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## **HBF Photo Competition Winning Photos Depict Concerns and Love for “Our Harbour”**

After three weeks of online voting and professional evaluation, winners of the “Our Harbour” Photo Competition organised by Harbour Business Forum (HBF), an initiative of Business Environment Council (BEC), were announced at the award presentation ceremony held on 2 May 2013 at Hong Kong Maritime Museum.

“Our Harbour” Photo Competition was held to communicate the many benefits and attractions of Victoria Harbour through engaging the public in showcasing the best of the Harbour by capturing its beauty and uniqueness.

Mrs Margaret Brooke, Best Practice Committee Chairman of HBF, remarked at the award presentation ceremony, “Victoria Harbour is an invaluable asset of Hong Kong. It is important for every one of us to make our harbour and the harbourfront areas genuinely vibrant, accessible and sustainable. The photo competition is a means to remind us of the unique attraction of our harbour and the need to preserve its beauty and allow it to be shared and enjoyed by all members of the public.”

Divided into three main groups, Open, School and Professional, the photo competition invited the public to vote online to select the winning entries for the first two groups, while entries of the Professional Group was evaluated by a judging panel formed by Mr Winston Chu, Chairman of Society for Protection of the Harbour; Mr Felix So, eminent professional photographer; and Mr Cheung King Ling, Picture Editor of Ming Pao Newspapers Limited.

When commenting on the entries of the Professional Group, Mr Winston Chu, Chairman of the Judging Panel, said “There are entries to this competition of a very high standard, both in terms of photographic technique and aesthetic sense, as well as the ability to capture the beauty and uniqueness of Victoria Harbour.”

### **Results of HBF “Our Harbour” Photo Competition**

#### **Open Group – “Recreational Enjoyment” category**

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* Wong Tsui Sang (HK\$5,000 cash prize)

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Wong Tin Shun (HK\$2,500 cash prize)

#### **Open Group – “Beautiful and Romantic Harbour” category**

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* Leung Wing Kit (HK\$5,000 cash prize)

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Yan Kwok Chu (HK\$2,500 cash prize)

**Open Group** – “Working Heritage Harbour” category

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* Leung Pui Yan (HK\$5,000 cash prize)

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Tong Chi Hang (HK\$2,500 cash prize)

**School Group** – “Ships and Boats” category

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* Kwok Man Tai (HK\$6,000 cash prize)

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Wong Loc Heng (HK\$3,000 cash prize)

**School Group** – “Harbour and Harbourfront Activities” category

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* Yu Yee Yeung (HK\$6,000 cash prize)

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Lam Wing Yin (HK\$3,000 cash prize)

**Professional Group** – “Spirit of Victoria Harbour” category

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* Chow Ho Sum (HK\$10,000 cash prize)

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Lau Sai Wah (HK\$6,000 cash prize)

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Kwong Fu Fai (HK\$3,000 cash prize)

Mrs Margaret Brooke said, “A picture speaks a thousand words. HBF is grateful for the efforts of all the participants in depicting their views, love and concerns for our harbour in their unique pictures. These winning photos will be open for sharing with the public at Hong Kong Maritime Museum, itself a very unique place for holding our award presentation, exhibiting as it does the heritage of our harbour and providing stunning view harbour views for the public to enjoy.”

All winning photos will be exhibited at Hong Kong Maritime Museum, Central Pier No 8, Central, Hong Kong from 2 to 20 May 2013. They are also available on the photo competition website (<http://competition.victoriaharbour.hk>).

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**About the Harbour Business Forum**

The Harbour Business Forum (HBF) was formally launched in 2005, due to a concern about how developments in and around the harbour could have a negative impact upon the future development of Hong Kong. An initiative of the Business Environment Council, HBF is a membership supported organisation and now one of the largest business alliances with 121 business members – including 10 Patron

Members, 29 Corporate Members, 53 Professional Members and 29 Supporting Members from business chambers and professional associations. HBF is primarily a research driven think tank with a distinct, if discreet lobbying edge defined by its principles and objectives. These include the creation of an overarching agency for the harbour and the need for any harbour development to have greater access to the harbour. For more details about the HBF, please visit the HBF official website: <http://www.harbourbusinessforum.com>.

### **Photo Caption**



(1) HBF member representatives together with “Our Harbour” Photo Competition winners and judges.



(2) “Our Harbour” Photo Competition 1<sup>st</sup> place winner of Professional Group “Victoria Harbour in My Eye”



*(3) "Our Harbour" Photo Competition 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner of Professional Group "The Wholeness of Family and Moon"*



*(4) "Our Harbour" Photo Competition 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner of Professional Group "Striving Upwards"*