



“Think Global, Think Hong Kong”

Hong Kong Dinner, Tokyo

Address by Mrs Carrie Lam, Chief Executive, Hong Kong SAR

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Japan



Hong Kong

Friendship Co-operation Prosperity

Co-operation at all levels

**Government to
Government**

**Business to
Business**

**People to
People**

and in many areas

Finance

Investment

Creative industries

Trade

Logistics

Culture

Education

Youth

Tourism

Food



2017 Bilateral merchandise trade

US\$49

billion



5.1%

year-on-year



HONG KONG

8th

Japan's
largest trading partner

JAPAN

4th

Hong Kong's
largest trading partner



Hong Kong: Japan's 5th largest export market

Largest global market

for Japanese agricultural, forestry
and fishery products
for more than **10** years



Worth about

187.7 
billion yen

(about US\$1.78 billion) in 2017



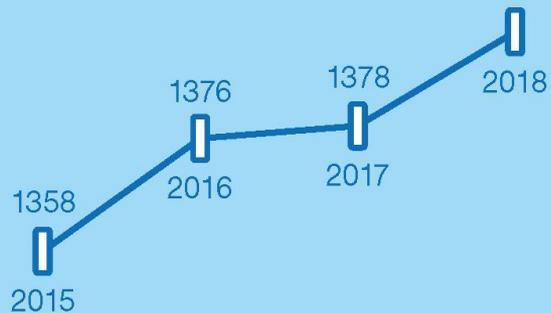
Major bilateral agreements between Hong Kong and Japan

- **Air Services Agreement (1997)**
- **Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (1997)**
- **Agreement on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (2008)**
- **Comprehensive Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement (2010)**
- **Bilateral Competent Authority Agreement on Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information in Tax Matters (2016)**
- **Hong Kong is prepared to participate in Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership and start exploratory discussion on Free Trade Agreement with Japan**



Japanese business presence in Hong Kong

1393



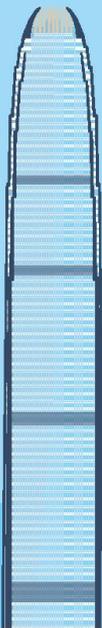
No. of Japanese companies in HK
(*2015-2018 survey figures)

244
regional headquarters

421
regional offices

728
local offices

No. 1
among international
companies



Japanese companies in the financial services sector

9 listed companies

10 licensed banks operating, and **14** have local representative office

2 insurance companies incorporated in Japan

while **4** are controlled by Japanese interests

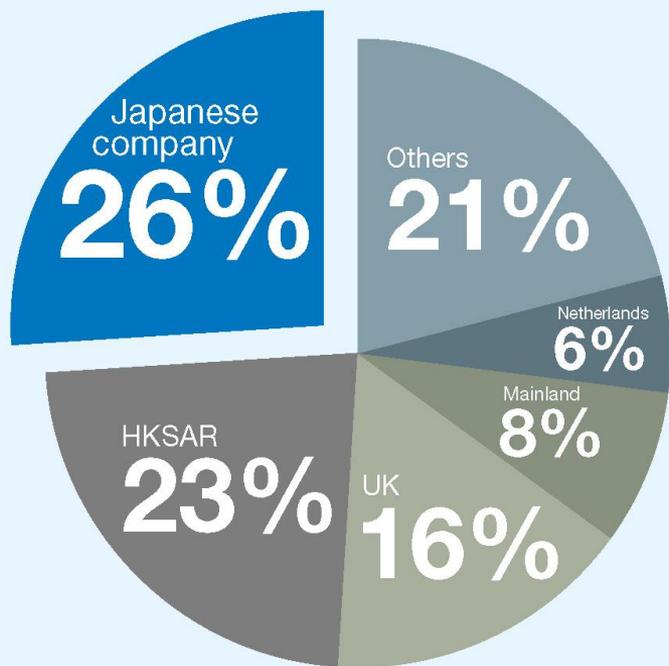


6 banks and corporations have issued Renminbi bonds



Japanese companies' participation in public works

Airport Core Programme completed in 1998



\$4,238M
In 2018

6 Japan-based
contractors on the list of
Approved Contractors for
Public Works

Japanese culinary culture in Hong Kong

About 15,000 licensed restaurants in Hong Kong



Over

1400

sell sushi

Over

1700

sell sashimi



Asian style restaurants in 2017:



Tourism

Japan visitors to Hong Kong



Hong Kong visitors to Japan



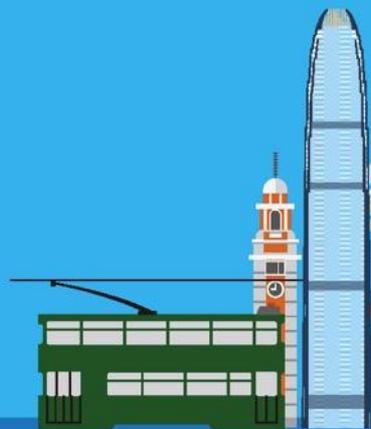
Flight connections



X 415 / week **14** destinations

+105%

compared with 2013



**Nagasaki
Prefecture**

January 2019

Tokushima

December 2018



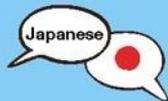
Education and Youth

Three local universities offer Japanese studies.
Over 70 institutions teach Japanese in Hong Kong

Over

22 000

people are learning Japanese



70

Institutions



Japanese Language Proficiency Test



The number of HK students who study in Japan



Japan is Hong Kong's 1st Working Holiday Scheme partner in Asia

3200 Hong Kong youths have participated in the Scheme since 2010

Over **630** Japan youths have participated in the Scheme since 2010



Sports and Cultural exchange

Judo



11 000

HK participants

Kendo



1 000

HK participants

Karate



10 000

HK participants

Ikebana



**Tea
ceremony**

Prospects of cooperation

- 
- I&T
 - Maritime Services
 - Green Finance
 - Arts and Culture
 - Belt and Road Initiative
 - Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area

Hong Kong

Japan

Thank you for joining us tonight to celebrate our friendship...



Tea cups designed by Mariko Jesse

Thank you for joining us tonight to celebrate our friendship...



And some potato chips with exclusive flavours
made in Hong Kong
under a Japan-Hong Kong joint venture



We Look Forward to
Strengthening Our Ties with Japan in
Furthering Prosperity for Our People

