Proposed Historical Themes

1. Emergence of Great Clans and Hakka Communities in the Rural Area
   1.1 Establishment of Village Settlements
   1.2 Establishment of Lineage Communities & Ancestral Halls
   1.3 Development of Traditional Educational System
   1.4 Establishment of Traditional Periodic Market Towns
   1.5 Temples and Village Alliance System
   1.6 Temples and Religious Beliefs

2. Maritime Defence of Hong Kong before British Arrival
   2.1 Fortifications of Hong Kong in the Ming and Qing dynasties
   2.2 Development of the Tariff System

3. Establishment of Colonial Rule and Maintenance of Social Stability, Law & Order
   3.1 Establishment of Colonial Rule
      3.1.1 Establishment of Administrative and Judiciary Systems
      3.1.2 Establishment of Police and Internal Security Systems
      3.1.3 Establishment of Public Infrastructures and Transports
      3.1.4 Establishment of Coastal Fortifications
   3.2 Self-governance of Chinese Communities
      3.2.1 Lineage Community and Village Alliance System in the Rural Area
      3.2.2 Chinese Voluntary Organizations in the Urban Area

4. Economic Activities in the Colonial Period
   4.1 Commercial Activities in the Colonial Period
   4.2 Market Activities including Periodic Markets and Market Buildings
   4.3 Opium Trade
   4.4 Local Industries

5. Social Development of the Colony
   5.1 Social Life of Wealthy Classes or Social Leaders
      5.1.1 Urban Area
      5.1.2 Rural Area
   5.2 Social Life of Ordinary Chinese
   5.3 Social Life of Overseas Chinese
   5.4 Cultural Diversity and Non-Chinese Communities
      5.4.1 Non-Chinese Religious or Voluntary Organizations
5.4.2 Non-Chinese Cemeteries
5.4.3 Non-Chinese Recreation Clubs

6. Medical Development and Public Health of the Colony
   6.1 Government Medical Services
   6.2 Medical Services Provided by the Chinese Community
   6.3 Centralized Animal Slaughtering Facilities
   6.4 Free Resting Places for Dying Chinese (義祠)

7. Western Education and Educational Reform in the Colonial Period
   7.1 Village Schools on Western Lines
   7.2 Schools Established by Non-Chinese Religious or Voluntary Associations
   7.3 Government Schools

8. Interaction between Hong Kong and Mainland China in Revolutionary Movements
   8.1 Dr Sun Yat-sen and Nationalist Activities in Hong Kong
   8.2 Communist Activities in Hong Kong

9. Military and Guerilla Activities during Japanese Invasion and Occupation
   9.1 Military Defence against Japanese Invasion
   9.2 Guerilla activities in Hong Kong

10. Hong Kong in Post-war Years
    10.1 Influx of Refugees
    10.2 Public Housing
    10.3 Economic Boom
    10.4 Cultural Diversities
    10.5 Public Administration