## Hong Kong 2015: The Facts

### The Economy

#### Economic growth
- Year-on-year rate of change in GDP in real terms: 2.4%

#### Inflation affecting consumers
- Year-on-year rate of change in Composite CPI: 3.0%

### Transport

#### Roads
- The 2,101km of roads carry 728,263 licensed vehicles, or about 347 vehicles per kilometre

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

#### Air movements
- 406,048 flights; 68.5 million passengers; 4.38 million tonnes of freight

#### Shipping movements
- 29,010 ocean vessel arrivals; 28,110 ocean vessel departures; 257 million tonnes port cargo throughput

### Population

#### Total: 7.3057 million (as at mid-2015)
- Hong Kong Island: 1.26 million (17.2%)
- Kowloon: 2.21 million (30.2%)
- New Territories: 3.84 million (52.6%)
- Marine: < 0.005 million (0.05%)

#### Age structure (as at mid-2015)
- Median age: 43.1 years
- Under 15: 11.3%
- 65 and over: 15.3%

#### Sex ratio (as at mid-2015)
- Overall: 853 males per 1,000 females
- Under 15: 1,070
- 65 and over: 875

#### Crude birth rate
- 8.2 per 1,000 population

#### Crude death rate
- 6.3 per 1,000 population

#### Expectation of life at birth
- Male: 81.2 years
- Female: 87.3 years

#### Ethnicity and nationality
- Predominantly of Chinese ethnicity (as at mid-2011): 94%
- Non-PRC nationals physically present in Hong Kong (as at end-2015): 623,730

#### Largest groups (as at end-2015):
- Philippines: 180,780
- Indonesia: 165,750
- India: 30,870
- Thailand: 27,200
- United States: 24,370
- Nepal: 21,900
- Pakistan: 20,500
- Canada: 17,370
- Malaysia: 14,820
- United Kingdom: 11,320

### Area

#### Total: 1,105.69 sq km
- Hong Kong Island & adjacent islands: 80.68 sq km
- Kowloon: 46.94 sq km
- New Territories—mainland: 748.06 sq km
- New Territories—Islands: 230.01 sq km
- (Lantau 147.16 sq km; others 82.85 sq km)
- (Reclamation since 1887: 69.54 sq km)

#### Overall density (as at mid-2015)
- 6,760 people per square kilometre. The most densely populated District Council district is Kwun Tong, with a density of 57,359 people per square kilometre.

#### Housing
- About 2.15 million people live in 788,800 public rental housing units under the Hong Kong Housing Authority and the Hong Kong Housing Society. Of Hong Kong’s 2.47 million domestic households, 50% owned the accommodation, 46% were tenants and 4% lived in either rent-free accommodation or accommodation provided by employers.

#### Religion and custom
- Buddhists and Taoists make up the vast majority.
- Others (estimates):
  - Christians 870,000
  - Muslims 300,000
  - Hindus 100,000
  - Sikhs 12,000
  - Jews 3,000

### Weather

#### Average annual rainfall
- 2,398.5mm

#### Wettest period
- Hourly: 145.5mm (7 June 2008)
- Daily: 534.1mm (19 July 1926)
- Monthly: 1,346.1mm (June 2008)

#### Driest
- 10% humidity (16 January 1959)

#### Highest temperature
- 36.3°C (8 August 2015)

#### Lowest temperature
- 0.0°C (18 January 1893)

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

### Employment

#### Total in employment: 3.80 million

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<th>Percentage of total in employment</th>
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<td>Import/export, wholesale and retail trades; and accommodation and food services</td>
<td>1,161,200</td>
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<td>Public administration; and social and personal services</td>
<td>1,006,100</td>
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<td>Financing and insurance; real estate; and professional and business services</td>
<td>760,300</td>
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<td>Transportation, storage, postal and courier services; and information and communications</td>
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#### Unemployment rate
- 3.3%

#### Median wage (non-government employees)
- $15,500 per month (May-June 2015)