Hong Kong: The Facts

Population: 7.0037 million (as at mid-2009)

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<th>Area: 1 104.38 square km</th>
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Age structure
Median age: 40.7 Under 15: 12.5% 65 and over: 12.8%

Sex ratio
Overall: 889 males per 1 000 females
Under 15: 1 069 65 and over: 864

Crude birth rate
11.7 per 1 000 population

Crude death rate
5.7# per 1 000 population

Expectation of life at birth
Male 79.8 years# Female 86.1 years#

Nationalities
Predominantly of Chinese descent 95%
Total number for all nationalities: 553 500
(as at end 2009)
Largest groups:
Indonesia 147 880
Philippines 140 710
Thailand 140 710
India 26 660
Australia 13 040
Pakistan 19 840
Nepal 18 220
Malaysia 14 400
Sub-total 449 910

Religion and Custom
Buddhists and Taoists make up the vast majority. Others (estimates): Christians 670 000; Muslims 220 000; Hindus 40 000; Sikhs 10 000; Jews 3 000.

Weather
Average annual rainfall 2 382.7 mm
Wettest period
Hourly 145.5 mm (June 7, 2008)
daily 534.1 mm (July 19, 1926)
monthly 1 346.1 mm (June 2008)
Driest
10% humidity (January 16, 1959)

Highest temperature
36.1˚C (August 19, 1900 and August 18, 1990)

Lowest temperature
0.0˚C (January 18, 1893)

Highest wind speed (gust)
259 km/h at HK Observatory, 284 km/h at Tate’s Cairn (Typhoon Wanda, September 1, 1962)

The Economy
Economic growth
Year-on-year rate of change in GDP (in chained (2007) dollars): -2.7% @ in 2009
Inflation affecting consumers
Year-on-year rate of change in Composite CPI: 0.5% in 2009

Transport
Roads
The 2 050 km of roads (as at end-2009) carry
584 070 licensed vehicles, or about 285 vehicles per kilometre

Bridges
Longest: Tsing Ma suspension bridge (main span 1 377 metres) and the cable-stayed Stonecutters Bridge (main span of 1 018 metres)

Air movements
2009#—279 429 flights; 44.97 million passengers; 3.35 million tonnes of freight

Shipping movements
2009—33 160 ocean vessel arrivals; 33 330 ocean vessel departures; port cargo throughput 243 million tonnes

Container throughput
2009—21.04 million Twenty-Foot Equivalent Units