

- ✓ Canadian citizens who were born in Hong Kong are eligible for status under the Right of Abode, Right to Land, Unconditional Stay or Conditional Stay categories, irrespective of whether or not they were residents of Hong Kong at any point before July 1, 1997.
- ✓ After July 1, 1997, all Canadians (whether or not they were born in Hong Kong) who are not now residents of Hong Kong may apply for any of the four residency categories, depending upon their individual circumstances.
- ✓ Ethnic Chinese (as defined by the Chinese authorities) Canadian citizens who were born in Chinese territory, including Hong Kong, and who enter the HKSAR after July 1, 1997, will be deemed Chinese nationals unless they declare a change of nationality to the HKSAR immigration authorities confirming their Canadian nationality.
- ✓ Canadian citizens who obtain Right of Abode — either by design or inadvertently — may not be eligible for Canadian consular protection in the HKSAR or other parts of China.
- ✓ *It is the policy of the Government of Canada to encourage all Canadians to use only their Canadian citizenship as the basis for international travel and all dealings with other governments. This includes obtaining entry and residency status in Hong Kong and/or any other country.*