Chinese in general may not greet or smile to strangers, but they are warm to people you have introduced. Hong Kong people are friendly and good to their friends. Once you have developed friendship with them, you will find that they are helpful and kind. So, it is best to be open and friendly. Take the first step and you can make some close and lasting friendships.

You may like to make use of the instructions in Chinese and English to ask a taxi driver to bring you to your student residences.

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If you have any doubts about what to call someone, simply ask, “what shall I call you?” People you meet at a social function or hotel may give you a nickname. You may be challenged to remember people’s names. Some people use nicknames that are not their real names. The use of nicknames is common in Hong Kong.

If you are invited to someone’s home, it is polite to bring a small gift. Presents should be wrapped in brightly coloured paper (avoid grey or black). A few numbers bear special meaning: with the numbers 4, 14, 24, etc. being considered unlucky in Chinese culture.

Hong Kong has two official languages: English and Chinese. English is spoken by most people. However, if you prefer to use Chinese, you are normally requested to show your HKID Card, passport, proof of residential address in Hong Kong, etc. As an alternative, you can purchase a roaming pre-paid SIM card.

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Making Phone Calls

Hong Kong is using the GSM network. You can explore a wide range of packages offered by different service providers. When you sign a contract in conjunction with a service provider, you are normally required to show your HKID Card, passport, proof of residential address in Hong Kong, etc. In addition, you may want to purchase a roaming pre-paid SIM card.

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Medical Care

How do I access to specialist care or hospitalisation?

When specialist care and hospitalisation are required, you can consider using the service provided by the Medical and Health Care (MHC) Card. This card is issued by the Medical and Health Care (MHC) Card Authority to cover medical and health care for non-local students. Students with a HKID Card are required to pay full fees for services and hospitalisation in government hospitals. Learn more:www.ha.org.hk