The Cantonese Sound System 粵語音系

jyut6 jyu5 jam1 hai6

(in the LSHK Jyutping letters)

I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X
1 **b** [p]	5 **d** [t]	9 **g** [k]	13 **gw** [kʷ]	16 **z** [ts]	20 **aa** [a]	24 **o** [ɔ]~[o]	29 **-i** [i]	31 **-m** [m]	34 **-p** [p̚]
2 **p** [pʰ]	6 **t** [tʰ]	10 **k** [kʰ]	14 **kw** [kʷʰ]	17 **c** [tsʰ]	21 **a** [ə]	25 **u** [u]~[ʊ]	30 **-u** [u]	32 **-n** [n]	35 **-t** [t̚]
3 **m** [m]	7 **n** [n]	11 **ng** [ŋ]	15 **w** [w]	18 **s** [s]	22 **e** [ɛ]~[e]	26 **oe** [œ]		33 **-ng** [ŋ]	36 **-k** [k̚]
4 **f** [f]	8 **l** [l]	12 **h** [h]		19 **j** [j]	23 **i** [i]~[ɪ]	27 **eo** [ɵ]			
					28 **yu** [y]				

Meaning of Columns
直列釋義

I. Bilabial plosive/nasal; labiodental fricative initial consonants
雙唇塞音/雙唇鼻音/唇齒擦音聲母
II. Alveolar plosive/nasal/lateral approximant initial consonants
齒齦塞音/齒齦鼻音/齒齦邊近音聲母
III. Velar plosive/nasal; glottal frivative initial consonants
軟顎塞音/軟顎鼻音/聲門擦音聲母
IV. Labial-velar initial consonants
唇軟顎聲母
V. Alveolar affricate/fricative; palatal approximant initial consonants
齒齦塞擦音/擦音聲母; 硬顎近音聲母
VI. Unrounded main vowels
不圓唇韻母
VII. Rounded main vowels
圓唇韻母
VIII. Syllable-ending vowels
元音韻尾
IX. Syllable-ending nasals
鼻音韻尾
X. Syllable-ending unreleased plosives
塞音韻尾

do1 ze6 多謝
"thank you (for your gift)"

m4 goi1 唔該
(1) *"thank you (for your help)"*
(2) *"please (offer your help)"*

nei5 hou2 你好
"hello"

zou2 san4 早晨
"good morning"

晚安
maan5 on1
"good night"

hoeng1 gong2 香港
"Hong Kong"

Tones 聲調	37 **1** High Level	38 **2** High Rising	39 **3** Mid Level	40 **4** Low Falling	41 **5** Low Rising	42 **6** Low Level

Jyutping is a widely used Cantonese romanisation system, designed and proposed by the Linguistic Society of Hong Kong (LSHK) back in 1993.