



# 2020 HONG KONG in brief









Brand Hong Kong's visual identity and brandline have become familiar to people at home and around the world – the flying dragon and 'Asia's world city' have become synonymous with Hong Kong.

The blue and green ribbons that extend from the dragon symbolise blue sky and a sustainable environment, while Lion Rock – the famous landmark that represents Hong Kong people's 'can-do' spirit – is silhouetted by the red ribbon. The fluid shape of the ribbons evokes versatility, and the multiple colours signify the city's diversity and dynamism.

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# About Hong Kong



Hong Kong is a leading financial, trade and business centre. Although lacking in natural resources, its fabled harbour is one of the finest deep water ports in the world. Hardworking, entrepreneurial and well-educated people form the foundation of Hong Kong's productivity and creativity.

Upon the resumption of exercise of sovereignty over Hong Kong by the People's Republic of China (PRC), the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) was established on 1 July 1997. The Basic Law is a constitutional document of the HKSAR which implements the principle of 'one country, two systems'. While matters of defence and foreign affairs remain the responsibility of the Central Authorities, the HKSAR enjoys a high degree of autonomy according to the Basic Law.

# Location

Hong Kong's location, at the south-eastern tip of China and in the heart of rapidly developing East Asia, gives it economic and strategic importance out of proportion to its size. Covering 1 106.81 square kilometres, the territory comprises Hong Kong Island, the Kowloon Peninsula and the New Territories – the more rural part of Hong Kong – which also includes about 260 outlying islands.

# Population

At mid-2019, the population was about 7.51 million, predominantly of Chinese ethnicity but also including 652 896 non-PRC nationals. The three largest foreign groups were from the Philippines (200 925), Indonesia (177 530) and India (35 012). Overall population density was 6 930 people per sq km.

# Language

Chinese and English are official languages. English is widely used within the Government and also by the legal, professional and business sectors. There is no shortage of well-educated, bilingual or even trilingual professionals who speak English, Cantonese and Putonghua.



# Climate

Hong Kong's subtropical climate is temperate for nearly half the year. Temperatures can drop below 10 degrees Celsius in winter and often exceed 30 degrees Celsius in summer. About 80 per cent of the rainfall occurs between May and September.

# **International Trade Centre**

Hong Kong is a prominent international trade centre. It was the world's eighth largest merchandise trading entity in 2019, Asia's second largest international banking hub at end-September 2019 and Asia's third largest stock market by market capitalisation at end-2019. According to a triennial survey in 2019, Hong Kong was the world's fourth largest foreign exchange market.

# **Global Services Centre**

In 2019, Hong Kong was the world's 17th largest exporter of services. Travel, transport and financial services are the main components of the city's trade in services.

# **International Corporate Base**



In 2019, the HKSAR Government's Invest Hong Kong helped a record 487 overseas and Mainland companies, including start-ups, set up or expand their presence in Hong Kong. These companies came from a variety of sectors, including business and professional services, consumer products, creative industries, financial services, financial technology (FinTech), innovation and technology, tourism and hospitality, and transport and logistics. Accounting for direct investment of over HK\$52.3 billion, these companies are expected to create over 11 000 new jobs within the first two years of operation or expansion in Hong Kong.

At 1 June 2020, Hong Kong was home to 9 025 overseas and Mainland companies representing their parent companies located outside Hong Kong. Of these, 3 983 served as regional headquarters or regional offices.

# Free Trade and Free Market

Hong Kong promotes and practises free trade with virtually no trade barriers. It has a free and liberal investment regime, which accords equal treatment to local and non-local investors. The rule of law, free flow of capital, clear regulations, and a simple, low tax system are major advantages.

# **Efficient Government**

The HKSAR Government is well known for its efficiency, transparency and fairness. The Government, which provides favourable conditions for businesses to thrive, plays the role of facilitator and promotor to capture new growth opportunities for Hong Kong.

# **Monetary System**

The aim of Hong Kong's monetary policy is to maintain currency stability. The Linked Exchange Rate System, introduced in October 1983, serves this aim by maintaining the Hong Kong dollar/US dollar exchange rate at HK\$7.8 to US\$1.

# Legal System

The preservation of the common law system provides the foundation for Hong Kong's well-established and trusted legal system. Local legislation supplements case law and the courts of the HKSAR continue to develop Hong Kong's own jurisprudence within the new



constitutional framework entrenched under the Basic Law.

# Airport

Hong Kong is a major international and regional aviation hub. Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) is the world's busiest international cargo gateway and one of the 10 busiest passenger airports, served by over 120 airlines providing services to over 220 destinations worldwide, including about 50 cities on the Mainland.

In 2019, HKIA welcomed 71.5 million passengers and handled 419 795 aircraft movements. Cargo throughput was 4.8 million tonnes.



Since it opened in 1998, various surveys have named the HKIA the world's best airport over 80 times.

# **Hong Kong Port**

In 2019, the Hong Kong port handled 18.3 million TEUs (20-foot equivalent units) of containers, making it one of the world's busiest container ports. The nine container terminals at Kwai Chung-Tsing Yi, managed by five operators, cover 279 hectares and provide 24 berths with a frontage of 7 794 metres. The water depth at the Kwai Chung-Tsing Yi basin is 17 metres.

During the year, 89 076 cargo vessels, comprising 24 407 ocean vessels and 64 669 river vessels, called at the Hong Kong port. Together they carried 263 million tonnes of cargo. In the same period, 981 ocean passenger vessels and 71 195 river passenger vessels provided about 18.2 million cross-boundary ferry and cruise passenger journeys.



# Economy

Hong Kong is an international and cosmopolitan city, known for its business-friendly environment, rule of law, free trade and free flow of information, open and fair competition, well-established and comprehensive financial networks, superb transport and communications infrastructure, sophisticated support services, a flexible labour market with a well-educated workforce, and energetic entrepreneurs. Hong Kong has substantial foreign exchange reserves, a fully convertible and stable currency, and a simple, low tax system.

## Free and Competitive Economy

Hong Kong has consistently been ranked as the world's freest economy by the Fraser Institute in Canada since its first ranking report published in 1996, and was ranked the second in the US-based Heritage Foundation's 2020 Index of Economic Freedom. The Switzerland based International Institute for Management Development ranked Hong Kong as the fifth most competitive economy in the world in its World Competitiveness Yearbook 2020, while the World Economic Forum rated Hong Kong third in its Global Competitiveness Report 2019. Hong Kong was the world's third largest destination for inward foreign direct investment stock and the sixth largest source of outward foreign direct investment stock in 2019, according to the World Investment Report 2020 published by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

#### **Gross Domestic Product Real Growth**

Over the past two decades, the Hong Kong economy has grown by about 100 per cent, or 3.5 per cent per annum. This means that Hong Kong has outperformed most of the economies of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development. During the same period, Hong Kong's per capita Gross Domestic Product (GDP) rose by about 76 per cent or 2.9 per cent per annum in real terms. In 2019, per capita GDP reached US\$48,800 at current market prices.

# **Economic Policy**



The HKSAR Government respects market principles when formulating economic policies, recognising that the market is usually the most efficient mechanism to allocate resources. In addition to providing services and regulating, the Government also acts as facilitator and promoter, as seen, for example, in its initiatives to promote innovation and technology and grasp the opportunities brought about by the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and the Belt and Road Initiative.

# **Level Playing Field**

Hong Kong offers the best possible business conditions. These include personal freedom, rule of law, a clean and efficient administration and a level playing field for all businesses, as well as infrastructure. The Government, which has a special responsibility to remove market restrictions and promote fair competition, has facilitated the development of financial markets in a fair and efficient manner and opened up the information and telecommunications technology and broadcasting markets. The Government also helps develop industries where Hong Kong enjoys competitive advantages.

In the international arena, the Government protects and promotes Hong Kong's trade interests, through participation in the World Trade Organization, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation and the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council, and bilateral arrangements with other economies.

## **Prudent Fiscal Management**

The Government adopts prudent fiscal management while maintaining a simple and low tax regime that provides people with the incentive to work and entrepreneurs the incentive to invest. The standard corporate profits tax rate of 16.5 per cent and standard salaries tax rate of 15 per cent are among the lowest in the world. Following the launch of a two-tiered profits tax rates regime in the year of assessment 2018/19, the corporate profits tax rate for the first HK\$2 million of assessable profits was lowered to 8.25 per cent.

# **International Financial Centre**

Hong Kong is an international financial centre with an integrated network of financial institutions and markets. The Government's policy is to maintain and develop a sound legal, regulatory, infrastructural and administrative framework that provides a level playing field for all, to maintain the stability of the financial and monetary systems



and to enable Hong Kong to compete effectively with other major financial centres.

Moreover, located in the heart of Asia, Hong Kong is fully plugged into the round-the-clock global financial trading cycle, providing seamless connectivity with major financial hubs in Europe and North America as well as the Middle East and across Asia, including the Mainland. Hong Kong also has a fine tradition of rule of law and judicial independence, a business-friendly environment, a simple and low tax regime, free flow of capital and information. This has enabled Hong Kong to become a leading international financial centre.

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#### **Financial Markets**

Hong Kong's financial markets operate under effective and transparent regulations in line with international standards. Another feature is high liquidity in the markets. An educated workforce and ease of entry for overseas professionals also enhance the development of financial markets.

#### **Banking Sector**

The international financial community has a strong presence in Hong Kong. At the end of 2019, there were 164 licensed banks, of which 155 were foreign-owned.



Of the world's top 100 banks, 78 opened in the HKSAR, while 43 more overseas banks mentioned representative offices.

#### Foreign Exchange Market

Hong Kong has a mature and active foreign exchange market fully integrated with the global market. Links with financial centres overseas facilitate foreign exchange dealing 24 hours a day worldwide. Hong Kong was the world's fourth largest centre for foreign exchange trading, according to the 2019 triennial global survey by the Bank for International Settlements.

#### **Stock and Bond Markets**

Hong Kong's stock market is one of the world's largest in terms of market capitalisation. At the end of 2019, 2 449 public companies were listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong, with a total market capitalisation of HK\$38,165 billion (US\$4,899 billion). The launch of Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect in 2014, followed by Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect in 2016 and the Northbound Trading of Bond Connect in 2017, reinforces Hong Kong's position as an international financial centre and a global offshore Renminbi (RMB) business hub. Hong Kong is also one of Asia's leading bond markets. The sector stands to benefit further from an array of measures. They include tax concessions for qualifying debt instruments, subsidies for first bond issuance in Hong Kong and green bond certification, as well as the continued issuance of institutional and retail bonds under the Government Bond Programme.



#### **Insurance Sector**

Hong Kong is one of the most open insurance markets in the world, with 15 of the top 20 insurers in the world doing business in Hong Kong. At end-2019, there were 163 authorised insurers, 92 incorporated in Hong Kong. In 2018, Hong Kong ranked first in Asia in terms of insurance density.

# **Economic Links with the Mainland**

Hong Kong is the premier gateway for trade and investment between the Mainland and the rest of the world. Since the Mainland embarked on economic reform and opening up in 1978, its economy has expanded rapidly to become the second largest in the world. Hong Kong, with the unique advantage of an international outlook, with the Mainland as its hinterland has seen its economic links with the Mainland going from strength to strength.

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As the Mainland economy enters a stage of high-quality development, the enormous demand for various services will continue to benefit Hong Kong. The development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area as well as the Belt and Road Initiative will further consolidate Hong Kong's position as the nation's key international financial, business and trading hub.

#### Trade with the Mainland

The Mainland is Hong Kong's largest trading partner, accounting for slightly more than half of Hong Kong's total merchandise trade value in 2019.

Hong Kong is a major services centre for the Mainland generally and for the Pearl River Delta in particular, providing a wide range of business support services such as banking and finance, insurance, transport, accounting, legal and dispute resolution and sales promotion.

#### **Investments between Hong Kong and Mainland**

Hong Kong is the Mainland's largest source of realised foreign direct investment. According to Mainland statistics, the cumulative value of Hong Kong's realised direct investment exceeded US\$1 trillion, accounting for more than half of the total value of inward direct investment. Of all the Mainland provinces, Guangdong's economic links with Hong Kong are the closest. At end-2019, the cumulative value of Hong Kong's realised direct investment in Guangdong reached US\$304 billion, accounting for 65 per cent of the total.

The Mainland is also a major investor in the Hong Kong economy. As at June 2020, 1 986 Mainland companies were operating regional headquarters, regional offices and local offices in Hong Kong. Total direct investment from the Mainland amounted to US\$524.1 billion at end-2019, making it the second largest source of inward direct investment in Hong Kong.

#### Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement

Since its implemetation in 2004, the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) has significantly enhanced economic links between Hong Kong and the Mainland.

CEPA covers four main areas: (1) trade in goods – all Hong Kong products\* can enjoy zero tariff preference upon importation into the Mainland, provided the relevant CEPA rules of origin are met; (2) trade in services – the two sides have basically achieved liberalisation of trade in services and Hong Kong service suppliers can enjoy preferential treatment in most service sectors in accessing the Mainland market; (3) investment – Hong Kong investors can enjoy investment protection and facilitation in the Mainland; and (4) economic and technical cooperation – both sides commit to enhancing cooperation in 22 areas to cater for the development of the two places and set the direction for closer cooperation.

\* Not including those prohibited by the Mainland's rules and regulations and those prohibited by international treaties signed by the Mainland, as well as products regarding which the Mainland has made special commitments in international agreements.

#### **Offshore RMB business**

Hong Kong is the world's leading offshore RMB business hub, with the largest offshore pool of RMB funds. At end-2019. RMB customer deposits and outstanding RMB certificates of deposit issued totalled RMB658 billion. Diverse **RMB-denominated investment** products are available in Hong Kong, including bonds, listed and unlisted investment funds, insurance products. currency futures, real estate investment trusts, shares and derivative products.



# Living in Hong Kong

# **Government Structure**

Under the Basic Law, the HKSAR enjoys a high degree of autonomy except in foreign affairs and defence. The HKSAR exercises executive, legislative and independent judicial power, including that of final adjudication.

# **The Chief Executive**

The Chief Executive is the head of the HKSAR and is advised on major decisions by the Executive Council, the members of which are appointed by the Chief Executive.

#### **Representative Government**



The HKSAR has a two-tier system of representative government. The Legislative Council enacts laws, examines and approves budgets introduced by the Government, and approves taxation and public expenditure. All 70 members of the Legislative Council are elected, with a four-year term of office in general. At the local level, 18 District Councils advise on district affairs. There are a total of 479 seats in District Councils, comprising 452 elected seats and 27 ex-officio seats. The term of office of members of the sixth-term District Conuncils is four years from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2023.

# Administrative Structure

Under the Political Appointment System introduced in 2002, Secretaries of Departments and Directors of Bureaux are political appointees with political responsibility for matters falling within their respective portfolios. In 2008, two additional layers of political appointees, namely Deputy Directors of Bureaux and Political Assistants, were created to help with political work. The civil service, the backbone of the Government, continues to assist in policy formulation and implementation.



# **Rule of Law**

The rule of law and the independence of the judiciary are deeply rooted in Hong Kong's legal system and are well recognised internationally. The rights and freedoms of Hong Kong residents are fully protected and safeguarded by the rule of law, an independent judiciary, a comprehensive legal aid system and a free and vibrant press.

# Judiciary

An important factor of the HKSAR's success is its judicial system, which operates on the principle of independence from the executive branch and the legislature – factors fundamental to the common law system. The courts make their own judgments in disputes involving private individuals, corporate bodies or the Government itself. The Chief Justice heads the Judiciary, assisted in overall administration by the Judiciary Administrator.

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#### **Court of Final Appeal**

The Court of Final Appeal (CFA), the highest appellate court in the HKSAR, is headed by the Chief Justice. The CFA consists of three permanent judges, a panel of four



non-permanent Hong Kong judges and 15 nonpermanent judges from other common law jurisdictions. When sitting, the CFA comprises five judges – usually the Chief Justice, three permanent judges and one nonpermanent judge from another common law jurisdiction. If the Chief Justice is unavailable, one of the three permanent judges will preside and an additional Hong Kong non-permanent judge will sit. If a permanent judge is not available, again a Hong Kong non-permanent judge will sit in his place.

### **Employment**

Human resources is Hong Kong's most valued asset, key to its economic competitiveness. The Government strives to ensure that the workforce remains dynamic, motivated and adaptable, with opportunities for continuous improvement.

#### Labour Market and Wages

In 2019, the labour force comprised about 3.97 million people, of whom 49.9 per cent were men and 50.1 per cent women. Most were engaged in the services sector, with 28 per cent<sup>®</sup> in import/export, wholesale and retail trades, and accommodation<sup>1</sup> and food services; 28 per cent<sup>®</sup> in public administration, and social and personal services; 21 per cent<sup>®</sup> in financing and insurance, real estate, and professional and business services; and 11 per cent<sup>®</sup> in transportation, storage, postal and courier services, and information and communications. Only 2 per cent<sup>®</sup> worked in the manufacturing sector. In May-June 2019, the median monthly wage of non-government employees and non-live-in domestic workers was HK\$18,200 (US\$2,322<sup>#</sup>).

- 1 Accommodation services covers hotels, guesthouses, boarding houses and other establishments providing short-term accommodation.
- @ Figures are subject to revision later on.
- # Calculated by the average of the exchange rate in May-June 2019 (US\$1 = HK\$7.838).

# **Education**

About one-fifth of total government expenditure in 2019-20, the largest allocation, was on education. The Government implements various measures to maintain a high standard of education.

#### **Kindergarten Education**

The new kindergarten education policy launched in the 2017/18 school year aims to provide good quality and affordable kindergarten education and enhance services for specific needs.

#### **12 Years of Free Education**

The Government provides 12 years' free primary and secondary education to all students through public-sector schools. Full subvention is also provided to secondary 3 school-leavers taking full-time programmes offered by the Vocational Training Council, making available a free alternative avenue for students to further their studies.



#### **Higher Education**

Hong Kong has 22 degree-awarding higher education institutions, comprising 11 universities, an academy for performing arts and 10 post-secondary institutions. The 2020 Quacquarelli Symonds ranked three Hong Kong institutions among the world's top 50 universities and the top 10 Asian universities.

# Health

The Government's healthcare policy ensures that no one is denied adequate medical treatment due to lack of means. To this end, a range of services and facilities is provided to complement the private healthcare sector



and to meet the needs of patients who cannot afford medical attention.

At end-2019, there were 41 474<sup>2</sup> hospital beds and 15 004 registered doctors, or 5.5\* beds and 2.0\* doctors per 1 000 people.

- 2 The number of hospital beds includes all hospital beds in Hospital Authority hospitals, private hospitals, nursing homes and correctional institutions.
- \* Provisional figures.

# **Public Services**

At end-2019, there were 43 public hospitals and institutions. The Government heavily subsidises public healthcare services for eligible persons. Eligible persons pay a daily maintenance fee of \$120 for an acute general bed and \$100 for a convalescent/rehabilitation, infirmary and psychiatric bed. An admission fee of \$75 is charged for the first day of hospitalisation for acute general beds. The public ward maintenance fee covers clinical, biochemical and pathology investigations (including consultation, diagnostic imaging and other examinations), vaccines and general nursing, and prescriptions within the scale.

# **Private Services**

Hong Kong has 12 private hospitals. The daily charge for a hospital bed depends on the room type. Patients pay for hospital services such as diagnostic tests and drugs in addition to doctors' fees.

# **Community Health Services**

Hong Kong people generally enjoy good health, thanks to extensive preventive measures implemented by the Government through its family health service, port health service, student health service, school dental care service and many other community health services. These contribute to Hong Kong's remarkably low infant and maternal mortality rates, which are on a par with the best in the world.

# Housing

Government spending on housing accounted for 5.5 per cent of total public expenditure in 2018-19.



# **Public Rental Housing**

The Government provides public rental housing (PRH) to low-income families who cannot afford private rental accommodation. In the fourth quarter of 2019, about 2.2 million people lived in about 834 600 PRH units provided by the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) and the Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS).

# **Subsidised Sale Flats**

Subsidised sale flats (SSFs) serve as the first step for some low to middle-income families to achieve home ownership. It also helps better-off PRH tenants become home owners, thereby releasing their PRH units to those awaiting allocation. At the fourth quarter of 2019, about 15 per cent of Hong Kong's population lived in SSFs of the HA and HKHS.

# **Private Housing**

At the fourth quarter of 2019, about 55 per cent of Hong Kong people resided in private residential premises.

# Transport

Hong Kong has one of the best public transport systems in the world. Every day, about 12.4 million passenger journeys are made on Hong Kong's efficient and economical public transport system, comprising railways, trams, buses, minibuses, taxis and ferries.

Public transport services are provided by private operators or public corporations without direct government subsidies.

# Railways

Railways are an important part of the public transport system, accounting for about 41 per cent of the total daily public transport volume in 2019.

The MTR network, comprising 94 stations and spanning 256.9 km, consists of 10 main commuter lines, the Airport Express and the Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link. In 2019, the MTR provided about 4.68 million passenger trips daily.

The Light Rail network, spanning 36.2 km across 68 stops in the northwest New Territories, carried about 427 100 passengers daily.

Trams have been running on Hong Kong Island since 1904. The 167 trams make up the world's largest fleet of double-decker trams serving about 149 400 passenger trips daily in 2019.



# **Buses, Public Light Buses and Taxis**

Franchised buses carried 4.09 million passengers every day, accounting for 32.9 per cent of the total daily public transport volume in 2019. Five franchised bus companies, serving 639 routes, operate 6 177 buses, mostly air-conditioned double-deckers.



There are also 4 350 public light buses, which have up to 19 seats, carrying about 1.77 million passengers daily.

A total of 18 163 taxis transport a daily average of about 854 100 passengers.

# Ferries



Ferries serve outlying islands, the inner harbour and some new towns. In 2019, about 122 200 passengers used ferry services daily.

# **Road Network**

In 2019, Hong Kong's road network spanned about 2 127 km, including 1 357 road structures, 21 road tunnels (including three immersed-tube cross-harbour tunnels) and five major cable-supported bridges.

There are 794 366 licensed vehicles, including 573 932 private cars.

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# **Pollution and Environmental Control**

The Government has been stepping up efforts against pollution since the late 1980s and has made good progress in providing safe and environmentally sound systems to handle waste and reduce street-level air pollution.

# **Pollution Control**



Hong Kong is one of Asia's leading cities for vehicle emission control and fuel quality standards. Diesel vehicles are responsible for most roadside pollution in urban areas, and government strategies include tighter control on vehicle emissions, phasing out old diesel vehicles and introducing eco-friendly vehicles, including electric vehicles. It is mandatory for ocean-going vessels to use low-sulphur fuel on Hong Kong waters. Emission caps are imposed on power plants.

The Harbour Area Treatment Scheme, comprising a network of 45 km of large tunnels constructed deep under the central urban area and a major sewage treatment plant on Stonecutters Island, collects sewage generated from districts around Victoria Harbour for centralised treatment. Various other measures, including installation of dry weather flow interceptors and upgrading old sewers and drains, are being implemented.

Hong Kong cooperates with Guangdong Province to tackle regional environmental issues. From 2006 to 2018, concentration of major air pollutants in the region has substantially reduced.

#### **Environmental Protection**

The Government is taking action to reduce solid waste at source through legislation and targeted campaigns, such as those on food waste reduction and glass bottle recycling, and to enhance waste-related infrastructure.

The target is to reduce the per capita disposal rate of municipal solid waste by 40 per cent by 2022 compared with 2011.

Waste reduction and recovery play an important role in waste management. The bill on municipal solid waste (MSW) charging, introduced into the Legislative Council in November 2018, provides financial incentives to reduce waste at source. The Environment and Conservation Fund has supported more than 130 community projects to try out MSW charging in different premises.

Further to the Plastic Shopping Bag Charging Scheme in 2009 and the producer responsibility scheme (PRS) on waste electrical and electronic equipment in 2018, the Government has been implementing the PRS on glass beverage containers progressively and is preparing for the introduction of the PRS on plastic beverage containers.



The Source Separation of Waste Programme, which covers over 80 per cent of Hong Kong's population, promotes waste separation and recovery at residential, commercial and industrial premises.

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To strengthen community recycling support, more resources are being provided to expand the community recycling network with enhanced waste reduction and recycling support as well as environmental education at the district level, instilling a green living culture in the community. People are being educated on waste separation at source and clean recycling.

To tackle food waste, strategies have been mapped out to reduce waste at source, reuse and donate, collect recyclables, and turn food waste into energy. The first organic resources recovery centre, O-PARK1, capable of processing 200 tonnes of food waste daily, started operating in 2018.



# Law and Order

In 2019, a total of 59 225 crimes were recorded. Police officers patrol round the clock in urban and rural areas to maintain law and order.

The Independent Commission Against Corruption fights corruption to keep the public and private sectors clean.

The Customs and Excise Department takes vigorous action against copyright piracy and trademark counterfeiting, making Hong Kong a regional leader in the fight against pirated goods.

#### **Tax System**

Hong Kong's simple, low tax system is one of the most business-friendly in the world. Taxes are levied on only three types of income – salaries, property and profits. There is no value-added tax, sales tax, capital gains tax or inheritance tax. Only income sourced in Hong Kong is taxable.

#### **Profits Tax**

Profits are taxed if they arise in or are derived from a trade, profession or business in Hong Kong. The profits tax rate is 16.5 per cent for corporations and 15 per cent for individuals. Following the launch of a two-tiered profits tax rates regime in the year of assessment 2018/19, the profits tax rates for the first HK\$2 million of assessable profits of corporations and individuals were lowered to 8.25 per cent and 7.5 per cent respectively.

# **Salaries Tax**

Everyone with an income arising in or derived from any office, employment or pension in Hong Kong is liable to salaries tax. Salaries tax is calculated at progressive rates on the net chargeable income, but the total salaries tax charged will not exceed 15 per cent of a person's net assessable income after deductions

# **Property Tax**

Owners of land and/or buildings in Hong Kong are charged property tax based on rental income from property. The rate is 15 per cent of the actual rent received after allowing 20 per cent for repairs and outgoings.

# **Mandatory Provident Fund**

All employees aged 18 to 64, unless specifically exempted, must contribute 5 per cent of their relevant income to their Mandatory Provident Fund, up to a maximum of HK\$1,500 per month. This is matched by an equal contribution from the employer.

In May 2020, all employers, 99 per cent relevant employees and 73 per cent of self-employed people were enrolled in Mandatory Provident Fund schemes.

# Media

The media plays a key role in Hong Kong's success, as the free flow of information and ideas are vital to a free economy. The media's role will remain crucial in the years to come, as information becomes an even more important factor in economic development.

#### **The Press**



Hong Kong's print media are among the most vibrant in Asia.

At end-2019, there were 82 newspapers (53 in Chinese, 12 in English, 13 bilingual and four in Japanese) and 529 periodicals (368 Chinese, 84 English, 69 bilingual and eight in other languages). Magazines cover a wide range of subjects from public affairs to technology and entertainment.

Hong Kong is a regional base for international media including *Financial Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Nikkei*. Global wire services with significant operations in Hong Kong include Agence France-Presse, Bloomberg and Thomson Reuters.



#### Broadcasting

Hong Kong is a regional broadcasting hub, with 12 satellite broadcasters. Satellite and cable operators together offer more than 800 channels, delivering news and information, entertainment and infotainment, sports, movies, documentaries and more.

There are three free-of-charge domestic television programme service licensees providing three analogue channels and nine digital channels, including simulcasting the three analogue channels. On average they broadcast about 1 900 hours of television programmes weekly, reaching 6.55 million viewers, or 2.5 million television households.

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Hong Kong has 13 analogue radio channels, including seven operated by a publicly funded, editorially independent broadcaster whose mission is to inform, educate and entertain the public through balanced, objective programmes.

# **Telecommunications**

Hong Kong is a global communications hub with excellent communications infrastructure. It is the first major city in the world to have a fully digitised telephone network and to implement operator number portability.

#### **Telephone Services**

At December 2019, the fixed-line household penetration rate was 86 per cent.

There were 23.98 million public mobile subscriptions, a population penetration rate<sup>3</sup> of about 286 per cent – one of the world's highest. People can enjoy mobile data services with downlink speeds of up to 1.1 Gbps.

<sup>3</sup> Calculation of the overall population penetration rate for mobile subscribers does not include machine type connections.



#### Internet

Broadband networks cover virtually all households and commercial buildings.

At December 2019, there were about 2.8 million boardband internet users, enjoying speeds of up to 10 Gbps. The broadband household penetration rate was 93.6 per cent, one of the highest in the world.



Public and private organisations offer over 62 000 Wi-Fi hot spots across the city. There are over 36 000 "Wi-Fi.HK" hotspots in town, providing Wi-Fi service at an average speed of above 20Mbps.



# Coming to Hong Kong

# Tourism

Hong Kong is a premier tourist destination, featuring a blend of East and West, Chinese traditions, European heritage, high-tech modernity and Cantonese gusto.

Visitors can enjoy great shopping, dining, theme parks, countryside pursuits, arts, culture and sports. Heritage attractions abound in the form of temples, monasteries, walled villages, clan halls and colonial structures.

In 2019, 55.9 million people who visited Hong Kong spent an estimated \$256.2 billion. The Mainland was the largest source of visitors, representing 78 per cent of total arrivals.



# **Tourism Development**

The 'Development Blueprint for Hong Kong's Tourism Industry' outlines the plan to develop Hong Kong into a world-class tourism destination and ensure the sustainable development of the industry.

The Government aims to make Hong Kong a leading cruise hub in Asia. The two berths at Kai Tak Cruise Terminal can simultaneously accommodate the largest cruise ships.

Hong Kong Disneyland Resort is rolling out new attractions such as 'Moana: A Homecoming Celebration' stage show, the 'Ant-Man and The Wasp: Nano Battle!' ride and the Castle of Magical Dreams. Other new items include new themed areas based on 'Frozen' and 'Marvel' superheroes.



Ocean Park is a premier marine theme park featuring more than 80 attractions. The Hong Kong Ocean Park Marriott Hotel opened in February 2019. To further enhance its overall attractiveness and receiving capacity, Ocean Park is developing an all-weather indoor and outdoor waterpark in Tai Shue Wan and the Fullerton Ocean Park Hotel Hong Kong. The future development of the park is expected to gear more towards conservation and education.

Hong Kong is a gourmet's paradise and a leading wine hub. *The Michelin Guide Hong Kong Macau 2020* features 219 local culinary attractions.

# Immigration

Hong Kong, which maintains an autonomous immigration department, allows nationals of about 170 countries and territories visa-free visits ranging from seven to 180 days.

Professionals with special skills not readily available in Hong Kong and business people who can make a substantial contribution to Hong Kong's economy are welcome to work and invest in Hong Kong. People coming to work, study, establish or join any business or take up residence in the HKSAR are required to obtain an appropriate visa or entry permit before arrival.

# **Cross-boundary Traffic**

Hong Kong has three rail-based boundary crossings to the Mainland In 2019 the Lo Wu crossing handled an average of 214 300 cross-boundary passengers a day. The Lok Ma Chau Spur Line crossing handled a daily average of about 137 400 cross-boundary passengers, of which 79 200 took the railway. The Hona Kona Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hona Kona Express Rail Link, which commenced service



in 2018, handled an average of 46 400 cross-boundary passengers a day.

There are five road-based crossings between Hong Kong and the Mainland: Lok Ma Chau, Sha Tau Kok, Man Kam To, Shenzhen Bay Port and Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (Hong Kong Port). The Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, which opened in 2018, is the first road-based boundary crossing linking Hong Kong, Zhuhai and Macao. The five crossings handled an average of 244 000 travellers and 43 500 vehicles daily.

# Inbound and Outbound Traffic

Hong Kong is one of the world's busiest ports. In 2019, 322 628 vessels arrived and departed from Hong Kong, involving about 18.2 million cross-boundary ferry and cruise passenger journeys.

The Hong Kong International Airport is one of the busiest in the world. In 2019, 71.5 million passengers passed through the airport. Aircraft movements totalled 419 795.

# Leisure and Culture

Hong Kong's leisure and cultural options reflect the city's cosmopolitanism and diverse range of pastimes. The Government nurtures an environment where artistic freedom, sporting excellence and community recreation thrive.

# **Cultural and Leisure Events**

Hong Kong hosts a variety of cultural and leisure events, such as the annual Hong Kong Arts Festival, Hong Kong International Film Festival, Le French May, Chinese Opera Festival, International Arts Carnival, Museum Festival, World Cultures Festival and Hong Kong Flower Show, as well as many traditional festivals.

# **Sporting Events**



Major sporting events staged in Hong Kong include the Hong Kong Sevens 2019 (rugby), Hong Kong Marathon 2019, FIVB Volleyball Nations League Hong Kong 2019. 2019 ITTF World Tour Hong Kong Open (table tennis), Hong Kong Open Badminton Championships 2019 (part of the BWF World Tour), ADSF Asian Youth Single Dance Championship Hong Kong 2019, Masters of Hong Kong 2019 (equestrian), Hong Kong Race Week 2019 (sailing), 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 UCI Track Cycling World Cup, Kitchee vs Manchester City – Jockey Club Kitchee Centre Cup, 2019 World Rowing Coastal Championships, Asian Cup (Bouldering) 2019, Asian Judo Open Hong Kong 2019, 9th East Asian Karate Federation Championships, BISFed 2019 Hong Kong Boccia World Open, East Asian Muaythai Championships 2019, and Asian U22 (Men and Women) Handball Championships.

#### COMING TO HONG KONG

#### Museums



Hong Kong's fine museums offer a variety of exhibitions from near and far, past and present, on subjects ranging from history to outer space, ships to science. The Hong Kong Science Museum displays stimulating interactive exhibits. The Hong Kong Space Museum shows Omnimax films. The Hong Kong Museum of Art showcases magnificent collections of ancient and modern art. The Hong Kong Museum of History and the Hong Kong Heritage Museum present Hong Kong's history and culture. The Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware, housed in a historical building in Hong Kong Park, showcases Chinese tea culture.

#### **Country and Marine Parks**

About 40 per cent of Hong Kong's total land area, encompassing 24 country parks and 22 special areas, is reserved for conservation, education and recreation. This extensive countryside is popular with hikers, nature lovers and tourists. Six marine parks and one marine reserve, covering about 4 050 hectares of sea, feature scenic coastal areas and important marine habitats.

#### Mai Po Inner Deep Bay Ramsar Site

Listed as a 'Wetland of International Importance' under the Ramsar Convention, the Mai Po Inner Deep Bay area is one of the most important stopover sites in Asia for migratory birds. Covering some 1 500 hectares, the Ramsar Site comprises intertidal mudflats, mangals, *gei wai* and fish ponds, providing diverse habitats for both migratory and resident birds. About 400 species of birds have been recorded in the area. In winter, the wetland is home to 50 000 to 80 000 waterbirds.

# Hong Kong Wetland Park

The Hong Kong Wetland Park is a special area for wetland conservation and education, as well as nature-based tourism. It comprises a 10 000-square-metre visitor centre with exhibition galleries showing the function and value of wetlands, and a 60-hectare wetland reserve for visitors to explore Hong Kong's amazing wetland wildlife.

#### Geopark

The Hong Kong UNESCO Global Geopark in the northeast of Hong Kong consists of two regions: the Sai Kung Volcanic Rock Region with hexagonal rock columns, considered world-class in terms of size and



coverage, and the Northeast New Territories Sedimentary Rock Region, displaying the most comprehensive stratigraphy of sedimentary rocks in Hong Kong.

# **Traditional Festivals**



There are five major festivals on the Chinese calendar. During the Lunar New Year, the most important festival, people exchange gifts and visit friends and relatives, while children

receive *lai see*, or 'lucky money' in red packets. During the Ching Ming Festival in spring, people visit ancestral graves. In early summer, the Tuen Ng Festival is celebrated with dragon boats races held across Hong Kong. During the Mid-Autumn Festival, gifts of mooncakes, wine and fruit are exchanged, and people carrying colourful lanterns visit parks, beaches and the countryside to watch the full moon. The Chung Yeung Festival, in the ninth lunar month, is an occasion for people to visit ancestral graves or hike up mountains.

# Future of Hong Kong

Hong Kong maintains a business-friendly environment and invests in world-class infrastructure to sustain continuous growth.

To develop a high value-added diversified economy, Hong Kong promotes innovation, while capitalising on opportunities arising from the national Belt and Road Initiative and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area development, to develop industries where Hong Kong enjoys distinct advantages.

The initiatives include:

- Develop Hong Kong as a centre for international legal and dispute resolution services in the Asia-Pacific region and enhance Hong Kong's status in the international legal, dispute resolution and business arena.
- Strengthen Hong Kong's position as a high value-added maritime services centre and an important transshipment hub in the Asia-Pacific region. The Government facilitates international maritime organisations to establish a presence in Hong Kong and tap the Mainland market. Tax incentives to promote marine insurance in Hong Kong will be introduced.
- Develop Hong Kong's creative industries to enhance its status as a regional creative hub.
- Seize the opportunities arising from the development of the Greater Bay Area and develop Hong Kong into an international innovation and technology hub. Establish two innovation clusters, one on healthcare technologies and the other on artificial intelligence and robotics technologies, at Hong Kong Science Park.

# Asia's Cyber City

Hong Kong aims to become the centre for innovation and technology in East Asia.

# Cyberport

Cyberport is an innovative digital community of over 1 500 start-ups and technology companies, with a vision to become the hub for digital technology thereby creating a new economic driver for Hong Kong. It is committed to nurturing a vibrant tech ecosystem by cultivating talent, promoting entrepreneurship among youth, supporting start-ups on their growth journey, fostering industry development by promoting strategic collaboration with local and international partners, and integrating new and traditional economies by accelerating digital transformation in the public and private sectors.



Cyberport focuses on fostering major technologies application namely FinTech, smart living, digital entertainment and e-sports, as well as technology development such as artificial intelligence (AI) and big data, blockchain and cybersecurity. The flagship for Hong Kong's digital technology industry provides all-round, value-added services, state-of-the-art facilities and smart workspaces to support the digital community.

# Science Park

Hong Kong Science Park aims to transform Hong Kong into an international innovation and technology hub. Home to over 800 technology companies and about 12 000 working population, Science Park is a complete ecosystem that connects innovation and technology stakeholders, nurtures talents, facilitates collaboration and drives innovation for commercialisation.



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The park is supporting the growth of five major technology clusters: biomedical technology, electronics, green technology, information and communications technology, and material and precision engineering.

The park also strives to facilitate integration of technologies for three focused platforms: healthy ageing, robotics and smart city development.

Stage 1 of the Science Park expansion programme, completed in 2019, increased the total gross floor area of the park from 330 000 sq m to around 400 000 sq m. To foster the development of the innovation and technology ecosystem in Hong Kong, an adjacent InnoCell will provide residents space to live, work and collaborate.

# **Building for the Future**

Efficient and reliable infrastructure has played a key role in maintaining Hong Kong's position as a leading trade, finance, business and tourism centre in the region. Infrastructure development enables Hong Kong to sustain economic development and meet the challenges of population growth.



A number of major infrastructure projects are in progress:

- Sha Tin to Central Link
- Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link
- Three-Runway System of the Hong Kong International Airport



- Central Kowloon Route
- Lok Ma Chau Loop
- West Kowloon Cultural District
- Kai Tak Development
- New Development Areas
- Development of Lantau Island Tung Chung New Town Extension
- Lantau Tomorrow Vision
- Rock cavern and underground space development
- 10-year Hospital Development Plan
- Healthcare Facilities Development Programme
- Kai Tak Sports Park
- Cross Bay Link, Tseung Kwan O
- Tseung Kwan O Lam Tin Tunnel

These projects will enable Hong Kong's further development and foster cross-boundary integration with the neighbouring Pearl River Delta region.



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The Government will also increase land supply to meet housing and other needs by optimising developed land and identifying new land for development.

Various projects to improve the urban environment are moving forward.

In 2019-20, expenditure on capital works was around \$66 billion. The annual capital works expenditure is expected to reach \$100 billion on average in the next few years, driving the construction industry and economic development.

#### **Railway Development**

Railways are the backbone of Hong Kong's passenger transportation system. The development of railway transport will not only significantly speed up passenger flow, but will also reduce the reliance on road-based transport and help improve the environment. At the same time, the development potential of areas along the railway lines will also be unleashed to facilitate local housing and economic developments.

The West Island Line, Kwun Tong Line Extension, South Island Line (East) and the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link opened successively. When the Shatin to Central Link is completed, the railway network will expand to over 270 km, covering areas inhabited by more than 70 per cent of the local population.



# **Road Projects**

A number of new roads are being built to reduce urban congestion and provide new links to the New Territories and beyond.

To handle the traffic increase in the New Territories, a section of Tolo Highway between the Island House Interchange and Tai Hang has been widened. The widening works of Fanling Highway between Tai Hang and the Wo Hop Shek Interchange was also completed and the road was commissioned in August 2019.

The Central-Wan Chai Bypass and Island Eastern Corridor Link accomplished full commissioning in February 2019. The 4.5-km highway, which includes a 3.7-km tunnel, connects the Rumsey Street Flyover in Central and the Island Eastern Corridor (IEC) in North Point, taking only five minutes to drive between Central and the IEC in North Point.



The Central Kowloon Route, a dual three-lane truck road of about 4.7 km, connecting West Kowloon with the proposed Kai Tak Development, is under construction and is anticipated to be commissioned in 2025. It will provide a new route across central Kowloon, ease peak-time traffic congestion and cut journey time between West Kowloon and Kowloon Bay to about five minutes.

# Hong Kong: The Facts

# **Population**

7.51 million (mid-2019)

**Overall density** 6 930 people per square kilometre

# Area

Total land area:1 106.81 sq km

Hong Kong Island & adjacent islands80.72 sq kmKowloon46.94 sq kmNew Territories – mainland748.23 sq kmNew Territories – islands230.92 sq km

# Weather

2019 annual rainfall

2 396.2 mm

Highest temperature 36.6°C (22 August 2017)

Lowest temperature 0.0°C (18 January 1893)

# Highest wind speed

259 km/h at Hong Kong Observatory 284 km/h at Tate's Cairn (Typhoon Wanda, 1 September 1962)

# **Public Housing**

About 2.2 million people living in 834 600 pubic rental housing flats

#### Transport

Roads

2 127 km of roads 794 366 licensed vehicles

# Bridges

Tsing Ma Bridge (main span 1 377 m) – the world's longest road-rail suspension bridge

Kap Shui Mun Bridge (main span 430 m) – road-rail cable-stayed bridge Ting Kau Bridge (two main spans totalling 923 m) – cable-stayed road bridge

Stonecutters Bridge (main span 1 018 m) – span cable-stayed road bridge

Shenzhen Bay Bridge (main span 210 m) – single plane cable-stayed road bridge

Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (total length about 55 km) – the world's longest bridge-tunnel sea crossing

#### Air movements

419 795 flights, 71.5 million passengers 4.8 million tonnes of freight

#### **Shipping movements**

Arrival: 25 388 ocean vessels, 135 864 river vessels Port cargo throughput: 263 million tonnes

#### **Container throughput**

18.3 million TEUs (20-foot equivalent units)

#### **Employment in 2019**

Total employment: 3.85 million@

Major employment sectors	% of total employment <sup>@</sup>
Import/export, wholesale and retail trades, and accommodation <sup>1</sup> and food services	28%
Public administration, and social and personal services	28%
Financing and insurance, real estate, and professional and business services	21%
Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, and information and communications	11%
Construction	9%
Manufacturing	2%

1 Accommodation services sector covers hotels, guesthouses, boarding houses and other establishments providing short-term accommodation.

@ Figures are subject to revision later on.

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