## Hong kong today

Experience, Meaning of Life



LS- Hong Kong Today Topic 1 Measure the Quality of Life In Hong Kong From Different Perspectives Learn about the quality of life Meaning of Quality of Life -material aspect: different kinds of material enjoyment that can be brought with money -spiritual aspect: the sense of satisfaction on a spiritual level which may not be bought with money -quality of life: the degree of satisfaction in the material and spiritual aspects of life Measurement of the quality of life (i)Factors affecting quality of life -people's happiness and satisfaction will directly affect the level of quality of life 1. Objective factors Political situation -political stability, government's performance, residents' socio-political participation, human rights, rule of law... Economic situation economic development, employment situation and personal income.. Social situation -social harmony, cultural tolerance, education, medical care, social welfare.. 2. Subjective Factors -refers to personal feelings and opinions on quality of life -these feelings and views are closely related to one's cultural background, belief, attitudes and value judgment.. -everyone's assessment of his/her quality of life is different (ii)Indicators for measuring quality of life international organizations have been using quality of life as an index for measuring the living conditions of country or a region -scholars have set up a set of indicators for governments and relevant organizations to understand, analyze, and to carry out cross-period and cross-region comparisons Perspectives from which to measure the quality of life and the case of Hong Kong Economic Perspective (i) Per Capita Gross Domestic Product 1. Relevant Concepts -GDP= total value of goods and services produced by all resident producing units in a specific period of time -it can reflect the general economic performance and people's general quality of life 2. Relationship

between per capita GDP and quality of life -increase n GDP = rise in national income -in order to better reflect the residents' quality of life, we also need to consider the income distribution of the country or region 3. Per capita GDP of Hong Kong -increase in per capita GDP = increase in people's income = increase in quality of life (ii)Disparity between the rich and the poor 1. Relevant Concepts -measure a country's disparity between the rich and the poor so as to judge whether the income distribution of its residents is uneven Income distribution classified by Decile groups -