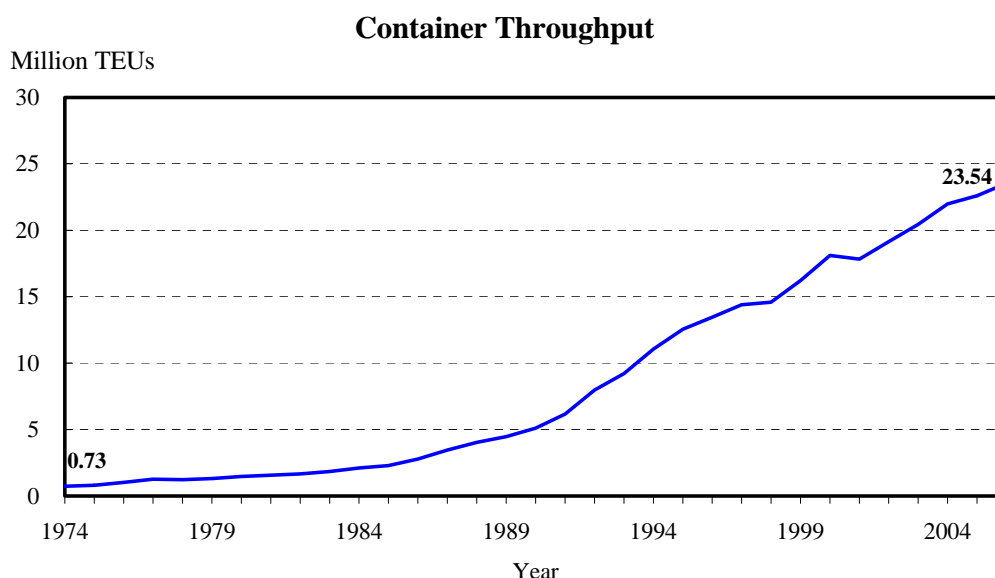


Hong Kong Is One of the World's Busiest Container Ports

- Since 1992, Hong Kong has been the world's busiest port in twelve years.
- In 2006, total container throughput of Hong Kong reached a new high of 23.54 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs), ranked second in the world, just behind Singapore.
- In the first nine months of 2007, total container throughput amounted to 17.70 million TEUs, representing an increase of 2% over the same period in 2006.
- A significant portion of containers via Hong Kong are handled by the nine container terminals at Kwai Tsing. In 2006, the nine container terminals handled 16.05 million TEUs, accounting for almost 70% of container throughput of Hong Kong.



Note: Since there are different sizes of containers, to compile total container throughput, the most commonly used method is to compare the size of each container with that of a twenty-foot standard container (that is 20 ft (length) × 8 ft (width) × 8 ft (height)) in order to convert it into a standard unit for compiling container throughput.

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