NAME PRONUNCIATION – HONG KONG

Many names common to Hong Kong are pronounced just as they appear:

Chan – a short a sound
Cheng – a short e sound
Kong – o sound similar to song
Lam – short a sound similar to ham
Le or Li – pronounced as American Lee
Wong – the o sound similar to song
Woo – as in wound

Other names, particularly those with double consonants or vowels, are not as intuitive to pronounce:

Chau – most similar to Chow
Cheung – the Ch is pronounced more like a J (Jheng)
Kwong – Kw being pronounced like Qu (Quong)
Liu – Both vowels should be pronounced – Lee and oo as in wood
Ng – pronounced similar to New
Tse – Slight t sound, sounds like Say
Tsoi – Pronounced Choy
Tsui – Slight t sound, sounds like Sway