



Introducing Our Hong Kong Member – Abacus CPA Limited

Our Member

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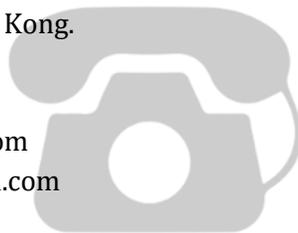
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Hong Kong

Hong Kong is located in eastern Asia. It borders the South China Sea to the south, west, and east, and shares a land border with mainland China to the north. It consists of 4 main areas: Hong Kong Island, Kowloon, the New Territories, and the Outlying Islands. Kowloon and the New Territories are on a peninsula, accounting for the bulk of Hong Kong's land. The New Territories link Hong Kong to mainland China.

- **International Financial Centre and Service Hub**

Hong Kong has a capitalist mixed service economy, characterized by low taxation, minimal government market intervention, and an established international financial market. It is the 35th-largest economy in the world and its economy has consistently ranked at the top of the Heritage Foundation's index of economic freedom since 1995. The Hong Kong Stock Exchange is the seventh largest in the world. Hong Kong enjoys a robust and stable financial regime, exemplifying the vitality and dynamism of an open and free economy that has the prowess of prospering in an ever-changing global political economy. Its city is known as an important centre for international finance and trade, with one of the greatest concentrations of corporate headquarters in the Asia-Pacific region.

- **Top Largest Trading Centre**

With the total value of traded goods exceeding its gross domestic product, Hong Kong becomes one of the top largest trading entity in both exports and imports. It is also the world's largest transshipment centre that exports and re-exports products manufactured outside of the territory, especially in mainland China. Hong Kong's free-trade policy has made the territory one of the world's great centres of trade. There is no tariff on imports, except for some few goods.

- **Strategic Location**

Hong Kong is strategically located at the heart of the Asian continent. Its location has allowed the city to establish a gateway to largest export markets such as mainland China and the United States. Hong Kong has established world class transportation and logistics infrastructure, such as world's second busiest container port and the world's busiest airport for international cargo. It is within a few hours' flight from all major cities in East and Southeast Asia, including Shanghai, Tokyo, Singapore and Malaysia.

- **Low and Simple Tax Regime**

Hong Kong offers one of the lowest tax rates in the world that perfectly complements its predictable and simple tax system. Local and foreign companies have the same profits tax rate in Hong Kong. It has no withholding tax on the interest and dividends, capital gains tax, or collection of the social security benefits. The two-tiered profits tax rate regime will apply to both corporations and unincorporated business commencing from the year of assessment 2018/19. It further lowers the tax burden of small and medium enterprises (SMEs). The city's salaries tax rate has the maximum rate of 15% that is being imposed only on the salary income of the individuals derived from or in Hong Kong. It is one of the top reasons why many foreigners set up their startups in the city.

- **Ease of Doing Business**

Hong Kong is known for being an easy place to set up a business. Setting up a company takes about one to two weeks' time. Process of incorporation can be speed up to around 1-2 working days by e-registration if client is available to visit Hong Kong. There are no foreign ownership restrictions on Hong Kong company and restriction on business scope. Its international transportation hub, excellent infrastructure facilities and business premises are easily available to setup a business. The simple and business friendly tax system draws foreign investors to the city. Foreigners who wish to setup business in Hong Kong can easily relocate by applying for an appropriate work visa.

- **Clean Governance**

Hong Kong enjoys a clean government with highly transparent administrative processes. It is politically stable with pro-business governance and unlimited access to information. It has strict anti-corruption regimen, the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) is set to combat both public and private sector corruption. Noted for its transparency, law and order is central to Hong Kong's success. All are considered equal before the law. Hong Kong's legal system is separate from Mainland China's, and English common law prevails.

- **Productive Work Force**

Hong Kong is home to many experienced local talent and diverse professionals. It consists of a highly trained, highly educated and skilled workforce. The people are known to be especially well versed with the business culture in the fast-growing Mainland cities. Employees are generally considered to be hard-working, competitive and are constantly seeking to improve themselves. English is widely spoken language in Hong Kong and majority of the workforce also speak Cantonese and Mandarin (the official language in Mainland China).

- **Business Support and Assistance**

There are many programmes have been established by the Hong Kong government and the private sector to help companies grow and improve in every aspect of their business. Business support programmes and financial incentives have been established to foster the growth of SMEs. Organisations such as the Hong Kong Trade Development Council help international companies do business in the Mainland and Asia, and also aid Hong Kong companies find new markets. The Hong Kong Productivity Council promotes methods and solutions for enhancement on productivity and efficiency for Hong Kong business and investment. The Support and Consultation Centre for SMEs is a comprehensive information and advisory centre for SMEs. Financial assistance is available through a number of Government Funding Schemes.