



Harbour Business Forum Newsletter | No. 3 | November 2005

Dear members,

Firstly a reminder for HBF members' briefing on the 10th November. To register for the event please contact Brenda at brenda@bec.org.hk or 2789 3938.

This month [Legco](#) has focused its attention on government plans for Central, City Forum [城市論壇](#) focused the public's attention on the same issues, [Urban Land Institute](#) started focusing their attention on our harbour developments, and [Ming Pao](#) focused their attention on us.

Past Events

- **Central in Legco**

Government presented to Legco its Central Plans, shown to HBF in [September](#). Legislators were concerned with the amount of commercial space allowed on the plans. The panel passed a non-binding motion to call for a substantial reduction of the commercial element in the project area, and a ban on the creation of new offices, shopping malls and hotels in the area.

- **Oil Street**

The rezoning request to scale down and revise plans of site on Oil Street to provide more open space for North Point, by [Designing Hong Kong Harbour District](#), was rejected by the Town Planning Board. The Board has however requested an amendment to the planning brief to take account of changing community aspirations, the board's [Vision and Goals for Victoria Harbour](#), [Harbour Planning Principles](#) and [Urban Design Guidelines](#).

- **Ming Pao**

HBF Chairman Andrew Long was interviewed in Ming Pao on 31st October where he reiterated HBF's key messages of the need for long-term holistic vision, the necessity for a Harbour Agency and the need to reconsider the use of Tamar. Reference was also made to [our](#) waterfront case study on Boston.

Upcoming Events

- **Hong Kong Harbour Celebrations**

[Harbour Week](#) (6-13 November) is a week of events celebrating our Harbour, organised by [SPH](#), [FOH](#) and Action Group on Protection of the Harbour.

[Harbour Day](#), Sunday 13th November, is a full day of water and shore based [events](#). Spearheading the day will be the round the island race headed by Hong Kong's top yachts and for the first time outrigger canoes.

- SCMP Conferences - Business and the Funding of Culture Conference – Beyond West Kowloon 7 November | [Details...](#)
- HEC - Harbour Enhancement Review (HER) for Wan Chai, Causeway Bay and adjoining areas - Consolidation Forum 12 November | [Details...](#)
- Legco Planning, Lands and Works Panel discusses future development on the Tamar site 22 November | [Details...](#)
- British Council - Design and Consultation in Urban Regeneration .Forum 23 November | [Details...](#)

More listings in [Events](#) section of our website



Outreach

- Letter responding to a statutory body proposal for the WKCD was submitted to Legco Subcommittee on WKCD Development on the 26 October 2005.

Website

www.harbourbusinessforum.com

- ULI's presentations are now available on our [website](#).
- We now have 'live news' in our resources\useful links section. HK Harbour News collects select news items on our harbour from online news sources and provide links through to the news items. This will be updated daily and for the techosavvy this section has its own RSS feed.

 <http://feeds.feedburner.com/Delicious/hbf/news>

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