

Destination focus: Hong Kong

Oriental orientation

With its stunning harbour and iconic skyline set against the towering backdrop of Victoria Peak, Hong Kong is certainly a beautiful city to visit. Its colonial past is still a major part of its identity, but reintegrated as part of the Peoples Republic of China, cultural differences with the West run deep - in everyday living as well as business.

To the casual tourist, many of these differences are subtle. They may not seem obvious and will rarely affect the enjoyment of a visit - except in a positive way. To live in Hong Kong for any length of time however, requires an understanding and respect for them.

The Expat partner – Mei Lin W

As a successful career woman and the mother of a young baby, the impact on Mei Lin's life when her husband was assigned from his UK job to a 9 month posting in Hong Kong was significant.

Well travelled, Mei Lin had experience of Hong Kong as a visitor but no preparation for moving her family there and living as the spouse of an Expat.

How did expatknowhow help?

expatknowhow worked closely with Mei Lin, taking a holistic approach in preparing her and her family for Hong Kong. Our client recognises that the well-being of the Expat's partner is paramount. In addition to providing business-focused training for her husband and practical assistance with the relocation itself, Mei Lin received a bespoke half day **Orientation Programme**,

The face-to-face programme was fully interactive and tailored to cover Mei Lin's own needs, concerns and interests. It covered a diverse range of practical issues that ensured she would arrive fully prepared.

The outcome

Mei Lin has settled her family quickly and easily in Hong Kong and is enjoying her time overseas. 'I found the half day Hong Kong Orientation programme invaluable. I particularly liked the responsive and flexible approach, which incorporated valuable information and support for both my husband's job, as well as the needs of myself and my family. I would recommend this service to any wives or families who are preparing to relocate.'

Mei Lin W – Expat partner

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