

Economic and Banking Environment



Hong Kong enjoyed broadening economic recovery in 2000. Gross Domestic Product grew by 10.5% during the year in 2000, the highest rate since 1987. The asset quality of banks continued to improve.

Flocks of waders over Inner Deep Bay, to the north of Hong Kong, on a spring afternoon. This scene shows a rich variety of migratory birds including *kentish plovers*, *greenshanks*, *redshanks*, *greatknots*, *curlew sandpipers* and *terek sandpipers*.

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