

Cultural Characteristics of Different Ethnic

Indians



Hong Kong Indians settled in Hong Kong a long time ago. However, there is still a large disparity between their upper and lower classes. This situation remains unchanged.



Religion:

-Hindu, Sikh, Islam and Christianity etc

Language:

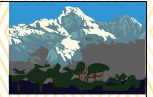
- Hindi, English, Punjabi, Tamil etc

Difficulties:

- **Employment** similar to other ethnic minority groups in HK, the lower class of Indians can take only low-skilled and low paid jobs.

Nepalese

Before 1997, many Nepalese Gurkhas worked in Hong Kong for the British army. After 1997, most of them decided to stay and have settled down in Hong Kong.



Religion:

-Buddhism, Hindu, Hindu-Buddhism and Christianity

Language:

- mainly Nepalese, some can speak Hindi

Difficulties:

- **Education** Nepalese who received education in Nepal find it very difficult to study in Hong Kong as the education system in Nepal is very different from that of Hong Kong.
- **Employment** Most of the Nepalese can take only low-skilled and low paid jobs such as construction workers, security guards or cleaners.

Chinese



PRC



HKSAR

Hong Kong is a place where the east meets the west. Though western cultures during the colonial era have strongly influenced Hong Kong society, Chinese culture has been being promoted since 1997.

Religion:

- Buddhism, Taoism, Catholic, Christianity and Islam etc

Language:

- Chinese & English are the official languages
- Cantonese is the dominant spoken language
- Mandarin is widely used in China; provincial dialects are also spoken in different areas



Pakistanis



Many Pakistanis have been residing in Hong Kong over a century. Compared with the other ethnic groups, they have stronger ability in integrating themselves into Hong Kong society.

Religion:

- Islam is the national religion. Over 90% Pakistanis are the Muslim.

Language:

- Majority are Urdu Speaking.
- Some speak Hindi, Punjabi

Difficulties:

- **Employment** Most of them have labour-intensive jobs e.g. construction workers and cargo workers
- **Medical** Limited pre-booked interpretation service is providing in Hong Kong hospitals. Due to religious and cultural reasons, Pakistani ladies prefer female doctors.