

Summary

Subject matter: Hong Kong in 1849-2017 the specific the political, economic and cultural development.

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Topicality of the research is that each year the interest in a special administrative region of China Hong Kong (in Chinese the word sounds as Xianggang, so we can use this name as a synonym) is constantly growing. On the international arena the economic and political role of Xianggang is increasing. Lately the foreign political and the foreign economic relations between China and Russia are becoming increasingly close. Their promotes the emergence of the need for the study of the history of China and one of the main political and economic centers – Hong Kong. The growth of Hong Kong's role started after the English occupied it as a result of victory over China in the course of the «opium wars», as a result this region became a world-famous megalopolis. That is why the slowing down of the development of the modern China indirectly hinders Hong Kong's achievements to this day. It can also be noted that the history of Hong Kong follows in the wake of the development of China's modern history, and both influence each other. However both sides also occupy an important place in the historical development of each other.

Objective of the research: a comprehensive study and analysis of the development of Hong Kong from the moment of its occupation by the English up to the present day. These data will enable us to get a much clearer idea of the political, economic and cultural aspects of Xianggang, and also to learn more about the impact of external factors on the changes in the administrative areas of China.

Task of the research:

- To study the peculiarity of the political development of Hong Kong during the British occupation;
- To highlight the impact of Japan and the events of the mid XXth century on the political process of Xianggang;
- To outline the main aspects of the policy of Hong Kong after 1997 and emphasize the successes in achieving the objectives set;
- To analyze the development of the economy of Hong Kong under the influence of the English and assess the changes that have taken there;
- To show the development of the economy after World War II and demonstrate the causes that influenced the downturn of Hong Kong's economy;
- To examine the successes of the national economy of the end of XX – early XXI cc;
- To study Britain's contribution to Xianggang's early culture;
- To understand the spiritual thought of Hong Kong in the post-war period;
- To bring to light the cultural development of Xianggang at this time;

Theoretical and practical significance of this research is that it touches on the comprehension of the problems related to the specific features of the development of the economy, policy and culture of Hong Kong in different periods of its formation.

It is thought that the materials of the paper can be used to compile a learning aid in the history not only of Hong Kong, but also of China, Britain and Japan.

The data presented in the paper will be of interest to the students specializing in Oriental and African Studies, History of International Relations and also in the student research work. They may be useful for the writing of course papers, development of innovative projects and mini-projects on History of the Target Country (China).

Results of the research: we conducted a comprehensive analyze of the development of Hong Kong of the second half of XIX – early XXI cc. These data enable us to get a much clearer idea of the peculiarities of the policy, economy and culture of Xianggang: it principle of historian because basic for this work. The method of theoretical analyze and comparison to compare the levels of development of Hong Kong, England and China, We also used a system method and the combination of the logical and historical analyzes that enabled us to examine this problem from different sides and draw conclusion about the changes in Hong Kong. On the bases of this work we developed a scientific-innovative project « Fitness tour and excursion «Healthy Hong Kong»».

Recommendation

1. On the course of further work of this topic it needs to analyze in greater detail the policy of the British colonial authorities on the territory of Hong Kong.
2. On the future it is worth while focusing the attention on the cultural and psychological aspect of the Japanese's influence on the inhabitants of Xianggang and the administrative region as a whole.