

## Studium Biblicum OFM

The [Studium Biblicum Franciscanum Hong Kong](#) [1] is the Hong Kong branch of the Studium Biblicum Franciscanum, founded by the Blessed Gabriele Allegra in 1945 in Beijing, to support the work of a team of Franciscan friars engaged in the first complete translation of the Catholic Bible in Chinese. Started by the Blessed Gabriele Allegra soon after his arrival in China in 1931, the Studium Biblicum version was eventually published in 1968, and is considered the prominent Chinese-language version of the Bible among Chinese Catholics.

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