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To curb the rise of the liberal force in the legislature, 21 appointed and indirectly elected Legislative Council members from the functional constituencies founded the Co-operative Resources Centre CRC led by Senior Unofficial Member of the Executive and Legislative Councils Allen Lee , which transformed into the Liberal Party in . The bill was at last narrowly passed with the help of the pro-democracy camp. In response to the fully elected legislature , the Beijing government set up the Provisional Legislative Council PLC with conservative majority. The pro-business economic liberal Liberal Party and the Chinese nationalist Democratic Alliance for the Betterment of Hong Kong DAB were the two major parties vis-a-vis the pro-democratic Democratic Party in the Legislative Council in the first decades after the handover. The Tung administration was characterised by Confucian values and conservative governance, as well as the civil service which was conservative in its outlook. In , Financial Secretary Antony Leung redefined the overall policy as "big market, small government" and that the government should be a "proactive market enabler" who took "appropriate measures to secure projects beneficial to economy as a whole when the private sector is not ready. James Tien subsequently resigned from the Executive Council in opposition to the legislation which forced the government to shelve the bill. In the following November District Council election , the DAB suffered a great defeat which led to the resignation of Tsang Yok-sing as the party chairman. In March , Tung resigned as Chief Executive for health reasons, and was succeeded by Chief Secretary for Administration Donald Tsang who was a civil servant for nearly forty years. By co-opting supporters and some pro-democracy elites into the Strategic Development Commission, Tsang portrayed himself as the master of social and political harmony. With the conservative dominance of the Election Committee, Tsang defeated Leung to votes. Leung administration[edit] More than one conservative candidates ran in the Chief Executive election. Chief Secretary Henry Tang who was supported by the major business elites and Liberal Party and Convenor of the Executive Council Leung Chun-ying who was seen as the underdog and ran a more pro-grassroots agenda contested against each other. Although Leung eventually became the favourite of Beijing and won the election with the support of the Central Government Liaison Office , the election divided the conservative bloc into a Tang camp and a Leung camp. After the election, Beijing called for a reconciliation of the two camps. Leung Chun-ying administration was unable to unite the conservative bloc. The Liberal Party , which suffered a great split after the Legislative Council electoral defeat has openly criticised Leung. To counter the occupy movement, the conservative activists led by former radio host Robert Chow also formed the Alliance for Peace and Democracy to launch signature campaigns to oppose the occupy movement. Lam administration[edit] After Leung surprisingly declared he would not seek for re-election, Chief Secretary Carrie Lam and Financial Secretary John Tsang became the main candidates in the Chief Executive election. Thus, such right-wing tendency of culturalist localism often mixed with anti-mainland and anti-immigrant sentiments and was condemned as "xenophobic" and "nativist" by some activists and the government. Formation of the New Hong Kong Alliance

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Personal use only; commercial use is strictly prohibited for details see Privacy Policy and Legal Notice. In its early years as a Crown Colony, it suffered from corruption and racial segregation but grew rapidly as a free port that supported trade with China. It took about two decades before Hong Kong established a genuinely independent judiciary and introduced the Cadet Scheme to select and train senior officials, which dramatically improved the quality of governance. Until the Pacific War , the colonial government focused its attention and resources on the small expatriate community and largely left the overwhelming majority of the population, the Chinese community, to manage themselves, through voluntary organizations such as the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals. The fall of Hong Kong and other European colonies to the Japanese at the start of the Pacific War shattered the myth of the superiority of white men and the invincibility of the British Empire. When the war ended the British realized that they could not restore the status quo ante. They thus put an end to racial segregation, removed the glass ceiling that prevented a Chinese person from becoming a Cadet or Administrative Officer or rising to become the Senior Member of the Legislative or the Executive Council, and looked into the possibility of introducing municipal self-government. The exploration into limited democratization ended as the second landmark event unfolded—the success of the Chinese Communist Party in taking control of China. This resulted in Hong Kong closing its borders with China on a long-term basis and the local Chinese population settling down in the colony, where it took on a direction of development distinctly different from that of mainland China. The large influx of refugees to Hong Kong in the late s was transformed by a pragmatic colonial administration into a demographic bonus, as all were allowed to work freely and become part of the community. Those refugees, particularly from Shanghai, who arrived with capital, management knowhow and skills gave some industries, such as textile and shipping, a big boost. With the entrepreneurial spirit of the Chinese community unleashed and the colonial administration now devoting most of its resources to support them, Hong Kong became an industrial colony and developed increasingly strong servicing sectors. By the s, local entrepreneurs had become so successful that they took over some of the well-established major British companies that had been pillars of the local economy for a century. As Hong Kong developed, it looked to the wider world—something originally necessitated by the imposition of trade embargos on China by the United States and the United Nations after the start of the Korean War in —and eventually transformed itself into a global metropolis. The great transformation of postwar Hong Kong happened in the shadow of a dark cloud over its long-term future, which is a legacy from history. Hong Kong in fact consists of three parts: The first two were ceded by China to Britain in perpetuity, but the New Territories was only leased in for a period of 99 years. As the three parts developed organically they could not be separated. During the Pacific War the nationalist government of China successfully secured an agreement from the British government that the future of the New Territories would be open to negotiation after the defeat of Japan. When victory came, the British recovered Hong Kong, and the Chinese government was distracted by the challenges posed by the Communist Party. After it won control of mainland China in the Communist government left Hong Kong alone, as it was a highly valuable opening for China to reach out beyond the Communist bloc during the Cold War. In the British raised the issue of the New Territories lease, as the remainder of the lease was getting too short for comfort. Formal negotiations started in , and it took two years for an agreement to be reached. The British government ultimately agreed to hand over the entirety of Hong Kong as a going concern to China, which undertook to maintain the system and way of life there unchanged for fifty years. The formal handover went smoothly in , and the colony became a Chinese Special Administrative Region. At first it appeared that Hong Kong enjoyed a high degree of autonomy, as promised by the Chinese government, but the scope for its autonomy was eroded gradually. By the mids this gave rise to

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a small but vocal movement that advocates independence. Having defeated Napoleon Bonaparte and emerged as the leading imperial power and economic powerhouse, Britain under Queen Victoria requested and required the Qing or Manchu Empire in China to receive its envoys without performing the kowtow and to trade openly, which the latter refused as it did not consider Britain or any power its equal. In the Treaty of Nanking Britain forced the Qing Empire to accept British diplomatic representation and cession of Hong Kong Island in perpetuity and thus secured one of the best natural harbors on the China coast to support its trade with China. Hong Kong entered its modern era. A Crown Colony system was put in place, by which the governor served as both the representative of the queen and the chief executive, supported by an appointed Legislative Council constituted by Britons, an Executive Council, and a separate judiciary. Early colonial Hong Kong suffered from racial segregation and discrimination, as well as corruption and incompetent governance as very few well educated individuals settled there. Nevertheless, stability, order, and opportunities in this British enclave attracted Chinese immigrants who fled abusive governance, disorder caused by massive rebellions, and limited economic opportunities at home. Even as the British expatriate community doubled in size repeatedly, Chinese immigrants constituted over 95 percent of the population and contributed more to growth and government revenue than the expanding British expatriate community. This continued through the 19th century as both communities preferred to minimize inter-communal exchanges. The Chinese did not find British racial discrimination particularly objectionable as most of them hardly ever came into contact with a Caucasian, and their homeland, China, was itself under the rule of the alien Manchus until In the postwar period Cadet Officers became Administrative Officers, but they continued to constitute the elite and occupy top offices. After a haphazard start colonial Hong Kong flourished, but it was overshadowed by Shanghai as the latter developed at a much faster pace in the late 19th and early 20th century. Hong Kong only became a more modern and sophisticated metropolis than Shanghai after the Communists came to power in China in Until then the population of Hong Kong was constituted more by sojourners than settlers, as few Britons settled there on a permanent basis, and the Chinese immigrants moved freely across the border with China. The most settled population tended to be Eurasians, Macanese Portuguese from neighboring Macau , a small number of British subjects from other parts of the Empire, and an unknown percentage of Cantonese who did not seek to retire to their home villages in China. Among the last group, traders, shop owners, and investors were generally more settled than laborers. A distinctive Hong Kong identity in the sense of one that can underpin nationhood did not develop until toward the end of British rule. But the Chinese community that was settled, and in particular its well-off elements, did develop a sense that they were a special category of Chinese, one that distinguished them from their compatriots in China. British administration, rule of law, municipal services, and individual freedom were there for all to see and enjoy. This made Hong Kong an inspiration for those Chinese interested to learn about alternative political models and ideas to that prevailing in their home country. In general terms the British authorities turned a blind eye to Chinese intellectuals and activists defying the government of the day in China as long as British laws were not broken. But the colonial administration did not allow Chinese activists to use Hong Kong to subvert the government of China, from the Qing through the Republican to the Communist period. The Chinese Communist Party CCP notably maintained a major communication and control center there to coordinate activities in southern China before it seized control of China. What colonial Hong Kong offered Chinese dissidents and progressive intellectuals was ready access to Western ideas and scope to debate them freely, witness a British administration in action, and benefit from the rule of law without traveling to Europe. Hong Kong did not support revolutionary activities directed against the Chinese government, but it provided safety and inspiration to Chinese dissidents pondering what alternative political systems might suit China. Expansion and the Beginning of the End Hong Kong consists of three parts: Britain acquired Kowloon in perpetuity in after defeating the Qing government a second time. The New Territories, about 90 percent of the total territory, was leased for 99 years in the Convention of Peking Thus, when France seized control of the port of Guangzhouwan now Zhanjiang , about miles from Hong Kong, Britain enlarged the colony to make it defensible against a long-standing European

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competitor. However, it was weary of setting off a scramble for territorial cession and thus only leased the New Territories for a limited duration. With Victorian Britain at the zenith of its power, little thought was given to the long-term implications, such as the eventual expiration of the lease. The future of Hong Kong proper and the New Territories became inseparable as the whole territory developed and integrated organically. By the early 20th century the old boundary had become two sides of a main road the Boundary Street with indistinguishable shops and residential dwellings on both sides. As time went on, with basic infrastructures like the airport and major reservoirs in the leased territory, it became increasingly unrealistic for Britain to hold on to Hong Kong and Kowloon without the New Territories, even though the British Crown held title to the former two in perpetuity. It was during the course of the Second World War that this became an issue. The pressure Britain faced was considerable, as Hong Kong fell to the Japanese in and was geographically within the China Theater for which the allied commander was Chiang. The outcome of the wartime negotiations was that the Chinese government reserved the right to raise with Britain the lease of the New Territories after the defeat of Japan. Consequently, a British fleet raced against a Chinese army and restored British sovereignty over Hong Kong when Japan surrendered in August. It destroyed the myth of the invincibility of the white men and their empires. Much as the brutality of Japanese occupation provoked resentment in colonial Asia, initial Japanese military successes fundamentally changed the relationship between the colonial people of Asia and their Western imperial masters. The clock could not be turned back. A wind of change blew across colonial Asia at the end of the war. Senior officials restoring British rule to Hong Kong were conscious of the changed environment and tried to deliver a new deal, partly to pre-empt local support for an expected demand from Chiang to end the New Territories lease. Having been imprisoned by the Japanese, the pre-war governor Mark Young, a progressive and reflective official, took the lead to make changes after he resumed office in . Young sought to engage the local population in a step-by-step program to introduce representative government. He drew up a plan to introduce a super municipal council with elective elements to develop a sense of local identity and loyalty to British Hong Kong. Assuming the governorship in he focused on the changing relationship between Hong Kong and China, where a civil war raged. As the Communists won control of mainland China in , Hong Kong was swamped with refugees escaping Communist rule. He did so because he considered Young misguided in thinking his reforms could convert Chinese sojourners into loyal British subjects. The coming to power of the Communists in China brought about fundamental changes. The population in the s generally hovered between nine hundred thousand and a million, but it increased significantly after Japan invaded China in and pushed the total to over 1. From this point onward, the Chinese population of Hong Kong became a settled one. It also grew exponentially, rising by a million in each of the following three decades and reaching 7. This required the government and the population to adjust in ways not attempted before. Apart from starting massive programs to house the refugees and provide basic health care and education, the colonial government gave free rein to Chinese entrepreneurship and allowed all refugees to work. The government also engaged with the local Chinese and reduced bureaucracy for securing government approval for industrial or business purposes. Hong Kong did have significant manufacturing and other industries before the Japanese invasion, but the influx of refugees from Shanghai brought capital and technical and management knowhow that speeded up industrialization, particularly in the textile sector. Many adeptly shifted into completely different lines of manufacturing as demands, almost all external, changed over the years. The transformation of Li Ka-shing from plastic flower manufacturer to real estate tycoon to the all-around most successful local entrepreneur shows how this worked at its best. Trade expanded as Hong Kong made the most of its geographical location and free port status. The shipping industry benefited from the influx of Shanghainese refugees whose investments eventually ended the long-established British domination and made the industry more competitive. By taking advantage of its stability, good order, independent judiciary, and welcoming environment to international investment, Hong Kong developed a modern and well-connected financial services sector. It also welcomed newer financial services such as fund management. This partly reflected an increase in local consumption, as the refugees of

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the past had mostly become economically active workers and consumers. The opening up of China after led to local entrepreneurs making the most of the comparative advantages by transferring labor-intensive industries to China and focusing on the servicing industries. Collectively they enabled Hong Kong to become a global financial center behind New York and London, making it a global metropolis. The requirement of efficient government has arguably been met by the Hong Kong government since the end of the 19th century, as local expectation was low in an era when governance in China was poor and ineffective. Although the colonial government did not provide excellent municipal services, they exceeded the expectation of the local Chinese. The key demands of the local residents were the maintenance of stability and good order, which the colonial government provided efficiently. The context changed after the Second World War. The near-totalitarian rule of the CCP in China under Mao Zedong undoubtedly surpassed the colonial government in efficiency. In contrast, the Hong Kong government steadily increased and improved the provision of municipal services, from public sanitation to health services to educational provisions. It also made itself accessible and responsive to the general public by introducing City District Officers and other consultative mechanisms.

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Lin Zexu volunteered to take on the task of suppressing opium. In March, he became Special Imperial Commissioner in Canton, where he ordered the foreign traders to surrender their opium stock. He confined the British to the Canton Factories and cut off their supplies. When Elliot promised that the British government would pay for their opium stock, the merchants surrendered their 20, chests of opium, which were destroyed in public. An expeditionary force was placed under Elliot and his cousin, Rear-Admiral George Elliot, as joint plenipotentiaries. He instructed the Elliot cousins to occupy one of the Chusan islands, to present a letter from himself to a Chinese official for the Emperor, then to proceed to the Gulf of Bohai for a treaty, and if the Chinese resisted, blockade the key ports of the Yangtze and Yellow rivers. On 20 January, Elliot announced "the conclusion of preliminary arrangements", which included the cession of Hong Kong Island and its harbour to the British Crown. The Consul in Canton, Harry Parkes, claimed the hauling down of the flag and arrest of the crew were "an insult of very grave character". In March, Palmerston appointed Lord Elgin as Plenipotentiary with the aim of securing a new and satisfactory treaty. A French expeditionary force joined the British to avenge the execution of a French missionary in In the Treaty of Tientsin, the Chinese accepted British demands to open more ports, navigate the Yangtze River, legalise the opium trade and have diplomatic representation in Beijing. During the conflict, the British occupied the Kowloon Peninsula, where the flat land was valuable training and resting ground. Since the foreign powers had agreed by the late 19th century that it was no longer permissible to acquire outright sovereignty over any parcel of Chinese territory, and in keeping with the other territorial cessions China made to Russia, Germany and France that same year, the extension of Hong Kong took the form of a year lease. The lease consisted of the rest of Kowloon south of the Shenzhen River and islands, which became known as the New Territories. The British formally took possession on 16 April Japanese occupation of Hong Kong Japanese Army crossing the border from the mainland, In, during the Second World War, the British reached an agreement with the Chinese government under Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek that if Japan attacked Hong Kong, the Chinese National Army would attack the Japanese from the rear to relieve pressure on the British garrison. On 8 December, the Battle of Hong Kong began when Japanese air bombers effectively destroyed British air power in one attack. The British commander, Major-General Christopher Maltby, concluded that the island could not be defended for long unless he withdrew his brigade from the mainland. On 18 December, the Japanese crossed Victoria Harbour. Maltby recommended a surrender to Governor Sir Mark Young, who accepted his advice to reduce further losses. The British casualties were 2, killed or missing and 2, wounded. The Japanese reported 1, killed and 6, wounded. Hong Kong was transformed into a Japanese colony, with Japanese businesses replacing the British. However, the Japanese Empire had severe logistical difficulties and by the food supply for Hong Kong was problematic. The overlords became more brutal and corrupt, and the Chinese gentry became disenchanted. With the surrender of Japan, the transition back to British rule was smooth, for on the mainland the Nationalist and Communist forces were preparing for a civil war and ignored Hong Kong. In the long run the occupation strengthened the pre-war social and economic order among the Chinese business community by eliminating some conflicts of interests and reducing the prestige and power of the British. He formally accepted the Japanese surrender on 16 September in Government House. Please help improve this section by adding citations to reliable sources. Unsourced material may be challenged and removed. January Main article: The ceremony of the signing of the Sino-British Joint Declaration took place at The number was finally extended to

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