

Survey on Hong Kong Citizen's Attitude to Life and Living

Sample code___ E. No: _____

No. of people in the unit 18 years of age and above_____

Culture and Art

Creativity refers to a person's ability to develop new ideas in everyday life and then do or make something others appreciate. Being creative does not necessarily mean being artistic, e.g. ability to paint; it can be practical, like making a toy for a child.

1. Do you think of yourself as a creative person?

1. Yes ----- 2. if yes, how do you express yourself creatively? (show card)

1. play a musical instrument
2. singing
3. creative writing
4. knitting/weaving,
5. drawing,
6. acting/theatre
7. dance
8. ceramic
9. sculpture
10. others (please indicate_____)

2. No (skip to Q3)

3. If you have the opportunity to learn a new form of creative expression, what would that be?

1. play a musical instrument
2. singing
3. creative writing
4. knitting/weaving,
5. drawing,
6. acting/theatre
7. dance
8. ceramic
9. sculpture
10. others (please indicate_____)

4. How important are these creative activities for you?

1. very important 2. important 3. so so 4. unimportant 5. Not at all important

5. How important are these creative activities for students of primary and secondary schools?

1. very important 2. important 3. so so 4. unimportant 5. Not at all important

6. Do you think Hong Kong is a place that can allow you to be creative?

1. very much can 2. can 3. so so 4. cannot 5. very much cannot

7. In general what art and cultural activities from the following list do you enjoy participating in?

1. enjoy 2. so so 3. not enjoy

- a. attending popular concerts
- b. attending other concerts
- c. watching dramas
- d. attending exhibitions
- e. going to museums

8. In general, how important are these art and cultural activities for you?

1. very important 2. important 3. so so 4. unimportant 5. Not at all important

9. How important are these art and cultural activities for students of primary and secondary schools?

1. very important 2. important 3. so so 4. unimportant 5. Not at all important

10. To what extent do you think Hong Kong can allow art and cultural activities to develop?

1. very much can 2. can 3. so so 4. cannot 5. very much cannot

11. Do you think the Hong Kong government does well in encouraging the development of art and cultural activities?

1. very well 2. well 3. so so 4. Not well 5. very not well

12. Can you name a any community leader who you would consider to be a strong advocate for advancing the art and culture of Hong Kong?

1. can (name _____) 2. cannot

Environment

13. Do you agree with the following views on the environment?

1. strongly agree 2. agree 3. disagree 4. strongly disagree
- a. (v33) I would give part of my income to help prevent environmental pollution
b. (v34) I would agree to an increase in taxes to help prevent environmental pollution
c. (v35) Reducing environmental pollution is the Government's job, it should not cost me any money

14. (v36) Which of the following two statements is closer to your view?

1. protecting the environment is more important than economic growth, even if it causes some adverse consequences for the economy
2. economic growth is more important than protecting the environment, even if it causes some destruction to the environment

15. (v37) Which of the two views is closer to yours? (show card)

1. human beings should master nature
2. humans should exist with nature peacefully

16. If the Hong Kong government asked everybody to conserve water or electricity because of some emergency, how likely is it that the citizens of Hong Kong would cooperate?

1. very liely 2. Likely 3. Unlikely 4. Very unlikely

Views on personal, family and everyday life

17. We would like to now how important the following are for you

1. very important 2. important 3. Not very important 4. Not at all important
- a. (v4) family

- b. (v5) friends
- c. (v6) leisure time
- d. (v7) politics
- e. (v8) work
- f. (v9) religion
- g. (v10) service to community

18. (v11) Taking all things together, do you live happily now?

1. v happy 2 happy 3. Not very happy 4. Not at all happy

19. (v12) All in all, do you have good health now?

1. very good 2. Good 3. Fair 4. Poor

20. (v13) Which of the following views is closer to yours?

- 1. Regardless of what the qualities and faults of one's parents are, one must always respect and love them.
- 2. If the parents' word and deeds are not worthy of respect and love, one does not have the duty to respect and love them.

21. (v14) Which of the following statements do you agree?

- 1. Parents should do their best for their children even at the expense of their own well-being.
- 2. Parents should have a life of their own and we should not ask them should sacrifice their own well-being for the sake of their children.
- 3. Neither (not read out)

22. (v15_24a) (v15_24b) Of the qualities that children can be encouraged to learn at home, which do you think is most important? Which is the second most important?

- 1. independence
- 2. hard work
- 3. feeling of responsibility
- 4. imagination
- 5. tolerance and respect for other people
- 6. thrift
- 7. determination
- 8. unselfishness
- 9. obedience
- 10. religious faith

Most important _____

second most important _____

23. (v25) Generally speaking, would you say most people can be trusted or that you need to be very careful in dealing with people?

1. most can be trusted 2. need to be careful

24. (v26) Do you think people will try to take advantage of you if they got a chance, or would they try to be fair?

1. take advantage of you 2. be fair

25. How much do you trust the following organizations?

1. A great deal 2. trust 3. not very much 4. not at all

- a. (v149) The press
- b. (v150) television
- c. (v151) trade union
- d. (v152) police
- e. (v153) the central government
- f. (v154) political parties
- g. (v155) the Legislative Council
- h. (v156) civil service
- i. (v157) big corporations
- j. (v158) environmental groups
- k. (v159) women's group
- l. (v148) the people's Liberation Army

26. On the list are various groups of people. Who are you not willing to be neighbours with? (show card)

- a. (v68) people with a criminal record
- b. (v69) people of a different race
- c. (v70) heavy drinkers
- d. (v71) emotionally unstable people
- e. (v73) foreigners who work in Hong Kong
- f. (v74) people who have AIDs
- g. (v75) drug addicts
- h. inland migrants who reside in Hong Kong
- i. (v76) homosexuals
- j. people who are politically radical

27. How often do you do the following?

1. Once or more each week
2. At least four times per month
3. several times a year
4. not at all

- a. (v27) spend time with parents/relatives
- b. (v28) spend time with friends
- c. (v29) spend time socially with colleagues from work
- d. (v31a) spend time with people with common interests
- e. (v30) spend time with people at your church
- f. (v31b) spend time with people from voluntary or service organizations

28a. Currently do you belong to any of the following organizations?

28b. If yes, have you done voluntary work for your organization?

- a. (v49) (v64) leisure and sports clubs
- b. (v41) (v56) groups for education, art, music and cultural activities
- c. (v42) (v57) trade unions
- d. (v43) (v58) political parties or groups
- e. (v46) (v61) environment and ecology groups
- f. (v47) (v62) professional groups)such as lawyers, doctors)
- g. commercial groups
- h. (v53) others (please indicate)

29. In the past six months, did you make any charity donations?

1. yes, - what forms? -----3. Money 4. Objects 5. Others
2. no

30. Do you agree with the following views?

1. strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Disagree
4. Strongly disagree

- a. Most people in Hong Kong would contribute to activities that benefit the public without expectation of personal reward
- b. I feel I have a responsibility to contribute to Hong kong
- c. (v113) One of my main goals in life has been to make my parents proud
- d. (v114) I make a lot of effort to live up to what my friends expect
- e. (v115) A working mother can establish just as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work
- f. (v116) Being a housewife is just as fulfilling as being a working woman
- g. (v117) Both the husband and wife should contribute to household income
- h. (v118) On the whole, men make better political leaders than women do
- i. (v119) A boy needs university education more than a girls does

31. (v80) How satisfied are you with the financial situation of your household?

Highly dissatisfied
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
highly satisfied

32. (v81) All things considered, how satisfied are you with life as a whole these days?

Highly dissatisfied
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
highly satisfied

33. (v82) Some people feel they have completely free choice and control over their lives, while other people feel that what they do has no real effect on what happens to them. To what extent do you feel you have control over your life? 1. Refers to no control, 10. Refers to complete control

no control at all
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
complete control

Do you agree with the following views?

1. agree 2. Disagree

34. (v109) A child needs a home with both a father and a mother to grow up happily.

35. (v110) A woman has to have children in order to be fulfilled.

36. (v111) Marriage is an outdated institution.

37. (v112) If a woman wants to have a child with a man, but wishes to remain single, do you approve or disapprove?

1. approve 2. Disapprove 3. Depends (not read out)

38. Below is a list of various changes in our way of life that might take place in the near future. Do you think whether this would be a good thing, something indifferent or a bad thing?

1. good thing 2. Indifferent 3. Bad thing

a. (v127) less emphasis on money and material possessions

b. (v128) less importance placed on work in our lives

c. (v129) more emphasis on the development of technology

d. (v130) greater respect for authority

e. (v131) more emphasis on family life

39. Please tell me to what extent do you accept each of the following

- | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--------------------|----|
| not acceptable at all | | | | | | | | totally acceptable | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
- a. (v204) claiming government benefits to which you are not entitled
 - b. (v205) avoiding to buy ticket or pay on public transport
 - c. (v206) cheating on tax
 - d. (v207) someone accepting bribe in the course of their duties
 - e. (v208) homosexuality
 - f. (v209) prostitution
 - g. (v210) abortion
 - h. (v211) divorce
 - i. (v212) euthanasia
 - j. (v213) suicide

Personal relations and work

40. (v38) Which of the following is closer to your view? (show card)

1. to build good human relationships, it is most important to try to understand others' preferences
2. to build good human relationships, it is most important to express one's own preferences clearly

41. Do you agree with the following views?

1. agree 2. Neutral 3. Disagree

- a. (v78) when jobs are scarce, men should have more right to a job than woman
- b. (v79) when jobs are scarce, employers should give priority to Hong Kong people over immigrants

42. (v83) Do you think it is leisure or work that makes life worth living?

leisure								work	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

43. (v87_96a) (v87_96b) Below are some aspects of a job that people say are important, which do you think is the most important? which the second most important? (show card)

1. not too much pressure
2. Good job security
3. a job respected by people
4. Good hours
5. an opportunity to use initiative
6. Generous holidays
7. a sense of achievement
8. A responsible job
9. a job that is interesting
10. good pay
11. a job that meets one's abilities
12. a job that allows you to work with people you like

- a. most important b. second most important

44. Do you agree with the following views?

1. strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Neutral
4. Disagree
5. Strongly disagree

- a. (v98) It is humiliating to receive money without having to work for it
- b. (v100) Work is a duty to society
- c. (v101) People should not work if they don't want to

45. (v103) Imagine two secretaries, of the same age, doing practically the same job. One is more efficient and more reliable in her job. If the more efficient secretary gets higher pay, do you think it is fair?

1. fair
2. Unfair

46. (v105) Which of the following views do you agree more?

1. One should follow one's superior's instructions even when one does not fully agree with them
2. One should follow one's superior's instructions only when one is convinced they are right
3. It depends (not read out)

Society and economy

47. (v120125a-d) People sometimes talk about what the aims of Hong Kong should be for the next ten years. Which of the following do you think is most important? Which the second most important?

1. maintaining a high level of economic growth for Hong Kong
2. ensuring good protection of the sovereignty of the country

3. seeing that people have more say about things at work and in community affairs
 4. Trying to make Hong Kong's city and countryside more beautiful
 5. maintaining order in Hong Kong society
 6. giving people more say in important government decisions
- a. most important _____ b. second most important _____

48. (v120125a-d) And which of the following do you think is most important? Which the second most important?

1. fighting rising prices
 2. protecting freedom of speech
 3. ensuring Hong Kong's economic stability
 4. making Hong Kong a more humane and less impersonal society
 5. making Hong Kong develop into a society in which culture counts more than money
 6. eradicating crime
- a. most important _____ b. second most important _____

49. (v126) We all hope there will not be another war, but if it were to come to that, would you be willing to fight for the People's republic of China?

1. willing
2. Unwilling

50. (v132) In the long run, do you think scientific advances help or harm humankind?

1. help
2. harm
3. neither (not read out)

51. Overall, how much impact do you think people like you can have in improving Hong Kong's social conditions?

1. no impact at all
2. Only limited impact
3. Some impact
4. A great deal of impact

52. Are you currently registered to vote?

1. yes
2. no

53. Which of the following things have you done in the past 12 months? (show card)

- a. (v134) signing a petition
- b. attending a political meeting

- c. working on a community project
- d. (v136) participating in any demonstrations and protests

1. yes 2. no

54. (v140) Which of the following three views about Hong Kong society is closest to yours?

- 1. This society needs some revolutionary changes
- 2. This society needs to be gradually changed by reform
- 3. This society must be valiantly defended against all subversive forces

55. Do you agree with the following views?

1. strongly agree 2. Agree 3. Disagree 4. Strongly disagree

- a. (v141) incomes should be more equal among members of society
- b. (v142) the proportion of private business within the economy should be increased
- c. (v143) The government should take more responsibility to ensure everyone is provided for
- d. (v144) competition is good. It stimulates people to work hard and develop new ideas

56. To which of these geographical groups would you say you belong first of all? And what next?

1. Hong Kong 2. China 3. Asia 4. The world as a whole 5. Others (indicate_)

a. (v214) first_____ b. (v215) second_____

57. (v218) Which Of the following best describes your identity?

- 1. I am a Chinese
- 2. I am a Hong Kong ese
- 3. I am a Chinese in Hong Kong
- 4. I am a Hong Kongese in China
- 5. others (indicate__)

58. (v216) How proud are you to be a Chinese citizen?

- 1. very proud
- 2. proud

- 3. not very proud
- 4. others)indicate____)
- 5. not a Chinese citizen

Politics

59. (v133) Are you interested in politics?

- 1. very interested
- 2. Interested
- 3. not very interested
- 4. not at all interested

60. (v139) Some people would place their political views as “the left” (meaning radical) or “the right” (meaning conservative). Which position below represents your political views? (show card)

left										right
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	

61. How do you rate the governing system of Hong Kong compared with that of ten years ago,
1 means not at all good, 10 means very good, please select an appropriate position for yourself below.

Not at all good										very good
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	

62. We list below various types of political system. If Hong Kong is to adopt these systems, do you think it will be good or bad?

- 1. very good 2. Good 3. Not good 4. Not good at all
- a. (v164) having a strong leader who does not have to bother with the Legislative Council and elections
- b. (v165) having experts, not government, making decisions for the territory
- c. (v166) having the army rule
- d. (v167) having a democratic political system

63. (v168) On the whole are you satisfied with the development of democracy in Hong Kong?

- 1. Very satisfied 2. satisfied 3. not satisfied 4. not at all satisfied

64. Below are some views on a democratic political system. Please tell us your views

1. strongly agree 2. agree 3. disagree 4. strongly disagree

- a. (v169) In democracy, the economic system runs badly
- b. (v170) Democracies are indecisive and have too much quibbling
- c. (v171) Democracies are not good at maintaining order
- d. (v172) Democracy may have problems, but it is better than any other form of government

65. (v173) Do you think Hong Kong respect human rights?

1. A lot of respect 2. respect 3. not respect 4. not respect at all

66. (v174) Are you satisfied with the way government officials are handling the territory's affairs?

1. Very satisfied 2. satisfied 3. not satisfied 4. not at all satisfied

67. (v175) Generally speaking, which of the views below do you agree with? (show card)

- 1. this country is run for a few big corporate interests
- 2. it is run for the benefit of all the people

68. (v217) How often do you follow politics in the news on television, radio or daily newspapers?

1. Every day 2. more than twice per week 3. once or twice a week 4. not often
5. never

Race and cultural background

69. Generally speaking, do you think there are too many, many but not too many or not many foreigners living in Hong Kong?

1. Too many 2. many but not too many 3. not many

70. (v146) About people coming to work in Hong Kong, what do you think the government should do? (choose only one)

- 1. let anyone come who wants to
- 2. let people come as long as there are jobs available
- 3. place strict limits on the number of foreigners who can come here
- 4. prohibit

71. Some people feel disturbed by the views, habits and lifestyles of people from other places. Do you personally feel people from other places disturbing in your daily life?

1. disturbing
2. not disturbing

72. Do you agree with the following views?

1. strongly agree
2. agree
3. disagree
4. strongly disagree

- a. People coming to live here make Hong Kong more pluralistic
- b. People coming to live here often abuse the system of social welfare
- c. Hong Kong needs to set up laws to prohibit discrimination against people coming from elsewhere
- d. We should send back all those who come to reside in Hong Kong through illegal means
- e. People who want to live here permanently should give up their own life habits

73. Compared with other foreign big cities, is Hong Kong superior or inferior in the following aspects?

1. Superior
2. inferior
3. same

- a. City built-up
- b. Living environment
- c. Citizens' cultural level
- d. Colourful city life
- e. law and order
- f. citizens' civic virtues
- g. economic dynamism
- h. freedom of speech
- i. citizens acceptance tolerant attitude to new things

74. Compared with other China's big cities, is Hong Kong superior or inferior in the following aspects?

1. Superior
2. inferior
3. same

- a. City built-up
- b. Living environment
- c. Citizens' cultural level
- d. Colourful city life
- e. law and order
- f. citizens' civic virtues
- g. economic dynamism
- h. freedom of speech

i. citizens acceptance tolerant attitude to new things

75. If Hong Kong is to develop into a cosmopolitan metropolis, what are the most important conditions? (show card)

- a. City built-up
- b. Living environment
- c. Citizens' cultural level
- d. Colourful city life
- e. law and order
- f. citizens' civic virtues
- g. economic dynamism
- h. freedom of speech
- i. citizens acceptance tolerant attitude to new things
- j. others (please indicate _____)

76. (v182) Do you often think about the meaning and purpose of life?

1. Often
2. sometimes
3. rarely
4. never

77. (v183) People hold two different views on good and evil, which of the two below is closer to yours? (show card)

1. There are absolutely clear guidelines about what is good and evil. These always apply to everyone, whatever the circumstances.
2. There can never be absolutely clear guidelines about what is good and evil. What is good and evil depends entirely upon the circumstances at the time.
3. Disagree with both views (not shown or read out)

Religion and faith

78. (v186) Do you have any religious faith?

1. Yes
2. I'm not a religious person (skip to Q80)
3. I'm a convinced atheist (skip to Q81)

79. (v184) Which religious group do you belong to? (not read out)

1. Roman catholic
2. Protestant
3. Orthodox
4. Jews
5. Muslim

6. Hindu
7. Buddhist
8. Others (indicate ___)

80. (v185) Apart from weddings, funerals and christenings, how often do you attend religious services? (show card)

1. More than once a week
2. Once a week
3. Once a month
4. Only on special holy days
5. Once a year
6. Less often
7. Practically never
8. Never

80a. (v196) How important is religious faith to you?

Not at all										very
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	

Background information

81. (v223) Sex (not read out)

1. male
2. female

82. (v224-225) According to the western calendar, how old are you this year?
_____ years old

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|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------|
| 1. 18-24 | 2. 25-29 | 3. 30-34 | 4. 35-39 | 5. 40-44 |
| 6. 45-49 | 7. 50-54 | 8. 55-59 | 9. 60-64 | 10. 65 and over |

83. Do you rent or own the place you live now? (not read out)

1. Rent
2. own/mortgage
3. quarter supplied by employer
4. others(indicate___)

84. (v226) What is your education level?

1. No formal education/kindergarten
2. primary schools
3. lower secondary schools
4. Higher secondary schools
5. matriculation
6. technical institutes – craft courses
7. Commercial college/polytechnic- diploma and

certificate courses 8. Tertiary non-degree 9. Tertiary – degree 10. Postgraduate studies (masters and doctors) 11. Others (indicate__)

85. Where were you born? If not born in Hong Kong. For how many years have you been in Hong Kong? (not read out)

1. Hong Kong
2. Mainland China _____ years in Hong Kong
3. Other place (_____) _____ years in Hong Kong
4. Refuse to answer

86. (v106) What is your current marital status? (show card)

1. Married
2. divorced
3. widowed
4. Co-habiting
5. separated
6. not married

87. (v107) Do you have children? (not read out)

1. Yes _____(no._____)
2. No

88. (v228) Do you live with your parents?

1. Yes
2. no

89. (v229) Are you employed now?

1. Yes
2. no (skip to Q/94)

Only for those who are now employed

90. (v229) Do you work full time or part time now? (if respondent holds more than one job, focus on the main job)

1. full time (more than 30 hours per week)
2. part time (less than 30 hours a week)
3. self employed

91. In which industry do you work now? Industry name_____ (not read out)

1. fishery/agriculture/mining
2. manufacturing
3. construction
4. transport, warehouse and communication
5. hotel & restaurant

6. wholesale/retail
7. import/export
8. finance, insurance, estate and other commercial services
9. community, social and personal services
10. others (indicate_____)

92. (v230) What is your occupation now? Occupation _____ (not read out)

1. managerial and administrative work
2. professional
3. auxiliary professional
4. clerk
5. service and sale
6. skilled agricultural work
7. craft and related worker
8. mechanics and machine operator
9. unskilled work
10. employer
11. others _____

If respondent is employer ask Q.93, others skip to Q.98

Q.93 What is the number of employees in your organization?

1. More than 10
2. Less than 10

For those who are currently not employed

94. If you are not employed now, what sort of condition are you in currently?

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Retired/pensioned | continue to Q.95 |
| 2. Unemployed | continue to Q.95 |
| 3. Student | skip to Q.98 |
| 4. Full time housework | skip to Q.98 |
| 5. Others_____ | skip to Q.98 |

95. Before you retired or became unemployed, in which industry did you work?
Industry name_____ (not read out)

1. fishery/agriculture/mining
2. manufacturing
3. construction
4. transport, warehouse and communication
5. hotel & restaurant
6. wholesale/retail

7. import/export
8. finance, insurance, estate and other commercial services
9. community, social and personal services
10. others (indicate _____)
11. not applicable (never worked)

96. What was your occupation before you retired or became unemployed? Occupation
_____ (not read out)

1. managerial and administrative work
2. professional
3. auxiliary professional
4. clerk
5. service and sale
6. skilled agricultural work
7. craft and related worker
8. mechanics and machine operator
9. unskilled work
10. employer
11. others _____
12. not applicable (never worked)

If employer ask Q.97, others skip to Q.98

97. What was the number of employees in your organization?

1. More than 10
2. Less than 10

98. (v234) What was the income and expenditure situation of your family last year?
(show card)

1. income greater than expenditure
2. income and expenditure more or less the same
3. expenditure greater than income, need to use savings
4. expenditure greater than income, need to use savings and borrow loans

99. (v235) Some people would describe themselves as members of a certain social stratum. Which stratum do you think you belong to?

1. Upper
2. Upper middle
3. Middle
4. Lower middle
5. Lower

100. (v236) What is the approximate monthly income of your family (include all those living together)? (show card)

1. less than 5000 dollars
2. 5001-10000 dollars
3. 10001-15000 dollars
4. 15001-20000 dollars
5. 20001-25000 dollars
6. 25001-30000 dollars
7. 30001-50000 dollars
8. 50001-100000 dollars
9. more than 100000 dollars

Conclusion

The interview has been completed. We are grateful for your participation. Please accept a small gift as a token of thanks from us.