MAKING IT IN THE METROPOLIS

Hong Kong is betting big on the Northern Metropolis, a 30,000-hectare megaproject positioned as the city's next engine for economic growth. It is expected to accommodate thousands of leading-edge companies and about 2.5 million residents. At the scheme's centre is a plan to create an international education hub with three new university towns.

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UNIVERSITY TOWN AMBITIONS

There will be three university towns in San Tin, Hung Shui Kiu and Ta Kwu Ling spanning a 300-hectare campus area that will be connected to nearby industrial, ecological, recreational and residential sites. The three towns will cover over 1,000 hectares in total.





Hung Shui Kiu*

Positioned as a hub for cultivating global talent, practical higher education and smart manufacturing, authorities will start the site allocation for the Hung Shui Kiu University Town campus area in 2026 and support institutions to move in by 2027 and 2028.

San Tin*

San Tin University Town will focus on the development of medicine, life and health technology, AI, robotics, microelectronics and emerging industries.
The construction of Hong Kong's third medical school, under Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, will start in the coming years.

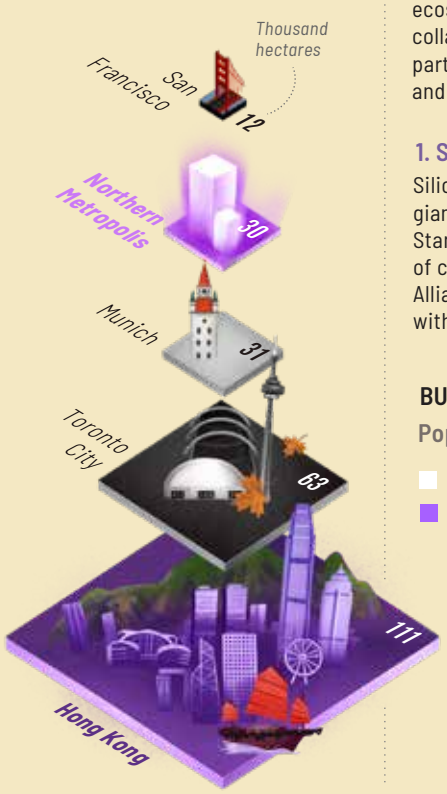
Ta Kwu Ling

This university town will incorporate arts and sustainable development, while reserving strategic space for future development needs. Sites will be made available from 2030 onwards to support emerging and other industries.

*Prioritised by the government in the five-year plan

THE SIZE

The Northern Metropolis accounts for about one-third of Hong Kong's total land area, at 30,000 hectares, comparable to other big cities.



BEYOND CAMPUS WALLS

Like leading global education hubs, Hong Kong's new university towns will be designed to build an ecosystem for tech collaboration and institutions will partner with top Chinese Mainland and overseas counterparts.



1. Silicon Valley, US

Silicon Valley is home to global tech giants and top universities such as Stanford and Berkeley. A prime example of collaboration is Stanford's SystemX Alliance, which allows firms to engage with faculty on research.

2. Greater Boston, US

Home to MIT and Harvard, Cambridge in Greater Boston is recognised as an academic capital. The two universities co-founded the Broad Institute to research diseases and work with leading drug firms.

3. Incheon Global Campus, South Korea

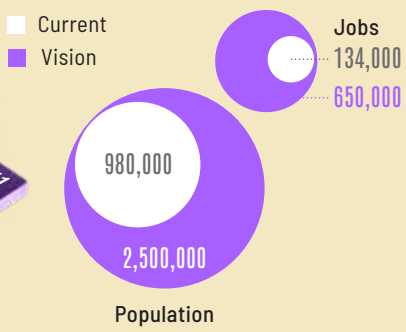
The Incheon Global Campus is set to span a total of 50.5 hectares upon its expansion. It is a shared campus of three American and one Belgian universities including SUNY Korea. The institutions there cooperate with top biotech firms such as Samsung Biologics.

4. Education City, Qatar

The 1,200-hectare Education City hosts the campuses of seven foreign universities, including Georgetown University.

BUILDING A NEW CITY WITHIN A CITY

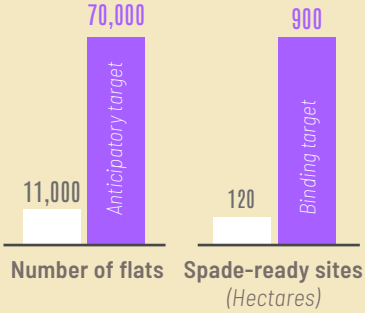
Population and job opportunities



Higher living standards in the Northern Metropolis

Private
Raise the flat size requirements for private residential development in new projects

Public
Enhance the internal floor area of public housing flats and increase the proportion of larger homes for newly built subsidised sale flats



Sources: HKSAR government, Toronto city government, Munich statistical office, US Census Bureau, SystemX Alliance, Incheon Global Campus and Education City

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