



HONG KONG 2011



Cover Illustration

The new Central Government Offices on the harbourfront are designed as an 'open door' to depict the administration as open and receptive to new ideas.

The offices, which opened in August, are part of a major project at Tamar that houses the Legislative Council Complex and the Chief Executive's Office and features an abundance of greenery and open space.

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Hong Kong and Pearl River Delta
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Events

in 2011

This year's major events included a visit to Hong Kong in August by the Vice-Premier of the State Council, Mr Li Keqiang, pictured, delivering the keynote address at the Forum on the National 12th Five-Year Plan and Economic, Trade and Financial Co-operation and Development between the Mainland and Hong Kong at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. Other major events included visits by foreign dignitaries as well as overseas visits by senior Hong Kong officials – and Guinness World Records.





Top left: The then Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Henry Tang, calls on Singapore Prime Minister, Mr Lee Hsien Loong, during his trip to the island state in February.

Above left: The Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Stephen Lam, meets the German Federal Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Guido Westerwelle, in Berlin in October.

Above right: The Chief Executive, Mr Donald Tsang (*first row, first right*), poses with other world leaders at the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation Economic Leaders' Meeting in Honolulu in November.

Right: The Chief Executive welcomes the US Secretary of State, Mrs Hillary Rodham Clinton, at Government House in Hong Kong on July 25.





Top right: The Financial Secretary, Mr John C Tsang, presents a souvenir to South Africa's Minister of Finance, Mr Pravin Jamnadas Gordhan, in Pretoria during his visit to the country in December.

Above right: The Secretary for Justice, Mr Wong Yan Lung, presents a stamp album to Belgian Minister of Justice, Mr Stefaan De Clerck, in Brussels in October during his visit to Europe to promote Hong Kong as a premier dispute resolution centre.

Left: The Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council, Mr Wang Guangya (*first row, second from left*), poses with participants of a seminar at Youth Square in Chai Wan in June.



Top: The 'aircraft pulling' event, organised in March at Hong Kong International Airport to celebrate the 100th anniversary of aviation in Hong Kong, set two new Guinness World Records – 'heaviest combined weight of aircraft pulled simultaneously' and the 'heaviest aircraft pulled over 100 metres by a team'. (Pictured) The second record involved 100 members of disciplinary and security forces working at the airport pulling a Boeing 747 weighing 218.56 tonnes for 100 metres.

Right: Scheme \$6,000, a Government grant launched in August 2011, offered a \$6,000 payment to every eligible Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card holder aged 18 or above.





Tamar Development Project

The Tamar Development Project, a new landmark on the waterfront, has been designed with the main themes of 'Doors Always Open', 'Land Always Green', 'Sky Will Be Blue' and 'People Will Be Connected'. *(Pictured)* Adjacent to the Central Government Offices (CGO) in Tamar, the 1.76-hectare Tamar Park opened in October, was designed to provide an open space for the public to relax and to get away from the bustling city centre and to appreciate the beautiful scenery of Victoria Harbour.



Top: The Vice-Premier of the State Council, Mr Li Keqiang (*right*), accompanied by the Chief Executive, Mr Donald Tsang, unveils a plaque to commemorate the completion of the new Government Headquarters at Tamar on August 18, 2011.

Above: The Drawing Room in the Chief Executive's Office where the Chief Executive greets guests.

Right: The entrance of the hallway leading to the Chief Executive's Office.



Left: Executive Council members meet at the new Government Headquarters in Tamar for the first time on September 20, 2011.

Below: The Tamar Development Project covered the design and construction of the new Chief Executive's Office, the CGO, the Legislative Council Complex, an extensive open space and two elevated walkways.





Above: The National and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region's flags fly side by side at the East Wing Forecourt of the new CGO.

Above right: The 'Open Door' design of the new CGO allows sufficient air to flow between buildings to the inner city environment.

Right: Another view of the East Wing of the CGO with the Office Block of the Legislative Council Complex to the right.





Top: The CGO and the Legislative Council Complex are adjacent to each other. The close proximity of the executive and legislative authorities signifies the close working relationship between the Government and the Legislative Council.

Above: An elevated walkway across Harcourt Road links transport facilities and buildings in Admiralty to the Tamar site.

Left: Visitors enjoy the 'green carpet' of the open space at Tamar Park in between the CGO and the Legislative Council Complex.



Top: The bright and airy interior – an area in front of the common reception for the offices of the Chief Secretary for Administration and the Financial Secretary on the 25th floor of the CGO.

Above right: The new CGO Conference Hall was used for the first time when the Chief Executive met the media after delivering his 2011-2012 Policy Address on October 12.

Above: The spacious hallway outside the entrances to the Conference Rooms at the Ground Floor of the CGO while (*Below right*) a meeting is held in one of the conference rooms.





Top: The new CGO staff canteen is located between the East Wing and the West Wing of the CGO.

Above: A concourse linking the CGO's East and West wings.

Left: The new CGO Auditorium is equipped with facilities for seminars, briefings and video conferencing.





Above: The Legislative Council Complex (*left*) is the first purpose-built building to house the Legislature of Hong Kong. The design concept aims to project the independent and special status, as well as the transparent and dignified image of the Legislature. Picture shows the night view of the Legislative Council Complex and the CGO at Tamar.

Right: The Legislative Council Chamber is the heart of the Complex where council members enact laws and discuss issues of public concern.



Elections

In 2011, the District Council Election and the Election Committee Subsector Elections were held in November and December respectively. The fourth District Council Election since the establishment of Hong Kong as a Special Administrative Region of China took place on November 6 with more than 1.2 million people, or 41.49 per cent of registered voters, casting their ballots. Picture shows the counting of ballots by District Council Election counting staff at Tsuen King Circuit Sports Centre.





Above: Election staff sort District Council Election ballot papers at the Kowloon Park Sports Centre for delivery to respective constituencies for counting.

Right: The Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr Raymond Tam, at the St Stephen's Girls' Primary School's polling station where he cast his vote.





2011 選舉委員會界別分組選舉 Election Committee Subsector Elections



Polling in the 2011 Election Committee Subsector Elections was held on December 11 to elect members to a new term Election Committee to return the fourth-term Chief Executive. (Above) Election staff at the central counting station at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. (Left) The Chairman of the Electoral Affairs Commission, Mr Justice Barnabas Fung Wah (centre), meets the media after election results were announced.



The Government launched a major publicity campaign, which included advertising on buses and at MTR stations, to encourage people to register as voters (*above and above right*) and to cast their ballots (*below right*) in the 2011 District Council Election on November 6.



Trade Fairs and Conferences

Hong Kong hosts a large number of international trade fairs and conferences every year. These include some of the biggest expositions in toys, jewellery, household goods, catering and telecommunications. The Hong Kong Wine and Dine Festival, at the West Kowloon Waterfront Promenade in October (*pictured*), featured excellent wines from 19 countries and regions and gave visitors a chance to sample food and wine at 280 booths.





Above: A visitor checks out a toy at the Hong Kong Toys & Games Fair, Asia's largest and the world's second-largest show of its kind, held in January at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC). The fair set a new record in 2011 with more than 34 000 buyers.

Right: A dazzling display at the Hong Kong International Jewellery Show held in March at the HKCEC, which set a new record of 2 800 exhibitors from 46 countries and regions.





Left: With a record high of more than 12,000 visitors in 2011, the Asian Aerospace International Expo and Congress, staged in March at the AsiaWorld-Expo, has become Asia's premier aviation industry event.

Below: In September, the 30th Hong Kong Watch & Clock Fair staged at the HKCEC, showcasing a wide range of major brands, drew more than 700 exhibitors from 12 countries and regions and nearly 17 000 trade buyers.





Cultural and

Natural Heritage

The Government is committed to preserving and promoting Hong Kong's intangible cultural and natural heritage. In 2011, four traditional Hong Kong events, including the Tai Hang Fire Dragon Dance (*pictured*) were inscribed onto the third national list of intangible cultural heritage. The dragon dance has been held during the Mid-Autumn Festival for more than 100 years to commemorate a legend about the warding-off of a plague that broke out in Tai Hang village in 1880.



The ever-popular Cheung Chau Jiao Festival, a cultural heritage event commemorated on Cheung Chau Island to pay tribute to the god *Pak Tai*, draws thousands of visitors every year. Major events include (right) a race up a bun tower in which contestants scramble for the buns to get the highest score; and (above) a colourful parade featuring children dressed as historical or household figures carried shoulder high on specially designed wire frames.





Above: Tai O fishermen paddle a dragon boat to tow another boat that carries various deities being returned to their temples during the Tai O Dragon Boat Water Parade – a century-old cultural heritage event.

Left: This colourful, century-old and ritual-packed event in Sai Kung is among one of many similar events held annually by the Chiu Chow Community in Hong Kong for another example of cultural heritage – the Yu Lan Festival – to pay homage to ancestors and to placate wandering ghosts in the netherworld.



Above: In December, the Chief Executive, Mr Donald Tsang, and Mainland officials from the Ministry of Land and Resources and representatives from the Global Geopark Network, officiated at the opening of the Hong Kong Global Geopark of China, recognised worldwide as a significant example of geological natural heritage in the region. *(Right)* The volcanic rock formations at High Island Reservoir in Sai Kung Peninsula are part of the Hong Kong Geopark nature conservation area.



An aerial photograph of the MS TURANOR PlanetSolar, a large solar-powered catamaran, sailing on the water. The boat is white with a large array of solar panels on its deck. The name "TURANOR PlanetSolar" is visible on the side. In the background, the Hong Kong skyline is visible, including the PHILIPS building and the Bank of China Tower. The sky is blue with some clouds.

Green Living

Promoting sustainable development to conserve the environment is a long-term goal of the Hong Kong government. *(Pictured)* In August, the world's largest solar-powered catamaran, the MS TURANOR PlanetSolar, visited Hong Kong in the course of a journey around the world to promote a universal environmental protection culture.



Above: At 8.30pm on March 26, lights were switched off for one hour in skyscrapers, homes and landmarks surrounding Victoria Harbour in support of Earth Hour, a campaign organised by the WWF-Hong Kong to promote sustainable living.

Right: The Secretary for the Environment, Mr Edward Yau, tours the 'WEEE Go Green' Recycling Centre run by St James' Settlement at the EcoPark in Tuen Mun on January 27 following its grand opening to encourage recycling of waste electrical and electronic products.





The Motor Vehicle Idling (Fixed Penalty) Ordinance went into effect on December 15 to tighten control over idling vehicles. A roving exhibition was held (above) and leaflets were distributed to drivers (left) to promote 'green' driving habits.



Above: An electric vehicle and a charging point, developed by CLP Power Hong Kong Limited, goes on show at the International Trade Fair on Environmental Protection at the Eco Expo Asia in October.

Right: Low carbon construction initiatives have been adopted by the Hong Kong Housing Authority in a major public housing project at a Kai Tak site to reduce carbon emissions during the construction stage, including the recycling of marine mud for *in-situ* backfilling and the production of pavers.





New Attractions

Hong Kong unveiled an array of new sights and attractions in 2011, including the Grand Aquarium at Ocean Park which houses 5 000 fish of over 400 species and boasts one of the world's largest viewing panels (*pictured*).



In November, Hong Kong Disneyland Resort opened a new themed area, 'Toy Story Land', the only one of its kind in Asia. Among the top attractions are the RC Racer and Slinky Dog Spin (*above*) and the Toy Soldier Parachute Drop (*right*), which provide thrilling fun for visitors.



Courtesy of Ocean Park Hong Kong



Top: Visitors are treated to 'Symbio' at Ocean Park's Aqua City Lagoon, a world-first 360-degree, nine-metre tall water 'screen' show featuring two dragons doing battle. (Above and left) Visitors ride the rapids in a waterway bordering Ocean Park's Rainforest attraction which opened in June, the first theme zone that integrates water rides and a walk-through in a rainforest in Southeast Asia.



Above: sky100, an observation deck on the 100th floor of the International Commerce Centre at Kowloon – Hong Kong’s tallest building – opened in April. sky100 is the only observation deck in Hong Kong that offers a 360-degree panoramic view of the city and its iconic harbour.

Right: A bronze statue of McDull, a popular Hong Kong cartoon character, is surrounded by fans after being added to the Avenue of Stars on the Tsim Sha Tsui waterfront in Kowloon on July 28.



Japan Earthquake

Hong Kong people showed their heartfelt support after Japan's devastating earthquake and tsunami on March 11, through the 'Artistes 311 Love Beyond Borders' concert at Victoria Park on April 1, 2011. Organised by the Hong Kong Performing Artists Guild, the concert, featuring more than 300 artistes, drew 10 000 people and raised about \$26 million.





In the aftermath of the Japan nuclear plant accident, the Government set up a Health Desk at the Hong Kong International Airport to check passengers arriving from Japan for possible radiation contamination. (Above) Members of the Auxiliary Medical Services examine a traveller for radiation contamination at the Health Desk.

Bottom right: A poster in the restricted area of the Arrival Hall directs travellers arriving from Japan to the Health Desk.

Above right: Journalists who covered the Fukushima earthquake are checked for radiation contamination on their return from Japan to Hong Kong on March 14.





Above: Inspectors from the Airport Food Inspection Office examine vegetables from Japan for possible radiation contamination at Hong Kong International Airport.

Left: The Hong Kong Observatory monitored radiation levels in Hong Kong and issued hourly bulletins to allay public concerns.

Bottom left: Relief supplies donated by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government are gathered for shipping to Japan.





Above: A young boy expresses his sadness at the 'Artistes 311 Love Beyond Borders' concert in April, and (*above right*) children donate their money to help Japan.



Below right: People pay a silent tribute to mourn the victims of the calamity during the Ganbare Nippon! Candlelight Vigil on March 27 at Statue Square in Central.





Global Promotions

The Government staged many events in 2011 to promote Hong Kong's economic and trade ties with countries around the world. In the picture, a replica of Hong Kong's mythical Wishing Tree is paraded on a float at the Lord Mayor's Show in London in November. Hong Kong's participation at the annual show was organised by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (ETO) in London under the theme 'Hong Kong: Ancient and Modern' which also featured colourful dancing lions and a performance by a modern dance troupe.



Above: Hong Kong's economic strength was showcased at an exhibition at the China (Langfang) International Economic and Trade Fair in Hebei in May.

Right: Members of the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra show young students at a Jintang county school how to play traditional Chinese musical instruments. The orchestra was on a four-day visit to Chengdu, organised by the Hong Kong ETO in Chengdu.



Courtesy of NYSE Euronext/Ben Hider



Above: The Director of the Hong Kong ETO, New York, Miss Anita Chan (*front row, third from right*), and the Chairman of the Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival – New York, Mr Henry Wan (*front row, fourth from right*) ring the Closing Bell at the New York Stock Exchange in August to commemorate the 21st anniversary of the city's Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival.

Left: Chefs display their Chinese culinary skills at a lunch reception organised in Osaka, Japan, by the Hong Kong ETO in Tokyo in August, in support of the Hong Kong Tourism Board's Hong Kong food festivals held across Japan in 2011.



Above: A Belgian model, flanked by Chinese lion dancers, parades an evening gown created by a top Hong Kong designer at the 'Night of Exclusief' annual gala show in Belgium in March.



Above right: The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region flag makes its debut appearance on September 15 at Hong Kong House, where the Hong Kong ETO in Sydney is located.

Right: Hong Kong artist Lee Kit (*second from right*) exhibits his work depicting a model Hong Kong residential flat at Art Basel, an international art show in Switzerland, in which Hong Kong participated for the first time, in June 2011. On his right was the then Director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, Berlin, Mr Stephen Wong.



Creative Industries

The Hong Kong government spares no effort to foster a climate conducive to the development of creative industries in Hong Kong to raise the profile of the city as a creative capital in the region.

(Pictured) The 15th Hong Kong International Film and TV Market (FILMART), Asia's major entertainment industry event held in March at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, marked a new record with 600 exhibitors from 30 countries and regions.



FILMART

Renowned globally, Hong Kong films received a number of international awards during the year. *(Right)* Actress Deanie Ip won the Coppa Volpi for Best Actress Award at the 68th Venice International Film Festival in September for her role in the film *Tao Jie (A Simple Life)*. *(Below left)* Film director Ann Hui with the 'Casa Asia Film Week Honorary Award' received at the Casa Asia Film Week in Barcelona in June. *(Below right)* Film director Tsui Hark *(centre)* received the 'Star Asia Lifetime Achievement Award' at the 10th New York Asian Film Festival in July.

Courtesy of Bona Entertainment Company Limited





Above: ART HK 2011 held in May, which has become a key event in the international arts calendar, featured exhibits from the leading galleries of the Asia Pacific and the West.
Left: Detour 2011, held from November 25 to December 11 at the former Police Married Quarters on Hollywood Road, highlighted the effects of irresponsible consumerism as well as inspired eco-living.



Above: Models display the latest fashions at Hong Kong Fashion Week for Spring/ Summer, which hosted 1 300 exhibitors from 24 countries and regions in July.

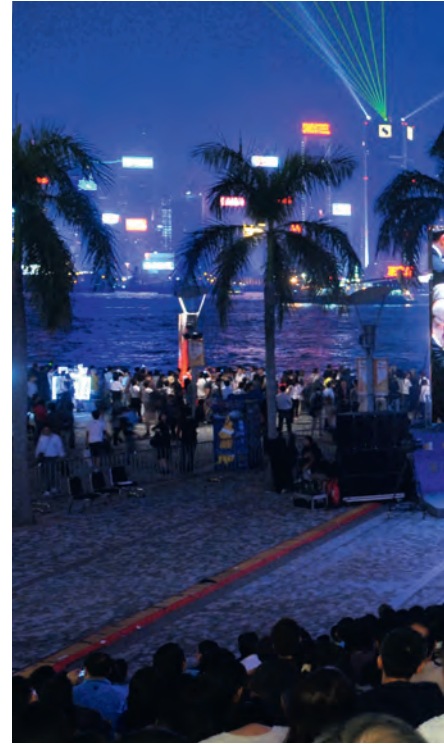
Right: The Hong Kong Trade Development Council's Inno Design Tech Expo was held in December at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. Picture shows the 'Hong Kong Creative Force Pavilion', one of the fair highlights, showcasing nearly 60 award-winning projects by local creative professionals.



Cultural Kaleidoscope

With an exciting array of programmes throughout the year, Hong Kong is a cultural hub of international stature. In the picture, the renowned Moscow Circus on Ice delighted audiences with scintillating ice skating and traditional Russian circus artistry at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre during the International Arts Carnival in July.





Above: Chae Hyang Soon Dance Company's *Splendour of Korea*, was a highlight of the World Cultures Festival 2011 – Enchanting Arts of Asia, in November.

Right: A scene from the new version of the Cantonese Opera *The Last Emperor of Southern Tang*, opened the Chinese Opera Festival held between June and July.





Above: A concert by the legendary Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra on October 9 at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre was telecast live outdoors at the piazza to give more music lovers a chance to enjoy the show.

Left: The acclaimed TNT theatre Britain performs Shakespeare's *Macbeth* at Hong Kong City Hall in October.





Above: An exhibition on 'Knowledge·Power: The Imperial Examination System of the Qing Dynasty' was held at the Hong Kong Museum of History for three months starting November.

Right: Violin virtuoso Frank Peter Zimmermann performs Beethoven's violin concerto with the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre in December.





Sporting Action

Hong Kong continues to grow as a major crowd-pulling sports arena offering exciting local and international events. Its continuing success is due largely to the enthusiastic co-operation between the Government and the private sector in promoting and nurturing sport in Hong Kong. (Pictured) The city's historic and iconic event – The Cross Harbour Race, first held in 1906 – returned to the sporting calendar on October 16, 2011 with close to a 1 000 swimmers taking part in Victoria Harbour.



Above: A record 55 000 local and overseas runners from over 70 countries and regions took part in the highly popular Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2011 in February.

Right: Women rugby players battle it out in the final of Hong Kong Women's Rugby Sevens at Hong Kong Stadium as part of the highly popular Hong Kong Sevens held in the city in March.





Above: A tense moment in the international women's volleyball competition, 2011 FIVB World Grand Prix organised by the Federation Internationale de Volleyball. Its Hong Kong leg, was held in the Hong Kong Coliseum in August and broadcast on television to local and world audiences.



Left: Cricketers in action at the Hong Kong Cricket Sixes 2011 held at the Kowloon Cricket Club in October, a thrilling international event that highlights Hong Kong's growing status as a world sports arena.



Above: The semi-finals and finals of the Hong Kong Squash Open 2011 in November took place in a glasscourt which provided both players and spectators with a spectacular night-time backdrop.

Right: Players get in some putting practice at the Hong Kong Open 2011 at the Hong Kong Golf Club in December.

