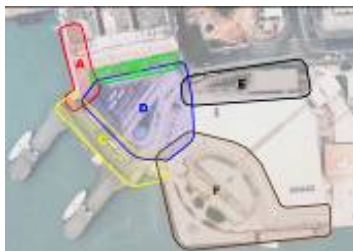




## Past Events

- **Project of Public Spaces (PPS) Placemaking Workshop**



Over 70 participants took part in Hong Kong's first [PPS](#) Placemaking workshop on May 22. The workshop used the Star Ferry bus terminus and the Cultural Centre Piazza in Tsim Sha Tsui as site for the exercise. Learning from the world-renowned Placemaking expert– Mr Fred Kent, the participants quickly learnt the necessary ingredients for creating successful public spaces and how to evaluate places using these criteria. The workshop was attended by a broad range of Government, businesses, NGO and University representatives and unveiled startling opportunities (Cultural Centre's buttresses are non-structural and therefore removable) for the area. A report summarising the findings will be compiled and issued shortly.

[Presentation](#)

[Link to article on PPS](#)

- **Creating Valuable Cities Conference**

The May 23 conference was a great success with enlightening presentations from a diverse range of speakers. Topics ranged from 'The Ingredients for a Vibrant, Sustainable City' to ways of accessing 'Values' of communities. Conference papers and presentations will be available on the ULI website. A straw poll was taken to rate various waterfront locations around Victoria Harbour, the results showed that with the exception of TST, all other waterfronts locations were rated by the 150 delegates with less than the 50% pass mark.

Location	Importance ranking	Rating 1 = poor; 4 = Good
Central	1	2.28
TST	2	2.69
Wan Chai	3	2.02
Causeway Bay	4	1.98
West Kowloon	5	2.10
Kai Tak	6	1.80
Sheung Wan	7	1.82
Kennedy Town	8	1.87
North Point	9	2.07

[Link](#)

- **CanCham Harbour Luncheon**



On May 24 Larry Beasley, Co-Director of Planning of the City of Vancouver, gave an analysis on how Vancouver's waterfront planning is resulting in an asset that is attracting people to live, work, play and visit in ever increasing numbers. He showed us how good planning with emphasis on mixed use, controlled massing and open spaces and respect for the human scale can increase a city's competitive advantage in many areas. The transcript of his speech will be loaded as a CASE STUDY on our website.

Link: [Case Study](#)

Christine Loh, Chair of Civic Exchange, presented planning options for the Central and Wan Chai waterfront that showed improvements to the Government's Plans based on principles similar to the Vancouver experience.





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- **Lunch with Michael Suen**

As part of our continuing dialogue with Government, a number of HBF Executive Committee members met with Michael Suen, Permanent Secretary for Housing Planning and Lands. Issues discussed included the application of the Harbour Planning Principles to the design of Central as well as the way forward for future coordination for harbour development. HBF expressed our commitment to contributing research to harbour planning and the need for additional resources to be allocated for the Harbourfront Enhancement Committee (HEC).

- **HBF / HKGCC Harbour Roundtable 4 - Star Ferry and 'CHaRM'**

Mr. Frankie Yick, Managing Director, The Star Ferry Company, Limited, and Dr Alvin Ngai-kuen Kwok, Chairman of CharM study by the Harbour Enhancement Committee, outlined the current designs for the new Star Ferry pier in Central, planning studies for the TST bus terminus site and process for the public participation process for the 'CHaRM' Central piers enhancement project at a May 12 round table at the HKGCC.

 [Mr Yick's Speech](#)  [Dr Kwok's Speech](#)  [Dr Kwok's Slides](#)  
 [Q & A](#)

## Upcoming Events

- **My Harbour Competition Results!**

**8 June 2006**

29 Finalists have been selected for the 'My Harbour' design competition and the results will be announced in the prize giving ceremony, Hosted by HBF's spokesperson Mr Vincent Cheng, on 8 June at Pacific Place. The winners will be exhibited in our touring exhibition between June and July, do come visit and view the results!

8 - 12 June  
Pacific Place Mall; Park Court, Level 1



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22 – 26 June  
Shatin New Town Plaza III; Exhibition Area C

29 June – 2 July  
Ocean Terminal, Harbour City; Main concourse

[Link](#)

- **HBF Speakers Luncheon** **9 June 2006**

Dr. Stephen Davies, Museum Director of Hong Kong Maritime Museum, will share his valuable experience and knowledge on Hong Kong's Historic Harbourfront. He will show how Hong Kong's harbourfront, which serves as the key asset which took Hong Kong from a small fishing village into the world's largest port, could be an open book illustrating the heart of our territory's story.

- **HBF and HKGCC 5<sup>th</sup> Roundtable - Heliport – Air Taxis to China?** **14 June 2006**

Since the closure of the Central Heliport at Tamar in 2003, there has been no permanent heliport for commercial services in the urban area. Commercial operators have argued that the Government Heliport site at HKCEC waterfront should be used as a cross-boundary commercial heliport, while Wanchai residents says it should be neither. Should there be a heliport at Wanchai? Will it enhance or damage the harbour?

[Details and registration...](#)

## Harbour News...

- **Government Central Plans**

Government releases current concepts for the Central waterfront, designs are based on Central Extension OZP. The 3D scale model will be on display in the Planning and Infrastructure Exhibition Gallery at City Hall and the Planning Department will start an 'urban design study' in a few months and will consult HEC and discuss with TPB the planning concepts.

[Government Link](#)

- **Legco subcommittee approves Tamar funding**

Legco Finance Committee's public works subcommittee supported funding for Tamar Government HQ by 16 votes against 2 on Monday 29 May. The Finance Committee will give its final vote on the project on June 23.

[News link](#)

## Around the harbours...

- **Harbour Cruise**



HBF member Aqua Group has unveiled regular daily Harbour cruises on board their newly built traditional three sail Chinese junk 'Aqua Luna'.

[Link](#)



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- **Citta D'Acqua** releases issue 11 of the Portus, a biannual review devoted to port-city relationship and urban waterfront redevelopment around the world. This issue includes case studies on security in ports areas and risks of new separations between ports and cities, urban-port waterfront redevelopment projects (e.g. Beirut) and a new section focussed on Chile. For more information please visit [www.citiesonwater.com](http://www.citiesonwater.com) or e-mail [citiesonwater@iuav.it](mailto:citiesonwater@iuav.it)
- **The World Urban Forum** was established by the United Nations to examine one of the most pressing issues facing the world today: rapid urbanisation and its impact on communities, cities, economies and policies. One of the major challenges is to achieve environment-friendly, sustainable urban growth and development. The third Forum will be held in June in Vancouver.

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