

Our Harbour— Past, Present and Future



Past

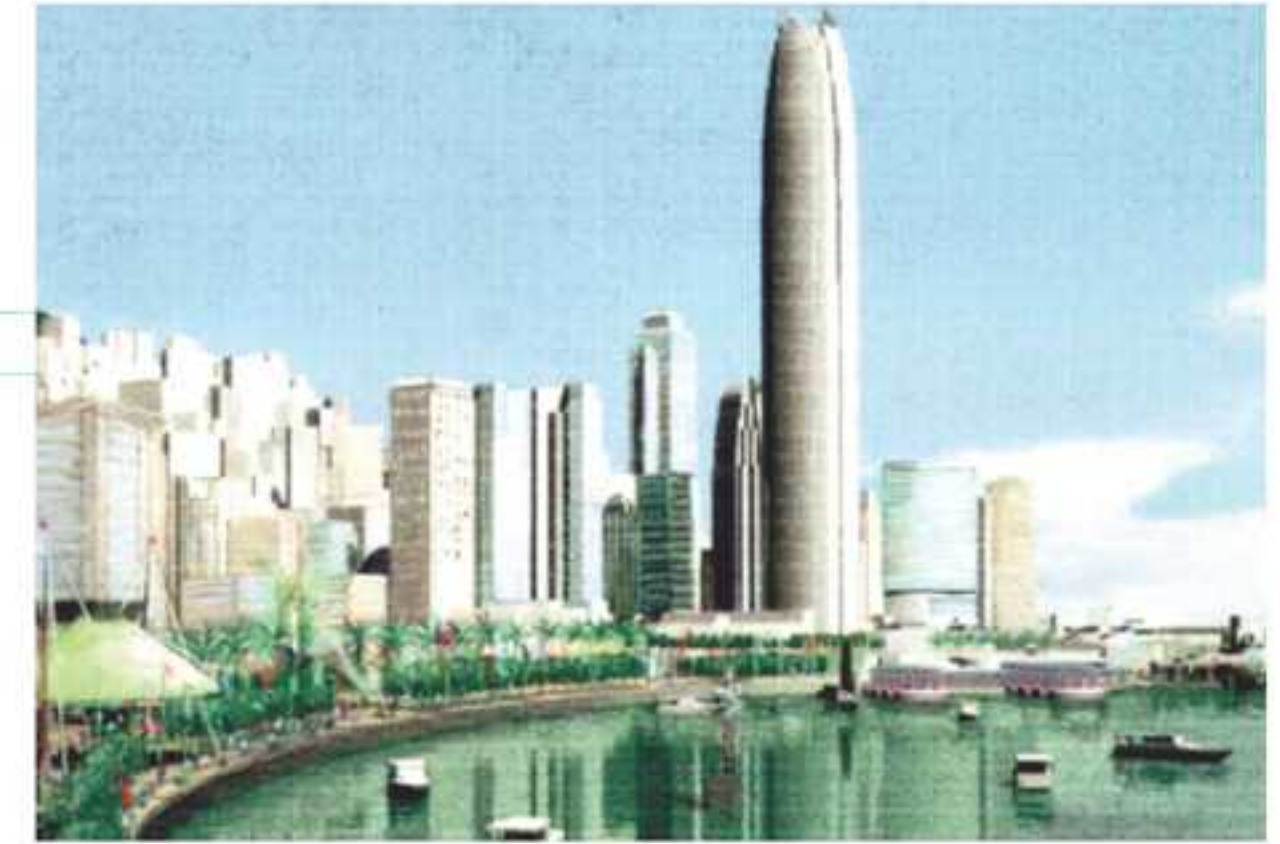


- Ever since the mid 19th Century, we have been obtaining land from leveling hills and reclamation for economic development that has greatly raised our living standard.
- Today, Hong Kong is an international financial centre. The Airport Railway and its Hong Kong Station at the heart of Central, as well as the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, are all located on reclaimed land.

Present



- In recent years, there have been strong calls from professional bodies, green groups and the general public for the Harbour to be protected.
- The Government agrees that the Harbour, being the Hong Kong people's special natural asset, should be protected and preserved.
- We want our Harbour to be a harbour for the people and a harbour of life so that people can easily come near the waterfront and enjoy it.
- The Government will ensure that any reclamation plans are in line with the principle of protecting the Harbour.



Aerial photo of Victoria Harbour after the completion of Central Reclamation Phase III

In this connection,

- we have abandoned the proposals of reclamation at Kowloon Point and Tsim Sha Tsui East;
- we will amend the relevant outline zoning plans to eliminate the reclamation plans for Tsuen Wan and the Western District;
- we have started a comprehensive planning review for Wan Chai Development Phase II (i.e. Wan Chai North) and Southeast Kowloon (i.e. the site of the former Kai Tak Airport) in an effort to work out a minimum reclamation option that meets the requirements of the law.





- The Central Reclamation Phase III project was approved after extensive public consultation. It enables the essential road networks that include surface roads and the Central-Wan Chai Bypass to relieve traffic congestions in Central. Besides, we will also develop a vibrant waterfront promenade on the land reclaimed for these infrastructural projects for the enjoyment of the public.



Alignment of the proposed Central - Wan Chai Bypass

Future

- The Government will continue to listen to views of the public and hold discussions with different sectors of the community on the task of protecting and preserving the Harbour.
- You are welcome to give us your views. Please contact us –
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