Waterfront Development in Hong Kong

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For over a century, we reclaimed from Victoria Harbour to meet Hong Kong’s development needs

Area of reclamation: about 2,830 ha
The reclaimed Harbourfront has given Hong Kong:

- International Financial Centre
- Convention & Exhibition Centre
- Container Terminals
- Key Infrastructure
- Industrial Areas

- Wholesale markets for fish and vegetables
- Pumping stations
- Sewage screening plants
- Public cargo works areas
- Refuse transfer stations
The reclaimed Harbourfront has, through private-sector initiated regeneration, provided some large-scale housing developments.

**Taikoo Shing**
- **1900s**
- **1970s**
- Current

**Whampoa Garden**
- **1900s**
- **1970s**
- Current
The Turning Point: No more Reclamation

Harbour protection group vows to take reclamation fight all the way
Activists say they are prepared to go to the Court of Final Appeal to stop the plan

Harbour reclamation ‘will create Victoria River’

Hundreds turn out for harbour protest
Organisers decide to continue campaign despite the government’s backdown
“Imbued with cultural and historical significance, Victoria Harbour is an icon of our city. All Hong Kong people cherish it as our precious asset.

I hope that our beautiful harbour will remain a symbol of our city that can be enjoyed by all.”

(Extract from the Chief Executive’s 2008-09 Policy Address)
Harbourfront Enhancement Projects

22 Action Areas - work progressively on short, medium and long term basis

- Kennedy Town
- Sai Wan
- Sai Yung Pun
- Sheung Wan
- Central
- Wan Chai West
- Wan Chai East
- Island East
- Lei Yue Mun
- Yau Tong
- Yau Tong Bay
- Kai Tak
- To Kwa Wan
- Hung Hom East
- Hung Hom West
- Tsim Sha Tsui East
- Tsim Sha Tsui West
- West Kowloon Cultural District
- Yau Ma Tei
- Western Harbour
- Tsuen Wan
- Tsing Yi North
From reclaiming from Victoria Harbour to reclaiming the Harbourfront for public enjoyment

**West Kowloon Temporary Promenade**
- First opened in 2005 with an area of 33,600 square metres

**Temporary Wan Chai Waterfront Promenade**
- Opened as a Pet Garden in 2006 though recently closed to make way for road works

**Central & Western Promenade Sheung Wan Section**
- Developed as part of the works for constructing a stormwater pumping station
- Linked up with the Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park to form a continuous promenade
- Opened in 2009
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Kwun Tong Promenade Stage 1
- developed upon decommissioning of former public cargo working area
- the first open space project of Kai Tak Development
- opened in 2010

Hung Hom Promenade Initial Development
- 500m long promenade opened in 2011
- link up with adjacent promenades to form a 4km continuous promenade at the inner harbour core

Hoi Yu Street Advance Promenade
- 500m long promenade to be completed in end 2012
- link up with existing Quarry Bay Park to form a continuous promenade
Harbourfront Mega Projects

West Kowloon Cultural District

- 40-hectare prime waterfront site to be developed as an integrated arts and cultural district with world class facilities.
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New Central Harbourfront

- 20-hectare of reclaimed land devoted for public enjoyment – a civic node, waterfront-related entertainment, food and beverage, maritime museum, a cycle track, etc.
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Kai Tak Development

- 320-hectare former airport site and adjoining land, for creating “a distinguished, vibrant, attractive and people-oriented community by Victoria Harbour”
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Energizing Kowloon East
(regenerating two former industrial areas formed by reclamation)
Vibrant Waterfront
Challenges in fulfilling our Vision

- Institutional model: a dedicated Harbourfront Authority?
- Financing model: Government funding, PPP, corporate donations
- Urban design
- Accessibility and connectivity
- Public participation