

## What are the similarities between Hong Kong and Japan?

Good morning everyone! Today, I am going to talk about the similarities between Hong Kong and Japan.

First of all, I will tell you about how Chinese and Japanese food are similar. In Japan, the primary dish is rice which is combined with mostly seafood or noodle entrees. In Hong Kong, the primary dish is also rice but the entrees are different. Both cultures share rice and tofu as common food staples.

Secondly, I will explain how Chinese and Japanese clothing is similar. Traditional Chinese and Japanese clothing share some similarities because they are historically related. 300 years ago when China was ruled by the Manchu and up until the early twentieth century, the traditional clothing worn by the Chinese ethnic majority was the hanfu, sometimes simply known as the Chinese silk robe. This is the predecessor to the Japanese kimono.

Next, I will talk about the writing system. Is Japanese writing the same as Chinese writing? The answer is “yes” and “no”. Yes, because Japanese writing consists of three kinds of scripts which are used in conjunction. One of these scripts is the Kanji, which consists of Chinese characters. Anyone who can read either Chinese or Japanese can usually see the similarities between the characters and interpret the text.

Now I will tell you about some common similarities. We can easily find many tall buildings, restaurants specializing in Asian cuisine and a few karaoke hot-spots in both Tokyo and Mong Kok or Central. Another common thing is that both cultures share a strong work ethic and Japanese and Chinese people frequently working six-day weeks.

Finally, I would like to say that both cultures have an appreciation of tradition, family honour and beauty. I would like to conclude that although there are similarities between the two eastern cultures, there are many more differences.

