### Hong Kong: Helping Manage Opportunities and Challenges in China

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### **The China Opportunity**

#### All eyes are still on China! Here's why:

Annual GDP growth at 9.8% over 10 years

Annual trade growth at 23.3% over 10 years

Massive annual FDI: US\$92.4 billion (2008)

Expected to lead Asia from global turmoil





### **China Today**



RMB 4 trillion stimulus package by Central Government

Determined to meet target of 8% growth in 2009





### **China Today**

#### Stimulus package to focus on 10 areas:

- Low-cost housing
- Rural infrastructure
- Major transportation
- Medical services
- Environment-related investments

- High-technology industries
- Sichuan's reconstruction
- Raising urban and rural incomes
- Reform of the VAT system
- Direct financial support



### **The China Opportunity**



### No longer "just" a production base:

Growing middle class – 200 million

Domestic consumption on the rise (21.6% growth in 2008)





## The China Opportunity: Growing consumer market

641 million mobile phone users (2008)

Nearly 300 million internet users (2008)

Growing demand for imported wine – average of 72.7% p.a. (2006 to 2008)

Second largest car market in the world

Second largest luxury market in the world

100 million Chinese tourists expected by 2020

Growing rural consumer market





## The China Opportunity: Industry moving up the value chain

#### **Upgrading Industrial Processes**

5.4 million Mainland Private Enterprises

Growing demand for business services and technologies

R&D expenditure increased by average of 23.6% per year from 2003 to 2007







### **China Challenges**

#### **Companies are concerned about:**

China's ability to cope with the downturn

Finding good business partners

Realising profits

Coping with bureaucracy

Mitigating business risk

Retaining quality staff





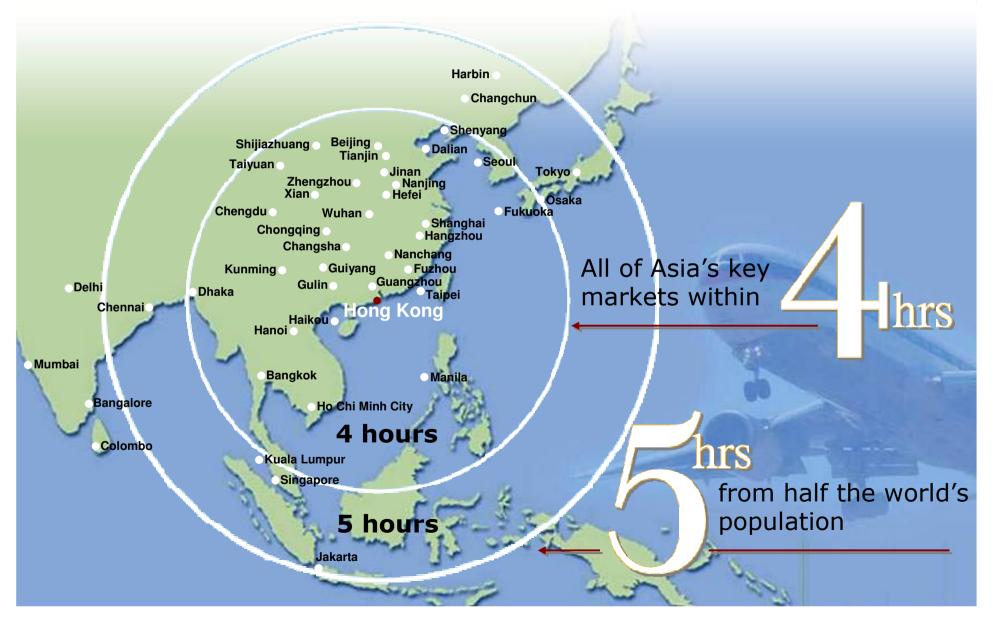
### **Hong Kong Advantages**



**Resilient Economy** 

**Dynamic People, Creativity, Technology** 





#### Immediate Market - the Pearl River Delta:

47 million people

24% of China's imports/exports

16.2% real GDP growth in 2007





#### **Infrastructure integration with PRD**

Growing infrastructure links between Hong Kong and PRD cities

Easy and efficient travel

#### **Economic integration**

40% of China's FDI comes through HK

Largest overseas investor in most major Chinese cities

Further integration via tri-regional 2020 blueprint





#### #1 international air cargo:

10,000 tonnes per day

150 cities, 40 in China

One of the world's busiest container ports:

Serves 500 ports

66,500 TEUs a day

1% growth in 2008



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"One country, two systems"

Open market - Free flows of goods, capital, people and information

Strong, independent legal system

Intellectual Property protection

Open and transparent government

Anti-corruption culture

Service-oriented economy





#### **International Financial Centre**

Convertible currency, link to US dollar

Free flow of capital

Strong, well-regulated, banking system

Low, simple tax system

International arbitration centre





#### **International Financial Centre**

3<sup>rd</sup> highest market capitalisation in Asia, 7<sup>th</sup> in the world

3<sup>rd</sup> largest foreign exchange market in Asia, 6<sup>th</sup> in the world

Largest venture capital centre in Asia

Largest capital-raising hub for Chinese companies (outside the

mainland)

Becoming an offshore RMB centre

High capital reserve ratio



#### **Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA)**

WTO-plus market access for *service providers* 

Tariff-free access to the mainland for *products* 

Overseas companies can benefit!





#### **CEPA** success stories



"Our success proves that CEPA is accessible to overseas investors."



#### **Adecco (Staffing, recruitment)**

"CEPA helped us take advantage of greater market opportunities in China."



Christine Pace, Marketing Director





#### **Electronics**



#### **Technology**







#### **Architecture**









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## **Hong Kong Advantages: Dynamic People**



#### Hong Kong is the Chinese city that speaks your language ...

Generations of entrepreneurial spirit

Unrivalled China market and international business experience

Diverse international workforce

... the language of international business!



# Hong Kong Advantages: A hub of creativity





## Hong Kong Advantages: Technology Marketplace

### Sourcing and selling technology to/from the Chinese mainland

Hong Kong companies experts in technology trading and transfer

Growing demand for advanced technologies in manufacturing and management

Demand for technology to meet new environmental standards

Hong Kong – a partner for foreign technology companies



### **Hong Kong Trade Development Council**

### **Creating opportunities in international trade**

**Providing Information** 

**Matching Business Partners** 

**Connecting Customers** 

**Helping SMEs** 





## **HKTDC:** Providing Information

#### In person

11 offices in Chinese mainland, more than 40 worldwide





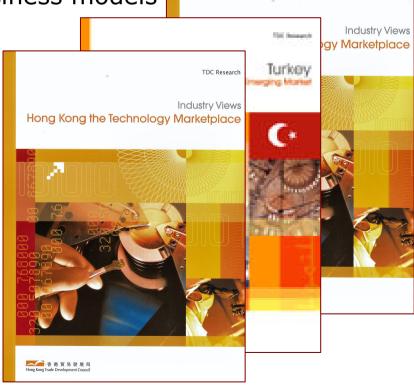
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## **HKTDC: Connecting Customers**

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**Hong Kong Electronics Fair (Autumn Edition)** 

香港秋季電子產品展

KIDO

Hong Kong Watch & Clock Fair

香港鐘表展

**►** KIDC

Hong Kong Gifts & Premium Fair

香港禮品及贈品展

KIDC

Hong Kong Fashion Week for Spring/Summer 香港時裝節春夏系列

**KIDC** 

Hong Kong International Jewellery Show 香港國際珠寶展

**KIDC** 

**Hong Kong Houseware Fair** 

香港家庭用品展

**World SME Expo** 

中小企國際推廣博覽

**KIDC** 

**Summer Sourcing Show for Gifts, Houseware & Toys** 

香港夏季禮品、家庭用品及玩具展





## **HKTDC: Helping Hong Kong SMEs**

Trade Buyers Incentive Programme

Subsidies to local exhibitors

Special SME offers

Co-operation with neighbouring PRD cities

World SME Expo





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