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Past Events

British Chamber of Commerce

HBF Chairman Mr. Andrew Long addressed the British Chamber of Commerce on HBF progress at a breakfast meeting on 11 January 2006. HBF current position, updates on our research and representations and our plans for 2006 were outlined.

Harbour Roundtable 1 – Wan Chai

Mr Leung Kong Yui from the HEC gave details of the current status of Wan Chai shoreline planning and insights of public participation. Dr. Hung Wing Tat from HK Polytechnic University, shared his critical views of the process. Questions focused on reclamation issues, urgency for a holistic planning review for Hong Kong and the role of HEC. Next Roundtable is on Kai Tak, please see details below.

Cruise Terminal

Government's call for expression of interest in building a new cruise terminal search for an alternative site from Kai Tak attracted 6 proposals. Wharf also publicly released its own proposal for Harbour City.

Legco

Legco Panel on Planning Lands and Works has formed a new subcommittee "Subcommittee to Review the Planning for the Central Waterfront (including the Tamar Site)". Their first meeting is to be held on the 9th February. Panel also held a <u>special meeting</u> on Central on 19th December, and discussed <u>Kai Tak</u> (news link) on 25th January

West Kowloon Cultural District Subcommittee released its report on its Phase II study of the project on the 6^{th} January. News link | Report Link



Upcoming Events

Harbour Roundtable 2 - Kai Tak

The second harbour roundtable will focus on plans for Kai Tak. We encourage our members to participate and email us your questions in advance to have a stimulating discussion and debate. Link>

Date: 14 February 2006 Time: 12:30 – 14:30

Venue: HK General Chamber of Commerce, 22/F United Centre, 95 Queensway, Hong Kong

Presenter: Mr Raymond LI, Kowloon District Planning Officer, Planning Department

Commentator: Ms. Pong Yuen Yee, Vice President, HKIP

Moderator: Mr Nicholas Brooke, Chairman, Professional Property Services Ltd

• Public opinion survey on our Harbour

What does Hong Kong really think about its harbour? Over the last few months, HBF has been conducting an indepth public opinion survey to collect the public's current views and opinions on our harbour. The study is now nearing completion - find out the answers in February.

• Harbour Walk 1 - Wanchai > Central

HBF and HKGCC are organising a series of guided Harbour Walks, starting on the 24th February, where we will be



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investigating on site the problems and identify opportunities with speakers to give talks along the route. Invites will be issued in due course.

Date: 24 February 2006 Time: 8:00 – 10:00

Route: Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club -> Queens Pier (highlights: Wanchai North, HKCEC, Central reclamation)

Guides: Dr. Andrew Thomson, Dr. WK Chan and Mr. Paul Zimmerman

Speakers: Ms. Christine Loh, Civic Exchange; Mr. Steven Townsend and Mr. Sylvester Wong, HOK; Mr. Fred Brown and Mr. Chapman Lam, MVA; Mr. Roger Nissim, SHK Properties; Ms. Sarah Monks, TDC.

• Harbour Business Forum's 'My Harbour' Public Design Competition!

The competition will be launched in March and we are still accepting offers of sponsorship from our members. We hope members will be able to provide space for leaflets, posters, banners, video walls, TV monitors, advertisement space. Please <u>contact us</u> if you can help in any way!



In the News

- "The Race to Save Victoria's Glory"; Asia Inc.; Dec 05/Jan 06
- "Taking Back the Waterfront"; Newsweek International; 16 January 2006
- "Tycoons want discussions with Tsang to boost harbour planning"; SCMP; 23 January 2006

More news in **news** section of our website



Around the harbour...

HBF wishes our members Kung Hei Fat Choi!

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