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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 Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao 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.

Take a glimpse of what makes **Asia's world city** one of the most desirable places to live, work, invest and study.

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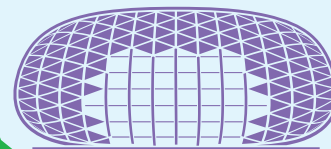
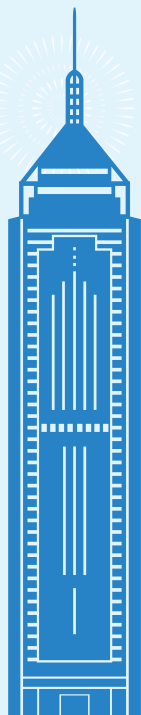
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An aerial night view of the Hong Kong skyline, featuring numerous illuminated skyscrapers and dense urban development. The Victoria Harbour is visible in the center, with the city lights reflecting on the water. The background shows dark, silhouetted mountains under a twilight sky.

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East Meets West |

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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.

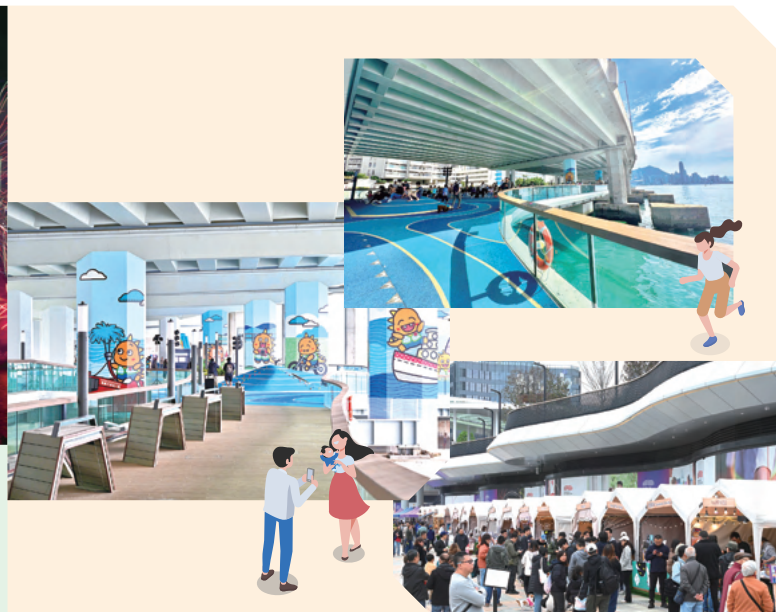
- International media and broadcasters such as The Economist, Financial Times, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, CNBC, CNN International and BBC, etc., all have a presence in Hong Kong.





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 around 31km along both sides of the harbour.

- ▷ **Longest promenade within Victoria Harbour** (about 13km): along the harbourfront areas on the northern shore of Hong Kong Island, the harbourfront from Kennedy Town in the west to Shau Kei Wan in the east has been connected, providing refreshing visiting experiences including festive “pop-up” art installations and a variety of events throughout the year.
- ▷ **Special features along the way**: distinctive features are added to each promenade section to create unique spaces for people to enjoy, such as East Coast Boardwalk, East Coast Park Precinct, Water Sports and Recreation Precinct, Cha Kwo Ling Promenade and Dining Cove of the Kai Tak Sports Park. Smart specialty vending facilities have been set up at the harbourfront in Wan Chai, Kwun Tong and Cha Kwo Ling providing light snacks, specialty drinks and gadgets.



Cultural hub

The **West Kowloon Cultural District**, spanning 40 hectares, 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. It is also home to M+ and the Hong Kong Palace Museum, two of the most popular new museums in the world, and the Xiqu Centre, which is dedicated to promoting Chinese traditional theatre and performing arts.



International events

- ▷ Since 2013, **Art Basel Hong Kong**, attracting an average of more than 200 leading galleries from around the world, 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.




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 is at the forefront of innovation. With a strong foundation in basic research, Hong Kong is the only city in the world with 5 universities ranked among the top 100 globally (Quacquarelli Symonds World University Rankings 2026).

University		Ranking
	The University of Hong Kong	11
	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	32
	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	44
	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	54
	City University of Hong Kong	63



International schools

The **53 international schools** in Hong Kong provide a wide range of non-local 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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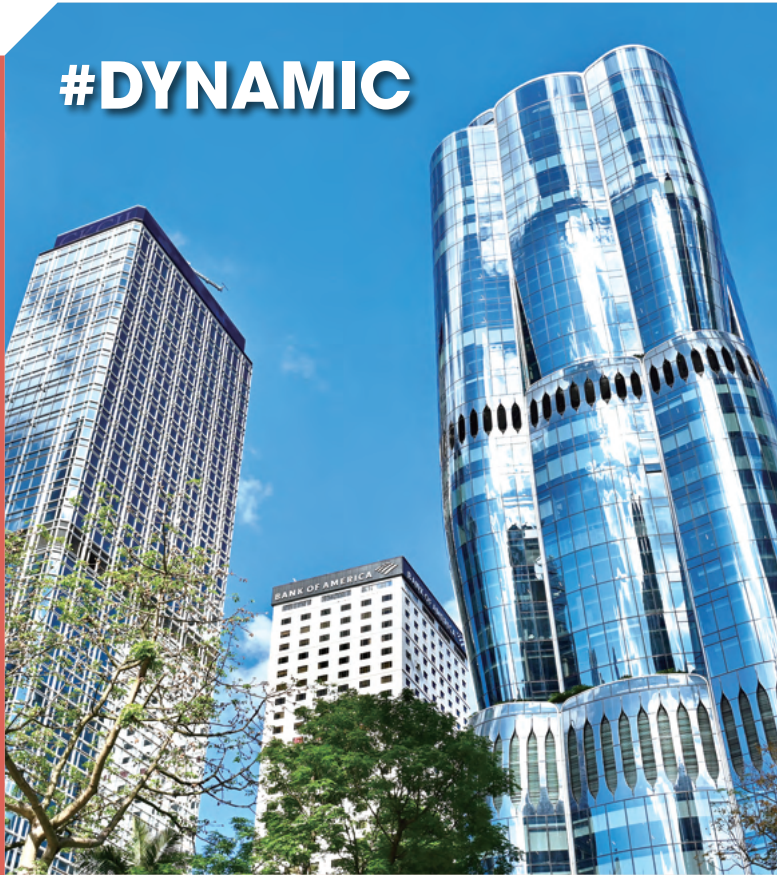
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A powerful combination of factors – prime location, rule of law, high-speed communications, free flow of information and capital, a low and simple tax system and a pro-business government – makes Hong Kong a leading international business and financial centre.

A magnet for non-local firms

Overseas and Chinese Mainland companies in Hong Kong (2024) :



Total number
of operations
9,960



Regional
headquarters
1,410



Regional
offices
2,410



Local
offices
6,140



Staff
engaged
493,000

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

Start-up hub

- Hong Kong's start-up ecosystem is supported by a strong network of incubators and accelerators, a pool of experienced angels and venture capitalists, a host of government-backed programmes and a welcoming community of start-ups.
- The city hosted **4,694 start-ups in 2024, employing 17,651 staff.**





Leading capital market

- ▶ **World No.1 for Initial Public Offering (IPO)** funds raised in the first half of 2025 (excluding funds raised by listing of Special Purpose Acquisition Companies), continuing to be a major global listing platform for companies from different jurisdictions.
- ▶ **Asia's largest hedge fund hub** (August 2025) and **Asia's 2nd largest private equity fund centre** (June 2025).
- ▶ **No.1 in the world for arranging Asian international bond issuances** in 2024.
- ▶ **One of the world's leading fundraising hubs for biotech companies** – 115 companies listed under the new listing regime in Hong Kong since its introduction in 2018 and the listing regime for specialist technology companies since March 2023, 77 of which are biotech companies. These 115 companies account for about 40% of total IPO funds raised in the period, with a total market capitalisation of over US\$1,200 billion (August 2025).



Premier international banking centre

- ▶ **71 of the world's 100 top banks** operate in Hong Kong (August 2025).
- ▶ Hong Kong is **Asia's 2nd largest banking hub** for Chinese and international banks in terms of external positions (March 2025).



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 RMB985.1 billion (US\$138 billion, June 2025).





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 Chinese Mainland 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 eligible financial institutions (banks and/or securities firms) 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.
- ▶ A total of around US\$31 billion worth of green bonds (June 2025) under the **Government Sustainable Bond Programme** (previously known as the Government Green Bond Programme) covering multiple currencies and different tenors was issued. The issuances achieved breakthroughs in 8 aspects:
 - 2021:
 - ▶ The world's first "Global Medium Term Note Programme" dedicated to green bond issuances by a government
 - ▶ The world's largest US dollar-denominated government green bond deal
 - ▶ The longest tenor US dollar-denominated government green bond ever in Asia
 - ▶ The longest tenor Euro-denominated government green bond ever in Asia
 - 2022:
 - ▶ The world's largest retail green bond issuance
 - 2023:
 - ▶ The largest ESG bond issuance ever in Asia
 - ▶ The world's first government tokenised green bond issuance
 - 2024:
 - ▶ The world's first multi-currency digitally native tokenised bond



Hong Kong welcomes talent

- ▶ Hong Kong rose to fourth place globally and ranked No.1 in Asia in the World Talent Ranking 2025.
- ▶ With a dual role as an international talent hub and the country's talent gateway, Hong Kong welcomes global talents via various talent admission schemes. As of end-August 2025, over 230,000 talents arrived in Hong Kong.
- ▶ The **Hong Kong Talent Engage** continues to attract global talent through outreach visits and promotional activities, and help incoming talents settle in Hong Kong by co-organising online and offline career fairs, seminars, workshops and integration activities, etc., with working partners.
- ▶ To organise a mega event, the Global Talent Summit Week, in March 2026.



Hong Kong has world-class capability in scientific research. With 5 top-100 universities in the world and comprehensive technology infrastructure, such as the 3 major innovation and technology (I&T) parks, Cyberport, Hong Kong Science Park and the Hong Kong Park of the Hetao Shenzhen-Hong Kong Science and Technology Innovation Co-operation Zone, the city has established itself as a prominent international research and development hub in the region. With the country's unwavering support, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government is committed to developing Hong Kong into an international I&T centre, fostering an increasingly vibrant I&T ecosystem that attracts talent from around the world.

Innovation and technology

- ▶ The Global Innovation Index 2025 top 100 innovation clusters published by the World Intellectual Property Organization placed the Shenzhen-Hong Kong-Guangzhou cluster **first globally** for the first time.
- ▶ The World Digital Competitiveness Ranking 2025 issued by Switzerland's International Institute for Management Development (IMD) placed Hong Kong **3rd worldwide** for the "Technology" factor and **4th in the world** for overall digital competitiveness.
- ▶ The **InnoHK Research Clusters** have cumulatively funded the setting up of 30 research laboratories, involving 7 local universities and research institutions as well as over 30 institutions from 12 economies. Following the establishment of the first two research clusters, namely Health@InnoHK, focusing on healthcare technology, and AIR@InnoHK, focusing on artificial intelligence and robotics technologies, the Government is now taking forward the establishment of the third research cluster, SEAM@InnoHK, focusing on sustainable development, energy, advanced manufacturing and materials.
- ▶ Plaques were presented to **15 State Key Laboratories** in Hong Kong in August 2025.



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

Sports stars

The Hong Kong, China Delegation scaled new heights at the 2024 Paris Olympics, clinching **2 gold** and **2 bronze** medals.



- **Fencer Cheung Ka-long** successfully defended his title in the Men's Foil Individual event. He became the first Hong Kong, China athlete to win back-to-back Olympic gold medals following his victory at the Tokyo Olympics and the first man in 68 years to defend his Olympic foil title.



- **Fencer Vivian Kong** won the gold medal in the Women's Épée Individual event, clinching Hong Kong's first ever Olympic gold medal in the competition.



- **Swimmer Siobhan Haughey** won 2 bronze medals in the Women's 100m and 200m Freestyle events, becoming the only Hong Kong, China athlete to win 2 medals in consecutive Olympic Games, after her winning of 2 silver medals at the Tokyo Olympics.

Photos courtesy of the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China

The Hong Kong, China Delegation also achieved excellent performances at the 2024 Paris Paralympic Games, bagging **3 gold**, **4 silver** and **1 bronze** medals, attaining the best result since the 2012 London Paralympic Games.



- ▶ **Boccia athlete John Loung** clinched the first gold medal for Hong Kong at the Games in the Men's Individual BC1 event.



- ▶ **Boccia athlete Ho Yuen-kei** won 2 gold medals, one in the Women's Individual BC3 event and another with **Tse Tak-wah** in the Mixed Pairs BC3 event.

- ▶ **Swimmer Chan Yui-lam** won the silver medal in the Women's 100m Butterfly S14 event.



- ▶ **Badminton athlete Chan Ho-yuen** bagged silver in the Men's Singles WH2 event, achieving his goal of surpassing previous bronze medal at the Tokyo Paralympic Games.



- ▶ **Boccia athletes Leung Yuk-wing** and **Cheung Yuen** took silver in the Mixed Pairs BC4 event, while Cheung won another silver in the Women's Individual BC4 event.



- ▶ **Swimmer Ng Cheuk-yan** took bronze in the Women's 100m Breaststroke SB6 event. She became the youngest Hong Kong, China athlete to win a medal at the Paralympic Games.

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Kai Tak Sports Park

- Kai Tak Sports Park (KTSP) provides Hong Kong with its largest and most advanced event venues. Since its official commissioning on 1 March 2025, the KTSP has quickly established itself as the new hub for mega sports and entertainment events. Various competitions and performances have been staged successfully, winning acclaim from both local residents and tourists. Three competitions of the 15th National Games, namely Fencing, Handball (Men) and Rugby Sevens, were held at the KTSP in November 2025.



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The 15th National Games



Hong Kong, in collaboration with Guangdong and Macao, successfully co-hosted the 15th National Games for the first time in November 2025. Eight events were held across various venues in the city, including Kai Tak Sports Park, Victoria Park, Hong Kong Coliseum, Hong Kong Velodrome, Hong Kong Golf Club, Victoria Harbour and the Central Harbourfront. Additionally, Hong Kong assisted Zhuhai and Shenzhen in organising two cross-boundary events, namely road cycling (men's individual race) and the athletics marathon. Hong Kong athletes achieved their best ever results in the National Games, securing a total of **9 gold, 2 silver and 8 bronze** medals. Hong Kong's high-profile participation in the country's highest-level and largest multi-sport event was hailed as "a significant milestone" in the city's sports development. Furthermore, in December 2025, Hong Kong also co-hosted the 12th National Games for Persons with Disabilities and the 9th National Special Olympic Games, where the Hong Kong team won a combined total of 140 medals.



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The rule of law, clean government, 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, and subject to any amendment by the legislature of Hong Kong.
- ▷ Hong Kong, using the name "Hong Kong, China", participates as a separate member in various international organisations, conferences and events, such as:
 - World Trade Organization
 - Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
 - 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 (PRC), the Basic Law prescribes the systems to be practised in the HKSAR, to ensure the implementation of the basic policies of the PRC regarding Hong Kong, and safeguards the fundamental rights and freedoms of residents.





Laws on safeguarding national security in Hong Kong - The Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the HKSAR (HKNSL) and the Safeguarding National Security Ordinance (SNSO)

The HKNSL and the SNSO are historical steps 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 laws on safeguarding national security in Hong Kong aim to prevent, suppress and impose punishment for acts and activities endangering national security.

The HKNSL 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 SNSO stipulates the following offences:

- ▷ Treason
- ▷ Insurrection, Incitement to Mutiny and Disaffection, and Acts with Seditious Intention
- ▷ Offences in connection with State Secrets and Espionage
- ▷ Sabotage Endangering National Security
- ▷ External Interference Endangering National Security and Organizations Engaging in Activities Endangering National Security



The HKNSL and the SNSO protect 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

- ▶ Hong Kong's commitment to the rule of law and independent judicial power is key to its prosperity and stability. Under the Basic Law, the HKSAR is vested with independent judicial power, including final adjudication, and the courts shall exercise such power free from any interference.



- ▶ All judges are appointed by the Chief Executive based on recommendations from an independent commission of local judges, legal professionals and eminent persons from other sectors. Judges are chosen on the basis of their judicial and professional qualities and may be recruited from other common law jurisdictions. The Court of Final Appeal may call on esteemed judges from other common law jurisdictions to hear final appeals.
- ▶ In exercising their judicial powers, all judges are constitutionally required to handle cases strictly in accordance with the law and legal principles.



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, Chinese Mainland and Macao under reciprocal enforcement arrangements.
- ▶ Hong Kong ranks the **2nd most preferred seat for arbitration globally** (alongside Singapore) according to the 2025 International Arbitration Survey by Queen Mary University of London.



International dispute resolution centre

- ▶ The Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre handled a total of 503 **new dispute resolution cases** in 2024. The total amount in dispute in all arbitration cases was **US\$13.6 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 **RMB27.9 billion (approximately US\$3.5 billion)** as of July 2025.
- ▶ 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 designate their own mediation institutions and mediators for the resolution of investment disputes and publish 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. The three places in the GBA announced the GBA Mediator Panel in December 2024.

- Following the conclusion of the negotiations of the Convention on the Establishment of the International Organization for Mediation (Convention) in Hong Kong in October 2024, the signing ceremony of the Convention was held in Hong Kong on 30 May 2025. On 29 August 2025, the Convention entered into force. The Headquarters of the **International Organization for Mediation (IOMed)** is established in Hong Kong in accordance with the Convention and commenced operation on 20 October 2025. IOMed is the world's first intergovernmental international organisation dedicated to resolving international disputes through mediation by providing friendly, flexible, economical and efficient mediation services. The establishment of IOMed in Hong Kong has strengthened Hong Kong's positioning as a centre for international legal and dispute resolution services, supporting Hong Kong's development into a global mediation capital.



The Hong Kong International Legal Talents Training Academy was launched in November 2024, serving as an exchange platform for capacity building among international legal talents in the region and beyond.

Safe city

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

- 2024 overall crime rate (crimes per 100,000 population) – 1,259
- **World No.10 for order and security** (World Justice Project: The Rule of Law Index 2025)



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:

About **11,898**
practising solicitors



1,626 registered
foreign lawyers
from 30 jurisdictions



About **1,770**
practising barristers



86 registered
foreign law firms



Note: Figures as at October 2025

Least corrupt

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

- **The 4th globally and the 1st in Asia-Pacific region** for the criteria “**Bribery and corruption do not exist**” under the factor “Government Efficiency” (International Institute for Management Development: World Competitiveness Yearbook 2025).
- **World No.9 for absence of corruption** (World Justice Project: The Rule of Law Index 2025).

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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.

- ▶ **76 Hong Kong restaurants with Michelin stars** comprise high-end restaurants and inexpensive street food stalls (2025 edition of Michelin Guide Hong Kong and Macao).

In the Global Muslim Travel Index 2025, Hong Kong ranked third in the category of 'Muslim-friendly Destinations (non-Organisation of Islamic Cooperation)' and was also named the 'Most Promising Muslim-friendly Destination of the Year'. To enhance Hong Kong's Muslim-friendly tourism facilities, the Hong Kong Tourism Board launched the Hong Kong Restaurants Halal Certification Funding Scheme to encourage more restaurants to apply for halal-certification.

Theme parks

- ▶ **Ocean Park Hong Kong (Ocean Park)**, situated on the southern side of Hong Kong Island, is a tourist attraction encompassing recreation, education and conservation. Ocean Park is home to 6 giant pandas as well as other precious terrestrial and marine animals, and its offerings also include thrill rides, shows and an indoor and outdoor Water World, etc. Together with the Hong Kong Ocean Park Marriott Hotel and the Fullerton Ocean Park Hotel, Ocean Park is an iconic resort and leisure destination in Hong Kong.



- ▶ **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 theme parks in Asia since its opening in 2005, Hong Kong Disneyland unveiled the world's first and largest World of Frozen in November 2023.



"Ding-Ding"

Founded in 1904, the electric double deck trams, affectionately called "ding-ding", run on 13km of double track along the northern shore of Hong Kong Island, and about 3km 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, at a more leisurely pace.



Peak Tram

In service **since 1888**, it is one of the most famous funicular railways in the world. Running between Central and Victoria Peak, the highest spot on Hong Kong Island, passengers 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 **5.7km** 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 136 declared monuments in Hong Kong (October 2024). Many heritage trails offer a glimpse into Hong Kong's fascinating past. The city has received 22 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 13,600m² complex, built in the mid-19th century, has 16 heritage buildings, including the former Central Police Station Compound, Central Magistracy and Victoria Prison Compound.
- ▷ 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.
- ▶ **25 country parks** and **22 special areas** dedicated to conservation, education and recreation.
- ▶ **8 marine parks** and **1 marine reserve**.
- ▶ The 25th country park, Robin's Nest Country Park was established on 1 March, 2024.
- ▶ The 8th marine park, North Lantau Marine Park, was established on 1 November, 2024.



Amazing geopark

- ▶ **Hong Kong UNESCO Global Geopark** features world-class hexagonal rock columns and diverse spectacular landforms.
- ▶ Visitors can explore 13 captivating geopark attractions and embark on 2 boat tour routes, offering an in-depth experience of the diverse geological, ecological, cultural and intangible cultural heritage.



Rich biodiversity and rare species

- ▶ Hong Kong provides important habitats for rare species, such as Chinese White Dolphin and Finless Porpoise, Chinese Pangolin, Spoon-billed Sandpiper, Romer's Tree Frog and the endemic Bogadek's Burrowing Lizard.
- ▶ Hong Kong has recorded over 580 bird species, representing one-third of the total number of species recorded in China.
- ▶ Species first discovered here and named after the city include the Hong Kong Camellia, Hong Kong Balsam and Hong Kong Newt.



Photos courtesy of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

The great outdoors

- ▶ **The MacLehose Trail** – 100km 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, maritime and aviation.

Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA)

The Three-Runway System at Hong Kong International Airport, which commenced operation in November 2024, raises HKIA's passenger and cargo handling capacities significantly. The development, together with development projects on the Airport Island, the Hong Kong Port Island of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge and the adjacent land and waters, will transform HKIA into a world-leading Airport City.



Regional hub port

- ▶ **One of the world's busiest and most efficient container ports.**
- ▶ The average time an ocean-going container vessel spent in Hong Kong Port (HKP) was 1 day in 2024, much shorter than the average of the world's top 20 container ports at 1.94 days, reflecting HKP's high handling efficiency.
- ▶ The Hong Kong Shipping Registry enjoys excellent reputation for high quality with a low Port State Control detention rate (0.69% vs world average of 3.3% in 2024).
- ▶ **Ranked No.4 globally in Xinhua-Baltic International Shipping Centre Development Index for 6 consecutive years from 2020 to 2025.**
- ▶ Marine cargo movements with some 100 countries under the Belt and Road Initiative.
- ▶ **13.7 million TEUs handled** in 2024.

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

Belt and Road Initiative (B&RI)

The B&RI promotes co-operation in multiple fields among more than 150 countries and regions by orienting towards "hard connectivity" in infrastructure, bolstering "soft connectivity" through harmonised rules and standards, and strengthening people-to-people bonds.



Key Fields



Policy Co-ordination



Infrastructure Connectivity



Unimpeded Trade



Financial Integration



People-to-people Bond



Co-operation in New Fields including health, green, innovation and digital

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.

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.

The National 15th Five-Year Plan

The recommendations for the 15th Five-Year Plan adopted at the Fourth Plenary Session of the 20th CPC Central Committee in October 2025 will provide a top-level design and strategic blueprint for the country's development over the next five years and are of great significance and impact to Hong Kong. Hong Kong will identify and focus on its advantageous positioning in the country's development blueprint, proactively align with the chapters on Hong Kong and Macao in the 15th Five-Year Plan, seize the significant opportunities brought about by the country's development, and leverage its own unique advantages in national development.

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 87 million
 - ▶ GDP: over RMB14.5 trillion (over US\$2 trillion) (2024)
- Hong Kong can help companies capture the opportunities in the GBA:
- ▶ Unique dual advantages under **"one country, two systems"**.
 - ▶ An **international gateway** helping Mainland enterprises expand their reach to overseas markets and bringing in foreign investment.
 - ▶ Strong policy support for **start-ups** and **talents**.



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\$2,504 million (US\$321 million) for relief organisations and governments/authorities across various regions in Asia, Africa, Europe, Latin America and Oceania (as at September 2025). 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.

In March 2025, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government sent a 51-strong search and rescue team to Mandalay in Myanmar, the day after a devastating earthquake hit the region. The team conducted joint operations with the China search and rescue teams for days and successfully rescued a survivor. The HKSAR team also located two bodies in the debris.



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Population

Total: 7.52 million

Median age: 47.9

Gender ratio:
832 males per 1,000 females

Life expectancy:
Men 82.8 years* Women 88.4 years*

Note: * Provisional figure



Weather

Coldest month: January
(mean temperature 17.9 °C)

Hottest month: July
(mean temperature 29.9 °C)

Annual total rainfall: 2,309.7mm



Time zone

GMT + 8 hours



Economy

GDP
(at current market prices):
US\$406.9 billion

GDP per capita
(at current market price): US\$54,080

Exchange rate:
US\$1 = HK\$7.803 (average in 2024)



Land area

Total: 1,114.57 km²

Total urban or built-up area:
about 26%

Country parks and special areas:
about 40%



Religions

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



Important dates

National Day: October 1

Hong Kong SAR
Establishment Day: July 1



Electricity supply

AC 220V

Plug type: British three-pin



Useful telephone numbers

Emergency: 999

Directory enquiries (Chinese): 1083

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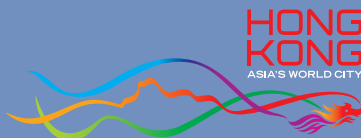
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