



## **HONG KONG ADOPTIONS**

***Hong Kong is a signatory to the Hague Adoption Convention.***

***The Hong Kong Central Authority has accredited Sunrise to assist in finding families for children.***

Under Hong Kong's adoption law, the Central Authority prioritizes placing children with families of the same cultural or ethnic background to minimize cultural challenges and adjustment problems. The Central Authority will only consider intercountry adoption for children for whom options in Hong Kong are not available.

### **The Parents**

To be eligible to adopt from Hong Kong, couples must meet the following qualifications:

- Both applicants must be residents of British Columbia.
- Singles and couples age 25 years and up who are married or in a common-law relationship. Maximum age is flexible, depending on age of the child to be adopted.
- Singles must have sufficient child care experience and a strong support network.
- You must have been married for at least 3 years.
- Hong Kong does not recognize same sex marriages.
- At least one adoptive parent must be a Citizen of Canada.
- There is no limit to how many children the adoptive parents have in the home.
- You must have a minimum of a high school education.
- You must have no criminal record.
- You must be in good physical and mental health.
- Be in a good financial situation.

### **Children to be adopted**

Children from 1 – 8 years of age with special placement needs can be adopted. Special placement needs may include medical health needs, mental health needs, or birth family issues. Some waiting children have moderate to severe special needs such as Thalassemia or Down Syndrome.

The children in Hong Kong receive extensive medical care, are well cared for, live in well-maintained foster homes and are in need a family due to special needs. The children are under the guardianship of the Social Welfare Department of Hong Kong.

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All children adopted from Hong Kong are considered to have special placement needs.

Generally they are:

- Older children (i.e. aged 3 to 8 years).
- Children having unfavourable family backgrounds.
- Children having special needs due to their health or developmental conditions.

## **Relative Adoptions**

We can also assist with the adoption of a relative child from Hong Kong.