



# Events in 2007

President Hu Jintao and the Chief Executive, Mr Donald Tsang, at the inauguration ceremony of the Third Term Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government on July 1.





**Top:** President Hu Jintao swears in the Principal Officials at the inauguration ceremony of the Third Term HKSAR Government.

**Right:** The Financial Secretary, Mr John C Tsang, visits the Hong Kong Watch & Clock Fair 2007, which attracted more than 800 exhibitors from 18 countries and regions in September.



**Above:** The Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Henry Tang, speaks at the rail merger celebration ceremony of the Mass Transit Railway and Kowloon-Canton Railway systems on December 2.

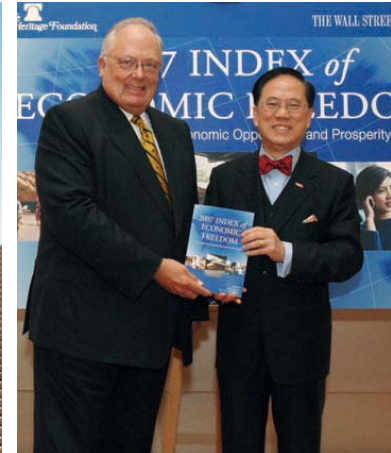
**Left:** In October, the Secretary for Justice, Mr Wong Yan Lung, and Ireland's Minister of Justice, Equality and Law Reform, Mr Brian Lenihan, exchange documents after the signing in Dublin of the Surrender of Fugitive Offenders Agreement between the HKSAR and the Republic of Ireland.





**Above:** In September, economic leaders, including the Chief Executive, wear traditional Australian coats at the 15th Economic Leaders' Meeting of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation in Sydney.

**Right:** Hong Kong entered a new era with the launch of digital terrestrial television broadcasting on December 31, prompting keen interest in the latest high definition televisions at this audio visual exhibition.



**Above:** The Chief Executive receives a copy of the Heritage Foundation's 2007 Index of Economic Freedom study from its president, Dr Edwin Feulner in January. The foundation ranked Hong Kong as the world's freest economy for the 13th consecutive year.

**Left:** Hong Kong's status as a leading digital city has been boosted further by the rapid and extensive rollout of a wireless Local Area Network in 2007. At year-end, there were more than 5 000 Wi-Fi hot spots at about 3 100 locations.





The Chief Executive and President Hu Jintao look at Hong Kong's new \$10 polymer note (*above*), and with Premier Wen Jiabao at the 'A Decade of Achievements' exhibition held in Beijing in June, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the HKSAR.

