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**Tuesday English News Report**

*Hong Kong as nice as Detroit: both* ***ranked*** *70th in the world for quality of life*

Broadcast Date: 1st March, 2016

Hong Kong has been ranked 70th in a study on quality of living in cities around the world despite the social unrest it has been experiencing. The city came in at the same **spot** as the American city of Detroit.

American human resources consultancy firm [Mercer awarded scores to 230 cities worldwide](https://www.imercer.com/content/mobility/quality-of-living-city-rankings.html#list) between September and November last year based on 39 factors which **expatriates** regarded as important to their quality of life. These included political **stability**, economic environment, education, health and housing.

This year’s result for Hong Kong, which did not change from last year’s, meant the city remained the one with the highest quality of living in China. The ranking also put it just ahead of the Korean capital Seoul, which was ranked 73rd.

But Hong Kong’s score trailed far behind that of its regional **riva**l Singapore, ranked 26th, as well as many European cities including Vienna and Zurich, which gained the two top spots in the survey.

Connie Leung, a consultant at Mercer, said: “Although there have been rising concerns around social issues in Hong Kong recently, the survey shows that quality of living and personal safety in Hong Kong remain at a **relatively** good standard compared to most other nearby cities in the region.”

Many top tier Chinese cities did not make it into the top 100 this year. Shanghai was placed at 101st, Beijing 118th, Guangzhou 119th and Shenzhen 137th.

Data for the survey was analysed between September and November last year, but assessments were then revised to **reflect** the latest developments in politics, economics and the environment.

Dr Chung Kim-wah, assistant professor of the Department of Applied Social Sciences of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, said he overall agreed with the study finding because he also felt the quality of life in Hong Kong did not experience significant changes over the past year and was **overall** safe.

“Overall, the crime rate in the city is low and rent also started to fall slightly towards the end of last year. There were **clashes** between the police and citizens but their scale was mostly confined to one area,” said Chung.

According to the Hong Kong police last month, crime in the city last year fell to its lowest rate since 1979.

But, he said incidents such as the Mong Kok **riot**, which took place on the first day of Lunar New Year, could affect Hong Kong’s ranking if they occurred more often in the future.



1. What do you think?
2. Vocabulary

*Fill in the blanks in the sentences below using words from the box.*

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| rank(ed) | spot | expatriate(s) | stability |
| rival | relatively | reflect | overall |
| clashes | riot |  |  |

1. This word can mean the same as “place”. This is a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for a picnic.
2. The tennis player Andy Murray is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ number 2 in the world.
3. Andy Murray’s great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the Serbian tennis player Novak Djokovic, who is the best player in the world at the moment.
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are people who live outside their native countries.
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6. The government is predicting that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, there will be a 5% decrease in tourism in 2017.
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8. There was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ yesterday in Seoul. Student protesters threw bricks and petrol bombs at the police. 5 people were arrested.
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**ANSWERS**

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