

## The Harbour Business Forum Mission and Focus

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### Who are we?

The Harbour Business Forum is a coalition of diverse businesses whose aim is to influence Government policy and decision making with respect to the harbour on the basis of what is in Hong Kong's best long-term economic, social and environmental interests.

### Our Mission

The Harbour is core to Hong Kong's heritage, an international icon and a source of inspiration to those who live and work in Hong Kong.

Our mission is to see Hong Kong's harbour and harbour-front areas become a genuinely vibrant, accessible and sustainable world-class asset. We aim to engage with relevant stakeholders and the Government in order to agree upon, and implement, a common vision for the harbour.

### Our Focus

The Harbour Business Forum will initially undertake the following:

- **Study international best practices** - we will study international best practices in harbour-front planning and we will work with professionals, academics and Government to bring such expertise as needed to Hong Kong by organizing seminars, workshops, conferences and other events.
- **Review management of harbour-fronts** - we will review the international and local institutional arrangements for the design, construction, implementation and management of world-class waterfronts, and where appropriate call for changes to the current systems in Hong Kong.
- **Study the value of Hong Kong's harbour** - we will undertake 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.
- **Respond to Government and other bodies** - as a coalition, we will respond to Government initiatives relating to harbour development. We will initially review and comment on the Harbour Planning Principles and Harbour Plan Review (currently being developed by the Harbour-front Enhancement Committee [HEC]). Once these are finalized, we will strongly encourage their rigorous application to all on-going and future developments. We will stress the need for holistic and integrated planning and for the assessment of all territorial needs, both on and around the harbour.