

Tapescript BW 3.5 Listening 2 (cont...)

Part 2

Interviewer: What are the key business activities?

M.E.: Local and overseas firms are involved in everything from garment manufacture and distribution to fund management - and with this wonderful mixture of expertise there are key business activities; banking and financial services in general, cargo shipment, telecommunications, trading and to some extent, electronics.

Interviewer: And how does this mix work?

M.E.: The local economy is built up of thousands of transnational companies (that is they have across-the-nations operations). There are extensive international communications in Hong Kong, it is an easy place to set up international joint ventures, there is very easy access to international expat professional services and a large cosmopolitan mono-serial workforce. This mix of local and overseas firms and people is unique in Asia.