

## People in Hong Kong Are Now Living Longer Than Before

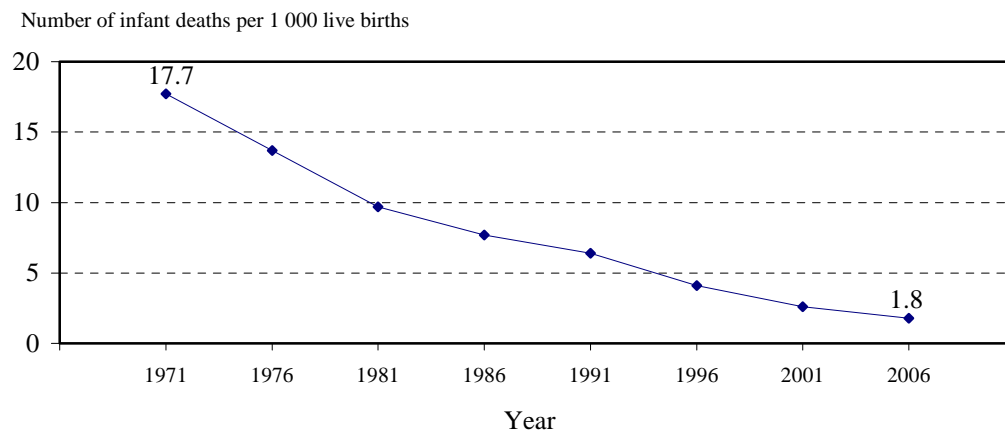
- With better provision of medical service and greater health consciousness of the general public, people in Hong Kong are now living longer than before.
- In 2006, a new-born male was expected to live 79.4 years and a new-born female, 85.5 years. Both of these figures were among the highest in the world.
- As another useful measure of improvement in the health conditions of the population of Hong Kong, the mortality rate for infants below the age of one fell substantially from 17.7 deaths per 1 000 live births 35 years ago to the current level of 1.8 in 2006.

### Expectation of Life at Birth, 2006



Note: Figures are from the websites of the official statistical offices of the countries/territories. Figures for Australia and the United Kingdom are for 2005. Figures for the USA are for 2004.

### Infant Mortality Rate



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