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NEWS FLASH

The Harbour business Forum welcomes statement from the Hong Kong SAR Government on the 2 May, promising a review of the current plans for Central reclamation and surrounding areas. Please refer to news article below. A copy of HBF's [Central Review](#) is available on our website, if members require additional hard copies please contact us.



Past Events

- **Design competition Ferry ride**



The final ferry ride for the My harbour design competition took place on April the 8th with 200 participants, including representatives from the media who provided excellent coverage of the event. The Competition has now closed with almost 600 entries and the winners will be announced by our spokesperson Mr. Vincent Cheng on 8 June at a prize giving ceremony at Pacific Place.

[Photos](#) | [Press clippings download](#)

- **HBF and HKGCC Harbour Walk 2 – TST to Hunghom**



Forty participants took part in our second Harbour Walk from TST to Hunghom. Through a team of experts, we learned about the history of the Kowloon waterfront, existing arrangements of public and private management for the promenade, current beautification projects, KCRC hopes for a major upgrade of their waterfront land and opportunities at the Hunghom waterfront. The walk concluded with drinks and a great view of the harbour at Hong Kong Harbour Plaza's Waterfront Terrace. A powerpoint of the walk will be available on the website shortly.



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Upcoming Events

- **HBF and HKGCC Harbour 4th Roundtable - Star Ferry and CCharM** **12 May 2006**

Due for opening in July 2006, we will have a preview of the new Star Ferry Central Piers and the proposed upgrade for TST piers. We will also look at how Star Ferry and the Central Ferry Piers integrate into the fabric of Hong Kong, both, physically in its waterfront surroundings, functionally as a mode of transport and attraction, and socially as a key heritage icon. [Details and registration...](#)

- **PPS Placemaking Workshop** **22 May 2006**

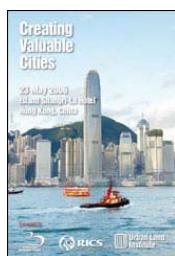


This special Placemaking workshop run by [Project for Public Spaces \(PPS\)](#) will provide practical information as well as inspiration to people who want to improve the public environment of the Harbour. PPS president Mr. Fred Kent will run this workshop supported by HBF, space is limited so we encourage you to sign up now brenda@bec.org.hk 2784 3938

- **Cocktail reception** **22 May 2006**

HBF and BEC will be hosting the opening event for the "Creating Valuable Cities Conference"

- **Creating Valuable Cities Conference** **23 May 2006**



The Creating Valuable Cities Conference will examine the essential elements that are needed for creating a vibrant, attractive, productive, and sustainable city. It will take an in-depth look at the strategies that make certain cities economic, social and cultural powerhouses, key international and local speakers will explore these issues and their importance for Hong Kong.

HBF will be releasing our "Harbour Value Study" at the Conference. The study determines the public's willingness to pay for improvement to the harbour and attaches a monetary value to public open spaces and amenities. This is the first time such a study has been undertaken and will provide a new and powerful view of the harbour's true value.

[Details and registration...](#)

- **CanCham Harbour Luncheon** **24 May 2006**

Waterfront luncheon presented by the HK Canadian Chamber of Commerce, the Canadian Consulate and supported by the Harbour Business Forum on 24 May. Larry Beasley, Co-Director of Planning and Director of Current Planning for the City of Vancouver, and Christine Loh, Chair of Civic Exchange will be exploring waterfront issues both in Hong Kong and Vancouver. HBF members can attend at CanCham member rates of HK\$330. [Details and registration](#)



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In the News...



Around the harbours...

- **May 7 & 21 - Central and Western District Council / [CE@H](#)** Community Planning in Action
- From Central to Tamar [Details...](#)
- **Città d'Acqua** featured HBF and China Maritime in their latest newsletter [Link](#)
- **The World Urban Forum** was established by the United Nations to examine one of the most pressing issues facing the world today: rapid urbanisation and its impact on communities, cities, economies and policies. One of the major challenges is to achieve environment-friendly, sustainable urban growth and development. The third Forum will be held in June in Vancouver.
[Link](#)

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