

# HONG KONG REVIEW



## Hong Kong prominently positioned in China's latest Five-Year Plan

**A** chapter devoted to Hong Kong has been included for the first time in China's recently-published National Five-Year Plan.

The dedicated chapter emphasises the Central Authorities' support for Hong Kong in consolidating and enhancing its position as an international financial, trade and shipping centre; as well as support for Hong Kong's development into an offshore Renminbi business centre and an international asset management centre.

The chapter also emphasises

the Central Authorities' support for Hong Kong in nurturing emerging industries and developing the six industries where Hong Kong enjoys clear advantages; as well as support for deepening the economic co-operation between the Mainland of China and Hong Kong.

Speaking at a high-powered Forum on the Five-Year Plan organised by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government in April, Chief Executive, Mr Donald Tsang, said: "The chapter highlights the important functions and positioning of the

HKSAR and signifies the Central Authorities' strenuous support for maintaining the prosperity and stability of Hong Kong.

"This serves to open up new room for Hong Kong's further development and contribute to the overall national development. It is in essence a milestone benefiting the nation, the HKSAR and the people."

The Five-Year Plan is China's blueprint and action agenda for development. This Plan is the 12th to be published and sets out a programme of economic development and reform driven by balanced growth.



**Above:** The Chief Executive, Mr Donald Tsang, speaks at the opening of the Forum on the National 12th Five-Year Plan at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Wan Chai.

### ●●● International

## Russian President visits Hong Kong

**At the invitation of the Chief Executive, Mr Donald Tsang, the President of the Russian Federation, Mr Dmitry Medvedev, led a business delegation on a two-day visit to Hong Kong on 16 April.**

Mr Tsang met the President in a bilateral meeting before hosting an official luncheon for him on 17 April at Government House.

Mr Medvedev is the first Russian President to visit the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

Mr Tsang said: "During my visit to Moscow last August, I invited Mr Medvedev to visit Hong Kong with a business delegation. I am very glad that



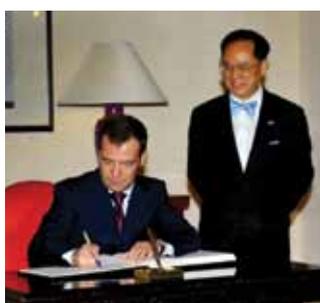
**Above left:** The Chief Executive, Mr Donald Tsang, greets the President of the Russian Federation, Mr Dmitry Medvedev, at Government House.

**Above right:** President Medvedev signs the guest book at Government House.

the visit was realised within such a short span of nine months. It will be a big boost to our bilateral relationship."

Mr Medvedev noted that while the growth in trade and passenger flow between the two places in recent years has been impressive, there was colossal potential for further increase.

He also said that Russia was keen to tap Hong Kong's rich experience in financial services to develop its own, and that Hong Kong's strength in this area offered much room for co-operation.



The relationship between Hong Kong and Russia has been growing fast in recent years. Last year, the value of bilateral trade grew by more than 62 per cent. Financial co-operation between the two places is also increasing. Last year saw the first listing of a Russian company in Hong Kong.

Since a visa-free access agreement was implemented in mid-2009, the number of Russian visitors to Hong Kong has doubled to 87,000 in 2010.

The two leaders also emphasised cultural and sport co-operation. Congratulating



**Above:** President Medvedev speaks at Government House.

Russia on its successful bid to host the 2018 World Cup, Mr Tsang invited Russia to send a football team to play in Hong Kong. The President responded positively to this idea and to the idea of staging a Russian cultural festival in Hong Kong. He also offered Russian contributions to the development of the West Kowloon Cultural District.



●●● Culture

# KUNG HEI FAT CHOY!

**Those were the words on the lips of every Hong Konger on 3 February, at the beginning of the Chinese New Year.**

The passage into the Year of the Rabbit kicked off more than a month of activities in which the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (HKETO) took the opportunity to mark the celebrations in the countries under its purview.

In London, the Director-General of HKETO London, Mrs Agnes Allcock, welcomed more than 500 guests to a reception at the Whitehall Banqueting House at which she spoke about Hong Kong's achievements over the past year and the role Hong Kong can play in helping UK companies do business with China.



**Left:** Mrs Agnes Allcock offers a Chinese New Year greeting to guests in London.

Mrs Allcock began by noting the significance of the Year of the Rabbit: "In the Chinese zodiac, the characteristics of the rabbit are quite interesting," she said. "The Chinese rabbit symbolizes agility, kindness and gracefulness. People born in the Year of the Rabbit are said to be quick-witted and have a natural intuition to detect dangers and take swift action to avert them.

"They have an almost Zen-like ability to maintain focus while all about them is chaos. We

can all do with more of such qualities to see us through challenging times in the 21st century."

Following the opening reception in London, a series of similar receptions and trade and investment seminars organised or co-organised by the HKETO took place in Manchester, Stockholm, Oslo, Edinburgh, Copenhagen, Helsinki, Moscow, St Petersburg, Gothenburg and Malmö.

HKETO London was also closely involved in the world famous London Chinatown celebrations in Trafalgar Square, Chinatown and Shaftesbury Avenue – one of the biggest Chinese New Year events outside Asia with more than half a million people taking part – by creating 'Hong Kong in London Chinatown'.

As well as sponsoring stage performances by local musicians and dancers, the office created a replica of the Lam Tsuen Wishing Tree in Chinatown, which allowed thousands of people to throw specially-made 'wishes' at the tree in the hope that they would stay in the branches so that their wishes would come true.



## Wishing Trees

For centuries Hong Kong people used to make wishes at the Lam Tsuen Wishing Tree. At Chinese New Year they would write their wishes on paper, tie them to an orange and throw them into the wishing tree – if they caught in the branches it was said that the wishes would come true.

Sadly the practice was stopped in 2005 when a



**Above:** By the end of the day the "Wishing Tree" in London Chinatown was festooned with colourful "wishes".



branch of one of the trees broke off. Now the wishes are tied onto wooden racks beside the trees – but the tradition lives on as a replica tree has been erected in the village square. The wishing trees are located near the Tin Hau Temple in Fong Ma Po Village, in Lam Tsuen. This was built around the time of Emperor Qian Long of the Qing dynasty (1736 -1795).



●●● Culture

## Hong Kong flavour to Lord Mayor's Show

**A dragon dance team, drummers, colourful banners, Kung Fu artists and a Wishing Tree were all features of Hong Kong's contribution to the 2010 City of London Lord Mayor's Show on 13 November.**

Participating in the Lord Mayor's Show for the sixth time, the elements of Hong Kong's entry were all themed on health, wealth and

happiness – right down to Hong Kong's position in the convoy of floats. Hong Kong's float was number 38, which in Cantonese signifies luck and prosperity.

Mrs Agnes Allcock, Director-General of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, London, which devised and organised the display, said: "We welcome the new Lord Mayor of

London, Alderman Michael Bear and look forward to working with him.

"Our float in this year's Lord Mayor's Show demonstrates the vibrant, colourful life and traditions of Hong Kong, and invites people to take part by making wishes for health, wealth and long life – something we can all relate to."



## ●●● Budget



**Left:** Mr John C Tsang appeared on a live television discussion at Central Government Offices to outline details of the Budget.

# A BUDGET TO KEEP HONG KONG COMPETITIVE

**Hong Kong's Financial Secretary, Mr John C Tsang, has unveiled a Budget for 2011-2012 that takes advantage of Hong Kong's healthy fiscal situation to make sustained investments in some key policy areas with the aim of maintaining the city's competitiveness and fostering future economic development.**

Speaking on the Budget to the Legislative Council on 23 February, Mr Tsang said Hong Kong's economy grew by 6.8 per cent in real terms in 2010 but rising inflation loomed throughout the remainder of 2011.

He said the economy staged a full recovery at a faster pace than expected in 2010 thanks to the strong growth in the Mainland of China and Asia. Hong Kong's exports of goods soared by 17.3 per cent in real terms in 2010, while private consumption spending grew by 5.8 per cent and investment spending grew by 8.1 per cent.

**Right:** Mr Tsang also appeared on a radio discussion jointly hosted by Radio Television Hong Kong, Commercial Radio and Metro Radio.



## FACTS AND FIGURES

- For 2011, inflation is forecast at 4.5 per cent with GDP growth of 5-6 per cent
- For the medium term, annual average growth is estimated at 4 per cent in real terms for the period 2012-2015, with underlying inflation averaging 3.5 per cent
- Total revenue for the 2010-11 financial year reached HK\$374.8 billion
- Government expenditure for 2010-11 is estimated to reach HK\$303.5 billion
- A consolidated surplus of HK\$71.3 billion is forecast for 2010-11
- Healthy economy boosted Government's revenues.

## Investing in the future

**The Financial Secretary, Mr John C Tsang also announced record infrastructure spending and a series of initiatives to foster growth in key economic areas.**

Capital works expenditure is predicted to reach a record HK\$58 billion in 2011-12 as the 10 major infrastructure projects continue to be rolled out over the next few years. These projects include the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, the Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link and the Kai Tak Development Plan Stage 1.

On financial services, Mr Tsang said Hong Kong would continue to foster the further development of offshore Renminbi business, consolidate its position as an attractive capital-raising centre for overseas companies and enhance the competitiveness of its asset management industry. While maintaining a high standard of regulation, the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited would continue to streamline the listing process for overseas companies, shorten the timetable and lower costs.

To further diversify the economy, the Financial Secretary said the government would continue to roll out support measures for the six industries identified as having a clear advantage, namely, medical services, testing and certification, education services, environmental industries, cultural and creative industries, and innovation and technology.

On wine-related business, Mr Tsang said the value of wine imports exceeded HK\$6.9 billion in 2010, an increase of 73 per cent over 2009. The government would continue to help the industry to tap business opportunities arising from the growing demand for wine across Asia, especially in the Mainland of China.



●●● Tourism

## HONG KONG TOURISM HITS AN ALL-TIME HIGH

**Hong Kong's tourism industry hit an all-time high in 2010, with a record 36 million visitors visiting the Special Administrative Region and spending a staggering \$212 billion in the process.**

Welcoming the news, Commissioner for Tourism, Mr Philip Yung, said: "Our tourism industry took a great leap forward in 2010. We must continue to make our best endeavours and ensure Hong Kong remains a value for money destination."

Mr Yung highlighted some of the new developments that have boosted the industry, including the redevelopment of Ocean Park. A major new attraction, "Aqua City", was opened in early 2011. Another two attractions, "Rainforest" and "Thrill Mountain", will open later this year.

Hong Kong Disneyland is expanding too, with the first new themed area, "Toy Story Land", expected to open by the end of this year.

Another major investment is the new cruise terminal at Kai Tak. Construction is well underway, and the terminal building and the first berth will come into operation in mid-2013.

In the light of visitor growth, the Government has taken action to promote hotel development. Hotel accommodation tax has been waived since 2008, a number of new sites have been designated for hotel use, and conversion of old industrial and heritage buildings into hotels has been facilitated.

Last October, the Chief Executive announced a review of the entire tourism sector. The aim is to have a system that can meet the needs of an ever-growing and increasingly complex industry.

Mr Yung concluded: "With landmark events, new tourism facilities and promotion in emerging markets to expand our visitor portfolio, I am confident Hong Kong will remain a first-choice destination for tourists and business travellers around the world."

The world's highest hotel, the Ritz Carlton, has also opened in Hong Kong, taking up floors 102-118 of the International Commerce Centre, which, with its Sky100 observation deck, also offers a panoramic view of the city.

●●● Economic Development

## Financial Secretary visits London



**Above:** Mr Tsang (second right) speaks with (from left) His Royal Highness Prince Andrew, Chairman of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, Mr Jack So, and UK Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, Dr Vince Cable.

**The Financial Secretary, Mr John C Tsang, has spent a whistle-stop two days in London in October 2010 learning about recent UK economic developments.**

During his visit, Mr Tsang met with key financial institution leaders including the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Mr Danny Alexander, and the Governor of the Bank of England, Mr Mervyn King, to discuss issues of mutual interest.

He also gave a lecture at the London School of



**Above:** Mr Tsang was greeted by the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Mr Danny Alexander.

Economics and Political Science on the topic of 'Hong Kong's Changing Financial Landscape'.

Mr Tsang also spoke as Guest of Honour at the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) Dinner in London, also attended by UK Guest of Honour, His Royal Highness Prince Andrew in his role as Special Representative for International Trade and Investment, and UK Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, Dr Vince Cable.

●●● Labour Policy

## Hong Kong implements minimum wage

**An initial statutory minimum wage rate for Hong Kong of \$28 per hour was introduced on 1 May.**

Commenting on the development, The Chief Executive, Mr Donald Tsang, said: "Legislating for a minimum wage is a major labour policy of the current term Government. It is also a milestone in our protection of the rights of low-income workers.

"The minimum wage rate has been discussed by society for years. I would like to extend my thanks to the chairperson and members of the Provisional Minimum Wage Commission for their hard work for a long period of time. Despite tremendous difficulties, the Commission reached a consensus on the initial statutory minimum wage rate. This is a hard-won achievement.

"The statutory minimum wage is new to Hong Kong. I hope that various sectors will join hands in making the necessary preparation for the implementation of the new legislation in the interests of Hong Kong for the better protection of low-income workers.

"The implementation of a minimum wage will have an impact on the labour market and the business environment. The Labour Department will strengthen employment services for youngsters, middle-aged people and people with disabilities, and formulate guidelines to help employees better understand their respective obligations and entitlements."

●●● Education

## An educational first for Hong Kong

A prestigious British Council education conference bringing together leading politicians, academics and decision makers has taken place in Hong Kong in the first staging of the conference outside of the UK.



**Left:** Hong Kong Chief Executive, Mr Donald Tsang performs a traditional eye-dotting ceremony at the opening session of Going Global.

'Going Global 2011' took place between 10 -12 March at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre on Victoria Harbour.

On the morning of the opening session, Chief Executive, Mr Donald Tsang, welcomed delegates who had travelled from around the world. He hailed recent positive developments in Hong Kong's educational sector.

He said: "In our next financial year, starting on 1 April, we expect to spend HK\$54 billion on education.

This accounts for almost a quarter of our total recurrent expenditure.

"The Government will continue to make education its single biggest spending priority. We will continue to introduce initiatives tailored to the demands and aspirations of the international student community. And Hong Kong will remain a firm friend and partner of cities around the globe. All this will help to promote world education as the new intellectual and economic powerhouse."

●●● Education and Culture

## LESSONS LEARNED IN LONDON

**Links between Hong Kong and the UK have been strengthened through visits to London by two members of the Hong Kong Government.**

In January, a delegation led by Kenneth Chen, the Under Secretary for Education, visited the UK to enhance Hong Kong's position as a regional education hub and foster collaboration in e-learning.

Mr Chen and representatives of educational institutions and companies providing e-learning solutions spent four days in London to attend the Education World Forum. He separately called on the UK Government to discuss collaboration between Hong Kong and the UK in promoting e-learning in schools and strengthening the ties between tertiary institutions.

Another visit followed in March from Mr Raymond Young, Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs. He spent three days studying the funding of the arts and management of multidisciplinary performance venues, meeting top executives from organisations including the Department for Culture, Media and Sport and Arts Council England.

●●● Direct Investment

## Ten years of exceeded targets

**Invest Hong Kong has set a 10-year record for the number of overseas and Mainland Chinese companies setting up or expanding in Hong Kong.**

In 2010, InvestHK, the government department responsible for attracting foreign direct investment, assisted 284 overseas and Mainland Chinese companies to set up or expand in Hong Kong, which accounted for 3,056 jobs created in the companies' first year of operation or expansion.

Director-General of Investment Promotion at InvestHK, Mr Simon Galpin, said the 2010 achievement marks 10 consecutive years of exceeded targets and demonstrates "a strong vote of confidence in Hong Kong as a business location."

Mainland China continued to be the largest single source of investment into Hong Kong with a total of 52 projects, followed closely by the USA, the UK, Japan and Australia.

InvestHK is continuing to attract investment into Hong Kong. So far in 2011, this has included an investment promotion seminar to encourage investors in China's Hebei province to use Hong Kong as a platform to "Go Global" by leveraging on the advantages offered by the city's financial and professional services.



●●● Economic Development

## An enduring friendship

**The Director-General of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in London has addressed members of the UK Parliament on the importance of Hong Kong to the UK.**

In a wide-ranging address in December, Mrs Agnes Allcock cited the main reasons why she believed the two have enjoyed a long and harmonious relationship, including shared values, cultural similarities and Hong Kong's position as a

gateway into Mainland China.

Mrs Allcock said business links between the two are strong, with Hong Kong direct investments in major British sectors amounting to £6 billion.

She added: "There are well over 1,000 British companies in Hong Kong and given the historic links between the two economies, Hong Kong is the natural partner for British businesses trying to enter the Chinese market."

●●● Economic Development

## Hong Kong world's freest economy and first for competitiveness



**Left:** Chief Executive, Mr Donald Tsang receives a copy of the 2011 Index of Economic Freedom from Dr Edwin Feulner, President of The Heritage Foundation.

**Hong Kong's commitment to supporting and sustaining open business has been recognised by the Heritage Foundation, which has ranked Hong Kong as the world's freest economy for the 17th consecutive year in their Index of Economic Freedom.**

According to the 2011 Index, Hong Kong scored 89.7, well above the world average of 59.7, putting it ahead of second placed Singapore and third placed Australia respectively.

Welcoming the Heritage Foundation's recognition of the economic model in place in Hong Kong, a Government spokesman said: "We are determined to uphold economic freedom in Hong Kong, which is the cornerstone of sustained economic stability, growth and prosperity."

Among the 10 economic freedom factors assessed, Hong Kong ranked first in financial freedom and trade freedom, second in investment freedom and property rights, and third in business freedom and monetary freedom.

Along with the US, Hong Kong has also been ranked the most competitive region in the world by the International Institute for Management Development.

●●● Financial Services

## Hong Kong 'gateway to China'

**The Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Professor K C Chan, has told a major conference in London that Hong Kong offers huge opportunities for the financial services industry in accessing the world's economic growth engine in Mainland China.**

Speaking to delegates at the 'Hong Kong: China's Global Financial Centre' conference, Prof. Chan said that global investors can use Hong Kong to access Mainland China's increasing wealth pool and also tap into opportunities in Asia. He spoke of the potential in the region for the asset management industry and also the opportunities brought about by the gradual internationalisation of the Renminbi, China's national currency. He said: "Hong Kong is a leading hub for raising capital, not just for overseas companies but also for Mainland China enterprises."

Speaking of the synergies between Hong Kong and London, he said: "Like London, our regulations are of a high standard. Like London, we have a free and open economy. Like London, we have the infrastructure and professional talent to support our financial services. Add to that, our relationship with China and proximity to the rest of Asia."

During an earlier visit to London in June, Professor Chan signed an agreement alongside the UK Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury, Mr David Gauke, for the avoidance of double taxation between Hong Kong and the UK.

The agreement is the 12th of its kind to be agreed between Hong Kong and its trading partners and will help investors assess their potential tax liabilities, foster closer economic and trade links, and encourage business between the two partners.



**Left:** Professor K C Chan (left) signs an agreement for the avoidance of double taxation with the UK Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury, Mr David Gauke, (middle).

●●● Economic Development

## VINTAGE YEAR FOR WINE TRADE

**Hong Kong's wine-related business is enjoying a vintage period, according to the latest industry figures.**

The decision to abolish the 80 per cent duty on wine in February 2008 is reaping huge benefits, with wine imports growing to HK\$4.7 billion – or US\$600 million – in the first nine months of 2010, and sectors such as catering, tourism and warehousing experiencing growth as a result.

The abolition of wine duty has also seen Hong Kong overtake New York as the world's largest wine auction centre.

Local events that champion and promote the cream of quality wines being enjoyed in the region are also continuing to thrive. The Hong Kong Wine and Dine Festival 2010, held at West Kowloon Waterfront Promenade in October, and the third Hong Kong International Wine &



**Above:** The Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Henry Tang (centre), visits the Hong Kong International Wine & Spirits Fair.

Spirits Fair, held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre in November, were both highly successful, offering thousands of consumers and traders alike the opportunity to celebrate all things wine.

●●● Economic Development

## Significant rise in cargo and containers

**Hong Kong imports and exports are performing strongly, according to new statistics published.**

Total port cargo throughput in the port of Hong Kong increased by 10 per cent in 2010 to 267.9 million tonnes. Inward port cargo rose by 11 per cent to 154.3 million tonnes, while outward port cargo increased by 10 per cent to 113.6 million tonnes.

In 2010, the port of Hong Kong handled 23.7 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) of containers, representing an increase of 13 per cent over 2009. Among laden containers, inward containers increased by 14 per cent to 9.9 million TEUs, while outward containers also rose by 12 per cent to 10.1 million TEUs.

And it's not just by sea that traffic is increasing. Hong Kong International Airport said the amount of air cargo it handled in 2010 increased by 23.4 per cent to 4.1 million tonnes compared to 2009, overtaking Memphis, USA, and making it the world's largest air cargo hub.

## ●●● Public Assistance

## ETO ASSISTANCE BRINGS STUDENTS IN FROM THE COLD

**The HKSAR Government, the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, London (ETO) and Cathay Pacific Airways swung into action to assist Hong Kong students travelling home for Christmas who found themselves stranded at Heathrow Airport due to heavy snow.**

After all flights out of Heathrow were disrupted in December last year, many passengers found themselves stranded inside the airport as transport services ground to a halt. The Hong Kong Government Immigration Department received 646 requests for assistance, mostly from UK-based students who found their travel plans to Hong Kong disrupted.

Staff members of the ETO worked closely with Cathay Pacific Airways to ensure arrangements were quickly made to transfer students to the nearby Park Inn Heathrow Hotel. There they were given food, access to medical treatment, beds and assistance to amend their travel plans, with support and reinforcement from the Hong Kong Immigration Department and the Chinese Embassy.

After the winter weather abated sufficiently to allow flights to resume, three additional flights eventually brought everyone safely back allowing every student to be reunited with their families in time for Christmas.

## ●●● Culture



**Above:** Mr Henry Tang is briefed on the design of the conceptual plan models.

## West Kowloon plans move forward

**The development of the West Kowloon Cultural District has moved into an exciting new phase following the announcement of a preferred development plan and the appointment of a new Chief Executive Officer of the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority (WKCD).**

City Park, by UK architects Foster + Partners, was unveiled in March as the preferred option for the future of the District, from a shortlist of three. And Michael Lynch, former chief executive of the Southbank Centre in London has been appointed as the Chief Executive of the WKCD.

## ●●● Culture

## East meets west on the silver screen

**The first co-produced movie between Hong Kong and Latvia has premiered to a strong critical and commercial response.**

Amaya, which was released internationally as Hong Kong Confidential, premiered in September in the Lithuanian capital city of Vilnius, and Latvia's capital, Riga.

Filmed entirely in Hong Kong, the film centres on the blossoming relationship between the film's titular character Amaya and a charming Englishman she befriends.

Hong Kong company October Pictures Limited partnered Latvian company Krukfilms to produce the movie.

Mrs Agnes Allcock, the Director-General of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (HKETO) in London was a guest at the film's gala premiere in Vilnius in September 2010.

In its opening weekend in Lithuania, Hong Kong Confidential was the number one movie both in terms of attendance and box office take.



**Above:** From left, Andrius Mamontovas, Agnes Allcock, Maris Martinsons and Linda Krukle, at the premiere of Hong Kong/Latvia film Amaya in Vilnius.

In neighbouring Latvia, it was the second most attended movie in its opening weekend.

The movie has also earned a positive 7.4 out of 10 rating from users of influential movie website IMDB.

Mr Arunas Gelunas, Minister of Culture of the Republic of Lithuania (who also attended the Premiere of Amaya), visited Hong Kong on 15 May. He visited the Applied Laboratory of Interactive Visualization and Embodiment of the City University of Hong Kong at the Hong Kong Science Park, as well as the Cyberport in Pok Fu Lam. He also met with officials from the Home Affairs Bureau during his brief stay in Hong Kong.

The Foster proposal for the 40-hectare site includes a wealth of cultural spaces including performing arts venues, theatres, museums and galleries, plus recreational spaces and retail, hotel, commercial and residential properties.

A detailed development plan will now be prepared, incorporating views from members of the public on key elements and features, before a final plan is submitted to the Town Planning Board.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Friday, 10 June 2011

Hong Kong Society Dinner, The Honourable Artillery Company, Chiswell Street, London.

### Sunday, 19 June 2011

London Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival, London Regatta Centre, Royal Albert Docks.

### Monday 12 & Tuesday 13 September 2011

'Think Asia, Think Hong Kong' Symposium The Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London.

### Tuesday, 13 September 2011

Hong Kong Trade Development Council Annual Dinner, Hilton Hotel, Park Lane, London. (by invitation only)

### Saturday, 12 November 2011

Lord Mayor's Show, London.