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

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.)

as of December 2019