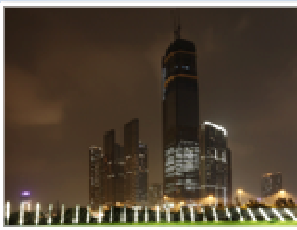


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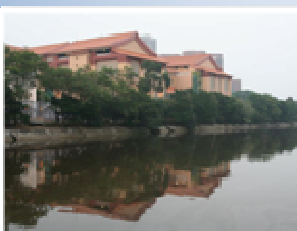
Hong Kong, officially the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, is a largely self-governing territory of the People's Republic of China, facing Guangdong to the north and the South China Sea to the east, west and south. Hong Kong is a global metropolitan and international financial centre, and has a highly developed capitalist economy.



The International Commerce Centre (abbr. ICC Tower) is a 118 floor, 484 m (1,590 ft) skyscraper under construction in West Kowloon, Hong Kong, China; as part of the Union Square project built on top of Kowloon Station. The development is owned and jointly developed by MTR Corporation Limited and Sun Hung Kai Properties, Hong Kong's metro operator and largest property developer respectively.



The International Finance Centre (abbr. **IFC**, branded as "ifc") is an integrated commercial development on the waterfront of Hong Kong's Central District. A prominent landmark on Hong Kong Island, IFC consists of two skyscrapers, the IFC Mall, and the 55-story Four Seasons Hotel Hong Kong. Tower 2 is the tallest building in Hong Kong, a title formerly held by Central Plaza. It is the third-tallest building in the Greater China region and the seventh-tallest office building in the world, based on structural heights; by roof height, only the Taipei 101, Shanghai World Financial Center, and Sears Tower exceed it. It is of similar height to the former World Trade Center. The International Commerce Centre, currently under construction above the MTR Kowloon station and scheduled for completion in 2010, will surpass 2IFC in each of these categories.



Hong Kong Heritage Museum is a museum of history, art and culture in Sha Tin, Hong Kong, by the Shing Mun River. The museum was built by the Regional Council and opened on 16 December 2000. It is currently managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department of the Hong Kong Government. The building was designed by the Hong Kong Architectural Services Department. The six permanent exhibits and the original temporary exhibits were designed by Canadian design firm Reich+Petch along with Lord Cultural Services.



The Hong Kong Museum of Art is a museum in Hong Kong for Chinese cultural heritage, as well as local and international art. The museum was established as the City Hall Museum and Art

Gallery in the City Hall in Central by the Urban Council in 1962. In 1991, it was moved to the present premises at 10 Salisbury Road, near the Hong Kong Cultural Centre and the Hong Kong Space Museum, in Tsim Sha Tsui. It is currently managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department of the Hong Kong Government.



The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, located near the north coast of Wan Chai on the Hong Kong Island in Hong Kong, is both an academic institution and a venue for performances.



The Hong Kong Space Museum is a museum for astronomy and space science in Tsim Sha Tsui, Hong Kong. It is currently managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department of the Hong Kong Government. The museum is next to the Hong Kong Cultural Centre and Hong Kong Museum of Art. The museum has a unique egg-shaped dome that covers more than 8000sq. meters, which rendered it to be one of the most famous landmarks in Hong Kong. It was the first local planetarium

for the popularisation of astronomy and space science.

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