

Hong Kong

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Hi, everyone! Welcome back to another English Extravaganza. This week, I want to tell you about Hong Kong! Although it is part of China, Hong Kong is an independent city with many fluent (流ちょうな) English speakers. In fact, Hong Kong was under British rule (支配下にあった) until 1997, when it was returned to China. Because the British governed Hong Kong for so long, many people speak English.

Hong Kong is a fusion (融合) between the east and west. There are many influences in Hong Kong from the Cantonese, Mandarin, and British as well as from Hakka, Fujian, and Shanghaiese people. They are all unique and mixed together. Because of this, you can try food from all over the world. In fact, Hong Kong is a world destination for good food. Because it is next to the ocean, fresh seafood is very popular, or you can try the local dim sum (點心).

You can also go shopping in Hong Kong since it is famous around the world as a shopper's paradise. There are trendy boutiques, traditional Chinese products stores, luxurious shopping malls, and street markets. You can find everything from the latest designer fashions to antiques and collectibles (収集品).

Although Hong Kong is a big city, there are many parks, temples, and museums. There is even a Disneyland in Hong Kong! You can also take a boat ride to a fishing village or ride the tram (路面電車) all the way up to Victoria Peak. Hong Kong can be a really fun place with festivals through the year. There are lion and dragon dances, fireworks, carnivals and parades,

which makes a very festive atmosphere. Well, that's all for this time. I'll see you next week!

