



Futures and Foresight for Cities: The Case of Hong Kong

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Hong Kong S.A.R.



Special administrative
region S.A.R of China

High degree of autonomy

7.3 million inhabitants

6.544 people/sq. km

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Sino-British agreement
(1984)

- with effect from 1 July 1997,
and the UK Government
declared that it would hand
over Hong Kong to the PRC
with effect from 1 July 1997

Freedom of expression

Civil rights

Rule of Law

One country, two systems

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Hong Kong got special rights when it returned to Chinese rule from Britain in 1997, the reason it's allowing protests of a kind that would not be seen in mainland China.

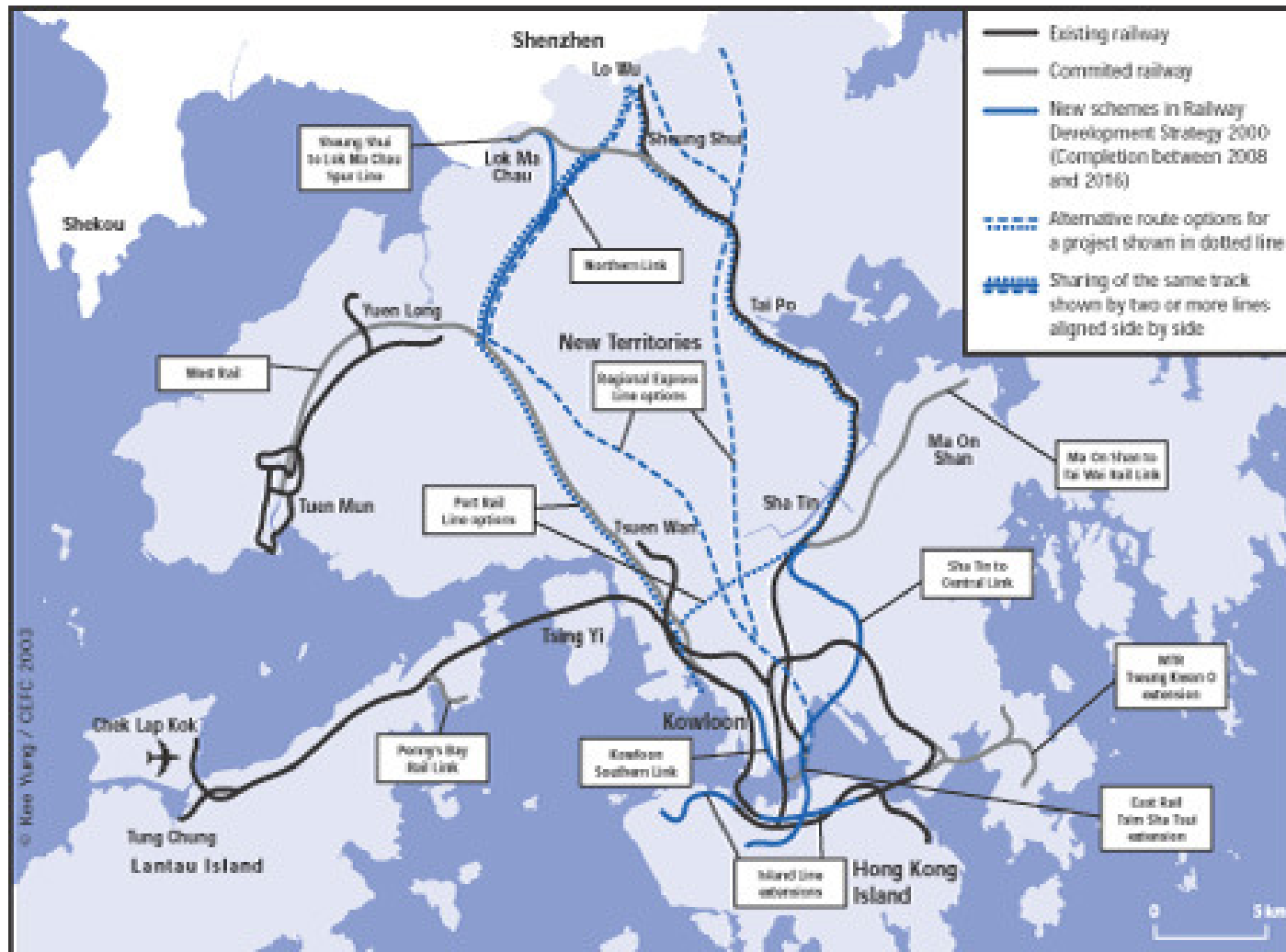


SOURCE: World Bank

The border marking the two systems



System Integration through Infrastructure



Greater Pearl River Delta Bay Area

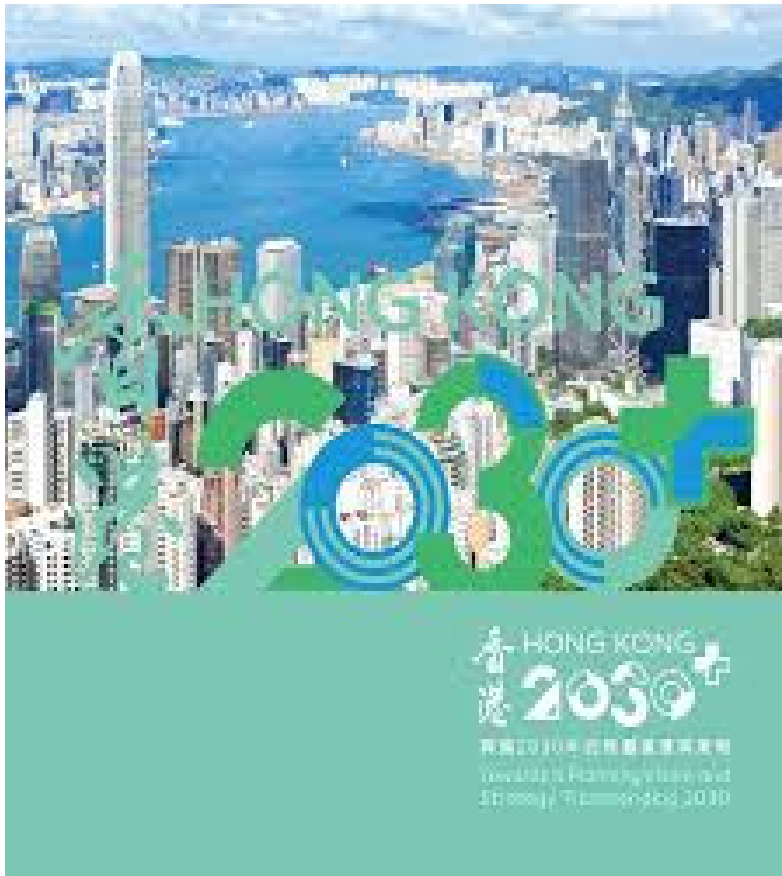


Top-down planning from Beijing



The GPRD Bay Area “provides a policy space whereby different policy actors can explore their opportunities for coordinated development with the support and sponsorship of the central authorities”

Hong Kong 2030+ : Planning for a sustainable city



...updating the territorial development strategy to guide planning, land and infrastructure development and the shaping of the built environment of Hong Kong beyond 2030

20th Handover Celebrations 2017



同心創前路
掌握新機遇
Together
Progress
Opportunity



The large-scale celebrations come despite increased concerns over Beijing meddling in the semi-autonomous city and deep political divisions between Hong Kong's pro-democracy and pro-China camps.



Exploring futures



“The Basic Law has no sunset clause. It doesn't automatically cease to effect on June 30, 1947.”

“I see no advantage for Hong Kong to be subject to the same system as the mainland as this may well jeopardise its status as a financial centre.”

Andrew Li, SCMP 1June 2017, former chief justice

Exploring futures



The challenge of trust, legitimacy and sustainability of policy plans: engagement, accountability, transparency etc.

Crowdsourcing the future



TELL THE HONG KONG STORY

On 1 July 2017, What will you be doing?

What will you be thinking ? What story will you have to share?

With a smartphone and a story about Hong Kong, you can become a part of history

1 July 2017—A Day in Transition is a documentary film project that aims to portray Hong Kong on 1 July 2017—a day born of transition and change. We want your stories and perspectives on this historical occasion: your moments, recollections and musings will be the basis for a crowdsourced production.

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The world most
competitive place:

without planning
for its future?

