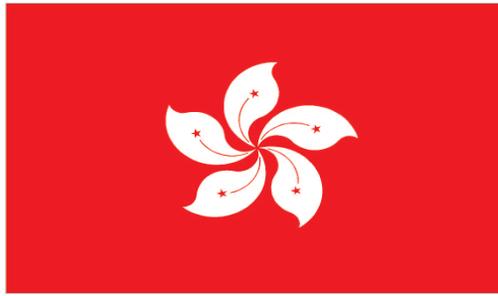
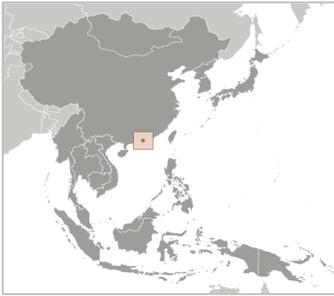




HONG KONG



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Xi Jinping

Head of Government

Chief Executive Carrie LAM

Government Type

presidential limited democracy; a special administrative region of the People's Republic of China

Legislature

unicameral Legislative Council or LegCo (70 seats)

Judiciary

Court of Final Appeal (consists of the chief justice, 3 permanent judges, and 20 non-permanent judges); note - a sitting bench consists of the chief justice, 3 permanent judges, and 1 non-permanent judge

Ambassador to US

none; Eddie MAK is the Hong Kong Commissioner to the US

US Ambassador

none; Consul General Hanscom SMITH

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 1,108 sq km

Land: 1,073 sq km

Water: 35 sq km

Climate

subtropical monsoon; cool and humid in winter, hot and rainy from spring through summer, warm and sunny in fall

Natural Resources

outstanding deepwater harbor, feldspar

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

free market economy that is highly dependent on international trade and finance - the value of goods and services trade, including the sizable share of reexports, is about four times GDP; as Hong Kong's manufacturing industry has moved to the mainland over the past decade, its service industry has grown rapidly; has also established itself as the premier stock market for Chinese firms seeking to list abroad

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$480.5 billion (2018 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$64,500 (2018 est.)

Exports

\$530.6 billion (2018 est.)

partners: China 55%, US 8.6% (2018)

Imports

\$602.4 billion (2018 est.)

partners: China 46.3%, Singapore 6.7%, Japan 5.5%, South Korea 5.9%, US 4.9% (2018)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

7.5 million (July 2019 est.)

Population Growth

0.29% (2018 est.)

Ethnicity

Chinese 92%, Filipino 2.5%, Indonesian 2.1%, other 3.4% (2016 est.)

Language

Cantonese (official) 88.9%, English (official) 4.3%, Mandarin (official) 1.9%, other Chinese dialects 3.1% (2016 est.)

Religion

Buddhist or Taoist 27.9%, Protestant 6.7%, Roman Catholic 5.3%, Muslim 4.2%, Hindu 1.4%, Sikh 0.2%, other or none 54.3% (2016 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 100% of total population (2019)

rate of urbanization: 0.82% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

