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An aerial photograph of Hong Kong, showing the dense urban landscape with numerous skyscrapers, including the prominent blue glass tower in the center. The city is situated on a peninsula with a rocky coastline, and the turquoise water of the harbor is visible in the foreground. In the background, green mountains rise above the city. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

**An international financial centre, Hong Kong takes pride in its business-friendly environment and cosmopolitan lifestyle.**

The international business hub provides unparalleled access to the Chinese economy and is a core city of the Greater Bay Area – one of the world's most dynamic regional economies.

Besides mega sports, arts and cultural events throughout the year, Hong Kong is a nature lovers' delight where spectacular hiking trails, scenic coastal areas and outlying islands are all within easy reach of urban areas.

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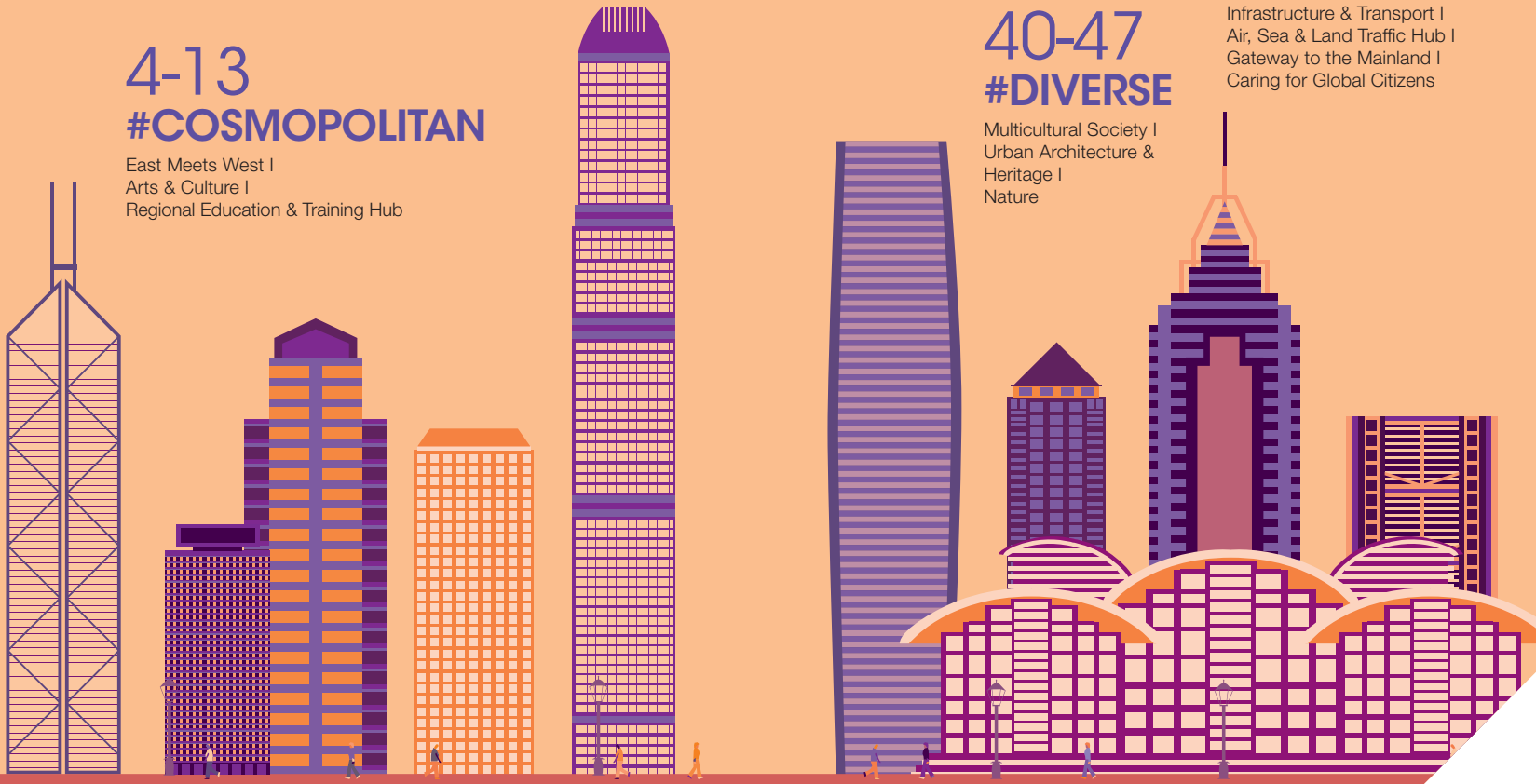
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An aerial photograph of Hong Kong at dusk, showing a dense urban landscape with numerous skyscrapers and residential buildings. The Victoria Harbour is visible in the center, with the city lights reflecting on the water. The sky is a mix of blue and orange hues from the setting sun. In the background, there are green mountains.

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From architecture and entertainment to food and festivals, Hong Kong is a fascinating blend of East and West.

## Global village

There are more than 120 foreign diplomatic representations and offices of international organisations such as International Monetary Fund in Hong Kong.



## Vibrant social scene

There are a host of international chambers of commerce, business associations and networking clubs, making it easy for expatriates to build business and social networks.



## International media hub

Freedom of the press is guaranteed by the Basic Law and the Hong Kong Bill of Rights. International media and broadcasters such as the Economist, Financial Times, New York Times, Wall Street Journal, CNBC, CNN International and BBC, etc. all have a presence in Hong Kong.



## Year-round celebrations

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



## Harbourfront delight

The iconic Victoria Harbour features waterfront promenades spanning 26 km along both sides of the harbour.

- **Longest promenade** (about 8.7 km): along the harbourfront areas in the core business district on the northern shore of Hong Kong Island, roving thematic and festive pop-up art installations by local creative talents provide new visiting experiences.
- **Special features along the way**: with strong local flavour, different special features are added to each promenade section to create unique spaces for people to enjoy, such as East Coast Park Precinct, Water Sports and Recreation Precinct, Revitalised Typhoon Shelter Precinct and the Tsuen Wan Promenade.





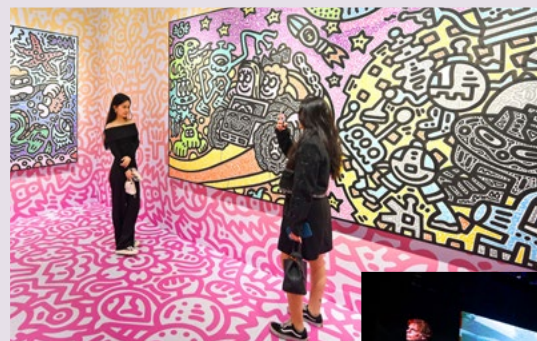
## Cultural hub

The **West Kowloon Cultural District**, spanning 40 ha, is **one of the largest cultural projects** in the world, helping strengthen Hong Kong's positioning as an East-meets-West centre for international cultural exchange.

- ▶ **M+**, Asia's first global museum of contemporary visual culture, defines contemporary art with a new perspective.
- ▶ The **Hong Kong Palace Museum** displays priceless artefacts of Chinese art and culture from the collections of the Palace Museum, Beijing.

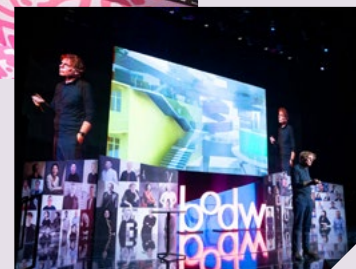


- ▶ The **Xiqu Centre** is dedicated to preserving and promoting the art of Chinese traditional theatre.



## International events

- ▶ Since 2013, **Art Basel Hong Kong**, attracting more than 200 leading galleries from around the world every year, helps cement Hong Kong as the epicentre of Asia's international art scene.
- ▶ **Magnificent 7s**: from humble beginnings in 1976, the Hong Kong Sevens has grown to become a leading international rugby tournament, drawing thousands of fans from around the world.



*Photo courtesy of BODW*



## Top-notch universities

Hong Kong's 22 degree-awarding institutions offer internationally recognised qualifications, the chance to acquire an international perspective and promising career prospects.



- In many scientific fields, such as medicine, biotech and AI, Hong Kong's at the forefront of innovation. Our foundation in basic research is strong, with 5 universities ranking among the top 100 globally (Quacquarelli Symonds World University Rankings 2024).

University	Ranking
 The University of Hong Kong	26
 The Chinese University of Hong Kong	47
 The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	60
 The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	65
 City University of Hong Kong	70



## International schools

The **54 international schools** in Hong Kong provide more than 10 curricula, including those of Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Korea, Singapore, the United Kingdom and the United States, as well as the International Baccalaureate programme.



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

## A magnet for foreign firms

Overseas and Mainland companies in Hong Kong (2023):

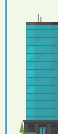


Regional  
headquarters  
**1,336**



Total number of  
operations  
**9,039**

Regional  
offices  
**2,311**



Local offices  
**5,392**



Staff engaged  
**468,000**



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

## Start-up hub

- Hong Kong's vibrant start-up scene ranks World's No.2, and first in Asia, among Top 100 Emerging Ecosystems in the Global Startup Ecosystem Report 2023 published by Startup Genome. The estimated value of the city's start-up ecosystem is HK\$550 billion (US\$70 billion), which is twice the global average.
- The city hosted **4,257 start-ups in 2023**.



## Leading capital market

- ▶ **World No.1 for arranging Asian international bond issuances in 2022**, for the 7th consecutive year since 2016.
- ▶ **Asia's largest hedge fund hub** (October 2023) and **Asia's 2nd largest private equity fund centre** (September 2023).
- ▶ **World No.4 for Initial Public Offering (IPO)** funds raised in 2022, continuing to be a major global listing platform for companies from different jurisdictions.
- ▶ **One of the world's leading fundraising hubs for biotech companies** – 94 companies listed under Hong Kong's new listing regime since its introduction in 2018, accounted for 40% of total IPO funds raised in the period, with a total market capitalisation over US\$800 billion (October 2023). 62 are pre-revenue or pre-profit biotech companies.



## Premier international banking centre

- ▶ **73 of the world's 100 top banks** operate in Hong Kong (November 2023).
- ▶ Hong Kong is **Asia's 2nd largest banking hub** for Chinese and international banks in terms of external positions (June 2023).



## Leading offshore RMB centre

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

- ▶ World's largest offshore pool of RMB funds – RMB deposits and certificates of deposit totalling RMB1,113.9 billion (US\$153 billion, October 2023).

## Strong Hong Kong-Mainland financial connections

- **Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect** (from November 2014) and **Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect** (from December 2016) allow investors in Hong Kong and Mainland markets to trade securities in each other's markets through the trading and clearing facilities of the domestic exchange.
- Exchange-traded Funds (ETFs) and overseas enterprises primary listed in Hong Kong were included under Stock Connect in July 2022 and March 2023 respectively, deepening integration of the two capital markets and facilitating Mainland and international investors to diversify their global asset allocations.



- **Bond Connect**: allows investors from the Mainland and overseas to trade in each other's bond markets through mutual access arrangements between the financial infrastructure institutions in Hong Kong and the Mainland. Northbound trading and Southbound trading commenced in July 2017 and September 2021 respectively.

- The **Cross-boundary Wealth Management Connect** in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) enables residents in Hong Kong, Macao and 9 cities in Guangdong Province to engage in cross-boundary investment in wealth management products distributed by banks in the GBA.
- **Swap Connect**: Northbound trading was launched in May 2023, allowing Hong Kong and overseas investors to participate in the Mainland's interbank derivatives market through mutual access arrangements between institutions in Hong Kong and the Mainland.

## Green finance hub

- **Premier financing platform** for international and Mainland green enterprises / projects and in the GBA.
- A total of around US\$24 billion worth of green bonds (October 2023) under the **Government Green Bond Programme** covering multiple currencies and different tenors was issued. The issuances achieved breakthroughs in 7 aspects:

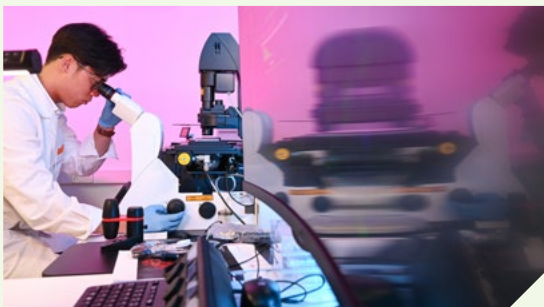


- Establishment of the world's first "Global Medium Term Note Programme" by a government dedicated to green bond issuances
- Issuance of the largest US dollar-denominated government green bond deal globally
- The longest tenor US dollar-denominated government green bond in Asia
- The longest tenor Euro-denominated government green bond in Asia
- The largest retail green bond globally
- The largest ESG bond issuance in Asia
- The first government tokenised green bond globally



## Hong Kong welcomes talent

- ▶ The **Talent List** comprises **51 professions** under 9 industry segments in business, arts and culture, financial and healthcare services, etc.
- ▶ Launched the **Top Talent Pass Scheme** to attract talents, and established **Hong Kong Talent Engage** to provide incoming talents with one-stop support for settling down and job seeking in Hong Kong.
- ▶ Two-time NBA All-Star Stephon Marbury has applied for the Top Talent Pass Scheme to expand his ventures in Hong Kong.



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 Government lends support in the form of grants and facilities, and in fostering a vibrant innovation and technology ecosystem that welcomes talent from around the world.

## Innovation and technology

- ▶ The World Digital Competitiveness Ranking 2023 issued by the International Institute for Management Development placed Hong Kong **4th in Asia-Pacific and 10th in the World** for digital competitiveness.
- ▶ The **InnoHK Research Clusters** at Hong Kong Science Park have pooled together 28 research laboratories, involving 7 local universities and research institutions as well as over 30 institutions from 11 economies.



The tenacity and perseverance of Hong Kong's athletes exemplify the city's "can-do" spirit.

## Sports stars

The Hong Kong, China Delegation performed with distinction at the **2020 Tokyo Olympic Games**, achieving the **best results** of **1 gold, 2 silver** and **3 bronze** medals in Hong Kong history, with a number of athletes breaking Hong Kong records or attaining personal best results.



► **Fencing athlete Cheung Ka-long** won the gold medal in the Men's Foil individual event, becoming the second Olympic Games gold medal winner in the city's history.

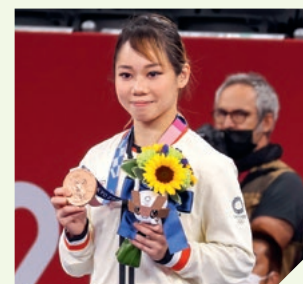


► **Swimming athlete Siobhan Haughey** won 2 silver medals in the Women's 100 m and 200 m Freestyle and broke the respective Asian records. She is the first Hong Kong athlete to have won 2 medals at an Olympic Games.

► **Cycling athlete Lee Wai-sze** won the bronze medal in the Women's Sprint, the second Olympic medal of her career.



► **Karate athlete Lau Mo-sheung** won the bronze medal in the Women's Kata event, which is the first karate Olympic medal in Hong Kong history. She also won a Gold medal in the Women's Kata event in the Asian Karate Federation Senior Championships 2023, getting the first Gold medal in this championship for the city.



► **Table tennis athletes Lee Ho-ching** (centre), **Doo Hoi-kem** (left) and **Soo Wai-yam** claimed bronze in the Women's Table Tennis Team event. It is the second time the Hong Kong, China Delegation has won an Olympic medal in table tennis.



*Photos courtesy of SF & OC*



The Hong Kong, China Delegation also achieved outstanding results of **2 silver** and **3 bronze** medals at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

- **Boccia athletes Leung Yuk-wing** (centre), **Lau Wai-yan** (left) and **Wong Kwan-hang** won the silver medal in the Mixed BC4 Pairs event. Leung also won a bronze medal in the Mixed Individual BC4 event.



- Another bronze medal was won by **Table tennis athlete Wong Ting-ting** in the Women's Singles TT11 event, who took part in the Paralympics for the first time.



*Photos courtesy of the Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled*

From September to October 2023, the Hong Kong, China Delegation reached new heights at **The 19th Asian Games Hangzhou**, hitting **53 medals**, comprising **8 golds**, **16 silvers** and **29 bronzes**, resulting in the city's best performance with many athlete's personal breakthroughs.

- **Badminton athlete Chu Man-kai** (left) won a silver medal in the Men's Singles SH6 event, while **Chan Ho-yuen** won the bronze medal in the Men's Singles WH2 event. This was the first time for badminton to be officially enlisted as a Paralympic event.



- **Rowing athletes Lam San-tung** (left) and **Wong Wai-chun** (right) claimed the first gold medal for the city on the first day.



- **Fencing athlete Cheung Ka-long** won a gold medal in the Men's Foil Individual also on the first day, bagging his first Asiad gold.

- **Swimming athlete Siobhan Haughey** grabbed 6 Asiad medals in total, including 2 golds in the Women's 100 m and 200 m Freestyle, breaking personal and Hong Kong records in various events.



- **Cycling athlete Yang Qianyu** won Hong Kong's first gold in the Women's Cycling Road Race.



- The **Men's Bridge Team** bagged the 8th gold medal for the city in the team event.



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- The **Men's Rugby Sevens Team** retained their title by defeating South Korea in the final, celebrating their gold.

- **Golf athlete Taichi Kho** won the city's first Asiad gold medal in Men's Individual Golf.



## Kai Tak Sports Park

- The state-of-the-art Kai Tak Sports Park includes a 50,000-seat Main Stadium, 10,000-seat Indoor Sports Centre, 5,000-seat Public Sports Ground and about 14 ha of landscaped open space. Upon completion in end-2024, it will become one of the main venues for hosting major sports events in Hong Kong, including some of the events of the 15th National Games in 2025.



*Photo courtesy of the Kai Tak Sports Park Limited*



A nighttime photograph of the Hong Kong skyline. In the foreground, the Legislative Council Building is illuminated with warm yellow lights. It features a large dome and classical architectural elements. To the left of the building is a large, leafy tree. In front of the building is a paved plaza with a small fountain and a person sitting on a ledge. To the right of the building is another large tree and a modern building with a glass facade. In the background, several tall skyscrapers are visible, some with blue and white lights. The sky is dark blue.

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

## 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.
- ▶ Capitalist system and way of life shall remain unchanged.

- ▶ Laws previously in force shall be maintained, except for any that contravene the Basic Law.
- ▶ "Hong Kong, China" participates as a separate member of various international organisations, conferences and events, such as:
  - World Trade Organization
  - Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation
  - World Customs Organization
  - International sports events such as the Olympics





## The Basic Law – The constitutional document of Hong Kong

Enacted in accordance with the Constitution of the People's Republic of China, 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 safeguards the fundamental rights and freedoms of residents.



## The Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the HKSAR (the Hong Kong National Security Law)

The Hong Kong National Security Law (NSL) is a historical step to improve the system for Hong Kong to safeguard our country's sovereignty, unity, territorial integrity, security and development interests. It sets out a clear direction for the principle of "one country, two systems" to maintain the stability and prosperity of Hong Kong.

The NSL aims to prevent, suppress and impose punishment for acts and activities endangering national security and stipulates the following offences:

- Secession
- Subversion
- Organisation and perpetration of terrorist activities
- Collusion with a foreign country or with external elements to endanger national security

The NSL protects the rights and freedoms enjoyed by Hong Kong residents under the Basic Law and the provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

## The Rule of Law – Hong Kong's core value

Judicial independence underpins the rule of law. Judges enjoy security of tenure and the Court of Final Appeal may also call on esteemed judges from other common law jurisdictions to hear final appeals. #

# There are 10 overseas non-permanent judges (as at December, 2023).



## Global legal hub

- ▶ Hong Kong is an internationally respected **legal and dispute resolution services centre**.
- ▶ Effective **protection of property rights**, including intellectual property rights.
- ▶ **Arbitral awards** made in Hong Kong enforceable in over 170 Contracting States to the New York Convention, Mainland China and Macao under reciprocal enforcement arrangements.
- ▶ Hong Kong ranks the **3rd most preferred seat for arbitration globally** according to the 2021 International Arbitration Survey by Queen Mary University of London.



Photo courtesy of AALCO

- ▶ **The International Organization for Mediation Preparatory Office** in Hong Kong promotes the use of mediation for resolving international conflicts in a friendly and amicable manner.



## International dispute resolution centre

- ▶ The Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre handled a total of 515 **new dispute resolution cases** in 2022. The total amount in dispute in all arbitration cases was **US\$5.5 billion**.
- ▶ Since the Arrangement Concerning Mutual Assistance in Court-ordered Interim Measures in Aid of Arbitral Proceedings by the Courts of the Mainland and the HKSAR came into force in October 2019, the PRC courts have made orders preserving assets totalling over **RMB14.5 billion (approximately US\$2.1 billion)** as of the end of 2022.
- ▶ Mediation mechanism established under the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) to resolve investment disputes between the two places. Hong Kong and the Mainland respectively designated their own mediation institutions and mediators for the resolution of investment disputes and published the list of mediation institutions and mediators mutually agreed by both sides.





- **Greater Bay Area (GBA) Mediation Platform in Hong Kong, Macao and Guangdong** promulgating unified accreditation standards and code of conduct best practice for GBA mediators, as well as the GBA Cross-boundary Disputes Mediation Model Rules.

## Deep pool of legal talents

Hong Kong's strong legal infrastructure is supported by a deep pool of local and international legal talents with expertise in a wide variety of legal areas and jurisdictions around the world. There are:



**11,557**  
practising solicitors



**1,473** registered  
foreign lawyers from  
32 jurisdictions



About **1,600**  
practising barristers



**74** registered  
foreign law firms

Note: Figures as at November, 2023

## Safe city

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

- 2022 overall crime rate (crimes per 100,000 population) – 961
- **World No.6** for **order and security** (World Justice Project: The Rule of Law Index 2023)



## Least corrupt

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

- **World No.9** for **absence of corruption** (World Justice Project: The Rule of Law Index 2023).

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## Social harmony

Hong Kong society is characterised by cultural diversity. Ethnic minorities live in harmony in Hong Kong. Government policies facilitate their integration into the community while helping preserve their cultures.



## Culinary paradise

An exotic fusion of Eastern and Western flavours, Hong Kong's cuisine features a variety of creative culinary delights with local flavours.

**78 Hong Kong restaurants with Michelin stars** comprise high-end restaurants and inexpensive street food stalls (2023 edition of Michelin Guide Hong Kong and Macao).

## Theme parks



- **Ocean Park Hong Kong**, situated on the southern side of Hong Kong Island, has become an iconic resort and leisure destination that focuses on conservation and immersive experience in nature since its opening in 1977. Together with 2 newly-built hotels, the park restaurants and amenities offer extensive international menus as well as unbeatable views of the South China Sea.



- **Hong Kong Disneyland Resort**, located at the north-eastern part of the enchanting island of Lantau, comprises Disneyland and 3 distinctive resort hotels. Billed as one of the finest Disney theme parks in Asia since its opening in 2005, Hong Kong Disneyland is hosting the world's first Frozen themed-land which opened in November 2023.

## "Ding-Ding"

Founded in 1904, the electric double deck trams, affectionately called "ding-ding", run on 13 km of double track along the northern shore of Hong Kong Island, and about 3 km of single track around Happy Valley. Passengers take in all the views along the way, which reflect how new and old urban developments co-exist, in a much slower pace.



## Peak Tram

In service **since 1888**, it is one of the most famous funicular railways in the world. Running from Central up to Victoria Peak, the highest spot on Hong Kong Island, from where you can enjoy a beautiful vista of the city on both sides of Victoria Harbour.



## Ngong Ping 360

As Asia's longest bi-cable aerial ride — a **5.7 km** journey, it takes passengers from Tung Chung to Ngong Ping Village on the highlands of Lantau where the **Big Buddha** sits serenely, taking in stunning views of Hong Kong's largest island (Lantau Island) and the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge.



## Star Ferry

In service **since 1880**, the fleet ranks first in a poll of the world's "most exciting and scenic" ferry rides by the Society of American Travel Writers.

There are 134 declared monuments in Hong Kong (December 2023). Many heritage trails offer a glimpse into Hong Kong's unique past. The city has received 21 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation.

## Monuments in Central District



- ▶ **The Exterior of the Old Supreme Court** (built in 1912) – now Court of Final Appeal Building
- ▶ **St John's Cathedral** (built in 1847-1849)
- ▶ **Flagstaff House** (built in 1844-1846) – now Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware
- ▶ **The Cenotaph** (built in 1923) – a memorial for those who served and died in the two World Wars
- ▶ **Jamia Mosque** (built in 1915-1916) (pictured)

## Tai Kwun in Central

- ▶ The **revitalised Central Police Station compound**, Tai Kwun – Centre for Heritage and Arts, has become a cultural hub on Hong Kong Island.



- ▶ The 13,600 m<sup>2</sup> complex, built in the mid-19th century, has 16 heritage buildings, including the former Central Police Station, Central Magistracy and Victoria Prison.
- ▶ Won the **top Award of Excellence** in the **UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation (2019)**.



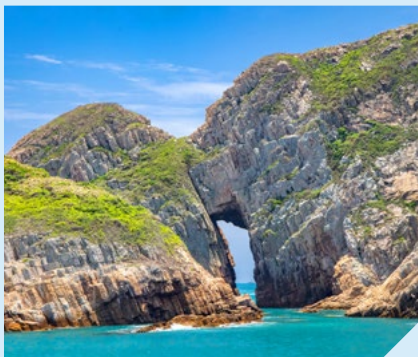
Hong Kong is packed with astonishing diversity of nature – mountains, wetlands, beaches, spectacular rock formations, scenic country parks, rural villages, farming areas, and marshlands rich in flora and fauna.

### Country and marine parks

- ▶ About 40% of the land area of Hong Kong is designated as country parks and special areas.
- ▶ **24 country parks** and **22 special areas** dedicated to conservation, education and recreation.
- ▶ **7 marine parks** and **1 marine reserve**.
- ▶ The proposed 25th country park, Robin's Nest Country Park, and the 8th marine park, North Lantau Marine Park, are expected to be established in 2024.

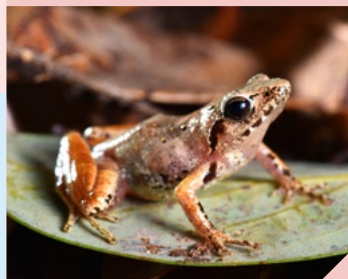
### Amazing geopark

- ▶ **Hong Kong UNESCO Global Geopark** features world-class hexagonal rock columns and diverse spectacular landforms.
- ▶ Visitors can explore the fascinating story of our planet, from the **Devonian Period 400 million years ago**, traversing the **Jurassic and Cretaceous Periods** when dinosaurs roamed the earth, to the Ice Age and the era when the climate turned warm.



### Rich biodiversity and rare species

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



*Photos courtesy of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department*

### The great outdoors

- ▶ **The MacLehose Trail** – 100 km trail running east-west across mountains, valleys and beaches in the New Territories (Listed on National Geographic's "World's Best Hikes: 20 Dream Trails").
- ▶ **Dragon's Back** on Hong Kong Island – voted Asia's "Best Urban Hike" by Time (Asia) magazine.

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Strategically located in the 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, trade, shipping and aviation.

## Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA)

With the Third Runway officially commissioned on November 25, 2022, the Airport Authority Hong Kong is forging ahead with the remaining works of the Three-Runway System (3RS). The 3RS, which will raise HKIA's passenger and cargo handling capacities significantly, is targeted for completion in 2024. The development, together with a premium logistics centre on the Airport Island, the SKYCITY project and future developments on the Hong Kong Port Island of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge and of AsiaWorld-Expo will transform HKIA into an Airport City.

## Regional hub port

- ▶ One of the world's busiest and most efficient container ports.
- ▶ Hong Kong **Shipping Register** ranks **No.4** in the world in terms of gross tonnage.
- ▶ **No.4 globally in the 2022 Xinhua-Baltic International Shipping Centre Development Index.**
- ▶ Over 240 international container liner services per week connecting to over 460 destinations worldwide (2022).
- ▶ Marine cargo movements with some 90 countries along the Belt and Road Initiative.
- ▶ Nearly **17 million TEUs handled** in 2022.



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

### Belt and Road Initiative (B&RI)

The Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road – the B&RI – promotes co-operation among more than 100 countries and regions.



#### 5 Co-operation Priorities



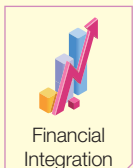
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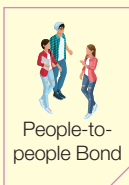
Facilities  
Connectivity



Unimpeded  
Trade



Financial  
Integration



People-to-  
people Bond

Hong Kong plays a unique role as the functional platform and a key link for the B&RI, leveraging our distinct advantages to provide **two-way connections** to the Mainland and B&RI regions, including international project financing, professional services support, economic and trade co-operation, and cultural exchange.

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

- ▶ 9 cities in Guangdong Province plus the 2 Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macao.
- ▶ Population: over 86 million
- ▶ GDP: over US\$1.9 trillion

Hong Kong can help companies take advantage of opportunities in the GBA:

- ▶ Unique dual advantages under **"one country, two systems"**
- ▶ An **international gateway** helping Mainland enterprises explore international opportunities and bring in foreign investment
- ▶ Strong policy support for **start-ups** and **talents**





## The National 14th Five-Year Plan

The National 14th Five-Year Plan sets out the blueprint and action agenda for national development from 2021 to 2025 and establishes a clear positioning and direction for Hong Kong's economic development, including support for Hong Kong to enhance, consolidate and develop its "centre" status in 8 traditional and emerging sectors:

- Consolidate Hong Kong's competitive edge by enhancing 4 **"traditional centres"** – international finance, transportation, trade, and legal and dispute resolution services in the Asia-Pacific region.
- Develop new advantages for Hong Kong by establishing 4 **"emerging centres"** – international aviation, international innovation and technology, regional intellectual property trading, and East-meets-West centre for international cultural exchange.










## Disaster Relief Aid Outside Hong Kong

Caring for global citizens – Responding swiftly to international appeals for humanitarian aid in relief of disasters, the Hong Kong Disaster Relief Fund since setting up in 1993 has made grants totalling of HK\$2,328 million (US\$298.5 million) for relief organisations and governments/authorities across various regions in Asia, Africa, Europe, Latin America and Oceania (as at November 2023). A fast-track mechanism has also been in place for funding projects that provide immediate food and water supplies to victims at the initial stage of a disaster.

On February 8, 2023, Hong Kong sent a 59-strong search and rescue team to Türkiye's Hatay Province, 2 days after a devastating earthquake affected the region. The team rescued 4 survivors and found 6 bodies under the debris.



## LEGEND

-  Railway
-  Major Road
-  Hiking Trail
-  Geo Trail
-  Geopark Visitor Centre
-  Hong Kong UNESCO Global Geopark
-  Country Parks & Special Areas



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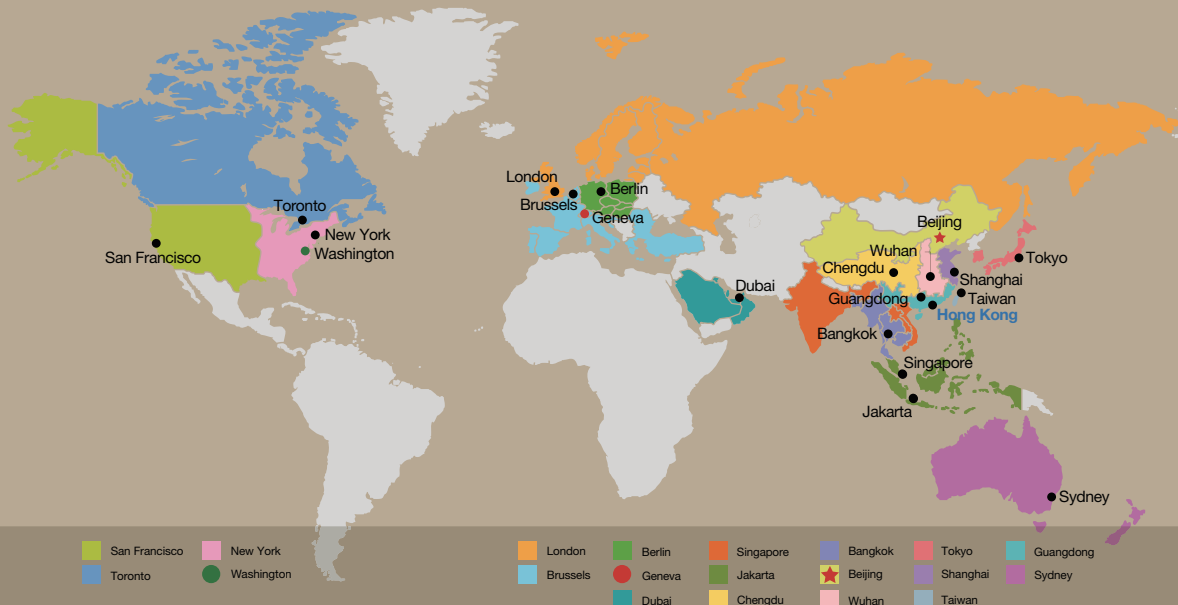
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# HONG KONG

## Facts and Figures 2022

### Population

Total: 7.47 million

Median age: 47.1

Gender ratio:

840 males per 1,000 females

Life expectancy:

Men 80.7 years      Women 86.8 years



### Weather

Colest month: February  
(mean temperature 15.2 °C)

Hottest month: July  
(mean temperature 30.3 °C)

Annual total rainfall: 2,205.4mm



### Religions

Buddhism, Catholicism, Christianity,  
Confucianism, Hinduism, Islam,  
Judaism, Sikhism and Taoism, etc.



### Electricity supply

AC 220V

Plug type: British three-pin



### Economy

GDP  
(at current market prices):  
US\$360 billion

GDP per capita  
(at current market price): US\$48,980

Exchange rate:  
US\$1 = HK\$7.832 (average in 2022)



### Time zone

GMT + 8 hours



### Important dates

National Day: October 1

Hong Kong SAR

Establishment Day: July 1



### Useful telephone numbers

Emergency: 999

Directory enquiries (Chinese): 1083

Directory enquiries (English): 1081



### Land area

Total: 1,114.35 km<sup>2</sup>

Total urban or built-up area:  
about 25%

Country parks and special areas:  
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