

1994 viewed as a good year

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Hong Kong people generally regard 1994 as having been a good year for themselves, but only a fair year for the community as a whole, according to a survey by the University of Hong Kong.

Nearly 530 people aged over 18 were interviewed in the survey entitled Special Report on 1994 Year-end Review.

Fifty-three per cent of the respondents were satisfied with Hong Kong's development in 1994 and 66 per cent said they lived a happy life this year.

On Hong Kong's future development in the New Year, opinion was split, about one-third each way, on whether things will become better or worse.

Respondents were much more optimistic when asked about what they thought their personal prospects would be for the coming year.

Forty per cent thought they

would become better off and only 14 per cent believed their personal situations would deteriorate.

On the priorities for government in 1995, 39 per cent mentioned some kind of livelihood issues, 24 per cent mentioned political issues, while 16 per cent mentioned economic issues.

On their general wishes for Hong Kong's development, respondents were given different options.

Thirty-seven per cent would like Hong Kong to become a prosperous society, 24 per cent wished for a free society, and 22 per cent for a fair society.

Nearly 40 per cent of the respondents dedicated their New Year wish to the community at large, 31 per cent mentioned personal hopes and 15 per cent did not bother to make a wish.

The survey was carried out and compiled by the University of Hong Kong's Social Science Research Centre this month.