



Dear Members and Friends,

With the much-anticipated **Hong Kong 2025 Chief Executive's Policy Address** scheduled for this Wednesday, 17 September, anticipation is building across the business community as we await the government's priorities for Hong Kong's future. The Chief Executive John Lee and the HKSAR government have held over forty consultation sessions and district visits in just two months, resulting in a ten percent increase in public submissions compared with last year. This public engagement is a positive and encouraging sign for the ongoing development of our city. You can read AustCham's submission titled 'Hong Kong Unlimited: Innovation, Connection, Opportunity [here](#).

If you are keen to stay informed on Hong Kong's role as Asia's cross-border legal hub and the global reach of the SAR's Common Law legal system join our **upcoming briefing with Deputy Secretary for Justice** Dr Cheung Kwok-kwan. Secure your place and be at the forefront of the discussion: [Join the briefing here](#). This promises to be an exceptional session for anyone seeking to understand the policy shifts shaping our professional world.

Looking further ahead, mark your calendars and spread the word to family, friends and colleagues. We are delighted to announce a dynamic line-up of events as part of our **2025 Australia Doorknock**. Following a series of meetings in Canberra with Government officials, opposition and officials we will then go to **Brisbane** on Thursday 30th October to host a panel discussion and networking event focused on International Investment Opportunities and the Road to 2032 - more details to follow. On Friday, 31 October, join us in **Sydney** for a special forum, hosted at **MA Financial** in collaboration with AustCham China and AustCham Shanghai. Don't miss out - secure complimentary registration [here](#):
[Doing Business in China: Voices on the Ground](#)

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our travel partner, **Qantas**, our accommodation partner, **Sino Group / Fullerton**, and our venue partner, **MA Financial**. The success of these events is made possible through the generosity and sponsorship of our valued members. If your organisation would like to seize an opportunity for brand visibility or enhanced marketing exposure, please do get in touch - we'd be delighted to support you.

As ever, thank you for your ongoing commitment.

Together, we continue to build an empowered and connected community of business leaders.

Warm regards,
Patricia Slawinska
Chief Executive
AustCham Hong Kong

CURRENT AFFAIRS & TRADE INSIGHTS

- A new **Australian government climate risk report** predicts that every Australian community will be impacted by future climate events with impact on housing, construction, agriculture and labour costs. The Investor Group on Climate Change, which represents major superannuation and institutional investment funds, said the report was "much needed bad news". [Source](#)

- **Hong Kong is also having to adapt to weather events**, as Bloomberg reports, over the last two years the city “has more than doubled its annual spending on stormwater drainage to an estimated HK\$3.17 billion to address the evolving threat from extreme rains” [Source](#)
- China and the United States began **trade talks** on **Sunday** while Australia’s Trade Minister Don Farrell commented last week that Australian businesses should be more ambitious ‘in diversifying offshore, investing across Asia and risk-taking’ as he spoke at the Financial Review Asia Summit. [Source](#)
- This Wednesday 17 Sept is **Hong Kong’s Policy Address** day, so far expected announcements include measures to speed up development in the Northern Metropolis, an increase in quotas for non-local university students, an IP financing sandbox, tackling civil service accountability and the relaunch of a public housing sale scheme. [Source](#)

QUICK EVENT OVERVIEW

AUSTCHAM UPCOMING EVENTS



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

31/10

Doing Business in China: Voices on the Ground
(Held In Sydney)

04/11

EARLY BIRD TICKETS NOW ON SALE
Melbourne Cup 2025

17/11

Innovating Hong Kong's Skyline: BTRi Chair C.K. Hon
on the Future of Construction Technology

For more information on AustCham events please visit:
www.austcham.com.hk/events

AUSTCHAM EVENTS:

- WED 17 SEP | IN-PERSON | ESG Careers: Skills for Tomorrow's Economy - discussion & networking event
- TUE 23 SEP | IN-PERSON | Vibe Coding 101: AI Made Simple
- 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
- FRI 31 OCT | IN-PERSON | Doing Business in China: Voices on the Ground*(Held In Sydney)*
- TUE 4 NOV | IN-PERSON | Melbourne Cup - **Early Bird Tickets On Sale**
- MON 17 NOV | IN-PERSON | Innovating Hong Kong's Skyline: BTRi Chair C.K. Hon on the Future of Construction Technology

COMMITTEE MEETINGS *(FREE for all AustCham Members)*

- THU 25 SEP | IN-PERSON | Construction, Property & Infrastructure Committee Meeting - September: Networking and Tour of CLP Kai Tak Headquarters
- WED 15 OCT | HYBRID | I&T Committee Meeting - October: Cross-Border Innovation Ecosystems
- WED 22 OCT | HYBRID | Talent Committee Meeting - October

SUPPORTED EVENTS

- WED 13 AUG - SAT 27 SEP | Hong Kong Comedy Season 2025
- 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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Innovation & Technology



Sports & Entertainment



Sustainability



Talent



Women In Business Network

WHY JOIN A COMMITTEE?

- CONNECT DIRECTLY WITH SENIOR GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS LEADERS
- PARTICIPATE IN EXCLUSIVE INDUSTRY BRIEFINGS AND KNOWLEDGE-SHARING EVENTS
- EXPAND YOUR PROFESSIONAL NETWORK AND INFLUENCE

OPEN TO ALL AUSTCHAM MEMBERS

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EVENT SPOTLIGHT



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:



AustCham Members: \$290 | Non-Members: \$380

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)



King & Wood Mallesons Office

Hong Kong Island, Hong Kong SAR

AustCham is delighted to present an exclusive lunchtime briefing event with **Dr Cheung Kwok-Kwan**, Deputy Secretary for Justice for Hong Kong SAR. Join us on **Monday 29 September, 2025 from 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM** at King & Wood Mallesons Offices in Central.

Brought to you by the FLT Committee this will be a thought provoking discussion on Hong Kong's Common Law legal system and how it connects global business, bridges markets and why it gives Hong Kong a competitive edge in cross-border deals and international dispute resolution.

This is an exciting opportunity to hear directly at the most senior levels of government.

Ticket includes a light lunch and refreshments. One CPD hour will be granted upon full attendance.

[Register Here](#)

The poster for the Women in Business Network Executive Lunch features a background image of a restaurant interior. It includes the AustCham logo, the event title 'Women in Business Network EXECUTIVE LUNCH', and details about the special 3-course menu and exclusive access to the Arcane restaurant. It also mentions the guest speaker Alpha Lau, the date and time (Friday, 17 October 2025, 12:30pm-2:00pm), and the ticket prices (Members - HKD848, Non-Members - HKD988). A pink ribbon logo and text indicate a partnership with Phenomenally Pink, with a note that every ticket includes a \$50 donation for breast exams for underprivileged women in Hong Kong.

**Women in Business Network
EXECUTIVE LUNCH**

*with a special 3-course menu and exclusive access to the
Australian-led, Michelin-starred restaurant*

Arcane

3/F, 18 On Lan St, Central
Friday, 17 October 2025
12:30pm-2:00pm

Members - HKD848 | Non-Members - HKD988

Guest Speaker

Alpha Lau
InvestHK
Director-General of
Investment Promotion

**with opening remarks by
Dr Emma Warner, OT&P**

PHENOMENALLY PINK Every ticket includes a \$50 donation for breast exams for underprivileged women in Hong Kong
In Partnership With Phenomenally Pink

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



Oct 17, 2025

(12:30 - 14:00) (GMT+8)



Arcane

Hong Kong Island, Hong Kong SAR

Join AustCham's Women in Business Network senior executives for an exclusive networking lunch with **Alpha Lau, Director General of InvestHK**, the government department responsible for attracting and facilitating direct investment into Hong Kong. This event offers an exciting opportunity for the Chamber's top female business leaders to connect and broaden their professional networks in an elegant and relaxed setting.

This event is sponsored by **OT&P**. We are thrilled to also welcome Dr Emma Warner from OT&P who will be giving opening remarks about women's breast health and other women's issues.

October is **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**, and we're proud to support this vital cause by **donating HK\$50** from every ticket sold to Phenomenally Pink, a Hong Kong-based organization dedicated to raising awareness and providing free breast exams for underprivileged communities.

By joining our event you're directly contributing to early detection, education, and life-saving care for those who need it most.

[Register Here](#)

MELBOURNE CUP - EARLY BIRD TICKETS NOW ON SALE!



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MELBOURNE CUP

TUESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2025

10.30AM ONWARDS

OWNERS BOX 3/F - MEMBERS STAND 1,
HAPPY VALLEY RACECOURSE, WONG NAI CHUNG RD

LIVE BETTING • FASHIONS ON THE FIELD • RAFFLE PRIZES •
BUFFET LUNCH • WELCOME COCKTAIL • FREE-FLOW BEVERAGES

EARLY BIRD EXCLUSIVE PRICES:

CORPORATE TABLES:

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!](#)

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