

China and the Modern World: Hong Kong, Britain and China Part II, 1965–1993

An essential primary source collection for researching the post-WWII history of Hong Kong and its interactions with the world during the era of the Cold War.

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Digitized primarily from the records of British Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO 40), this collection continues where *Hong Kong, Britain and China Part I, 1841–1951* left off, and documents the process of Hong Kong manoeuvring, surviving, thriving, and transforming into a modern international metropolis and financial centre in the wider context of the Cold War.

VALUE OF THE ARCHIVE

Consisting of all declassified volumes--that are directly related to Hong Kong and those that affect all British colonies or territories--from the National Archives classes FCO 40 and 21, *China and the Modern World: Hong Kong, Britain and China Part II, 1965–1993* provides scholars with essential reference material for researching Hong Kong and its interactions with mainland China, UK, US, Taiwan, and other parts of Asia. It will appeal to students and researchers around the world, particularly in Asia Pacific, Britain, Europe, and North America, who are engaged in researching the twentieth-century history of China, Britain and British Commonwealth, and Sino-British relations during the era of Cold War.

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- Espionage and intelligence operations
- Police corruption
- Reactions to Chinese political and economic events
- Anxieties about the city's future
- Negotiations and preparations for the city's handover to China.

SUBJECTS SUPPORTED:

History of Hong Kong and China, Cold War and international relations in the Far East, colonialism and decolonization, Anglo-Chinese relations.



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