programmes, accelerators and hackathons.
- ❖ Digital infrastructure, including Faster Payment System and Cyber Security Fortification Initiative.
- ❖ Large pool of finance and technology talent.
- ❖ Annual Fintech events, including the flagship Hong Kong Fintech Week, reinforce Hong Kong’s position as an international financial centre.

Asia's trade fair capital

With world-class convention and exhibition facilities, Hong Kong is a premier destination for meetings, incentive travel, conventions and exhibitions. The city hosts some of the world’s biggest trade shows – Hong Kong Electronics Fair, Fashion Week, International Jewellery Show, International Lighting Fair, Toys and Games Fair, Watch and Clock Fair and Entertainment Expo.

Hong Kong’s most valuable asset is our people. A well-educated, hard-working, efficient and multi-lingual local community is complemented by a substantial expatriate community that brings skills and global perspectives, enhancing the city’s economic and cultural dynamism.



Hong Kong welcomes talent

- ❖ In August 2018, Hong Kong promulgated its first Talent List to attract quality people from around the world to come to live, work and contribute to Hong Kong.
- ❖ The Talent List covers 11 professions Hong Kong needs most in sectors such as fintech, data science and cyber security, innovation and technology, creative industries, waste treatment, asset

management, marine insurance, actuarial science, marine services as well as legal and dispute resolution services.

- ❖ Talents and professionals not listed may also be eligible under the Quality Migrants Admission Scheme.

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Hong Kong is a highly innovative place. With world-class universities and technology infrastructure such as Cyberport and Hong Kong Science Park, Hong Kong is a prominent international R&D hub in the region. The HKSAR government lends support in the form of grants and infrastructure, as well as by fostering a vibrant innovation and technology ecosystem that welcomes and nurtures tech start-up and overseas talent.



Innovation and technology

- ❖ *The World Digital Competitiveness Ranking 2018* issued by the International Institute for Management Development ranked Hong Kong the **11th most innovative place** among 63 economies surveyed and 2nd in Asia.
- ❖ The Innovation and Technology Bureau supports the development of innovation and technology along eight major areas. These include increasing resources for R&D, pooling technology talent, providing investment funding, providing technological research infrastructure, reviewing legislations and regulations, opening up government data, bettering procurement arrangements, and popularising science education.

Harvest of inno awards in Geneva

- ❖ Hong Kong innovations won a basket of awards at the 46th International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva held in April 2018, where the city showcased 98 projects.
- ❖ A spectacle lens, invented by scientists at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University to retard the progression of short-sightedness in children, won the grand prize – the event's top honour.
- ❖ Hong Kong also bagged five special prizes and 98 awards, attesting to the city's strong innovation capabilities.
- ❖ Over 1,000 innovations from around the world competed for honours at the prestigious event.

Laboratory of instrumentation for precision medicine

- ❖ The University of Hong Kong Faculty of Engineering and Harvard John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (Harvard SEAS) signed an agreement in 2018 to establish a joint laboratory of instrumentation for precision medicine.
- ❖ The agreement between two world-leading universities paves the way for enhanced collaboration and cross-fertilisation in healthcare-related areas in Hong Kong.

Centre for neurodegenerative diseases

- ❖ The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Boston Children's Hospital (a Harvard Medical School Teaching Hospital), Paul F. Glenn Center for the Biology of Aging at Stanford University School of Medicine and University College London signed a landmark agreement in January 2019 to set up a centre to conduct researches in neurodegenerative diseases.
- ❖ The agreement signifies an important strategic partnership among the four renowned institutions to undertake pioneering neuroscience research.

The tenacity and perseverance of Hong Kong's athletes exemplify the city's "can-do" spirit. The HKSAR Government attaches great importance to supporting athletes, including those with disabilities.

Sports stars

- ❖ Hong Kong cycling athlete **Lee Wai-sze** won two gold medals in Women's Track Keirin and Sprint at the 18th Asian Games held in Indonesia. She also won the championships in the same events at the 2019 UCI Track Cycling World Championships.
- ❖ Hong Kong's fencing star **Vivian Kong Man-wai** was the first Hong Kong fencer to win the World Cup title after her victory in Women's epee individual event in Havana, Cuba in January 2019. She also attained world number one ranking in March 2019.



- ❖ Hong Kong's top female snooker player and two-time world champion **Ng On-yeo** achieved her world title for the third time in Egypt. She also claimed the LITetask UK Women's Snooker Championship title for the fourth time in September 2018.



- ❖ Hong Kong gymnast **Shek Wai-hung** won the gold medal in the Men's Vault event in the 18th Asian Games.

Kai Tak Sports Park

- ❖ Occupying 28 hectares, the Kai Tak Sports Park comprises a 50,000-seat main stadium, a 10,000-seat indoor arena, a 5,000-seat sports ground, various sports courts and large area of open space for leisure and sports activities, as well as retail and food and beverage outlets.
- ❖ Will attract all types of world class competitions that will cement Hong Kong's position as an events capital of Asia.
- ❖ Construction has commenced in early 2019 and is scheduled for completion in 2023.



Hong Kong, which has been making movies for more than a century, is a leading film-making centre in Asia. Over the past decade, Hong Kong films and talent have won over 500 international awards. The industry is supported by professional production crews, world-class animation and special effects expertise.

Hong Kong style action cinema

- ❖ Hong Kong's exciting style of action cinema has inspired a number of Hollywood productions – *Reservoir Dogs*, *Kill Bill* (Volumes 1 & 2), *Desperado*, *The Matrix* series and *The Departed*.
- ❖ Kung Fu stars Bruce Lee, Jackie Chan, Jet Li and Donnie Yen began the road to stardom in Hong Kong.





Hong Kong has long been a favourite location for moviemakers round the globe. 🌐

Popular filming location

- ❖ Recent foreign films shot in Hong Kong include *Skyscrapers* (US), *Memory Games* (US/Germany), *Off Course Asia* (Spain), *Intentional Sweat* (France) and *Confidence Man JP* (Japan).



Animation and special effects

- ❖ Hong Kong is a leader in the field of digital animation. A pool of talented special effects creators and digital animators deploy their skills for cinematic productions at home and abroad.
- ❖ Hong Kong studios also worked on big budget films such as *Journey to the West: Conquering the Demons*, *Unbeatable* and the *Overheard* series.
- ❖ A Hong Kong-listed digital production company was behind the *Iron Man 3* and *X-Men: Days of Future Past*, both nominated for Oscar's "Best Visual Effects" award.

Hong Kong is a creative powerhouse with more than 134,000 practitioners engaged in fields ranging from design to publishing, interactive games to animation and comics, advertising to architecture, and music to film and TV production.



CreateHK

- ❖ Create Hong Kong (CreateHK) drives the development of Hong Kong's creative industries. The office works closely with the trade to boost the development of various creative sectors, including advertising, architecture, design, digital entertainment, film, publishing, printing, TV and music.
- ❖ The CreateSmart Initiative provides funding for projects that enhance our creative industries. With the funding support of the CreateSmart Initiative, the Hong Kong Design Centre implements a series of measures to reinforce Hong Kong's status as a city of design excellence in Asia, including the Business of Design week and the Design Incubation Programme.

- ❖ CreateHK's First Feature Film Initiative supports new Hong Kong directors in their first feature film projects, encouraging young filmmakers to realise their dreams and retain Hong Kong's position as a leading film production centre in Asia.

Creative spaces

- ❖ A historic building (previously a yacht clubhouse) has been transformed into an art space called Oi!
- ❖ 7 Mallory Street, housed in a cluster of revitalised pre-war historic buildings in Wan Chai, offers a creative space for Hong Kong's comics and animation artists.
- ❖ PMQ, a historic building which served as a police married quarters, has become a creative industries landmark and a home for artists-in-residence.



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The rule of law, clean government, a level playing field for business, a comprehensive health and welfare system, and disciplinary forces reputed to be among Asia's finest combine to create a stable and safe environment for people to live, work, study and enjoy life.

Under the principle of "one country, two systems", the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) exercises a high degree of autonomy. The Basic Law preserves Hong Kong's common law system and judicial independence and stipulates that all Hong Kong residents shall be equal before the law. Fundamental rights and freedoms of residents are safeguarded by the Basic Law. The Government shall be accountable to the Legislative Council and implement laws passed by it.



A Special Administrative Region under "one country, two systems"

- ❖ Hong Kong exercises a high degree of autonomy and enjoys executive, legislative and independent judicial power, including that of final adjudication, in accordance with the provisions of the Basic Law.
- ❖ Capitalist system and way of life shall remain unchanged.
- ❖ Laws previously in force remain basically the same.
- ❖ Participates as a separate member of various international organisations, conferences and events not limited to states using the name "Hong Kong, China", such as:
 - World Trade Organization
 - Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation
 - World Meteorological Organization
 - Appropriate international sports events such as the Olympics



The Basic Law – The constitutional document for Hong Kong

- ❖ Freedom of speech
- ❖ Freedom of movement
- ❖ Equality before the law
- ❖ Access to the courts
- ❖ Prohibition of arbitrary or unlawful search of the body of any resident

The Basic Law prescribes the systems to be practised in the HKSAR, to ensure the implementation of the basic policies of the People's Republic of China regarding Hong Kong and protects the fundamental rights and freedoms of residents. 💡



Legislative Council (LegCo)

The 70-seat LegCo is Hong Kong's law-making body. Its main functions include:

- ❖ Enacting laws
- ❖ Approving public expenditure
- ❖ Monitoring the work of the Government

The Rule of Law – Hong Kong's core value

Judicial independence underpins the rule of law. Our judges enjoy security of tenure and the Court of Final Appeal may also call on esteemed judges from other common law jurisdictions (there are now 14 overseas non-permanent judges) to sit in the adjudication of final appeals.



Hong Kong ranked **8th** in the world for **judicial independence** in the World Economic Forum's "*Global Competitiveness Report 2018*" and has been **1st in Asia** for six consecutive years.

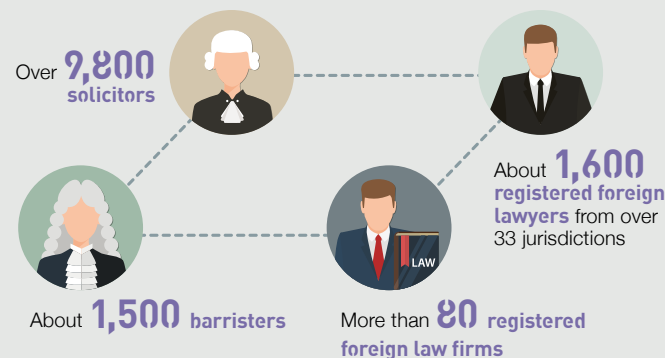
Global legal hub

- ❖ Hong Kong is an internationally respected dispute resolution centre.
- ❖ Effective protection of property rights, including intellectual property rights.
- ❖ Arbitral awards made in Hong Kong enforceable in more than 150 Contracting States to the New York Convention, and in Mainland China and Macao under reciprocal enforcement arrangements.
- ❖ Ideal venue for dispute resolution through arbitration and mediation.
- ❖ Many reputable international and regional organisations specialising in legal and dispute resolution services based in Hong Kong, including:
 - Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre
 - Secretariat of the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce Asia Office
 - Asia Pacific Regional Office of The Hague Conference on Private International Law
 - Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution Asia Pacific



Deep pool of legal talent

Hong Kong's strong legal infrastructure is served by a deep pool of local and international legal talent possessing expertise in a wide variety of legal sectors and jurisdictions around the world. As at 28 February 2019, there are:



Since 2015, Hong Kong has been among the **top five preferred seats for arbitration globally** according to the International Arbitration Surveys conducted by Queen Mary University of London. ☀

Hong Kong is a safe city with a low crime rate, safeguarded by a well-trained police force regarded as "Asia's finest". The city has a robust anti-corruption regime. Measures are in place to prevent money laundering and terrorist financing.

Safe city

Hong Kong has one of the world's lowest overall crime rates for a city.

- ❖ 2018 overall crime rate (crimes per 100,000 population) - 728 (48-year-low)
- ❖ **World No.4 for safety and security** (Legatum Institute: *The Legatum Prosperity Index 2018*)
- ❖ **World No.4 for order and security** (World Justice Project: *The Rule of Law Index 2019*)



Corruption fighter

International surveys consistently rate Hong Kong as one of the "least corrupt" places in the world.

- ❖ Asia's No.2 and **World No.9 for the absence of corruption** (World Justice Project: *The Rule of Law Index 2019*)
- ❖ Asia's No.2 and **World No.14 as the least corrupt country** (Transparency International: *Corruption Perceptions Index 2018*)



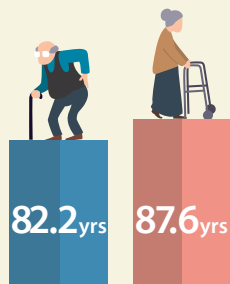
Anti-money laundering

- ❖ Hong Kong is an active member of the international Financial Action Task Force.
- ❖ Hong Kong takes concerted measures to combat money laundering and terrorist financing.
- ❖ Hong Kong's regulators ensure that financial institutions maintain good control systems to prevent illicit cash flows.

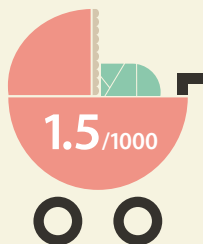
Life expectancy in Hong Kong people is among the longest in the world. Food safety is strictly monitored and a comprehensive social welfare system is in place, and the city is proud of its world-class healthcare system. Active ageing is promoted and measures are in place to care for the elderly.

High life expectancy

Hong Kong people enjoy a good quality lifestyle and long lifespans.



Average life expectancy at birth is 82.2 years for males and 87.6 years for females – both among the longest for developed economies.



Infant mortality rate – 1.5 per 1,000 registered live births – among the lowest in the world.

Age friendly

The Government promotes active ageing and makes continuous efforts to make Hong Kong an age-friendly city.



Health security

Hong Kong's world-class healthcare system provides excellent, affordable healthcare.

- ❖ All Hong Kong residents enjoy access to affordable healthcare.
- ❖ Excellent public and private sector healthcare providers.
- ❖ Centre for Health Protection keeps Hong Kong safe, dealing with public health challenges, disease prevention and control.

Hong Kong's public housing programme strives to enable Hong Kong people to have comfortable homes through innovative implementation of new housing policies. 💡

Public housing

As at the fourth quarter of 2018, some **2.18 million people** (29% of the population) live in **825,200 public rental units**

410,500
subsidised sale flats



Social security

The Government implements a non-contributory social security system to provide a safety net to those facing financial hardship for various reasons.



Food safety

Hong Kong's Centre for Food Safety adopts the World Health Organization's "from farm to table" strategy to ensure food safety in Hong Kong. Every year, about **66,000** samples are collected at import, wholesale and retail levels for microbiological, chemical and radiological testing. Overall satisfactory rate of food tested has consistently been over **99%**.



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Hong Kong is a diverse, open and inclusive place where people are free to air their views and follow their religious and political beliefs.

Social harmony

Ethnic minorities live in harmony in Hong Kong. The Government facilitates their integration into the community while helping them preserve their cultures by providing opportunities for public cultural performances.



Religious freedom

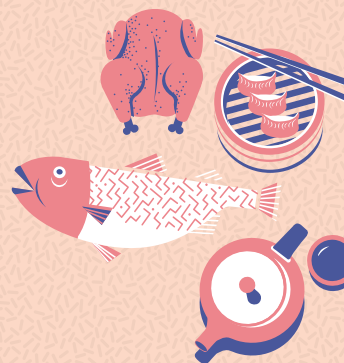
Buddhist, Taoist, Hindu and Sikh temples, churches, mosques, synagogues and other places of worship give all major religions a focus for their faith in Hong Kong.

Hong Kong is an ultra-modern city, yet it retains great diversity, with a mix of old and new, Western and Chinese architecture, great theme parks and a diverse food scene. The Government is keen on conservation, sustainability and revitalisation of urban heritage.



Freedom of expression

A free press ensures debate and reportage on issues of the day, while political parties, independent voices and interest groups speak freely and openly in Hong Kong.



Culinary paradise

With every kind of culinary offering from around the world, Hong Kong has a well-deserved reputation as a culinary paradise.

The 2019 edition of the *Michelin Guide Hong Kong and Macau* includes 227 addresses in Hong Kong, **63 of them with Michelin stars**. They range from high-end restaurants to inexpensive street food stalls. ☺

Exciting Theme Parks

Hong Kong has two world-class theme parks: Ocean Park Hong Kong and Hong Kong Disneyland.

- ❖ Ocean Park is a world-class marine theme park featuring more than 80 attractions.
- ❖ The park is developing an all-weather indoor-outdoor waterpark, and two new hotels. The Hong Kong Ocean Park Marriott Hotel was launched in 2019 while the waterpark and the Fullerton Ocean Park Hotel Hong Kong will be completed progressively by 2021.
- ❖ Hong Kong Disneyland Resort is one of the most popular and best themed resorts in Asia, featuring more than 100 attractions.
- ❖ Currently, the resort is taking forward its multi-year expansion and development plan, rolling out new attractions progressively in 2018 and the coming few years, which include the "Moana: A Homecoming Celebration" stage show launched in 2018 and the "Ant-Man and The Wasp: Nano Battle!" attraction launched in 2019.



Ding-Dings

Old-fashioned double-decker trams, which locals call "ding-ding", trundle along the streets of urban Hong Kong Island, offering passengers a leisurely view of the passing sights.



Peak Tram

- ❖ In service since 1888.
- ❖ One of the oldest and most famous funicular railways in the world.
- ❖ Runs from Central up Victoria Peak, the highest spot on Hong Kong Island, from where you can enjoy the beautiful vista of the city spread out on both sides of Victoria Harbour.



Ngong Ping 360

Longest bi-cable aerial ride in Asia – **5.7 km** journey.

Offering stunning views of Hong Kong's largest island and the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, the cable car takes passengers from Tung Chung to Ngong Ping Village on a lofty mountain on Lantau Island, where the Big Buddha sits serenely on a cliff adjoining a Buddhist monastery, where you can enjoy a delicious vegetarian meal. ☀️



The world famous Star Ferry has been crisscrossing Victoria Harbour **since 1880**

Star Ferry

- ❖ Ranked first in a poll of the world's "most exciting and scenic" ferry rides by the Society of American Travel Writers.





Hong Kong has 120 declared monuments, as at February 2019. The Office of the Commissioner for Heritage and the Antiquities and Monuments Office work to protect and conserve archaeological sites and built heritage, and assist in the adaptive reuse of historic buildings in Hong Kong. Many heritage trails offer a glimpse into Hong Kong's unique past. So far, Hong Kong has received 18 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation.

City wall art

Hong Kong is a creative city where art is seen not only in galleries but also on the street, where local and overseas artists are encouraged to show their talent. Paintings on walls, outdoor stairways and building facades brighten up city corners.



World's tallest city

Limited space for urban development coupled with architectural and engineering ingenuity have given rise to more skyscrapers (buildings over 100 metres tall) in Hong Kong than any other city, followed by New York and Tokyo, according to rankings by Emporis, a global provider of building information.



Hong Kong
1,405
skyscrapers

New York
795
skyscrapers

Tokyo
526
skyscrapers

(Note: # As at April 2019)

Monuments in Central

There are a number of interesting monuments in Central District, such as

- ❖ The Exterior of the Old Supreme Court (built 1912) – Now Court of Final Appeal Building.
- ❖ St John's Cathedral (built 1847-1849).
- ❖ Flagstaff House (built 1844-1846) – Now Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware.
- ❖ The Cenotaph in Statue Square (built 1923) – A Memorial for those who served in Hong Kong and died in the two World Wars.



Blue House

The Blue House Cluster in Wan Chai comprises three tenement buildings – Blue House, Yellow House and Orange House (constructed 1920s-1950s). The cluster has been revitalised into the Viva Blue House which shows the typical configuration of tenement houses in Hong Kong in the early 20th century – shops on the ground floor, residential flats on upper floors. The Blue House retains its classic timber floor slabs, timber staircases, timber doors and window frames and floor tiles. This revitalisation project won the top Award of Excellence in the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation (2017).



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Ping Shan Heritage Trail

The Ping Shan Heritage Trail (1.6km) offers a glimpse into traditional life in the New Territories. The trail traverses a number of villages of the Tang clan, whose lineage in Ping Shan dates back to the 12th century. Here you can see ancestral halls, temples, study halls and a pagoda for ancestral worship, clan gatherings and education.

Hong Kong's 1,100 square kilometres pack an astonishing diversity – mountains, verdant forests, wetlands, beaches, islands, spectacular rock formations, scenic country parks, rural villages, farming areas, and marsh lands rich in flora and fauna.

Country and marine parks

About 40 per cent of the territory of Hong Kong has been designated as country parks and special areas. There are 24 country parks and 22 special areas dedicated to conservation, education and recreation. There are also five marine parks and one marine reserve covering 3,400 hectares of sea area.



The newly developed **Old Town Central** walks offer a glimpse into **unique tourism hotspots** in Central and Sheung Wan districts. The five self-guided walking routes highlight historical and architectural landmarks, arts and culture, dining outlets and lifestyle boutiques. 💡

Tai Kwun

- ❖ The **revitalised Central Police Station compound**, named Tai Kwun (means "Big Station" in Cantonese) – Centre for Heritage and Arts, is a new cultural hub in Hong Kong.
- ❖ Rich history – earliest building dating back to the mid-19th century.
- ❖ The 13,600 square metre complex includes 16 heritage buildings, including the former Central Police Station, Victoria Prison and Central Magistracy.



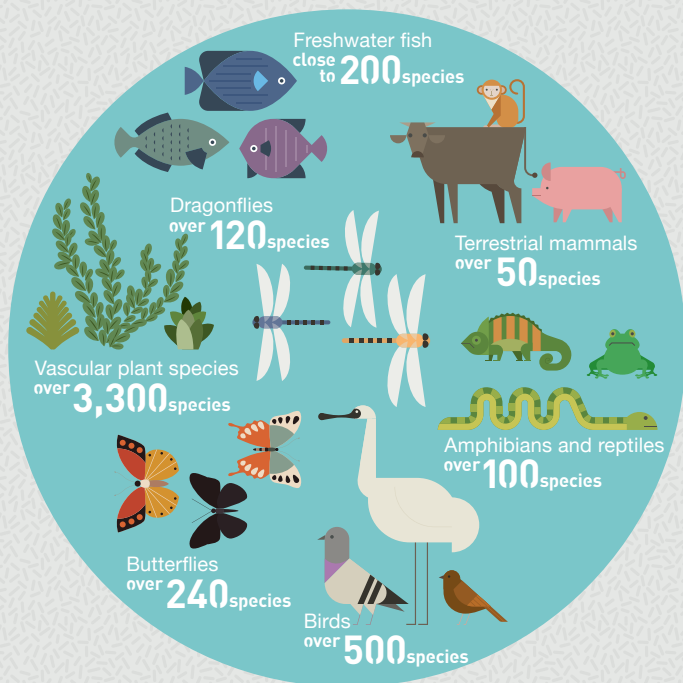
Amazing Geopark

- ❖ The Hong Kong UNESCO Global Geopark is located in the eastern part of Hong Kong, extending from the northeast New Territories to the Sai Kung area.
- ❖ Natural geological gallery featuring spectacular landforms and rock formations shaped by tectonic upheavals, waves and weathering.
- ❖ A member of the Global Geoparks Network.
- ❖ Visitor centres, boat and land tours are available to explore the geopark.

The Hong Kong UNESCO Global Geopark tells a fascinating story about how our planet was formed over millions of years. Visitors can see how the story began in the Devonian **age 400 million years ago**, traversing the **Jurassic Age** when dinosaurs roamed the earth, eras when the climate turned scorching hot and the Ice Age, and the rise and fall of sea levels. 🌍

Rich biodiversity

Hong Kong is blessed with a rich diversity of flora and fauna. The Government takes careful measures to protect them.



Rare species

- ❖ Hong Kong provides important habitats to rare species – Chinese White Dolphin, Spoon-billed Sandpiper and the endemic Bogadek's Burrowing Lizard.
- ❖ Other species first discovered here and named after Hong Kong include the Hong Kong Camellia, Hong Kong Balsam and Hong Kong Newt.
- ❖ Globally threatened species found here – Romer's Tree Frog, Three-banded Box Turtle, Chinese Pangolin and Indo-Pacific Finless Porpoise.



Wetland Park

The 61-hectare Hong Kong Wetland Park in the New Territories is a recreated wetland habitat for water birds and other wildlife.

- ❖ Home to many varieties of butterflies, amphibians, reptiles, fish, crabs, mudskippers and celebrity crocodile "Pui Pui".
- ❖ World-class eco-park features many of Hong Kong's native flora and fauna in a natural setting.
- ❖ Won international awards, including the prestigious Global Award for Excellence from the Urban Land Institute in the US.



The great outdoors

Many scenic hiking trails meander through Hong Kong's numerous country parks, offering a great escape from busy city life.

- ❖ The MacLehose Trail, the longest, runs 100 kilometres east-west across mountains, valleys and beaches in the New Territories. (Listed on *National Geographic*'s "World's Best Hikes: 20 Dream Trails".)
- ❖ The "Dragon's Back" on Hong Kong Island has been voted Asia's "Best Urban Hike" by *Time (Asia)* magazine.
- ❖ The Lantau Trail is a 70km circular trail, traversing mountains, valleys, forests, streams, waterfalls and old villages on Lantau Island.



Bird sanctuary

- ❖ Globally threatened species such as the Black-faced Spoonbill, Nordmann's Greenshank and Spoon-billed Sandpiper find sanctuary here.
- ❖ Mai Po Nature Reserve is one of Asia's most important conservation areas for wildlife – made up of traditional shrimp ponds, freshwater ponds, intertidal mudflats, mangroves, reed beds and fishponds.
- ❖ About 400 species of birds have been recorded here.



Hong Kong is a major stopover site along the "East Asian-Australasian Flyway" of migratory birds and a **refueling station for 50,000 to 80,000 migratory water birds** every year. 🌿



Zero Carbon Building

The Zero Carbon Building in Kowloon East showcases Hong Kong's state-of-the-art eco-building design and technologies which can generate energy from renewable sources and export surplus energy to the city grid.

- ❖ The building boasts **zero net energy consumption and zero carbon emissions**.
- ❖ Deploys over 80 different green building technologies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- ❖ Building continuously monitors itself through more than 2,800 sensing points and optimises environmental performance.

- ❖ Five microclimate stations monitor how the building interacts with its surroundings.
- ❖ Set amidst an urban woodland, providing natural air conditioning and a sanctuary for small wildlife.
- ❖ The design aims to inspire people and the building industry to go green.
- ❖ The building won the 2017 International Data Corporation Smart City Asia Pacific Awards under the Smart Buildings category.



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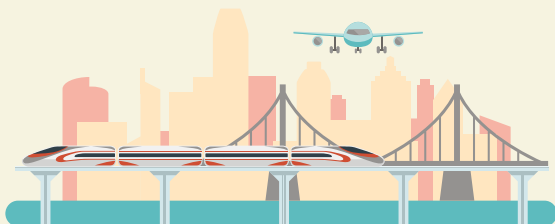
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Air, Sea & Land Traffic Hub |
Gateway to the Mainland |
Advanced Physical &
IT Infrastructure |
Telecommunications

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Strategically located on the Far East trade routes and at the centre of the dynamic Asia-Pacific Region, Hong Kong is well-connected to the rest of the world. Within a four-hour flight from Asia's key markets and a five-hour flight from half the world's population, the city is an international centre for finance, logistics, trade, shipping, aviation, tourism and communications. Hong Kong has an excellent local transport system and state-of-the-art telecommunications.

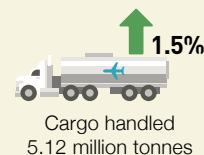
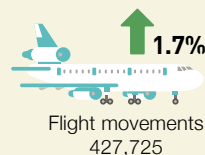
Well-connected Hong Kong invests heavily in infrastructure to boost connectivity globally, with the Mainland and locally. These projects represent the vision for the city's long-term development.



Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA)

- ❖ One of the world's busiest airports.
- ❖ Over **120 airlines** to over **220 destinations** worldwide.
- ❖ Over **1,100 daily flights**.

All three air traffic categories reached new annual heights in 2018.#



(Note:# Figures represent percentage change compared to 2017.)



Awards:

- ❖ "Airport of the Year 2018" (Air Transport World)
- ❖ "Best Global Airport" (Asian Freight, Logistics and Supply Chain Awards by Asia Cargo News)
- ❖ Inducted into the Travel Hall of Fame at TTG Travel Awards 2018

HKIA is expanding into a three-runway system, to meet Hong Kong's long-term air traffic demand and strengthen its status as an **international aviation hub**. 🌐

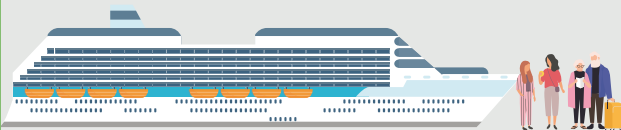


e-Channels

Eligible Hong Kong residents and visitors can enjoy automated immigration clearance service through e-Channels at HKIA, sea and land boundary control points. Self-service departure service at all control points offers visitors even greater travel convenience.



In December 2018, the Smart Departure, a self-service departure for visitors to Hong Kong, won the **Radiant Pioneer Award** from the Asia Pacific Smart Card Association, in recognition of the pioneering applications of smart technology by the Immigration Department in public sector identity schemes for the provision of **quality services** to visitors. 💡



Kai Tak Cruise Terminal

- ❖ Meets demands of new generation of super cruise liners.
- ❖ Can simultaneously handle two of the world's largest cruise ships.
- ❖ Together with the Ocean Terminal in Tsim Sha Tsui, Hong Kong is well equipped to develop into a leading cruise hub in the region.
- ❖ Handled over **815,000 cruise passengers** in 2018.
- ❖ 3-storey facility with many green features.
- ❖ Spacious, flexible events venue.
- ❖ 23,000-sqm rooftop park, offering panoramic views of Hong Kong harbour.

Regional hub port

- ❖ Hong Kong **Shipping Register** **4th largest** in the world in terms of gross tonnage.
- ❖ About 310 container liner services per week connecting to about 450 destinations worldwide.
- ❖ 9 container terminals (total handling capacity of over **20 million TEUs**).

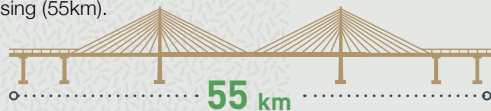
One of the world's busiest container ports



Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge

The masterpiece of engineering, linking three key places in the Pearl River Delta (PRD), opened in October 2018.

- ❖ World's longest bridge-cum-tunnel sea crossing (55km).

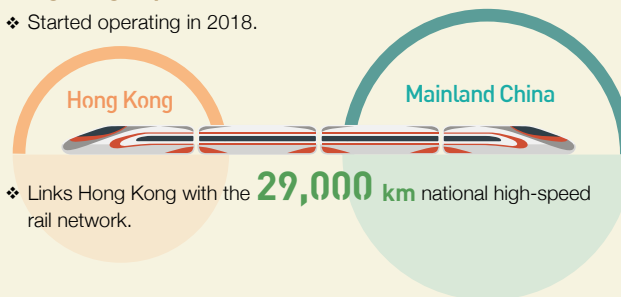


- ❖ 15x San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge.
- ❖ Integrates Greater Bay Area (Guangdong Province, Hong Kong and Macao) which brings Western PRD and Hong Kong within
- ❖ Main Bridge – Dual 3-Lane carriageway (23km sea viaduct + 7km sub-sea tunnel).
- ❖ Fosters flow of people, goods, capital.
- ❖ Strengthens Hong Kong's position as a trade and logistics hub.



The Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link

- ❖ Started operating in 2018.



- ❖ Links Hong Kong with the 29,000 km national high-speed rail network.

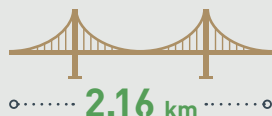
- ❖ Hong Kong Section (26km) runs from West Kowloon to Shenzhen.
- ❖ Slashes journey time between Hong Kong and Guangzhou to 47 mins with a top speed of 200kmh.
- ❖ Provides convenience for business, visiting, study and travel.



Tsing Ma Bridge

- ❖ Important link between the city and its airport.

World's **2nd longest**
span suspension bridge for
road and rail traffic



New road tunnel

- ❖ The Central-Wan Chai Bypass and Island Eastern Corridor Link opened in January 2019.
- ❖ Greatly eases traffic flow along the northern shore of Hong Kong Island.
- ❖ Central - North Point – **5mins' drive** via the **4.5km** highway (3.7km tunnel).

The tunnel's air purification system – the first in Hong Kong and the largest scale of the same application in the world can effectively remove **at least 80%** of respirable suspended particulates and nitrogen dioxide in the tunnel exhaust. 🌬️



Land-based cross-boundary transport

There are nine major land crossings – five road-based, four rail-based in Hong Kong. In particular, cross-boundary passengers can take MTR Intercity Through Trains and high speed rail to the Mainland from control points at Hung Hom and the West Kowloon Station of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link respectively. New Control Point at Heung Yuen Wai will be commissioned in the near future.

Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link

- ❖ Alternative route to Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA).
- ❖ Will provide most direct route between the Northwest New Territories and Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, HKIA and North Lantau.
- ❖ Will reinforce Hong Kong's positions as a regional aviation hub.



Getting around Hong Kong is a breeze.

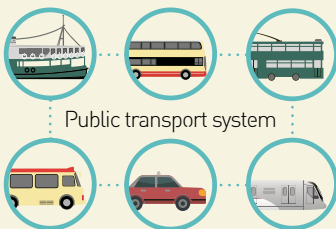
With a highly efficient transport network, ranging from its modern railway system to trams, buses, mini-buses and ferries, Hong Kong is one of the least car-dependent cities in the world.

Hong Kong ranked **2nd globally** for infrastructure competitiveness in the World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness Report 2017-2018.



Commuter city

- ❖ One of the world's most efficient and affordable public transport systems.
- ❖ Handles around **12.9 million passenger** trips a day.
- ❖ About **90%** of daily commuter journeys are made on Hong Kong's efficient public transport system – efficient Mass Transit Railway (our Metro), buses, mini vans, trams, taxis and ferries.
- ❖ Advanced infrastructure
 - The territory's extensive road network spans about **2,135 km.**
 - 3 undersea tunnels connect Hong Kong Island to Kowloon Peninsula.



Public transport system

Super metro

The Mass Transit Railway (MTR) Corporation's territory-wide network comprises 11 railway lines, the Airport Express and the Light Rail Transit system running in the northwestern New Territories.

- ❖ Services provide average of **over 5 million** daily passenger journeys.
- ❖ **99.9%** on-time performance – one of the best records in the world.
- ❖ 17km Sha Tin to Central Link scheduled to open in phases before the end of 2021.
- ❖ New railway projects are moving ahead.



Hong Kong's strategic location at the mouth of the Pearl River Delta makes it the natural gateway to Mainland China. The city's connections reach beyond infrastructure to language, culture, market intelligence and information. Hong Kong is an ideal gateway for companies seeking access to China and for Mainland companies reaching out to the world.

Hong Kong plays a unique role as the prime platform and a key link for the B&R Initiative, which capitalises on our distinct advantages to provide two-way connection for the Mainland and B&R regions, including international project financing, professional services support, economic and trade co-operation, and cultural exchanges, etc. 💡



Belt and Road Initiative (B&R)

The Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road – the B&R Initiative – promotes co-operation among countries and regions in Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Europe.

Five Co-operation Priorities



Policy
Co-ordination



Unimpeded
Trade



People-to-people
Bond



Facilities
Connectivity



Financial
Integration



Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Greater Bay Area)

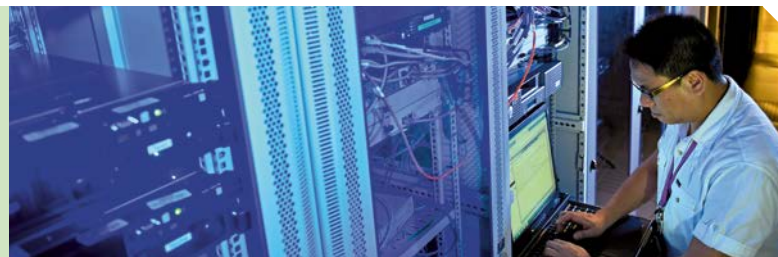
- ❖ Globally significant economic cluster.
- ❖ Population – over 70 million.
- ❖ GDP – around US\$ 1.6 trillion.
- ❖ Covers 9 municipalities in Guangdong Province plus the two Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macao.

Hong Kong can help companies connect and excel in the Greater Bay Area.

- ❖ Deploy unique dual advantages under “One Country, Two Systems” to spur the Greater Bay Area to full potential.
- ❖ As a highly open and international city, Hong Kong can extend its international connections and experiences to the Mainland, help bring in foreign investments, and join hands with Mainland enterprises to explore international opportunities.
- ❖ Create new and exciting opportunities for start-up entrepreneurs.



Hong Kong's telecommunications infrastructure is one of the world's most advanced, with a wide range of innovative services available at low cost. Broadband and mobile networks cover almost 100% of the territory, providing companies and individuals with reliable, accessible and secure communications.



Wi-Fi hotspots

- ❖ Over **57,000** public Wi-Fi hotspots across the city.
- ❖ "Wi-Fi Connected City" programme continues to expand coverage of the common brand "Wi-Fi.HK" through public and private collaboration.
- ❖ Free Wi-Fi service to citizens and visitors.
- ❖ Mobile app shows location of all "Wi-Fi.HK" hotspots.
- ❖ Easy to get connected.



IT infrastructure

- ❖ World leader in IT infrastructure, internet security and free information flow.
- ❖ Early adopter of Internet of Things (IoT) technologies in city management, transport and logistics, trade and e-commerce.

Data centres

Hong Kong offers an excellent location for high-tier data centres in the Asia-Pacific Region.

- ❖ High-tech infrastructure
- ❖ Tech-savvy professionals
- ❖ Reliable power supply
- ❖ Robust enforcement of data privacy and security
- ❖ Proximity to the Mainland of China
- ❖ Free flow of information

Internet

- ❖ Broadband networks cover nearly all commercial and residential buildings.
- ❖ **4th-fastest internet speeds**
 - Average peak internet connection speed **129.5 Mbps**
 - Average internet connection speed (**21.9 Mbps**)

Household broadband penetration rate **92.8%**





Submarine cables

Hong Kong is a key node in the global submarine cable network (11 submarine cables routed through Hong Kong). Facebook and Google are building one of the fastest trans-pacific cable (**144 Tbps bandwidth**), connecting Hong Kong and Los Angeles.



Mobile phones

❖ **19.37 million** mobile service subscribers in Hong Kong.

Penetration rates **259.94%**
One of the highest
in the world.





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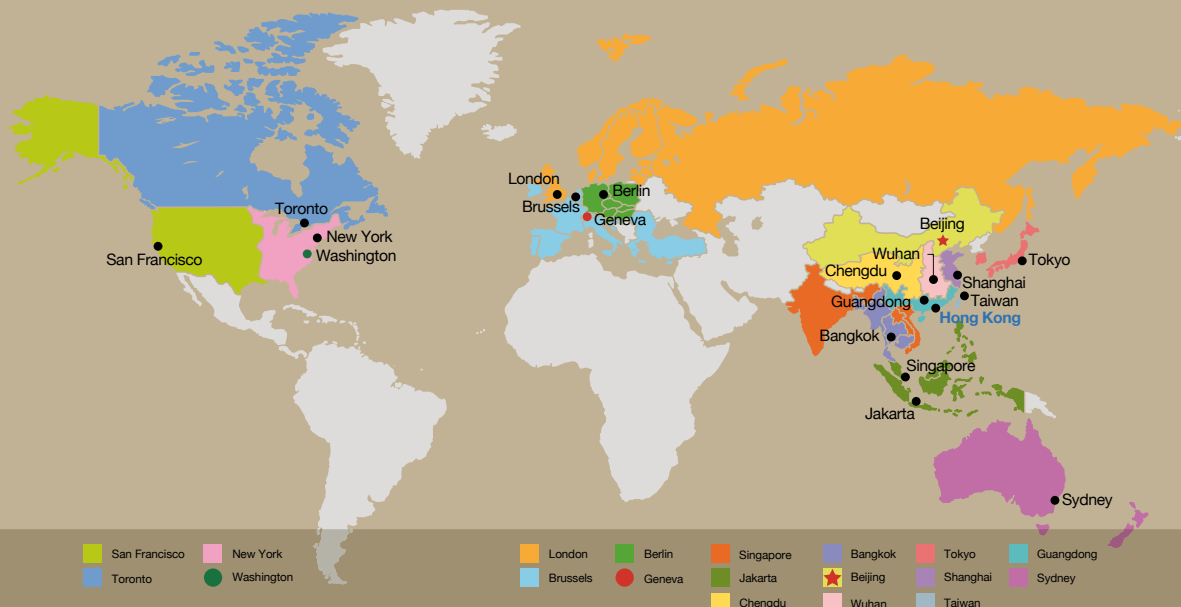
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Note: #Provisional figures



Population

Total: 7.45 million
Median age: 44.2
Gender ratio: 844 males
per 1,000 females
Life expectancy: Men 82.2 years#
Women 87.6 years#



Weather

Coldest month: February
(mean temperature: 16 °C)
Hottest month: July
(mean temperature 29.1 °C)
Annual total rainfall: 2,162.9mm



Official languages

Chinese, English



Time zone

GMT +8hours



Economy

Gross Domestic Product
(at current market prices):
US\$363 billion
GDP per capita
(at current market price):
US\$48,714
Exchange rate: US\$1 =
HK\$7.839 (average in 2018)



Important dates

National Day: October 1
Hong Kong SAR
Establishment Day: July 1



Religions

Buddhists and Taoists make up
the majority
Others: Catholics, Christians,
Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs and Jews



Land area

Total: 1,106.34 km²
Land developed: less than 25%
Country parks and
nature reserves: 40%



Electricity supply

AC 220V
Plug type: British three-pin



Roads and vehicles

2,123 km of public roads
784,434 licensed vehicles



Useful telephone numbers

Emergency: 999
Directory enquiries (Chinese): 1083
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