HONG KONG

INTRODUCTION
Occupied by the UK in 1841, Hong Kong was formally ceded by China the following year. Various adjacent lands were added later in the 19th century. Pursuant to an agreement signed by China and the UK on 19 December 1984, Hong Kong became the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China on 1 July 1997.

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)

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 deep-water harbor, feldspar

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
high-income tourism- and services-based economy; global financial hub; COVID-19 and political protests fueled recent recession; ongoing recovery but lower-skilled unemployment remains high; investing in job-reskilling programs
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) $420.1 billion (2020 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) $56,200 (2000 est.)
Industries - trading, logistics, financial services, professional services, tourism, clothing and textiles, shipping, electronics, toys
Agricultural products - pork, poultry, spinach, vegetables, pork offals, game meat, fruit, lettuce, green onions, pig fat
Exports $615.9 billion (2020 est.)
gold, broadcasting equipment, integrated circuits, diamonds, telephones (2019)
partners: China 23%, India 14%, Netherlands 6%, UK 5% (2019)
Imports $609.1 billion (2020 est.)
integrated circuits, broadcasting equipment, office machinery, telephones, diamonds (2019)
partners: China 46%, Taiwan 7%, Singapore 7%, South Korea 5%, US 5%, Japan 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
7.26 million (July 2021 est.)
Population Growth
0.2% (2021 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%, other 1.9% (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.)

as of October 2021