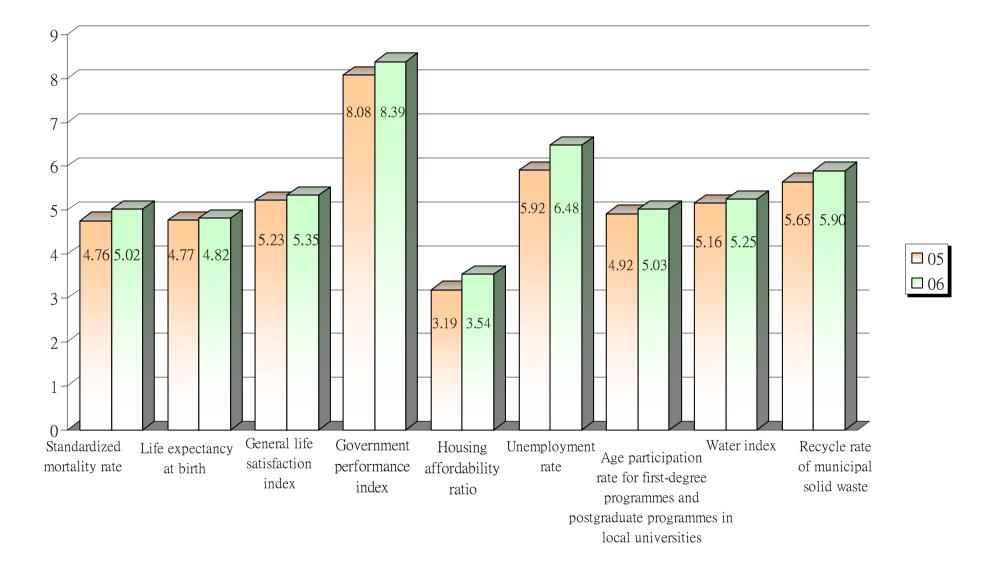
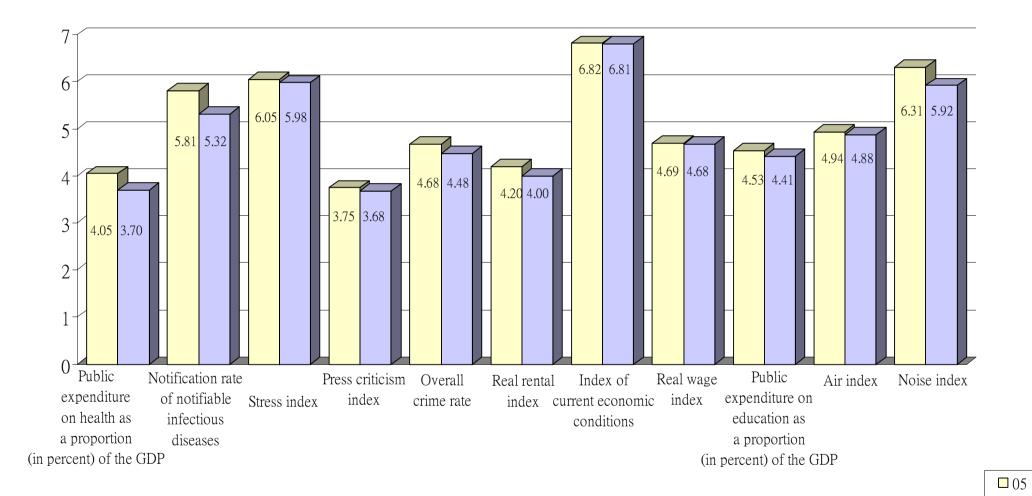
2005-2006 Quality of Life Indices Comparison Better Indices



Appendix 1

2005-2006 Quality of Life Indices Comparison Worse Indices



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Appendix 3: Composition of 'CUHK' Hong Kong Quality of Life Index

SOCIAL SUB-INDEX

- 1. Standardized mortality rate (per 1000 standard population)⁽¹⁾ refers to the number of deaths per 1000 standard population.
- 2. Life expectancy at birth (in years) refers to the life expectancy at birth for males and females.
- 3. Public expenditure on health as a proportion (in percent) of the GDP.
- 4. Notification rate of notifiable infectious diseases (per 1000 population) refers to the number of notified infectious diseases per 1000 population.
- 5. Stress index refers to the stress that the Hong Kong people are facing (base rate = 100).
- 6. General life satisfaction index refers to the degree of satisfaction of Hong Kong people with their current lives (base rate = 100).
- 7. Press freedom index refers to the degree of press freedom in Hong Kong (base rate = 100).
- 8. Press criticism index refers to the frequency of criticisms by the press of the Hong Kong Corporation, the Hong Kong SAR Government, and the People's Republic of China Government (base rate = 100).
- 9. Government performance index refers to the degree of satisfaction of Hong Kong people with the performance of Hong Kong SAR Government (base rate = 100).
- 10. Overall crime rate (per 1000 population) refers to the total number of violent and non-violent crimes reported per 1000 population.

ECONOMIC SUB-INDEX

- 11. Housing affordability ratio refers to the annual average of affordable property price (i.e. average property price times 39.9 sq. feet, divided by monthly medium income times 12).
- 12. Real rental index refers to the real rental index for the Hong Kong property market.
- 13. Unemployment rate refers to the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate (in percent).
- 14. Index of current economic conditions refers to the public attitude towards economic conditions in Hong Kong.
- 15. Real wage index⁽²⁾ refers to the real wages for employees up to supervisory level (excluding managerial and professional employees) in all selected industry sectors.
- 16. Public expenditure on education as a proportion (in percent) of the GDP.
- 17. Age participation rate for first-degree programmes and postgraduate programmes in local universities (in percent).

ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-INDEX

- 18. Air index refers to the daily air pollution index.
- 19. Water index refers to the percentage of rivers in Hong Kong categorized as 'good' and 'excellent' by the monitoring station.
- 20. Noise index (per 1000 population) refers to the number of noise complaints received by the Environmental Protection Department and the Police per 1000 population.
- 21. Recycle rate of municipal solid waste refers to the recycle rate (in percent) of solid waste from households and from commercial and industrial sources.

Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Standardized mortality rate is compiled based on the world standard population published in the 1997-1999 *World Health Statistics Annual*.

⁽²⁾ As from 2001, the real wage index is derived by deflating the nominal wage indices by the 1999/2000-based CPI(A).

Sources:

Stress index, general life satisfaction index, press freedom index, press criticism index, government performance index and index of current economic conditions are complied by the Faculty of Social Science of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, based on data collected by surveys conducted by the Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies of The Chinese University of Hong Kong. All other indices are obtained from the government and related institutions.

Appendix 4: Data for Compiling the 'CUHK' Hong Kong Quality of Life Index

		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Soc	ial sub-index					
1.	Standardized mortality rate (per 1000 standard population)	3.70	3.80	3.80	3.70	3.50#
2.	Life expectancy at birth (in years)	F: 84.5 M: 78.6	F: 84.3 M: 78.5	F : 84.7 M : 79	F: 84.6 M: 78.8	F: 85.6# M: 79.5#
3.	Public expenditure on health as a proportion (in percent) of the GDP	2.70	2.70	2.70	2.30	2.10
4.	Notification rate of notifiable infectious diseases (per 1000 population)	3.73	2.33	2.89	2.91	3.29
5.	Stress index	100.00	88.75	79.51	72.95	74.42
6.	General life satisfaction index	100.00	100.68	105.62	109.94	112.47
7.	Press freedom index	100.00	101.22	100.26	101.43	101.55
8.	Press criticism index	100.00	103.75	91.02	78.82	77.25
9.	Government performance index	100.00	103.23	132.23	169.79	176.29
10.	Overall crime rate (per 1000 population)	11.18	12.99	11.81	11.37	11.83
Eco	nomic sub-index					
11.	Housing affordability ratio	4.68	4.49	5.31	6.22	5.88
12.	Real rental index	87.97	79.67	84.55	93.11	96.68
13.	Unemployment rate	7.34	7.93	6.76	5.55	4.69
14.	Index of current economic conditions	76.55	81.32	99.95	109.75	109.48
15.	Real wage index	117.53	117.70	116.35	115.78	115.48
16.	Public expenditure on education as a proportion (in percent) of the GDP	4.10	4.40	4.40	4.00	3.80
17.	Age participation rate for first-degree programmes and postgraduate programmes in local universities (in percent)	17.04	17.70	17.50	17.60	18.00
Env	rironmental sub-index					
18.	Air index	46.90	49.93	49.32	45.10	45.68
19.	Water index	74.40	75.60	78.30	80.80	82.00*
20.	Noise index (per 1000 population)	1.84	1.43	1.63	1.24	1.39*
21.	Recycle rate of municipal solid waste	36.30	40.82	40.35	43.09	44.96*

* Forecasted figure

Provisional figure

Appendix 5: 'CUHK' Hong Kong Quality of Life Index

		2006				
	2002 (Base year)	2003	2004	2005	2006	compared w/ 2005
Social sub-index						
1. Standardized mortality rate (per 1000	4.76	4.63	4.63	4.76	5.02#	Better
standard population)						
2. Life expectancy at birth (in year)	4.76	4.75	4.78	4.77	4.82#	Better
3. Public expenditure on health as a proportion (in percent) of the GDP	4.76	4.76	4.76	4.05	3.70	Worse
 Notification rate of notifiable infectious diseases (per 1000 population) 	4.76	6.55	5.83	5.81	5.32	Worse
5. Stress index	4.76	5.30	5.74	6.05	5.98	Worse
6. General life satisfaction index	4.76	4.79	5.03	5.23	5.35	Better
7. Press freedom index	4.76	4.82	4.77	4.83	4.83	Unchanged
8. Press criticism index	4.76	4.94	4.33	3.75	3.68	Worse
9. Government performance index	4.76	4.91	6.29	8.08	8.39	Better
10. Overall crime rate (per 1000 population)	4.76	3.99	4.49	4.68	4.48	Worse
Social sub-index	47.62	49.44	50.65	52.01	51.57	Worse
Economic sub-index						
11. Housing affordability ratio	4.76	4.95	4.12	3.19	3.54	Better
12. Real rental index	4.76	5.21	4.95	4.20	4.00	Worse
13. Unemployment rate	4.76	4.38	5.14	5.92	6.48	Better
14. Index of current economic conditions	4.76	5.06	6.22	6.82	6.81	Worse
15. Real wage index	4.76	4.77	4.71	4.69	4.68	Worse
16. Public expenditure on education as a proportion (in percent) of the GDP	4.76	4.99	4.99	4.53	4.41	Worse
17. Age participation rate for first-degree programmes and postgraduate programmes in local universities (in percent)	T ./U	4.94	4.89	4.92	5.03	Better
Economic sub-index	33.32	34.30	35.02	34.27	34.95	Better
Environmental sub-index						
18. Air index	4.76	4.45	4.51	4.94	4.88	Worse
19. Water index	4.76	4.84	5.01	5.16	5.25*	Better
20. Noise index (per 1000 population)	4.76	5.82	5.30	6.31	5.92*	Worse
21. Recycle rate of municipal solid waste	4.76	5.35	5.29	5.65	5.90*	Better
Environmental sub-index	19.04	20.46	20.11	22.06	21.95	Worse
Quality of Life index	100.00	104.20	105.78	108.34	108.47	Better

[remark] The higher the score, the better is the performance of the indicator.

* Forecasted figure

Provisional figure

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