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WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear Members and Friends,

Last weekend AustCham Chair Josephine Orgill, Director Jason Chang and myself travelled to Shanghai to attend a reception with Australian Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese, the Minister for Trade and Tourism, Senator Don Farrell and key government and business leaders. This visit was the first by an Australian leader since 2016.

Throughout his [speech](#), the Prime Minister highlighted the extraordinary growth of China's economy over the last 25 years and the history of Australia and China's trade cooperation. Praising the Australian and Chinese business community Albanese vowed to work constructively with China. He also met with China's President Xi Jinping at the Great Hall in Beijing the next day to further discuss ties between China and Australia and their highly complementary economies.

Hosted by Tourism Australia, the event was attended by around 400 business and government representatives, with AustCham leadership and our members given the opportunity to meet with the Prime Minister. We were thrilled to connect with our members from Hong Kong and across mainland China at the event, including MTR, MA Financial, EMR Capital, ANZ, CBA, Minter Ellison, Qantas, King & Wood Mallesons, Victoria Government, Trade and Investment Queensland, Investment NSW and more. The Prime Minister's trip also marked the 50th anniversary of Gough Whitlam's historic visit to China. Our thanks to Austrade, DFAT, Tourism Australia and our Chamber's from across China for their support and collaboration.

In other exciting news, the Chamber hosted its third [Melbourne Cup Luncheon event](#) at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club on Tuesday with Title Sponsor ANZ. The sold-out event was a huge success with over 150+ attendees present. Guests were able to hear from Mr. Greg Carpenter – Head of Racing at The Hong Kong Jockey Club, who discussed his involvement in racing and his top picks for the race at our VIP reception. The afternoon was filled with high-level networking, top-notch entertainment, free-flowing drinks from our beverage sponsor [Chandon & Minuty](#) and exhilarating moments with 'the race that stops the nation' where Mark Zahra took home first place with 'Without a Fight'. Attendees were able to harness the event to engage the Australian – Hong Kong business community, and beyond, with around 50 international

companies represented on the day, some of which included ANZ, Campbells, QBE, EMR, HKCSG, PWC, Savills and more. The fun continued with numerous lucky draws and prizes sponsored by [Great Entertainment Group](#) and [The Gourmet Box Australia](#) for the Best Dressed – Man, Best Dressed – Women and Best Headpiece judged by Luxury Media House – Hong Kong Tatler.

We are also thrilled to share that we raised more than **HKD30,000** for our Charity Partner, The Fred Hollows Foundation – the most money **ever** raised by a Melbourne Cup event in Hong Kong! This donation will support The Foundation's priority to strengthen health systems and work with communities to improve eye health.

Our last substantial industry program for the year will be the excellent [Decarbonising Hong Kong event](#) on 28 November – registration is now open to all, with priority for Members and professionals from the Construction, Property and Infrastructure sector.

With the success of Melbourne Cup and the event behind us, why not get into the Christmas Spirit early and celebrate 2023 with our [Christmas Mix](#) on **Wednesday 6 December**. We have **limited tickets available** - click [here](#) to purchase tickets to experience the fun of an Aussie Christmas. Get ready for an evening of entertainment, including **Christmas Carols** from the AIS kids' choir, amazing **lucky draw prizes, delicious food, and free-flow drinks** to toast the year that was. Guests may also join our Giving Tree for children of [The Hub](#). Thank you to our Gold Sponsors [AISHK](#) and [JL Finance](#). We can't wait to celebrate with you all.

Stefanie Evennett

Chief Executive
AustCham Hong Kong

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUSTCHAM EVENTS:

THU 16 NOV | ONLINE | [The Hong Kong Business Community Welcomes The Hon John KC Lee, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong SAR](#)

TUE 28 NOV | IN-PERSON | [Decarbonising Hong Kong: Roadmap to a World Class Metropolis](#)

WED 6 DEC | IN-PERSON | [Christmas Mix 2023](#)

SPONSORSHIP NOW OPEN:

FRI 2 FEB | IN-PERSON | [G'Day HK with Leigh Sales and Annabel Crabb](#)

SUPPORTED EVENTS:

FRI NOV 3 - SAT NOV 11 | IN-PERSON | [Gay Games 11 / Hong Kong 2023](#)

THU DEC 7 - FRI DEC 8 | IN-PERSON | [Business of IP Asia Forum \(BIP Asia\)](#)

THU DEC 7 - FRI DEC 8 | IN-PERSON | [HKTDC Entrepreneur Day \(E-Day\)](#)

AUSTCHAM EVENTS WHATSAPP GROUP:

We're excited to announce our new **AustCham Events WhatsApp Community Group** so our members can easily keep up-to-date with our events directly on their mobile device.

The WhatsApp Channel will provide regular updates on AustCham and Hong Kong events, sponsorship opportunities and ticketing information. In addition to our Website and Weekly Newsletter, it's another way we are keeping you informed and engaged with your Chamber.

Please click [here](#) to join our **AustCham WhatsApp Group**.

AUSTCHAM EVENTS

The Hong Kong Business Community Welcomes The Hon John KC Lee, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong SAR

THU 16 NOV | ONLINE | 12:30PM - 2:00PM

The Hon John KC LEE, GBM, SBS, PDSM, PMSM, The Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, will deliver his Policy Address to the Legislative Council in October.

We are deeply honoured that Mr Lee has accepted our invitation to speak to the Hong Kong business community on 16 November. Members can now sign up to virtually attend the event via Zoom.

Attendees will be able to hear Mr Lee explain the priorities of his first Policy Address, and learn more about his initiatives to tackle key issues such as the labour market, land and housing supply, and the environment, as well as his plans for closer integration with the Mainland, and engaging young people more in the development of Hong Kong.

Registration for online attendance is open now! Please note that this event is open to **Members only**.

REGISTER HERE

DECARBONISING HONG KONG: ROADMAP TO A WORLD CLASS METROPOLIS
Hosted by the Net Zero Working Group of the Construction, Property and Infrastructure Committee

Featuring Guest Speakers:

- Diane Wong, Under Secretary for Environment and Ecology, Government of HKSAR
- Russell Fortmeyer, Global Sustainability Leader, Woods Bagot & US LEED Fellow
- Simon Ng, CEO, Business Environment Council
- Eddie Tse, Head of Sustainability, Common Construction
- Steve Lewis, Partner, Head of Infrastructure, Design, Construction & Energy, JPMorgan Chase & Co.
- Julian Bohn, Managing Director, JPMAC, Constellation
- Hannah Chung, Head of Finance & Advisory, Citibank
- Melanie Kwok, General Manager, Sustainability, Sun Group
- Dr. Russell Li, Founder & Chairman, Russell Li & Partners
- Grace Kwok, Chairman and Executive Director, AEC Group
- Lily Ho, Chief Executive Officer for Health and Environmental Quality, based on global regional Q&E
- Paula Loo, Director of Professional Services, in the Department of Public Policy, CityU Research Centre
- Dr. Jonathan Lam, Deputy Managing Director, Technical, Safety and Sustainability (TSS), SunCh

DATE: TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2023
VENUE: QUARRY BAY
TIME: 8:30AM - 12:00PM

More speakers announced soon!

Event Partners: HKGBC, BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL, 領展 LINK, SINO GROUP 信和集團, Turner & Townsend, EY

Decarbonising Hong Kong: Roadmap to a World Class Metropolis

TUE 28 NOV | IN-PERSON | 8:30AM - 12:00PM

On Tuesday 28 November 2023 AustCham's Construction, Property and Infrastructure Committee will host an event to bring together a cross-sector audience to share the opportunities relating to a low carbon economy, identify priorities for investment and jointly develop the built environment decarbonisation roadmap for Hong Kong.

Confirmed speakers include:

- Diane Wong - Under Secretary for Environment and Ecology, Government of HKSAR
- Simon Ng - CEO, Business Environment Council
- Russell Fortmeyer - Global Sustainability Leader, Woods Bagot & US LEED Fellow

- Eddie Tse – Head of Sustainability, Gammon Construction
- Steve Lewis - Partner - Head of Infrastructure, Major Programmes and Construction Advisory, EY
- Julian Bott - Managing Director, APAC, Cundall
- Hannah Jeong - Head of Valuation & Advisory, Colliers
- Melanie Kwok - General Manager Sustainability, Sino Group
- Dr. Ronald Lu - Founder & Chairman, Ronald Lu & Partners
- Grace Kwok - Chairman and Executive Director, Allied Sustainability and Environmental Consultants Group Limited (AEC Group)
- Lei Yu - Chief Executive Officer for North Asia and regional head of distribution, QBE Asia
- Professor Linda Chelan Li - Professor of Political Science at the Department of Public Policy, City University of Hong Kong
- Ir Sr Jonathan Lee - Deputy Managing Director, Technical, Safety and Sustainability (TSS), Savills
- Colin Hong - Director of Hong Kong Operations, Link REIT

About the Event

The Hong Kong Climate Action Plan 2050 was released in October 2021. Since then, leading organisations have identified considerable opportunities for decarbonising Hong Kong's built environment, including the Hong Kong Green Building Council and Business Environment Council. To support the transition, the finance sector is moving to facilitate the flow of green and sustainable investment, with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority reviewing the implementation of a local green taxonomy and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange seeking market feedback on their proposal to enhance climate-related disclosures under its environmental, social and governance (ESG) framework.

So where to from here? How can we unlock the investment potential of Hong Kong's built environment? What are the meaningful next steps?

Developed in partnership with Hong Kong Green Building Council and the Business Environment Council, this AustCham-initiated event will bring together a cross-sector audience to share the opportunities relating to a low carbon economy, identify priorities for investment and jointly develop the built environment decarbonisation roadmap for Hong Kong.

Please click [here](#) to register your attendance.

Sponsorship

Sponsorship opportunities are now available. For more information on the opportunities and benefits, you can view

our sponsorship prospectus [here](#) and contact [AustCham Hong Kong](#) to secure your company's involvement.

Thank you to our event sponsors for making this event possible:

Event Partners: [Hong Kong Green Building Council](#) and [Business Environment Council](#)

Venue Partner: [EY](#)

Event Sponsors: *Silver:* [Link Assest Management Limited](#)

Bronze: [Sino Group](#) and [Turner & Townsend](#)

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Christmas Mix 2023

WED 6 DEC | IN-PERSON | 6:00PM - 9:00PM

AustCham invites all Members, Friends and Guests to kick off your Christmas festivities!

Join us on **Wednesday 6 December 2023** for an evening full of high-quality, in-person networking with the AustCham community. Be ready to enjoy plenty of entertainment, including Christmas Carols, delicious food, and free-flow drinks to toast the year that was.

Our Christmas Mix is also a great opportunity to support some of Hong Kong's children in need with our annual Giving Tree, so please bring along gifts to donate to children supported by our CSR partner, [The Hub](#). Throughout November and December, we will also be collecting donations to provide the Hub with ongoing support. To donate, please click [here](#).

**Kindly note for guests bringing gifts to donate, The Hub will accept anything for children aged 6-15 (preferably toys, stationery, clothes, and accessories but not food). The Hub kindly asks for all donations to be labelled for boy/girl and for which age.*

Don't miss out on our favourite festive networking event! All **members** can also bring a guest for member price.

Sponsorship opportunities are available.

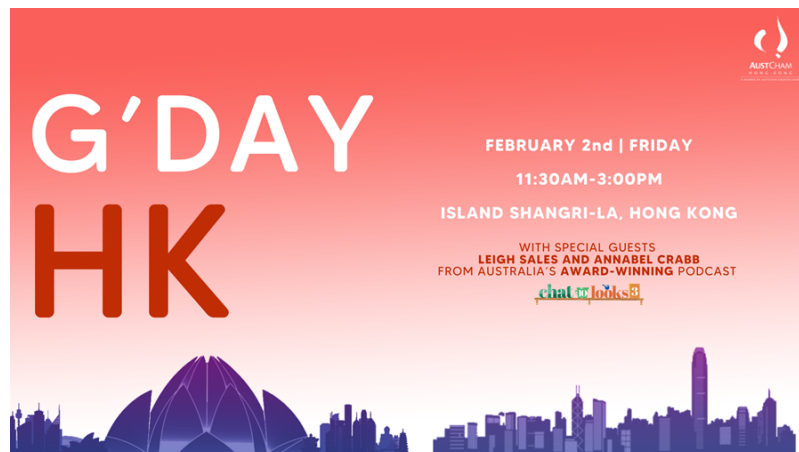
- 1) Platinum Sponsor - HK\$50,000
- 2) Gold Sponsor - **SOLD**
- 3) In Kind Sponsor - Donate raffle prizes or gift bag goodies.

Thank you to our Gold Sponsors [Australian International School Hong Kong](#) and [JL Finance](#).

For more information on securing your companies involvement please contact AustCham Hong Kong [here](#).

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SAVE THE DATE



G'Day HK

FRI 2 FEB | IN-PERSON | 11:30AM - 3:00PM

Save the Date!

AustCham Hong Kong invites you to join in a celebration of the best of Australia in Hong Kong. In our first ever G'Day HK event we welcome two of Australia's most high-profile personalities – Leigh Sales and Annabel Crabb – and their award-winning podcast, [Chat 10 Looks 3](#).

AustCham is inviting leading Australian personalities to share stories that reflect Australia's diverse society and landscape, our remarkable achievements and our bright future.

Sponsorship opportunities are now available:

Diamond Sponsor: HK\$160,000 (exclusive to one company)

Gold Sponsor: HK\$100,000

Silver Sponsor: HK\$75,000

Networking Sponsor: HK\$35,000

All sponsorship inclusive of hospitality benefits, online and offline branding and marketing opportunities.

Expressions of interest are welcome from companies seeking to showcase their food, beverage and lifestyle products at the G'day HK event. For more information on securing your companies involvement please contact [Jenny Daswani](#).

This is an event you wont want to miss out on!

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