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Past Events

- **HBF meets CE**

HBF Representatives met with the Chief Executive Donald Tsang (曾蔭權) on 17 March. A useful exchange of views took place. HBF reiterated its position on the need for a holistic vision for the harbour and the need for a single agency to oversee the management of the harbour. In addition, HBF called for a review of all Outline Zoning Plans around the harbour against the Harbour Planning Principles. The Chief Executive asked for HBF to support plans for Central reiterating that they had been through due process. He encouraged HBF to focus its resources on other areas around that harbour, in particular citing SE Kowloon. He agreed that we must do everything possible to maintain a first rate harbour-front.

Two unauthorised articles appeared in the [press](#):

Tsang privately urges tycoons to back Tamar; SCMP; 01.04.06 (see below)

News Link: [Harborfront group loses activist as ruling nears](#); The Standard; 03.04.06

- **HBF/HKGCC Harbour Roundtable 3: Central Planning Review**

Mr. Bosco Fung, Director of Planning Department presented the Government's plans for the Central Harbourfront. Mr. Steven Townsend and Mr Sylvester Wong presented the HBF review of these plans showing where problems exist and where improvements can be made to enhance the plans. Over 80 participants attended the roundtable and Mr. Nicolas Brooke moderated the session. The discussion, as always, was very lively and people questioned the need for the groundscraper, the nature of P2 roadway (parkway vs highspeed carriageway), the reason why pedestrian linkages to the waterfront were restricted to a single elevated shopping centre, and also some expressed very personal feeling on the destruction of historical symbols and heritage of the Harbour. The presentations will be available on our website.

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News link: [Businesses oppose harbor plans](#); The Standard; 31.03.06

- **International Waterfront Speakers Luncheon IV**

Prof Rinio Bruttomesso, Director General of [International Centre Cities on Water](#), Venice, Italy, gave a presentation on "Waterfront Development - A strategic choice for cities on water." The presentation gave insights on international developments especially in Europe and outlined the 10 principle for Sustainable Development of Urban Waterfronts. Participants included HBF members, the Honourable Michael Suen and other representatives from Government, Legco, District Councils, and Professional Associations.

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- **Water Development Forum - China Maritime 2006**

HBF and China Maritime organised an interesting morning of presentations. Seven international and local waterfront development experts gave their perspectives on the topic and their the presentations can be found on our website.

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Upcoming Events

- **Harbour Walk 2 – TST to Hunghom**

HBF and HKGCC are organising another popular Harbour Walk in the afternoon of 26-April. This second one will take us from Tsim Sha Tsui to Hunghom and we will examine the TST waterfront beautification project, as well as examine the rest of the stretch of waterfront in TST East and opportunities for the KCRC depot. The walk will finish with drinks at the Harbour Plaza Hotel.

- **Creating Valuable Cities Conference**

BEC/HBF, in partnership with the Urban Land Institute (ULI) and Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) is co-organising an international conference "Creating Valuable Cities" on 23 May. It will focus on a holistic approach to planning, emphasizing the need for integration, planning and sustainability and will examine the components of planning valuable cities. A strong panel of international and local speakers will provide a holistic examination of what "value" is in city terms and where it can be found, how it can be created, how it can be optimized, especially the intangible qualities that attract people to live, work and visit a city.

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In the News

- **My Harbour design competition**



Following our Public Opinion Survey, we have launched our "My Harbour" design competition. We strongly encourage our members to participate with their families and create entries during the coming holidays that express what you really want our harbour to look like. You could win a trip to Sydney Harbour! Deadline for entries is April 23 and the prize giving will be in June.

We also have a television commercial and many posters to promote the competition. If members have media or distribution channels that can help us promote this event please contact [us!](#)

Official Website: www.myharbour.hk



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- **Central Review**



In response to Government's presentation on the 7th September on Central Outline Zoning Plan (OZP), we have prepared an *HBF Review of Central Reclamation and Waterfront*.

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- **Changes in the Executive Committee**

Paul Zimmerman has resigned from the Executive Committee but remains a member of HBF.

More news in [news](#) section of our website



Around the harbour...

Urban Land Institute continues their focus on Hong Kong with the publication of their "Hong Kong Harbour Advisory Services Panel report".

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