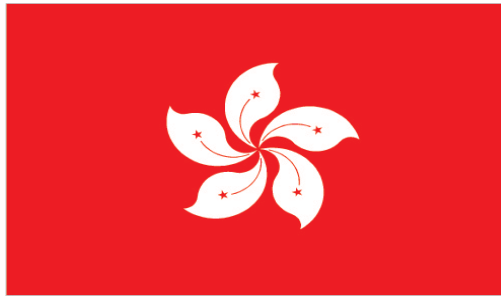




HONG KONG



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.)

