



Harbour Business Forum Newsletter

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Dear members,

Since the launch of the Harbour Business Forum on 2nd June, we have hit the ground running with a flurry of activities, this is the first of a regular series of newsletters aiming to update our members of the events and progress of our focus.

Past events

Kai Tak Development Review presentation

[The Harbour-Front Enhancement Committee's](#) Sub-Committee on South East Kowloon Development Review presented the progress of the Kai Tak Development review to HBF members on the 18th July. The presentation was informative and a lively Q&A session was held afterwards. Key points made by HBF included:

- Holistic and integrated planning and for the assessment of all territorial needs, both on and around the harbour.
- Criteria, including economic, social, environmental, planning, transport, for determining what waterfront project are needed.
- A clear and transparent valuation process for these projects.
- Adoption of the Harbour Planning Principles by all levels of the government and the community.
- Due process and transparency to be observed in the consultation process

The outline concept plans are due to be released in September. You can keep up to date at the official website [here](#)

Joe Brown presentation.

Joseph E. Brown, President and CEO of [EDAW](#) the masterplanners for the winning London 2012 Olympics bid, made a presentation to HBF on 13th July where he talked about the importance of the public realm in the successful remaking of urban places and highlighted the creation of great waterfronts.

He also discussed the importance of comprehensive approach to city making and the contribution this generates in terms of social, economic and environmental value. His presentation will be available on the HBF website.



Outreach

24th July

Harbour business forum responded to Harbour-front enhancement committee consultation on the Harbour Planning Principles. [More...](#)

26th July

A letter was sent to Town Planning Board regarding the HKCEC extension planning application. In the letter HBF urged for a strategic review of the harbour, the Harbour Planning Principles be applied to all current and future development and that due process and transparency be observed for all projects.

Our Focus

Research

- An Audit of the harbour – Mapping of the HK Harbour Waterfront

The purpose of this is produce a set of maps that graphically depict the context of Victoria Harbour and lays 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.

- Study the value of the harbour - Community Value Study

We are 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. Updates on the progress of the study will be made here.

Website

Harbour Business Forum website will be relaunched in September. The new website will house a mass of resources and information relating to HBF's mission to see Hong Kong's harbour and Harbour-Front area become a genuinely vibrant, accessible and sustainable world-class asset. It will include:

- An up to date events and activities diary for both HBF, local and international harbour related events,
- HBF Case studies on international harbour planning and regeneration examples,
- Harbour Business Forum research publications and resources,
- Links to useful local and international harbour related bodies and websites.
- HBF news, press releases, mission statements, membership information and much more.

HBF will announce the launch in the coming weeks and we welcome your suggestions.

Upcoming Events

The Government to Present Harbour Plans to HBF

Michael Suen, Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau (HPLB) is to present the government's plans for the Harbour to HBF's Patrons and our Executive Committee members on [7 September](#).



To answer questions from HBF will also be Rita Lau, Bosco Fung and representatives from the Environment, Transport and Works Bureau and the Civil Engineering and Development Department. HBF members are welcome to submit any questions they may have so we can consolidate them for presentation at the meeting. Questions and comments can be [emailed](#) to us by Friday 26th August. Record of the meeting will be published for our members afterwards.

EnviroSeries 2005 to feature Waterfront Revitalization, Urban regeneration.

Business Environment Council's *EnviroSeries 2005 - Urban Regeneration: A Key To Hong Kong's Sustainable Future* on 21 September is devoting an entire session to Waterfront Regeneration, featuring local and international experts including HBF's own committee member Richard Marshall of EDAW.

Other two sessions are titled Urban Regeneration in Hong Kong and Sustainable Urban Planning for Regeneration. Visit the BEC website [here](#) for more information.

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