

SHARPENING THE CITY'S EDGE

Hong Kong's first five-year plan aims to double down on the city's core advantages. Under a "four centres, one hub" strategy, the government is seeking to strengthen the city's standing as an international financial, maritime and aviation, trade, and innovation and technology centre, as well as a talent hub.

Here is a look at the city's position in the finance, aviation, maritime and trade sectors.

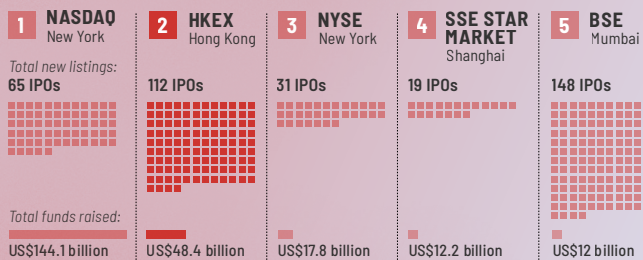
International financial centre

The aim is to broaden capital markets, expand offshore yuan and cross-boundary wealth management business, and gold plus other metals trading.

CAPITAL MARKETS

Hong Kong generated US\$37.4 billion through IPOs in 2025, securing the world's top rank for listings. Reforms in various areas aim to boost competitiveness and attract more enterprises.

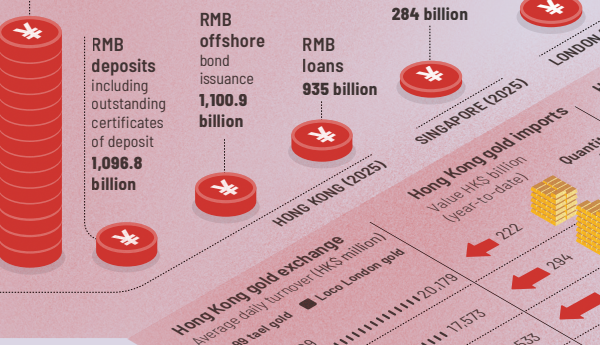
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OFFSHORE RENMINBI CENTRE

Hong Kong has the world's largest offshore yuan liquidity pool. The five-year plan aims to expand its product supply in the offshore RMB market.

RMB trade settlements handled by banks in Hong Kong
13.9 trillion



GOLD

Hub plans include a pilot clearing and settlement system and boosting storage capacity to over 2,000 tonnes in three years, and deeper collaboration with Chinese Mainland gold markets.

Sources: HK SAR government, LSEG Data & Analytics, Hong Kong Monetary Authority, Monetary Authority of Singapore, City of London Corporation and The People's Bank of China Representative Office for Europe, Hong Kong Gold Exchange, the Xinhua China Economic Information Service and the Baltic Exchange, UNCTAD, World Shipping Council and Airport Authority Hong Kong.

International trade centre

Despite geopolitical uncertainties and tariff wars, Hong Kong has maintained its commitment to free trade, consolidating its ties with traditional Western markets while exploring emerging markets such as Central Asia and Africa.

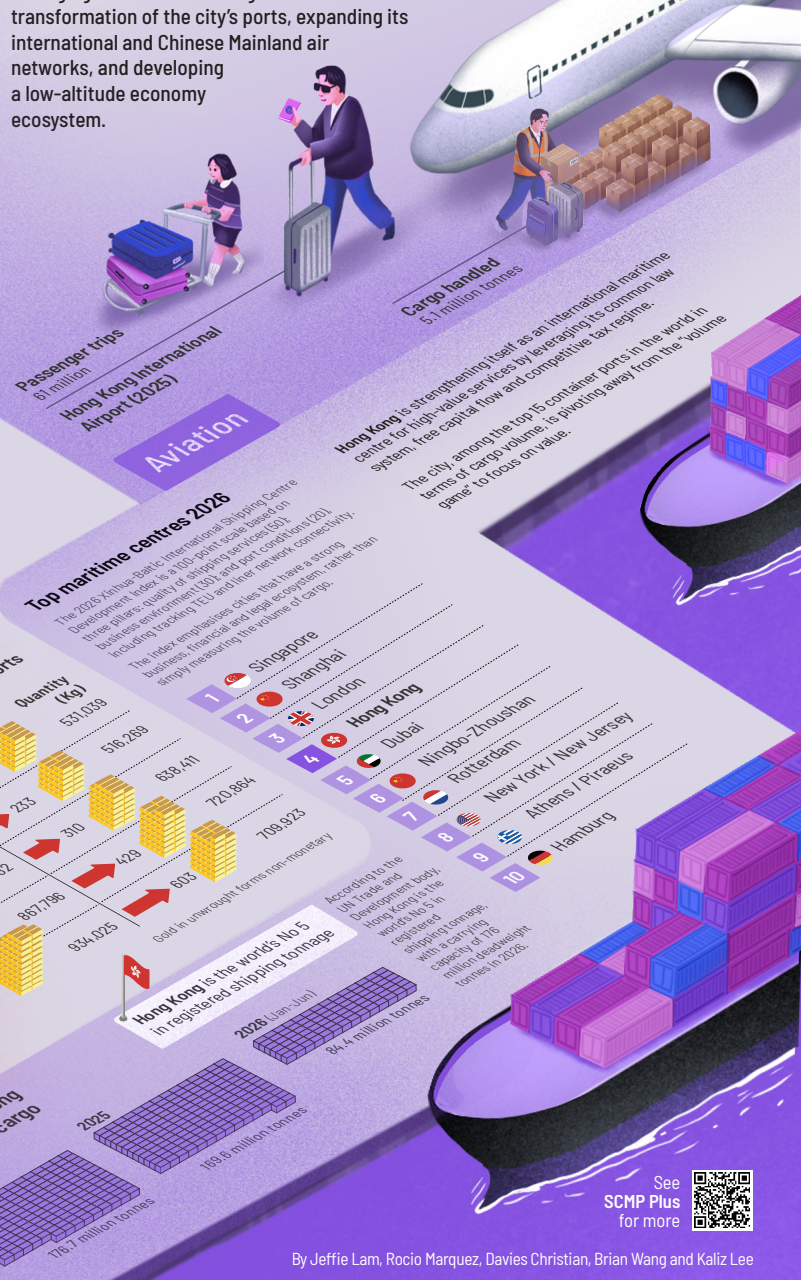
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Maritime centre and aviation hub

Hong Kong aims to consolidate its status as an international maritime centre and aviation hub through goals such as driving a 'volume-to-value' transformation of the city's ports, expanding its international and Chinese Mainland air networks, and developing a low-altitude economy ecosystem.

Flight movements
394,730



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