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“One Country, Two Systems”
Legend or Reality?
People's Confidence in "One Country, Two Systems" (per poll)

Confident  Not Confident  Net Value

Click and drag in the plot area to zoom in.
Article 23 of the Basic Law

• The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region shall enact laws on its own to prohibit any act of treason, secession, sedition, subversion against the Central People’s Government, or theft of state secrets, to prohibit foreign political organizations or bodies from conducting political activities in the Region, and to prohibit political organizations or bodies of the Region from establishing ties with foreign political organizations or bodies.
1.7.2003
Figure 2 – Share of Mainland visitors in total visitor arrivals, 2002-2013

Source: Hong Kong Tourism Board.
Figure 7 – Itineraries of IVS visitors, 2013

Overnight IVS visitors

- Places to go...
  - Ocean Park
  - Disneyland
  - The Peak
  - Avenue of Stars

Shopping list:
- Cosmetics and skin care products
- Ready-made wear
- Foodstuff
- Medicine and Chinese herbs
- Leather goods
- Jewellery and watches
- Electrical/photographic goods

Same-day IVS visitors

- Places to go...
  - Shopping, shopping, shopping!

Shopping list:
- Cosmetics and skin care products
- Ready-made wear
- Foodstuff
- Medicine and Chinese herbs
- Personal care products

Source: Hong Kong Tourism Board.
Figure 8 – Shopping expenditure by visitors and local residents (% share in the value of total retail sales)

Sources: Census and Statistics Department and Hong Kong Tourism Board.
Figure 9 – Retail sales and shop rentals, 2004-2013

Sources: Census and Statistics Department and Rating and Valuation Department.
Figure 10 – Number of retail outlets, 2004-2013

Selling:
- Cosmetics and personal care products  +1,500%
- Wearing apparel and footwear  +41.5%
- Leather goods  +32.9%
- Jewellery and watches  +30.5%
- Audio and video equipment and photographic equipment  +21.6%
- Foodstuff  +4.7%
- Medicine, health supplements and Chinese drugs  +4.7%

Selling:
- Non-specialized goods (groceries of Chinese provisions and general household goods)  -29.5%
- Books, newspapers and stationery  -25.4%

Source: Census and Statistics Department.
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## Hong Kong Press Freedom

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Source: Freedom House
Zhang Xiao Ming with DAB

Source: Apple Daily
The Basic Law

• Article 25

• All Hong Kong residents shall be equal before the law.

• Article 26

• Permanent residents of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region shall have the right to vote and the right to stand for election in accordance with law.

• Article 39

• The provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and international labour conventions as applied to Hong Kong shall remain in force and shall be implemented through the laws of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

• The rights and freedoms enjoyed by Hong Kong residents shall not be restricted unless as prescribed by law. Such restrictions shall not contravene the provisions of the preceding paragraph of this Article.
Article 25 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

• Every citizen shall have the right and the opportunity, without any of the distinctions mentioned in article 2 and without unreasonable restrictions:
  • (a) To take part in the conduct of public affairs, directly or through freely chosen representatives;
  • (b) To vote and to be elected at genuine periodic elections which shall be by universal and equal suffrage and shall be held by secret ballot, guaranteeing the free expression of the will of the electors;
  • (c) To have access, on general terms of equality, to public service in his country.
Article 21 of the Hong Kong Bill of Rights Ordinance

• Every permanent resident shall have the right and the opportunity, without any of the distinctions mentioned in article 1(1) and without unreasonable restrictions-
  • (a) to take part in the conduct of public affairs, directly or through freely chosen representatives;
  • (b) to vote and to be elected at genuine periodic elections which shall be by universal and equal suffrage and shall be held by secret ballot, guaranteeing the free expression of the will of the electors;
  • (c) to have access, on general terms of equality, to public service in Hong Kong.
Finding the Right Path to Universal Suffrage

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What the Government is NOT telling you

January 2014
Article 45 of the Basic Law

• The Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region shall be selected by election or through consultations held locally and be appointed by the Central People’s Government.

• The method for selecting the Chief Executive shall be specified in the light of the actual situation in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and in accordance with the principle of gradual and orderly progress. The ultimate aim is the selection of the Chief Executive by universal suffrage upon nomination by a broadly representative nominating committee in accordance with democratic procedures.

• The specific method for selecting the Chief Executive is prescribed in Annex I: “Method for the Selection of the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region”.
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