Regenerating Hong Kong's Harbou



a sheltered and strategically-located world-class deep-water port and stunning visual backdrop for a great world city...

The Urban Land Institute

- Non-profit research and education organization
- Founded in 1936
- More than 25,000 members worldwide
- Represents the entire spectrum of land use and real estate development
- Mission is to provide responsible leadership in the use of land to enhance the total environment

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The Harbour is . . .

- Mobility
- Space that allows density
- Light and air that free the spirit
- The heart of everyday activity
- Core of the region



The Harbour is . . .

- A protected place
- Authentic Hong Kong
- "the reasonable expectation of pleasure"



1. The Harbour is Hong Kong

• The Harbour is history, legacy and continuity



The Harbour is Hong Kong

 The Harbour is the heart of HK's global identity and the source of its competitive advantage



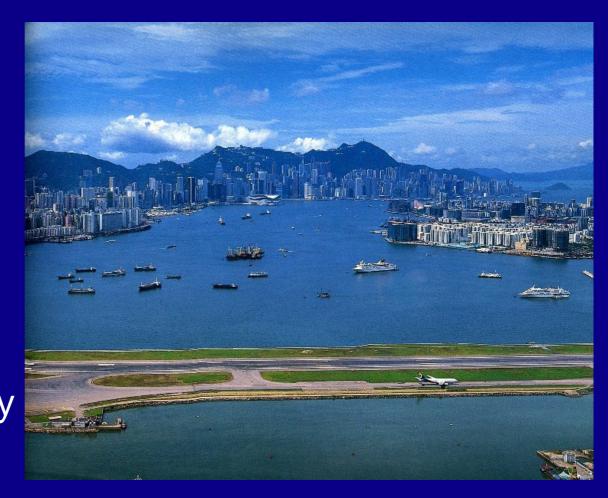
The Harbour is Hong Kong

 "Think value rather than price"



The Harbour is Hong Kong

 Each new waterfront development should be considered as an activity to enhance the harbor's quality and accessibility for HK citizens



- Establish a compelling and clear vision
- Prioritize the waterfront
- Make it holistic and inclusive
- Include long-term aspirations and a specific guide for decision-making

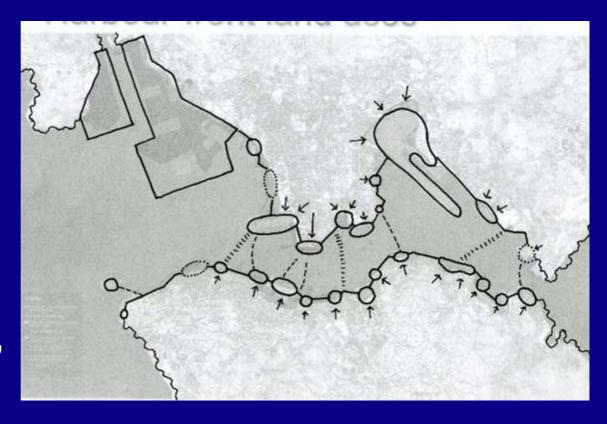
• Create easy, safe, and direct pedestrian access from every neighborhood



 Build a waterfront of human scale



 Plan for a "String of **Opportunities**" that invite people to the water, relate to adjacent neighborhoods, and engage the waterfront



• Clean the harbour





• "Be Hong Kong"

 Demand the best design



• Get close to the water



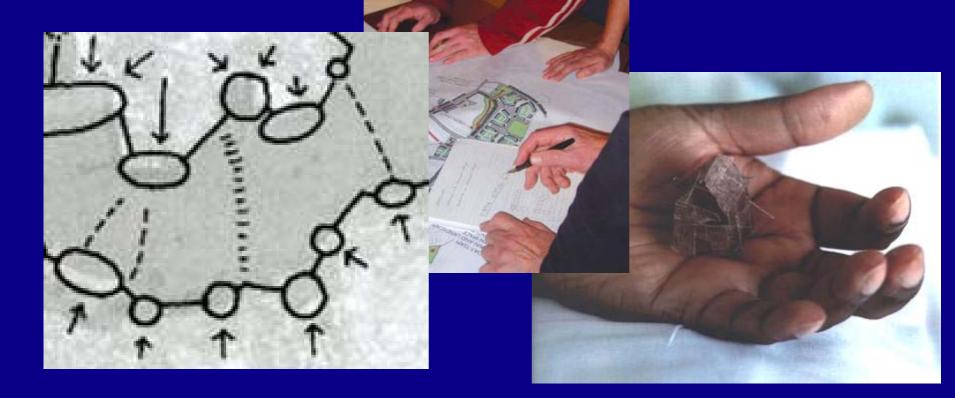
Encourage

 a variety of
 places,
 activities,
 and
 experiences



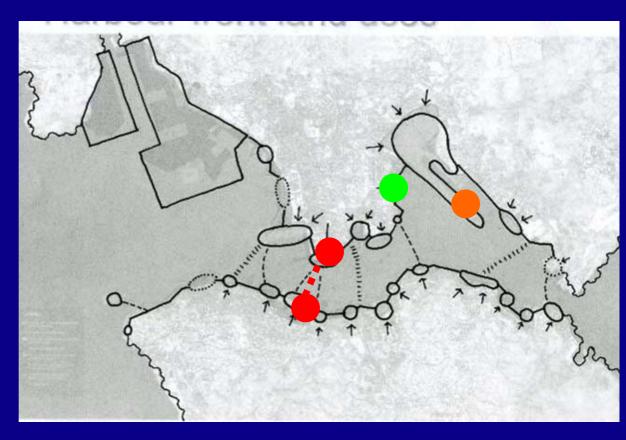
3. Think Big, Start Small

Build trust with the residents of Hong Kong through engagement and participation in early "win" projects



Think Big, Start Small

• Create early win projects



Think Big, Start Small

 Places for people



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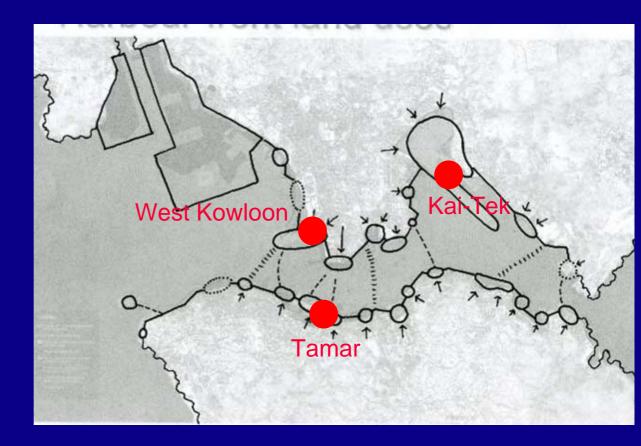


Challenge
 perceptions



Think Big

Make the 3
 big projects
 serve the
 vision



4. Make the Harbour a Priority

- Implementing the vision requires an efficient delivery system
- Develop a holistic plan for the waterfront
- Embrace an inclusive process
- Establish an entity with authority to execute the vision and the plan

Make the Harbour a Priority

Some models for such an agency:

- A Harbour Development Authority
- A Harbour Development Agency
- A specially appointed official, in essence, a czar
- A commission

5. Find a Design Champion

- A strong vision needs a strong leader to implement it
- He or she must have a passion for high quality design and development
- Must be a leader, a spokesperson, an arbiter, an inspiration
- Must pay attention to all aspects of development—particularly the details of the implementation of the design

Find a Design Champion

 Tom Murphy, Mayor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA



Find a Design Champion

 Sir Howard Bernstein, Chief Executive Manchester City Council



Find a Design Champion

 Josep Acebillo, former Chief
 Architect of
 Barcelona City
 Council



Five Recommendations

- 1. The Harbour is Hong Kong
- 2. The time for Vision is NOW!
- 3. Think big, Start small
- 4. Make the Harbour a priority
- 5. Empower a "Champion"

