



Hong Kong: THE destination for Businesses



1. Hong Kong's Unparalleled Advantages

Hong Kong Leading in International Rankings

#1 World's Freest Economy

Economic Freedom of the World 2024 Annual Report by Fraser Institute



#1 Investment Environment

The Legatum Prosperity Index 2023



#2 Emerging Ecosystem

US-based Startup Genome: The Global Startup Ecosystem Report 2023



#3 Most Preferred Seat of Arbitration

2021 Queen Mary University of London and White & Case International Arbitration Survey

#3 Global Financial Centre

Global Financial Centres Index 36 Report by Z/Yen and China Development Institute



#4 Largest FDI Inflow

UNCTAD World Investment Report 2024



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Companies with
parent companies outside
Hong Kong

9,039

Regional headquarters
in Hong Kong

1,336

Strong Global Business Community

Major Places of Origin



Mainland
China



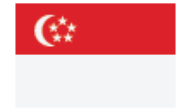
Japan



US



UK



Singapore

Major Lines of Business



Import/export trade,
wholesale and retail



Financing and
banking



Professional, business
and education services



Transportation,
storage and courier
services

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**One Country,
Two Systems**



**Excellent Access
to Markets**



Innovative Hub



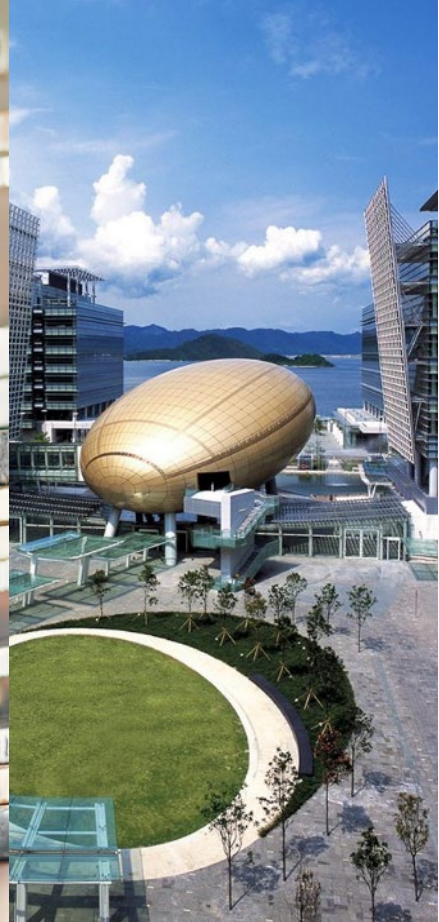
Vibrant Lifestyle



**Easy Access
to Funds**



**Dynamic Startup
Ecosystem**



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One Country, Two Systems



Distinctive Status and Advantages of Hong Kong under 'One Country, Two Systems'

Hong Kong has maintained its **own currency, political and legal systems**. It is the **only place in the world** with global advantage and China advantage converge in one place.



An international financial, shipping and trading centre

- Stable currency pegged to US Dollar
- Free flow of capital and goods
- Largest offshore RMB business hub
- No tariff on import or export of goods



Free, open, and regulated business environment

- Common law legal system
- Strong Intellectual Property Protection

16.5%
Profits above HK\$2M

8.25%
First HK\$2M of profits

Simple and low tax system

NO

- VAT/GST/Sales tax
- Capital Gains tax
- Withholding tax on investments
- Estate duty
- Global taxation
- Wine duty



A Gateway to China & the World

- Enjoy close connection with the world market
- Receive strong support from the motherland

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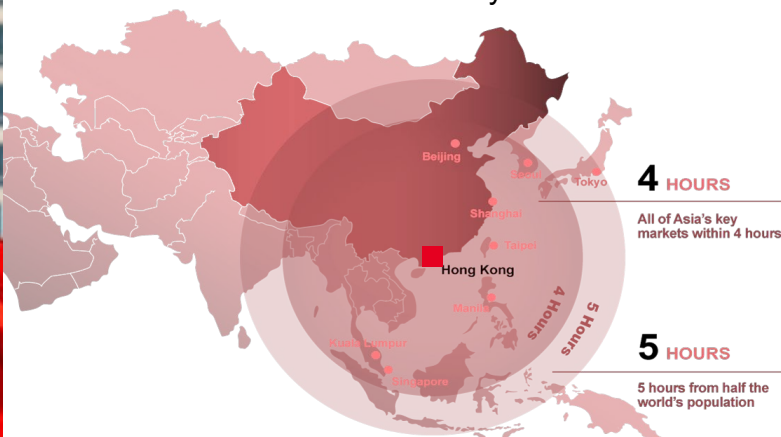
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Asia's World City

Heart of Asia

- Reach out to all of Asia's key markets within 4 hours and half of the world's population in 5 hours
- **120 airlines** operate flights to **220 destinations** worldwide
- **240+ international container vessel** sailings to **460+ destinations** worldwide every week



International Education

50+ International Schools in Hong Kong, providing more than 10 curricula, including British, American, Australian, Japanese, Singaporean, French, German, Korean, Canadian and the International Baccalaureate programme.

Extensive Global Networks

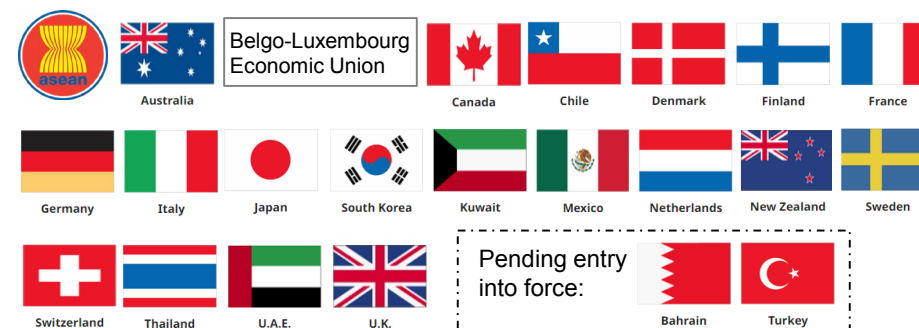
- **114 Consulates-General / Honorary Consulates**
- **8 international organisations** (*highlights*)



- **8 Free Trade Agreements** with 20 economies



- **24 Investment Agreements** with 33 economies



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Northern Metropolis

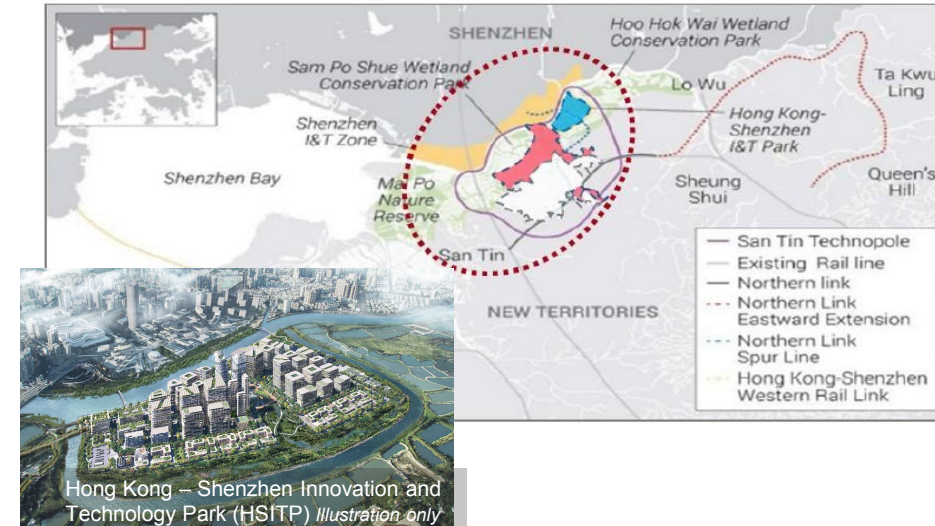
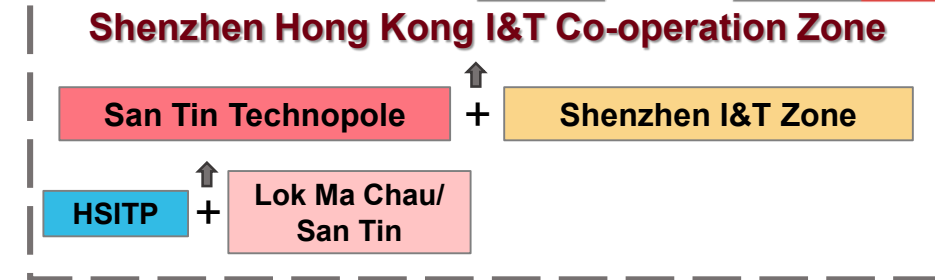
- The **second engine** of economic growth of Hong Kong covering Yuen Long and the North districts (1/3 of Hong Kong's area), mainly **driven by innovation & technology development** leveraging the proximity with the GBA.



4 Major Zones

- 1 High-end Professional Services and Logistics Hub
- 2 Innovation and Technology Zone
- 3 Boundary Commerce and Industry Zone
- 4 Blue and Green Recreation, Tourism and Conservation Circle

- A complete I&T ecosystem:



- Other industries with tremendous opportunities include **Healthcare/ Life & Health Technology, Modern Logistics, Construction, Professional Services, Environment Protection, Education, and Tourism.**

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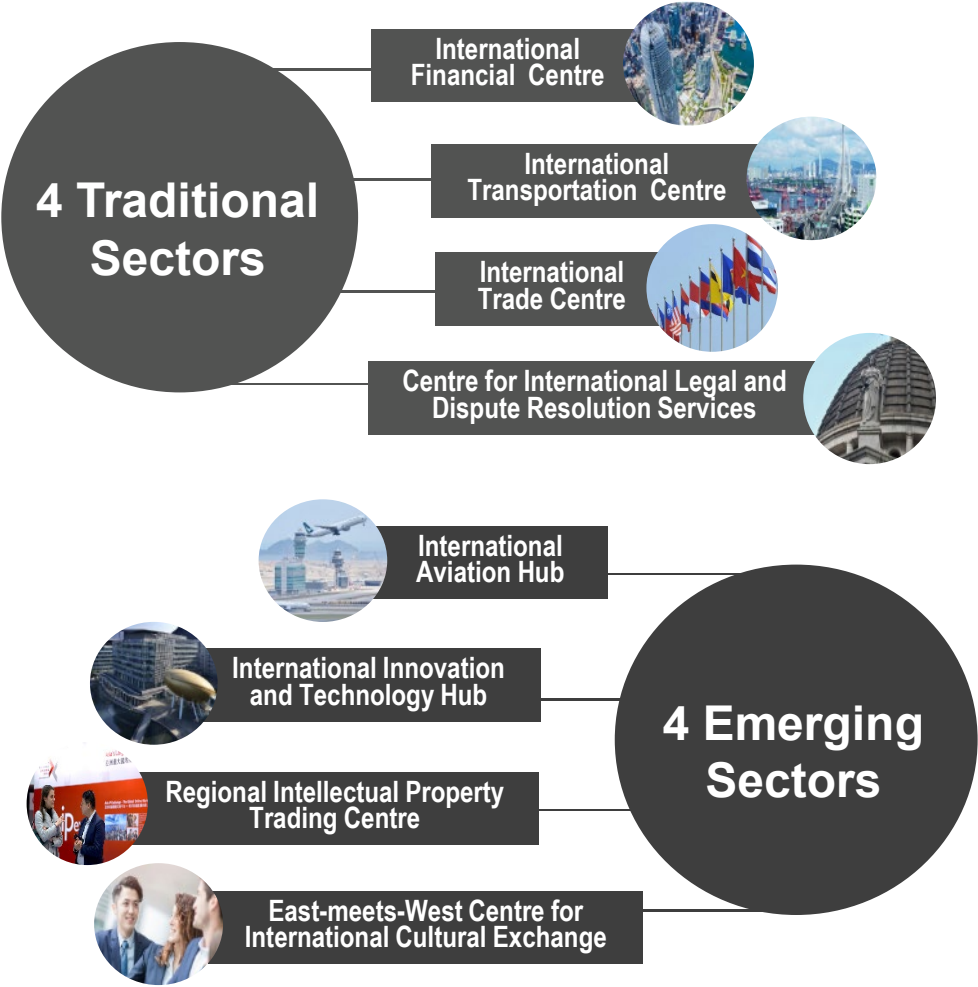
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Hong Kong's Unique Opportunities brought by National Initiatives

The 14th Five-Year Plan

Developing the 8 Centres



The GBA Development

An important economic cluster comprises of **9 Cities** + **2 Special Administrative Regions**

Population¹
86 million

Land Area²
56,000km²

GDP³
~US\$2 tr
(~11% of China's total)

¹ Larger than that of Germany
² Greater than Ireland, Latvia, Panama
³ Larger than Australia, Spain



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Support to Hong Kong's Innovation Development

Proven IPO track record

Global Leader in IPOs and IPO Funds Raised



Ranked **No.1** for 7 times in the past 13 years

No. 1 in total IPO funds raised last 12 years



69% of IPO funds raised came from listings from **New Economy**



12% of IPO came from listings of **International Companies**



Chapter 18A Biotech Companies and **Chapter 18C Specialist Technology Companies** permits listings of biotech and specialist technology companies that do not meet Main Board financial eligibility requirements

Comprehensive ICT infrastructure



Super-computing Centre



Global connection



Internet centre

Sourcing Centre



World-class talent

Universities in Hong Kong are among the best in the world

(Source: Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Ranking 2025)

2 world's top 40 medical schools



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36th

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47th



57th



62th

Research capacity

The government establishes technology centres and R&D centres to promote innovation and technological development



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Government's Commitment to Innovation & Technology

HK\$200 billion has been invested by the Government in innovation and technology development over the past few years, including:



R&D Facilities

Examples:

- Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation & Technology Park
- Expansion of Cyberport & Science Park

Industrial Infrastructures

Examples:

- Data Technology Hub
- Microelectronics Centre
- Advanced Manufacturing Center Park

Academic Research Fund

Examples:

- Research Endowment Fund
- University Grant Committee Fund

Global R&D Collaboration

Examples:

- InnoHK Research Clusters (28 Health and AI/Robotic Labs)

Innovation & Technology Funds












Examples:

- Innovation and Technology Fund
- Innovation & Technology Venture Fund
- Green Tech Fund
- Smart Traffic Fund

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Government Provides Substantial Financial and Policy Support

Research and Development			Application		Promotion
Enterprise Support Scheme HK\$10m (US\$1.28m) R&D project funding is granted in the form of matching funding in equal amounts 	Partnership Research Programme 50% Research costs for collaboration with local universities and research institutions 	Additional tax deduction for R&D expenses As long as R & D expenditure meets the requirements, additional tax deductions can be obtained 300% The first HK\$2 million (US\$256,410) 200% After the first HK\$2 million (US\$256,410)	New Industrialisation Funding Scheme 1/3 or HK\$15 million (US\$1.92m) The total expenditure of the approved project, whichever is lower. The entire production line or most of it should meet the criteria of "smart production"	New Industrialisation Acceleration Scheme for the set-up of new production facilities on a one (Government) to two (company) matching basis, subject to a funding ceiling of HK\$200m (US\$25.6m) 	SME Export Marketing Fund HK\$1m (US\$128,000) cumulative limit financial assistance to SMEs for participation in export promotion activities
Research and Development Cash Rebate Scheme Rebate 40% Applicable to ITF projects and projects conducted by designated research institutions 	Research, Academic and Industry Sectors One-plus Scheme (RAIS+) HK\$100m (US\$12.8m) applicable to projects on transformation and commercialisation of R&D outcomes. The two stages of projects to be completed within around five years 	Research Talent Hub Wage subsidy for a maximum of 4 research staff for up to 3 years Ph.D. HK\$35,000/m (US\$4,487) Master HK\$23,000/m (US\$2,949) Bachelor HK\$20,000/m (US\$2,564)	Technology Voucher Programme HK\$600,000 at maximum (US\$76,923) Each business can benefit from up to 6 projects to promote the use of technology	E&M InnoPortal Software technology solution matching platform between government and suppliers 	Dedicated Fund on Branding, Upgrading and Domestic Sales HK\$7m (US\$0.9m) cumulative limit financial assistance to HK enterprises to implement projects that explore and develop the Mainland, FTA or IPPA markets through developing brands, upgrading and restructuring operations and promoting sales
Patent Application Grant HK\$250,000 (US\$32,051) or 90% of the sum of the total direct costs of patent application, which ever is lower 	Visa schemes Various schemes to facilitate visa entry 	Living allowances HK\$120,000 / year (US\$15,385) For PhD holders subsidised under Research Talent Hub 	Procurement policies that support innovation Policies to Drive Technology Adoption in Government Programs 	Public Sector Trial Scheme Maximum per application HK\$1 million (US\$128,000) To support prototype production or trials under ITF projects 	

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Vibrant Lifestyle



A Vibrant City



A **nature-filled city** with many stunning yet easily accessible hiking trails and beautiful beaches



A **global foodie feast** with a diverse array of international cuisines and options



World-class events of sports, arts and culture

An Accessible City



Reliable and low-cost **World #1 Public Transit System***, and well-established network of roads, ports and airport

A Cashless City



98% penetration rate of E-payment (Octopus cards/ credit cards/ e-wallets)

A Multi-cultural City

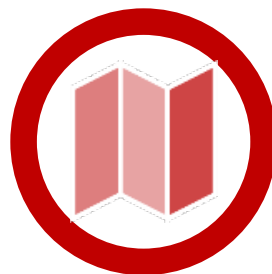


An **open society** embracing different ethnicity, religion and background

3. How Can InvestHK Help

Step-by-step Assistance

We offer **FREE advice and customised services** to help overseas and Mainland companies to set up and develop their businesses in Hong Kong



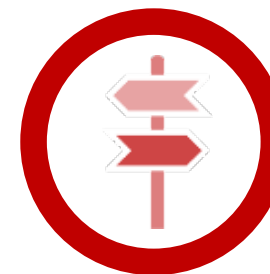
PLANNING

- Guidance in **strategic implementation** and evaluation of **business decisions**
- Connecting with relevant **Consulates, Chambers of Commerce** and **business associations**
- Advising on **living and working** in Hong Kong



SET-UP

- Providing support with **business licences, visa applications, IP and trademark registration**, etc
- Arranging meetings with **service providers, professional associations** and **government departments**
- Advising on **tax and business regulations**, and sector-specific **opportunities**



LAUNCH

- Connecting with **lawyers, accountants, human resource specialists** and **real estate companies**, etc
- Providing **marketing and public relations** services



EXPANSION

- Providing **advice, tools & supports for expansion/sustainable growth**
- Support across **marketing and public relations**



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Our Network

InvestHK's Global Network in 34 cities



- 17 Dedicated Teams in the Beijing Office and Hong Kong ETOs
- 17 Consultant Offices
- 1 Consultant Office to be in operation in January 2025

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