

Hong Kong vs China: The Differences

Perhaps the most significant difference between mainland China and Hong Kong is that the mainland is communist and controlled by a single party, while Hong Kong has a limited democracy. Both share the president of China as their chief of state. However, each has its own head of government: the premier is the head of mainland China, while the chief executive is the head of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.



Hong Kong 🇭🇰

China 🇨🇳

Government type

Limited democracy

Communist party-led state

Mixed legal system of common law based on the English model

Civil law influenced by Soviet and continental European civil law