

# News Release

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## **61% of retirees still provide financial support to family and friends, says HSBC survey**

*\*\*\*'Living inheritance' puts pressure on Hong Kong retirees\*\*\**

*\*\*\*88% fail to realise retirement aspirations\*\*\**

HSBC's report, *The Future of Retirement Choices for later life*, reveals the existence of a 'living inheritance' whereby 61% of retirees in Hong Kong on average are providing regular financial support to their family and friends. Over a fifth (22%) of Hong Kong retirees give regularly to grown-up children, and 9% do the same for their grandchildren.

While 'giving while living' is common, the traditional inheritance may be dying out. Only 14% of Hong Kong working age people (against the global average of 29%) are confident about leaving an inheritance to their children, the lowest among all markets surveyed in Asia.

The 'living inheritance' is a cause for concern for retirees, and more than five in ten (55%) retirees in Hong Kong are worried about not being able to support family or friends financially, or of being reliant on family or friends for financial support (60%).

Also, more retirees in Hong Kong (88% against the global average of 73% and the Asia average of 80%) have been unable to realise at least one of their hopes and dreams since retiring, a potential consequence of 'giving while living'.

The report found that 58% of workers in Hong Kong aspire to travel extensively in retirement while 36% want to learn a new skill or hobby. It said 23% plan to move to another country for retirement, the second-highest in Asia, after Singapore. Top retirement locations for Hong Kong workers are Taiwan, Canada and Australia.

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Commenting on the findings, Diana Cesar, Head of Retail Banking and Wealth Management of HSBC in Hong Kong said: “The ‘living inheritance’ adds another dimension to the already complex financial pressures faced by retirees. To ensure a comfortable later life, retirees should consider their wider financial commitments, including continued financial support to their loved ones. The level of retirement income they planned for earlier as workers, may no longer be sufficient for their needs in retirement. Regular financial reviews remain integral to wealth planning at post-retirement.”

“People should start planning for their retirement as soon as they have a regular income. Save early to enjoy the benefits of compound interest. Save regularly to keep on track of your goals. With financial independence and security, retirement can be a time for people to enjoy their life.”

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#### **Notes to Editors:**

##### **The Future of Retirement**

The Future of Retirement is a world-leading independent research study into global retirement trends, commissioned by HSBC. It provides authoritative insights into the key issues associated with ageing populations and increasing life expectancy around the world. This global report, *Choices for later life*, is the 11<sup>th</sup> in the series and represents the views of more than 16,000 people in 15 countries and territories worldwide (Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Singapore, Taiwan, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States). The findings are based on an online poll conducted by Ipsos MORI in August and September 2014. Since The Future of Retirement programme began in 2005, more than 141,000 people worldwide have been surveyed. For more information about The Future of Retirement visit [www.hsbc.com > Retail Banking and Wealth Management](http://www.hsbc.com > Retail Banking and Wealth Management)

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