

**Progress Report No.2
June - August 2005**

1. Membership

1.1. Current Membership and Recruitment

We have added 12 members since the HBF June 2 launch. Membership of the Harbour Business Forum (HBF) currently stands at 118 companies including 11 patrons. *[Appendix 1.]* Continued efforts to broaden the membership are being made through the secretariat, and through the efforts of representatives of patron members. Additional efforts are being made to enlist the support of major Chinese companies.

2. Organisation and Structure

2.1. Structure

HBF's organisational structure remains unchanged, comprising the Patrons, the Executive committee, the two sub-committees (Best Practice, and Communications and External Relations), the Secretariat, and HBF's membership. Mode of operation and approval procedures were agreed and circulated to the various committees. Executive powers lie with Dr. Andrew Thomson who will determine when to escalate the issues to the committees.

2.2. Spokesperson

Spokespersons for the forum include Mr. Vincent Cheng, Mr. Andrew Long and Dr. Andrew Thomson. The Executive Committee identified a need for additional Chinese spokespersons and Mrs. Migonne Cheng of BNP Paribas and Mr. Otto Poon of Analogue have been appointed. Chairpersons of the committees will also comment on relevant issues.

3. Events

3.1. Past Events

3.1.1. Launch Meetings with Government Officials

Mr. Vincent Cheng and Mr. Andrew Long met with Dr Sarah Liao, Mr Michael Suen and Mr Henry Tang prior to the launch to inform them of HBF's presence and aims. Letters to the same effect were also sent to all representatives on May 31 from the government Executive Council and Legislative Council.

3.1.2. Formal Launch - 2nd June

Mr. Vincent Cheng as HBF spokesperson officially launched the forum and hosted the Q&A session with assistance from Mr. Andrew Long and Mr. Gordon Ongley. The event was a success attracting over 60 representatives from the media, received good coverage in the press and the government welcomed HBF in a press release. *[Appendix 2.]*

3.1.3. Joe Brown Luncheon - 13th July

A luncheon was held for government officials, patrons, and representatives from Chambers of Commerce at the China Club. Mr. Joe Brown, CEO of EDAW and ULI Trustee, shared his views on the importance of the public realm in the creation of great waterfronts and the contribution this generates in terms of social, economic and environmental value. Representatives from the government included Mrs. Rita Lau of Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau and Mr. Bosco Fung of the Planning Department. Presentation materials will be made available on our website.

3.1.4. HEC presentation on Kai Tak - July 18th

The Harbour-front Enhancement Committee's sub-Committee on THE South East Kowloon Development Review presented the progress of the Kai Tak Development Review to HBF members. The presentation was informative and a lively Q&A session followed. Key points made by HBF included the need for holistic and integrated planning in harbour development, the adoption of the Harbour Planning Principles by all government bodies, the development of criteria for determining what waterfront projects are needed and a clear and transparent evaluation process for these projects. Presentation materials will be made available on our website.

3.1.5. HEC Luncheon – 28th July

A lunch was held on July 28 between representatives from HBF's Executive committee and representatives from HEC. Representatives exchanged information and agreed to cooperate on research initiatives.

3.2. Future Events

3.2.1. Government Presentation of Harbour Plans – 7th September

Mr. Michael Suen, Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau (HPLB) is to present the government's plans for the Harbour to HBF's Patrons, Spokespersons and Executive Committee members on 7th September. Seven representative of including representatives from Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau (HPLB), Planning Department, Environment, Transport and Works Bureau (ETWB), Civil Engineering and Development Department, Transport Department will be present to answer questions.

3.2.2. International Speakers Series – 20th September

Mr. Mark Allan from VicUrban in Melbourne and Mr. Richard Brown, Greater London Authority, will be in Hong Kong for the BEC EnviroSeries conference. A luncheon will be held for HBF Patrons and EXCO, Government officials, representatives from the Legislative Council and the HEC to discuss lessons learned and moving the harbour debate forward.

3.2.3. BEC EnviroSeries of Urban Regeneration – 21st September

The conference will be held on 21st September 2005 and will include a section on Waterfront Regeneration. HBF Best Practice Committee co-chair Richard Marshall of EDAW will participate as a speaker.

4. Outreach

4.1. Outgoing

Key outgoing correspondences are:

4.1.1. Responding to Harbour Planning Principles (HPP) and Harbour Plan Review (HPR)

HBF responded to Harbour-front enhancement committee consultation on the Harbour Planning Principles, followed by a press release with limited coverage in the press.

4.1.2. HKCEC planning application

A letter was sent to Town Planning Board regarding the HKCEC extension planning application on July 26. In the letter HBF urged for a strategic review of the harbour, the application of the Harbour Planning Principles to all current and future development and that due process and transparency be observed for all projects. A supplementary letter was sent on August 25 including a traffic impact assessment. The planning application was approved by TPB on the 26th August. {Appendix 3}

4.1.3. Letter to CE

A letter was sent to the Sir Donald Tsang outlining HBF's view and position on the Harbour Planning Principles and his Office responded August 13th. CE office acknowledged the receipt of our letter on the 13th August without any firm commitment to the Harbour Planning Principles.

The following are the key letters and announcements HBF sent out in July and August:

Table 1

Date	To	Subject
2-Jun-05	Press release	HBF Launch - Hong Kong's Biggest Ever Alliance of Business Interests Formed to Promote Sustainable Development of the Harbour
20-Jul-05	Town Planning Board	Consideration of Rezoning Requests to the Central District (Extension) Outline Zoning Plan
20-Jul-05	Harbour-front Enhancement Committee	Harbour Planning Principles & Harbour Planning Process
22-07-05	HBF Members	Information Pack on Rezoning Requests Central District (Extension)
22-Jul-05	HBF Patrons	Information Pack on Harbour Planning Principles
24-Jul-05	Press release	Harbour Business Forum Responds To Harbour-Front Enhancement Committee Consultation - Urgent need for overarching policy and strategy to guide planning for a world-class harbour
26-Jul-05	Town Planning Board	Planning Application #A/H25/5 regarding the area between Phase I & Phase II of the HKCEC
27-Jul-05	Sir Donald Tsang <i>Chief Executive HKSAR</i>	Harbour Planning Principles
11-Aug-05	Mr. Fred Lam <i>Executive Director HKTDCC</i>	Reply - Expansion of the HKCEC
12-Aug-05	Harbour-front Enhancement Committee	Draft report on Harbour Enhancement Review Envisioning Stage
19-08-05	HBF Patrons	Information Pack on HBF procedures and Government Correspondence record
22-Aug-05	HBF Membership	Newsletter No. 1
25- Aug-05	Town Planning Board	Section 12A Application No. Z/H8/2 regarding ex-Government supplies Depart Depot, Oil Street, North Point
25 -Aug-05	Town Planning Board	Application #A/H25/5 to the TPB regarding the area between Phase I & Phase II of the HKCEC, Wanchai, HK for an Exhibition Hall (supplementary submission sent along with critique)

4.2. Incoming

The following are the key correspondence HBF received in July and August:

Table 2

Date	From	Subject
02-Jun-05	Patrick C.P.Ho <i>Secretary for Home Affairs Home Affairs Bureau</i>	} Launch of the Harbour Business Forum
02-Jun-05	Elsie Leung <i>Secretary for Justice Department of Justice</i>	
03-Jun-05	Iris Ho <i>Education & Manpower Bureau</i>	
03-Jun-05	Stephen Lam <i>Secretary for Constitutional Affairs Constitutional Affairs Bureau</i>	
07-Jun-05	Andrew Liao <i>Member of Executive Council</i>	
13-Jun-05	Selina Chow <i>Member of Executive Council & Legislative Council</i>	
27-Jul-05	P.Y. Tam <i>Secretary for Town Planning Board Town Planning Board</i>	Reply - Consideration of Rezoning Requests - The Central District (Extension) Outline Zoning Plan No. S/H24/6

Date	From	Subject
4-Aug-05	Fred Lam <i>Executive Director HK Trade Development Council</i>	Reply - Expansion of the HKCEC
13-Aug-05	Selene Tsoi <i>Acting Private Secretary to Chief Executive Office of the Chief Executive</i>	Reply - Harbour Planning Principles

5. Best Practice Committee Research

5.1. Agenda

The focus of this research is on improving the harbour development process not on harbour development projects. The Committee is examining the institutional arrangements for evaluation and implementation of harbour-related development and will recommend changes where appropriate. The research program is based upon a six-phase effort to examine the issues relative to Hong Kong's Harbour, to create a series of maps, to compare Hong Kong to other world cities, to review institutional frameworks for waterfront regeneration and finally to provide recommendations for how we see the Government moving forward with the planning of Victoria Harbour. Current research items in progress are:

5.2. Literature Review

HBF have been collecting and reviewing literature on harbour developments. Categories include HKSAR government's reports and papers, local independent reports and papers and international agencies' research and policy documents. Key aims of the literature review are to identify key issues related to Hong Kong harbour and harbour developments and form the basis of an analytical framework through which to undertake a comparative review of carefully selected international experiences.

5.3. An Audit of the harbour – Mapping of the HK Harbour Waterfront

ERM has been contracted to conduct this study, which includes the production of a set of maps that graphically depict the context of Victoria Harbour and lay out this context in a way that can be critically examined. The maps and the analysis report will be completed and published by the end of September.

5.4. Study the value of the harbour - Community Value Study

HBF is undertaking a study of the value of Harbour-Front enhancement in other locales, and the potential environmental, social and economic value of Hong Kong's harbour and Harbour-Front. This study is due to be completed by December and the scope of work is currently being defined.

6. Website Development

Harbour Business Forum website has been relaunched www.harbourbusinessforum.com The new website will house information relating to HBF's mission and aims including HBF news, press releases, research and resources, an events diary and international case studies.

7. Staffing

Ms. Michele Weldon and Ms. Brenda Fung continue to provide secretariat support to the HBF. A part-time Research Associate, Mr. Jonas Chau, was hired in July as part of the Secretariat and also works on HBF's research agenda.

8. Budget and Work Program

The Executive Committee approved a revised budget and workplan for the Forum during the 2nd meeting on 15th June 2005. END