



Dear Members and Friends,

As September commences, momentum across our business community is building, and fresh opportunities are on the horizon. The city's coming back to life, and so is the AustCham Hong Kong calendar. Be sure to keep a lookout for our upcoming events; it's shaping up to be a rewarding few months ahead.

We've taken your survey feedback to heart, particularly those who asked for more CPD-accredited opportunities. It gives us great pride to announce a trio of events, developed in partnership with **CA ANZ**, designed to support your professional growth and keep your knowledge ahead of the curve:

- 17 September: **ESG Careers – Skills for Tomorrow's Economy**
- 29 September: **Common Law, Global Reach: Hong Kong as Asia's Cross-Border Legal Hub: A briefing with the Deputy Secretary for Justice, Dr Cheung Kwok-Kwan**
- 14 October: **Australian Tax & Economic Policy Update**

We always say: your voice shapes this community. The more feedback we receive, the stronger our offering becomes. Tell us what you'd like to see on our agenda – whether more networking, upskilling, or government engagement – and we'll do our utmost to bring it to life. [Have your say here.](#)

Looking ahead, we are currently organising a visit to Canberra, Sydney, and Brisbane in late October, centred around the Australia-China Business Council's Canberra Networking Day. This flagship event brings together senior leaders from the Australian Government and stakeholders invested in China-facing business. Our Chair, Josephine Orgill, partner and director of HFL Advisors Limited, will be participating in a panel alongside AustCham colleagues from Beijing and Shanghai.

We won't stop there. On 30 October, we'll be in Brisbane, focusing on Queensland infrastructure and project opportunities, ahead of the Brisbane 2032 Olympics. On 31 October, we'll shift to Sydney to discuss the business landscape and opportunities for Australian enterprises in Hong Kong. If you're eager to collaborate or catch up with the AustCham team on the road, mark your diaries and spread the word amongst your network.

As always, sincere thanks for your support and engagement. With each step, we continue building a resilient community that stands tall for all its members and the broader Australia-Hong Kong business community.

Warm regards,
Patricia Slawinska
Chief Executive
AustCham Hong Kong

CURRENT AFFAIRS & TRADE INSIGHTS

- Australian **House prices rose** for a **seventh straight month**, fueled by lower borrowing costs and a supply shortfall in major cities. The Home Value Index rose 0.7% in August, property consultancy Cotality said. Brisbane's 1.2% increase was the top monthly gain while bellwether Sydney climbed 0.8%.

- Bloomberg is reporting **that Australian canola is booked to be shipped to China at the end of this year**, potentially signalling an end to an existing trade freeze - Australia is the world's second-biggest exporter of canola but has been shut out of China's market since 2020. ([Source](#))
- In politics, **Energy and Climate Change Minister Chris Bowen insists the Australian government will achieve its target of 82 per cent renewables by 2030. The government is just a few weeks away from announcing its plans for Australia's 2035 emissions reduction target**, and also hopes to host next year's COP climate summit in Adelaide. ([Source](#))
- The **Hong Kong government has announced they have issued HK\$240 billion worth of green bonds as of June this year**, spanning multiple currencies and maturities. These offerings provide key benchmarks for potential issuers in Hong Kong and the region. The proceeds have funded 116 eligible local green projects. Meanwhile, Christopher Hui, Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, has told LegCo the government will regularize the issuance of tokenized bonds, with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority preparing to assist in the launch of the third batch of tokenized green bonds. ([Source](#))
- **Kai Tak Sports Park has been credited by Culture secretary Rosanna Law as a "powerhouse in drawing tourists"**, as Hong Kong's inbound visitor numbers keep growing. August marked a post COVID high of over 5 million visitors and 16% growth year on year. ([Source](#))

INDUSTRY INSIGHTS

- Discover what's driving construction costs worldwide! Arcadis just published its 2025 International Construction Cost Report, revealing the hottest trends, cost rankings, and opportunities across global markets. Stay ahead of the curve - check out the full insights now. Read the report [here](#).

AustCham Members can join Thursday's CPI committee meeting for an in depth discussion with Arcadia on this report: [here](#)

QUICK EVENT OVERVIEW

AUSTCHAM UPCOMING EVENTS



12/09

Trade & Investment Opportunities:
Briefing with Daniel Boyer, Deputy CEO, Austrade

17/09

ESG Careers: Skills for Tomorrow's Economy -
discussion & networking event

23/09

AustCham Innovation & Technology Committee:
Vibe Coding 101: AI Made Simple

29/09

Common Law, Global Reach: Hong Kong as Asia's Cross-Border
Legal Hub: Briefing with Cheung Kwok-Kwan, Deputy Secretary
for Justice

10/10

Exclusive Briefing with David Lam, Under Secretary for
Development of Hong Kong SAR

14/10

Australian Tax & Economic Policy Update:
In collaboration with Finance, Legal & Tax and CA ANZ

17/10

Women in Business Network: Executive Lunch with
Alpha Lau, Director General Invest HK

20/10

Hong Kong's Transport & Logistics Future: A Dialogue with
Mable Chan, Secretary for Transport and Logistics of Hong
Kong SAR

04/11

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www.austcham.com.hk/events

AUSTCHAM EVENTS:

- FRI 12 SEP | IN-PERSON | Trade & Investment Opportunities: Briefing with Daniel Boyer, Deputy CEO, Austrade
- WED 17 SEP | IN-PERSON | ESG Careers: Skills for Tomorrow's Economy - discussion & networking event
- MON 29 SEP | IN-PERSON | Common Law, Global Reach: Hong Kong as Asia's Cross-Border Legal Hub: A briefing with the Deputy Secretary for Justice, Dr Cheung Kwok-Kwan
- FRI 10 OCT | IN-PERSON | Exclusive Briefing with David Lam, Under Secretary for Development of Hong Kong SAR
- TUE 14 OCT | HYBRID | Australian Tax & Economic Policy Update
- FRI 17 OCT | IN-PERSON | Women in Business Network: Executive Lunch with Alpha Lau, Director General Invest HK
- MON 20 OCT | IN-PERSON | Hong Kong's Transport & Logistics Future: A Dialogue with Mable Chan, Secretary for Transport and Logistics of Hong Kong SAR
- TUE 4 NOV | IN-PERSON | Melbourne Cup - Tickets on sale now

COMMITTEE MEETINGS (free for all AustCham members)

- THU 4 SEP | HYBRID | **Construction, Property & Infrastructure Committee Meeting - September**
 - With **William Fong** and **Lysander Lam** of Arcadis to present the Arcadis 2025 International Construction Cost report
- WED 10 SEP | IN-PERSON | **Women in Business Network Meeting - September: Masterclass**
 - With **Soundari Mukherjea**, Organisational Consultant and a Business Storytelling Coach from Soundbytes11
- THU 11 SEP | IN-PERSON | **Food, Beverage & Hospitality Committee Meeting - September**
 - With **Matthew Richardson**, Partner and Managing Director of Bourke's Australian Watering Hole, Honky Tonks Tavern, Terracotta, and the soon-to-be-opened Twist
- THU 25 SEP | IN-PERSON | **Construction, Property & Infrastructure Committee Meeting - September: Networking and Tour of CLP Kai Tak Headquarters**

SUPPORTED EVENTS

- WED 13 AUG - SAT 27 SEP | **Hong Kong Comedy Season 2025**
- SAT 6 SEP | **AustCham Macau Aussie BBQ**
- WED 10 SEP | **Belt and Road Summit 2025**
- THU-FRI 11-12 SEP | **ReThink HK 2025 - Complimentary Expo Passes available now**
- FRI 17 OCT | **Take a Chance on Hope: The HUB Charity Night 2025**
- MON-FRI 3-7 NOV | **Hong Kong FinTech Week x StartmeupHK Festival 2025**

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Talent



Women In Business Network

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- CONNECT DIRECTLY WITH SENIOR GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS LEADERS
- PARTICIPATE IN EXCLUSIVE INDUSTRY BRIEFINGS AND KNOWLEDGE-SHARING EVENTS
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HKD20,000 (MEMBERS)

HKD25,000 (NON-MEMBERS)

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS:

HKD1,300 (MEMBERS)

HKD1,700 (NON-MEMBERS)

*UNTIL 30 SEPTEMBER 2025



THE RACE THAT STOPS THE NATION

Get ready for an exhilarating day at **AustCham Hong Kong's most anticipated event of the year, Melbourne Cup** on **4 November 2025**! This is more than just a race day, it's a premier networking event and a lively celebration of Australian spirit right here in Hong Kong!

Step into the **exclusive Owners Box** at the iconic Happy Valley Racecourse and experience the thrill of **live betting** like never before. Immerse yourself in a vibrant atmosphere filled with stylish **fashions on the field**, **exciting raffle prizes**, and a **sumptuous buffet lunch**. Kick off the day with a **welcome cocktail** and enjoy **free-flow beverages** all while soaking up breathtaking views of the track.

Early Bird Tickets Now On Sale:

Corporate Table:

HKD 20,000 for AustCham Members & HKD 25,000 for Non-Members
(until 30 September 2025; then HKD 25,000(M)/HKD 30,000(NM))

Individual Tickets:

HKD 1,300 for AustCham Members & HKD 1,700 Non-Members

***Limited tickets available**

That's just the beginning - raffle tickets with amazing prizes are [on sale here!](#)

**All AustCham members and event attendees are eligible to purchase.*

If you're interested in increasing your visibility, sponsorship opportunities are also available.

Contact bookings@austcham.com.hk for more info.

Don't miss your chance to connect with fellow professionals and create unforgettable memories with *The Race That Stops The Nation*.

[Book Your Table & Tickets Here!](#)

September Government Briefings:



The poster features the AustCham Hong Kong logo in the top left corner. The main title is "TRADE & INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES:" in large, bold, blue capital letters. Below it, in smaller blue capital letters, is "BRIEFING WITH DANIEL BOYER, DEPUTY CEO, AUSTRADE". The name "DANIEL BOYER" is prominently displayed in large, bold, blue capital letters. Underneath his name, his title "Deputy CEO, Trade and Investment Australian Trade and Investment Commission" is written in black. The date and time "12 September 2025, 8-9:30am" and the location "Hong Kong Club, 1 Jackson Road" are listed at the bottom left. On the right side, there is a circular portrait of Daniel Boyer, a man with glasses wearing a suit and tie.

Trade & Investment Opportunities: Briefing with Daniel Boyer, Deputy CEO, Austrade



Sep 12, 2025
(08:00 - 09:30) (GMT+8)



The Hong Kong Club
Hong Kong Island, Hong Kong SAR

[Register Here](#)



COMMON LAW, GLOBAL REACH: HONG KONG AS ASIA'S CROSS-BORDER LEGAL HUB



DR CHEUNG KWOK-KWAN

Deputy Secretary for Justice

29 September 2025, 12:30-2pm

King & Wood Mallesons Offices

13/F Gloucester Tower, The Landmark, 15 Queen's
Road Central

FLT Committee Sponsor:



Common Law, Global Reach: Hong Kong as Asia's Cross-Border Legal Hub: A briefing with the Deputy Secretary for Justice, Dr Cheung Kwok-Kwan



Sep 29, 2025
(12:30 - 14:00) (GMT+8)



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Hong Kong Island, Hong Kong SAR

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