



## Chapter 25: *Helpful Chinese Place Names and Cantonese Phrases*

Not all Chinese people speak English well and this sometimes makes communication difficult. The idea of this chapter is to take the hassle out of asking for directions, shopping and just getting around.

### **Chinese place names**

This list of place names will be helpful in general but if you are taking public transport it is simpler to show the driver your destination, which he / she will immediately know from the Chinese characters.

#### *Hospital*

Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital	雅麗氏何妙齡那打素醫院
Caritas Medical Centre	明愛醫院
Kwong Wah Hospital	廣華醫院
North District Hospital	北區醫院
North Lantau Hospital	北大嶼山醫院
Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital	東區尤德夫人醫院
Pok Oi Hospital	博愛醫院
Prince of Wales Hospital	威爾斯親王醫院
Princess Margaret Hospital	瑪嘉烈醫院
Queen Elizabeth Hospital	伊利沙伯醫院
Queen Mary Hospital	瑪麗醫院
Ruttonjee Hospital	律敦治醫院
St. John Hospital	長洲醫院
Tseung Kwan O Hospital	將軍澳醫院
Tuen Mun Hospital	屯門醫院
United Christian Hospital	基督教聯合醫院
Yan Chai Hospital	仁濟醫院

#### *Police Stations*

<b>Hong Kong Island</b>	香港島
Central Police Station	中區警署

Peak Police Station  
Western Police Station  
Aberdeen Police Station  
Stanley Police Station  
Wan Chai Police Station  
Happy Valley Police Station  
North Point Police Station  
Chai Wan Police Station

山頂警署  
西區警署  
香港仔警署  
赤柱警署  
灣仔警署  
跑馬地警署  
北角警署  
柴灣警署

### **Kowloon**

Yau Ma Tei Police Station  
Tsim Sha Tsui Police Station  
Mong Kok Police Station  
Sham Shui Po Police Station  
Cheung Sha Wan Police Station  
Kowloon City Police Station  
Hung Hom Police Station  
Wong Tai Sin Police Station  
Sai Kung Police Station  
Kwun Tong Police Station  
Tseung Kwan O Police Station  
Sau Mau Ping Police Station  
Ngau Tau Kok Police Station

九龍  
油麻地警署  
尖沙咀警署  
旺角警署  
深水埗警署  
長沙灣警署  
九龍城警署  
紅磡警署  
黃大仙警署  
西貢警署  
觀塘警署  
將軍澳警署  
秀茂坪警署  
牛頭角警署

### **New Territories**

Tsuen Wan Police Station  
Kwai Chung Police Station  
Tsing Yi Police Station  
Sha Tin Police Station  
Tin Sum Police Station  
Ma On Shan Police Station  
Lantau North Police Station  
Mui Wo Police Station  
Airport District Police Station  
Sha Tau Kok Police Station  
Ta Kwu Ling Police Station  
Lok Ma Chau Police Station  
Yuen Long Police Station  
Tin Shui Wai Police Station  
Pat Heung Police Station

新界  
荃灣警署  
葵涌警署  
青衣警署  
沙田警署  
田心警署  
馬鞍山警署  
大嶼山北警署  
梅窩警署  
機場區警署  
沙頭角警署  
打鼓嶺警署  
落馬洲警署  
元朗警署  
天水圍警署  
八鄉警署

Tai Po Police Station  
Sheung Shui Police Station  
Tuen Mun Police Station  
Castle Peak Police Station

大埔警署  
上水警署  
屯門警署  
青山警署

### *Places of Interest*

#### **Hong Kong Island**

Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter  
Cat Street  
City Hall  
Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware  
Happy Valley Race Course  
Hong Kong Arts Centre  
Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre  
Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence  
Hong Kong Museum of Medical Sciences  
Hong Kong Park  
Hong Kong Racing Museum  
Hong Kong Stadium  
Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens  
Lan Kwai Fong  
Man Mo Temple  
Ocean Park  
Police Museum  
Queen Elizabeth Stadium  
Repulse Bay  
St. John's Cathedral  
Stanley Market  
Staunton Street  
Victoria Park  
Victoria Peak  
Western Market

#### **香港島**

香港仔避風塘  
摩囉街  
大會堂  
茶具文物館  
快活谷馬場  
香港藝術中心  
香港會議展覽中心  
香港海防博物館  
香港醫學博物館  
香港公園  
香港賽馬博物館  
香港大球場  
香港動植物公園  
蘭桂坊  
文武廟  
海洋公園  
警察博物館  
伊利沙伯體育館  
淺水灣  
聖約翰大教堂  
赤柱市場  
士丹頓街  
維多利亞公園  
山頂  
西港城

#### **Kowloon**

Clock Tower  
Hong Kong Coliseum  
Hong Kong Cultural Centre  
Hong Kong Museum of Art  
Hong Kong Museum of History  
Hong Kong Science Museum

#### **九龍**

鐘樓  
香港體育館  
香港文化中心  
香港藝術館  
香港歷史博物館  
香港科學館

Hong Kong Space Museum  
Jade Market  
Knutsford Terrace  
Kowloon Park  
Kowloon Walled City Park  
Ladies' Market (Tung Choi Street)  
Lei Cheng Uk Han Tomb Museum  
Temple Street  
Wong Tai Sin Temple  
Yuen Po Street Bird Garden

香港太空館  
玉器市場  
諾士佛台  
九龍公園  
九龍寨城公園  
女人街(通菜街)  
李鄭屋漢墓博物館  
廟街  
黃大仙廟  
園圃街雀鳥花園

### **New Territories**

Che Kung Temple  
Ching Chung Koon  
Fung Ying Sin Koon  
Hong Kong Disneyland  
Hong Kong Heritage Museum  
Hong Kong Railway Museum  
Kat Hing Wai (Kam Tin Walled Village)  
Lok Ma Chau Lookout Point  
Penfold Park  
Po Lin Monastery's Giant Buddha  
Sai Kung Sheung Yiu Folk Museum  
Sam Tung Uk Museum  
Sha Tin Race Course  
Tai Fu Tai  
Ten Thousand Buddhas Monastery  
Tsang Tai Uk  
Yuen Yuen Institute

新界  
車公廟  
青松觀  
蓬瀛仙館  
香港迪士尼樂園  
香港文化博物館  
香港鐵路博物館  
錦田吉慶圍  
落馬洲  
彭福公園  
寶蓮寺天壇大佛  
西貢上窰民俗文物館  
三棟屋博物館  
沙田馬場  
大夫第  
萬佛寺  
曾大屋  
圓玄學院

### **Transportation**

Ferry Pier to Outlying Islands  
Hong Kong China Ferry Terminal  
Hong Kong International Airport  
Hong Kong-Macau Ferry Pier  
Hung Hom Railway Station  
Peak Tram Lower Station  
Peak Tram Upper Station  
Star Ferry Pier

港外線碼頭  
中港客輪碼頭  
香港國際機場  
港澳碼頭大樓  
紅磡火車站  
花園道纜車總站  
山頂纜車總站  
天星碼頭

## **Major Buildings**

### **Hong Kong Island**

Admiralty Centre  
Bank of America Tower  
Bank of China Tower  
Central Plaza  
China Resources Building  
Citibank Plaza  
Citibank Tower  
CTS House  
Exchange Square  
Fairmont House  
Hongkong Bank Headquarters Building  
Hopewell Centre  
Jardine House  
Landmark  
Lippo Centre  
Pacific Place  
Shun Tak Centre  
Times Square  
United Centre  
World Trade Centre  
World Wide House

### **香港島**

海富中心  
美國銀行中心  
中銀大廈  
中環廣場  
華潤大廈  
萬國寶通廣場  
花旗銀行大廈  
中旅集團大廈  
交易廣場  
東昌大廈  
匯豐銀行總部大廈  
合和中心  
怡和大廈  
置地廣場  
力寶中心  
太古廣場  
信德中心  
時代廣場  
統一中心  
世界貿易中心  
環球大廈

### **Kowloon**

Argyle Centre  
Bank Centre  
Cameron Plaza  
Carnarvon Plaza  
Cheung Sha Wan Plaza  
China Hong Kong City  
Chinachem Tower  
Chungking Mansions  
Festival Walk  
Grand Century Place  
Harbour City  
Hollywood Plaza  
New World Centre

### **九龍**

旺角中心  
銀行中心  
金馬倫廣場  
加拿芬廣場  
長沙灣廣場  
中港城  
華懋大廈  
重慶大廈  
又一城  
新世紀廣場  
海港城  
荷里活廣場  
新世界中心

Ocean Centre  
Ocean Terminal  
The Palace Mall  
Park Lane Shopper's Boulevard  
Silvercord  
Sino Centre

海洋中心  
海運大廈  
名店城  
柏麗購物大道  
新港中心  
信和中心

### **New Territories**

Kwai Chung Plaza  
Landmark North  
Luk Yeung Galleria  
Maintown Plaza  
Maritime Square  
Metroplaza  
New Town Plaza  
Park Central  
Sunshine City Plaza  
Tai Wo Shopping Centre  
Tsuen Wan Plaza  
Uptown Plaza  
YOHO MALL

新界  
葵涌廣場  
上水廣場  
綠楊坊  
名都廣場  
青衣城  
新都會廣場  
新城市廣場  
將軍澳中心  
新港城中心  
太和廣場  
荃灣廣場  
新達廣場  
形點

## **Handy phrases in Cantonese**

These handy phrases, with a pronunciation guide cover the basics, will help you to communicate in Cantonese. The main thing to remember is that Cantonese is a “tonal” language. A word can have different meanings depending on how high or low it is pronounced. However, with practice, you’ll eventually get it right.

We have also put in the Chinese characters so that if the person you are speaking to does not understand, you can just point to the Chinese text. The Chinese text will also help if you want to ask your Chinese friends to teach you the exact pronunciation.

## *Basics*

<b>English</b>	<b>Pronunciation</b>	<b>Chinese</b>
I	Ngoh (“ng” sounds like the “ng” in “sing”)	我
You	Nei (“n” is sometimes pronounced like “l” as in “lei”)	你
He / she / it	Kui	佢
We	Ngeh dei	我哋
You (plural)	Nei dei	你哋
They	Kui dei	佢哋
0	Ling	零
1	Yat	一 (壹)
2	Yi / leung	二 / 兩
3	Saam	三
4	Sei	四
5	Ng	五
6	Luk	六
7	Chat	七
8	Baat	八
9	Gau	九
10	Sap	十
11	Sap yat	十一
12	Sap yi	十二
20	Yi sap	二十
30	Saam sap	三十
100	Yat baak	一百
1,000	Yat chin	一千
10,000	Yat maan	一萬

## *Hellos and how-are-you*

Hello / How are you	Nei ho	你好
Good morning	Jo san	早晨
Goodbye	Joi gin (but often just “bye-bye”)	再見 (拜拜)

Thank you	M goi (when someone helps you)	唔該
	Doh je (when someone gives you something)	多謝
You're welcome	M sai m goi / M sai haak hei	唔駛唔該 / 唔駛客氣
I'm sorry	Dui m jue	對唔住

### *At home*

Mother	Ma ma A ma Mummy	媽媽 阿媽 媽咪
Father	Ba ba A ba Daddy	爸爸 阿爸 爹哋
Uncle	Baak baak (A baak) Suk suk (A suk)	伯伯 (阿伯) 叔叔 (阿叔)
Aunt	A yi / Kaau mo	阿姨 / 舅母
Son	Jai jai (A jai)	仔仔 (阿仔)
Daughter	Nui nui (A nui)	女女 (阿女)
Kitchen	Chue fong	廚房
Bathroom	Chung leung fong	沖涼房
Bedroom	Sui fong	睡房
Living room	Haak teng	客廳
Dining room	Faan teng	飯廳
Table	Toi	枱
Chair	Dang	櫈
Dishes	Dip	碟
Carpet	Dei jin	地毯
Sofa	Soh fa	梳化
Lamp	Dang	燈
Laundry	Sai saam	洗衫
Cleaning / Washing	Maat / Sai	抹 / 洗



## *Getting around*

Taxi	Dik si	的士
Bus	Ba si	巴士
Mini-bus	Siu ba	小巴
MTR station	Dei tit jaam	地鐵站
LRT station	Hing tit jaam	輕鐵站
Star Ferry pier	Tin sing ma tau	天星碼頭
New ferry terminal	San ma tau	新碼頭
Ticket	Fei	飛
Turn left	Juen joh	轉左
Turn right	Juen yau	轉右
Turn around	Juen goh wan	轉個彎
Stop here	Ting	停
Keep going	Gai juk	繼續
How much	Gei chin a	幾錢呀
Which way is ...	Dim hui	點去
I want to go to ...	Ngoh seung hui ...	我想去.....
I'm lost	Ngoh dong saat lo / Ngoh m sik lo	我盪失路 / 我唔識路

## *In the market*

Rice	Faan	飯
Bok choy	Baak choi	白菜
Choy sum	Choi sam	菜心
Broccoli	Gaa laan	芥蘭
Carrot	Loh baak	蘿蔔
Green onion	Chung	蔥
Onion	Yeung chung	洋葱
Ginger	Geung	薑
Garlic	Suen tau	蒜頭
Bamboo shoot	Sun	筍
Mushrooms	Gwoo	菇
	Dung gwoo	冬菇
	Moh gwoo	磨菇
Chicken	Gai	雞
Fish	Yue	魚
Shrimp	Ha	蝦
Pork	Chu yuk	豬肉

Beef	Ngau yuk	牛肉
Catty	Gan	斤
Half	Yat boon	一半
Quarter	Sei fan yat	四分之一
How much is it	Gei doh chin	幾多錢
That's too expensive	Taai gwai / Ho gwai	太貴 / 好貴

### *What's cooking?*

Breakfast	Jo chaan	早餐
Lunch	Ngan jau	晏晝
Dinner	Maan chaan	晚餐
Snack	Ling sik	零食
Are you hungry	To ngoh mei a	肚餓未呀
I'm full	Ngoh ho baau	我好飽
Soup	Tong	湯
That's delicious	Ho mei do / Ho sik	好味道 / 好食
It's not delicious	M ho mei / M ho sik	唔好味 / 唔好食
Salt	Yim	鹽
Pepper	Woo jiu fan	胡椒粉
Water	Sui	水
Would you like some more	Yiu m yiu doh di / Jung yiu m yiu di	要唔要多啲 / 仲要唔要啲
Yes	Hai / Ho / Dak	係 / 好 / 得
No	M hai / M ho / M dak	唔係 / 唔好 / 唔得
Big	Daai	大
Small	Sai	細
Too big	Taai daai	太大
Too small	Taai sai	太細
Too much	Taai doh	太多

### *Useful words and phrases*

Wait a moment	Dang (yat) jan	等 (一) 陣
I don't understand	Ngoh m ming / Ngoh m sik	我唔明 / 我唔識
I want ...	Ngoh yiu / Ngoh oi	我要 / 我愛

Do you have  
Yes, we have  
No, we don't have

Nei yau mo  
(ngoh) yau  
(ngoh) mo

你有無  
(我)有  
(我)無

### *Daily necessities*

Soap  
Toilet paper  
Tissue / napkin  
Sanitary pads  
Tampons  
Toothpaste  
Comb  
Brush  
Writing paper  
Pen  
Envelope  
Stamps

Faan gaan  
Chi ji  
Ji gan / "tissue"  
Wai sang gan  
Wai sang min tiu  
Nga go  
Soh  
Soh / Chaat  
Ji  
Bat  
Sun fung  
Yau piu

番梘  
廁紙  
紙巾  
衛生巾  
衛生棉條  
牙膏  
梳  
梳 / 刷  
紙  
筆  
信封  
郵票

### *Symptoms*

Headache  
Stomach ache  
Toothache  
Sore throat  
Runny nose  
Influenza  
Fever  
Dizzy  
Diarrhoea  
Insomnia  
Allergy  
Cramping  
Itching  
Sprain  
Asthma

Tau tung  
Wai tung  
Nga tung  
Hau lung tung  
Lau bei sui  
Gam Mo  
Faat siu  
Tau wan  
To se  
Sat min  
Man gam  
Chau gan  
Han yeung  
Nau seung  
Haau chuen

頭痛  
胃痛  
牙痛  
喉嚨痛  
流鼻水  
感冒  
發燒  
頭暈  
肚瀉  
失眠  
敏感  
抽筋  
痕癢  
扭傷  
哮喘

## *Emergencies*

I feel sick	Ngoh being joh	我病咗
I am injured	Ngoh seung joh / Ngoh sau seung	我傷咗 / 我受傷
Hospital	Yi yuen	醫院
Fire	Fok yuk	火燭
Police	Ging chaat	警察
Help	Gau meng	救命
Thief	Yau chaak a / Chaak a	有賊呀 賊呀
Rapist	Keung gaan a	強姦呀

Remember:

- The ‘a’ sound is like the ‘u’ in ‘cut’ or the ‘o’ in ‘mother’- not like the ‘a’ in ‘bang’
- The ‘ei’ sound is like ‘ay’ in ‘day’
- The ‘eu’ is like ‘er’ in ‘were’ but there is no ‘r’ sound
- The letter ‘i’ is pronounced ‘ee’ and so ‘yi’ sounds like ‘yee’
- ‘leung’ is like ‘lerng’ but without the ‘r’ sound