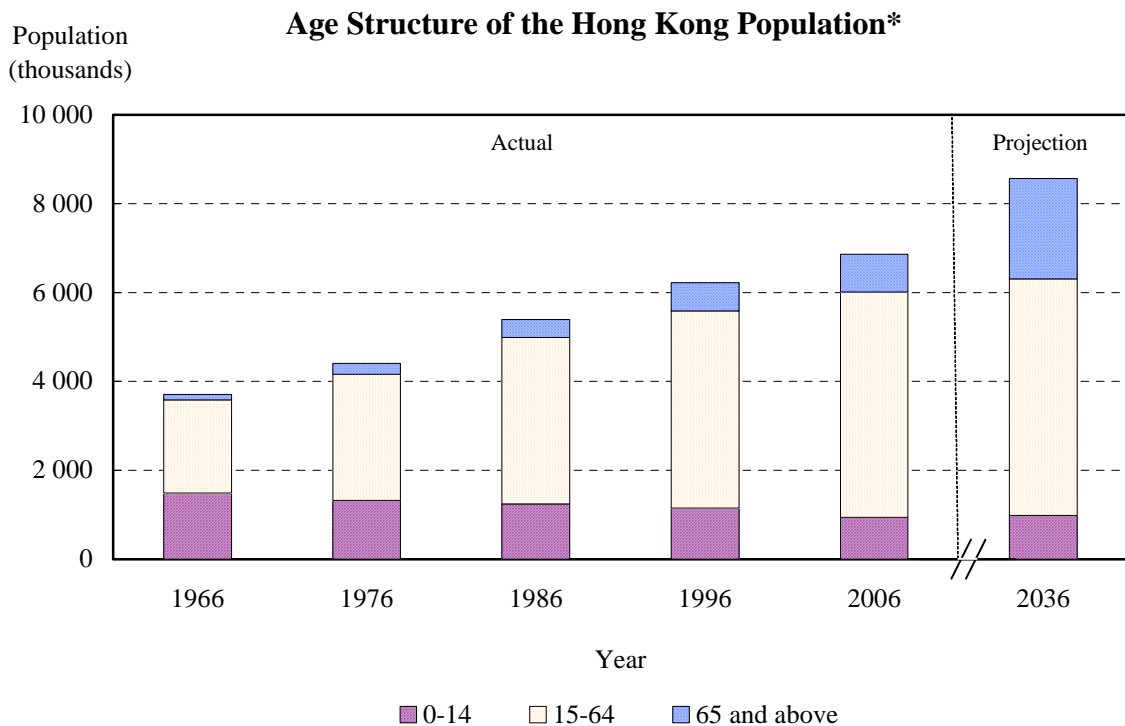


The Ageing Trend of the Hong Kong Population Continues

- There is a continuous ageing trend in the population of Hong Kong.
- The median age of the population rose from 20 in 1966 to 39 in 2006.
- The median age of a population is an indicator of the average age of the population such that half of the population are above this age while the other half are below it.
- According to the latest set of population projections, the median age of the Hong Kong population will further increase to 46 by 2036.
- The proportion of older persons aged 65 and over in the population increased from 3.3% in 1966 to 12.4% in 2006 and is projected to further increase to 26.4% in 2036.



	1966	1976	1986	1996	2006	2036 (Projection)
Median Age*	20	23	28	34	39	46

* Figures based on population by-censuses and the *Hong Kong Population Projections, 2007 – 2036*.

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