

Geography and Climate

Geography

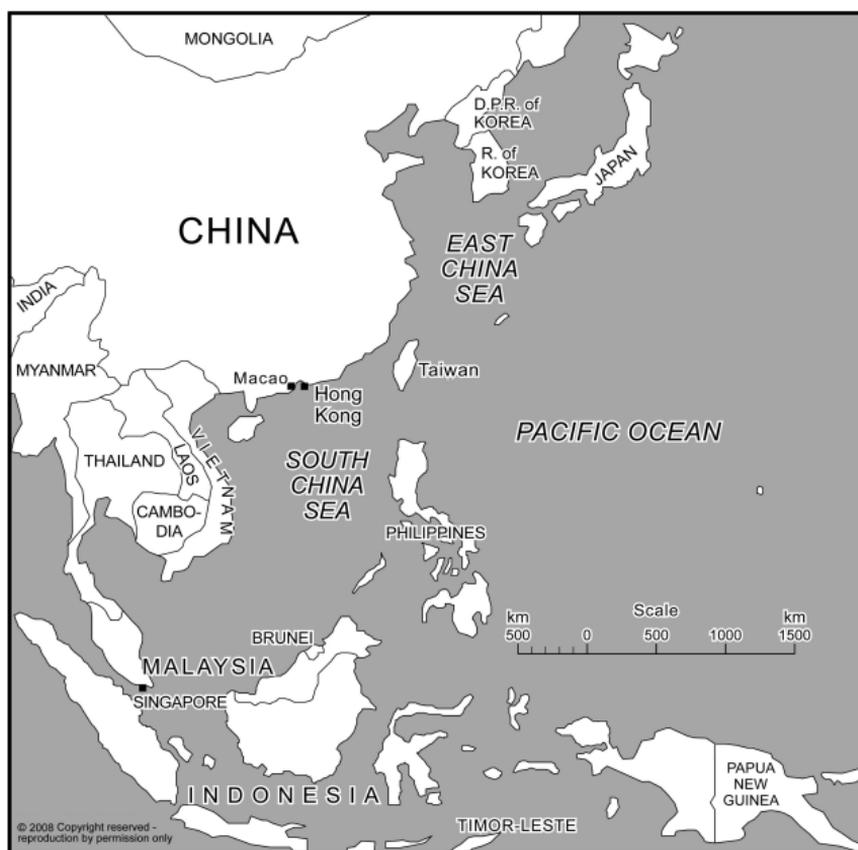
Hong Kong is situated at the south-eastern tip of the mainland of China, with a total area of about 1 104 square kilometres covering Hong Kong Island, Kowloon and the New Territories and Islands.

Meteorological Observations

	Normals (1961–1990) ⁽¹⁾			2007
	January	July	Whole year	
Air temperature (°C)				
Mean maximum	18.6	31.5	25.7	26.4
Mean	15.8	28.8	23.0	23.7
Mean minimum	13.6	26.6	20.9	21.7
Mean relative humidity (%)	71	80	77	77
Total rainfall (mm)	23.4	323.5	2 214.3	1 706.9
Total bright sunshine (hours)	152.4	231.1	1 948.1	1 978.7
Mean wind speed (km/h)	24.0	20.0	22.6	22.1

Note: (1) The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) defines climatological standard normals as averages of climatological data computed for the following consecutive periods of 30 years: 1 January 1901 to 31 December 1930, 1 January 1931 to 31 December 1960, 1 January 1961 to 31 December 1990, 1 January 1991 to 31 December 2020, etc.

Hong Kong in the Asia Pacific Region



Land Area of Hong Kong

	2002	2006	sq. km 2007
Hong Kong Island	80.4	80.5	80.5
Kowloon	46.9	46.9	46.9
New Territories and Islands	974.4	976.6	976.9
Total	1 101.7	1 104.0	1 104.3

Note: Figures are as at end of the year.

Map of Hong Kong



Symbols

The following symbols are used throughout the booklet :

- # Provisional figures/estimates
- @ Figures are subject to revision later on
- * Revised figures
- Not applicable
- N.A. Not yet available