



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Hong Kong (China), Large Gathering November

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The U.S. Consulate General advises all U.S. citizens that public meetings and a related public procession are being planned in Hong Kong for the late afternoon/early evening of November 8, 2016, between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The public meetings will be held near the Hong Kong High Court on Supreme Court Rd and the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal by Statue Square, while the public procession will be mainly along Queensway/Des Voeux Road Central. Organizers estimate that there will be as many as 1,500 participants, although the actual number could vary.

In general, the Consulate urges U.S. citizens to avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings as even peaceful demonstrations can turn confrontational. Review your personal security plans; remain aware of your surroundings, including local events; and monitor local news stations for updates. Maintain a high level of vigilance and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security and follow instructions of local authorities.

If you require assistance, please contact the U.S. Consulate General in Hong Kong, located at 26 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong. The Consulate is open 8:30 to 12:30 and 1:30 to 5:30 on normal working days. You can call the American Citizens Services Unit at 2841 2211 or by e-mail at ACSHK@state.gov. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance after hours, the emergency number for the U.S. Embassy/Consulate is 2523 9011.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens who travel to or reside in Hong Kong or Macau enroll in Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) in order to receive the most up-to-date security information. Enrolling makes it easier for the Consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

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You may also obtain updated information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444 from other countries. You should regularly monitor the State Department's website, where you can find current Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. Read the Country Specific Information for Hong Kong and for Macau. For additional information, refer to "A Safe Trip Abroad" on the State Department's website. Stay up to date by bookmarking our Bureau of Consular Affairs website, which contains current Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts. Follow us on Twitter and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on Facebook.

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