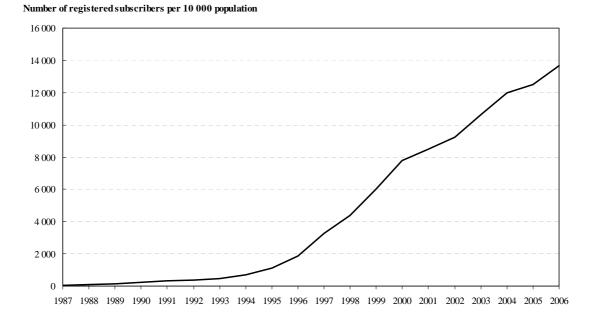
Mobile Phone Users Growing Continuously

- Hong Kong's mobile phone service has undergone rapid growth since the 1990s.
- Over the period 1987 2006, the number of mobile phone subscribers recorded a remarkable growth of 36% per year.
- As at the end of 2006, the number of mobile phone subscribers increased to over 9.4 million, or 7.8 times the figure ten years earlier.
- Hong Kong is one of the places with the highest penetration of mobile phone service.
- In 2006, the penetration rate of mobile phone in Hong Kong amounted to 137%, i.e. 13.7 mobile phone subscribers for every ten persons. Of these subscribers, some registered more than once.
- Sophisticated mobile phone networks in Hong Kong sustained the fast growing number of mobile phone subscribers.



Number of Mobile Phone Subscribers

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