



Dear Members and Friends,

As Golden Week draws to a close and Hong Kong welcomes a return to vibrant business activity, October beckons with a calendar brimming with opportunity. Whether you're keen to engage with policymakers, dive into market insights, or connect with your peers, the months ahead promise something for everyone.

One of this month's standout events is an exclusive breakfast briefing presented by AustCham's Construction, Property & Infrastructure (CPI) Committee. Join us this Friday, 10 October, as we welcome David Lam, Under Secretary for Development for Hong Kong SAR, and **Kathy Lee**, Head of Research and Retail Consultancy at Colliers. This high-level forum, expertly moderated by **Georgia Ackland** of Arcadis and vice-chair of the CPI Committee, will delve into the policy address, smart urban transformation, and the urgent challenge of student housing and affordable accommodation for Hong Kong's next generation of talent. Engage directly with government and industry thought leaders at Colliers' offices in Wan Chai and leave empowered to help shape the city's future. ([Register here](#))

Also unmissable is our upcoming dialogue with Mable Chan, Secretary for Transport and Logistics. As Hong Kong stands at a crossroads for smart mobility, sustainable infrastructure, and global trade, this lunchtime event will deliver direct policy perspectives and tangible business opportunities. Be part of the conversation with Secretary Chan and leading sector voices, and help chart the future direction of Hong Kong's transport and logistics. ([Register here](#))

Looking ahead to November, there are only two tables left for our legendary **Melbourne Cup** event. If your company is looking to make an impression, connect with decision-makers, or treat clients to an unforgettable experience, reach out now. There's still time to tailor a showcase that puts your brand centre-stage at one of Hong Kong's social highlights of the year.

With Golden Week and the Mid-Autumn Festival bringing families and friends together, we wish everyone in our community warmth and happiness as we enter an exciting new season. Let's seize these new opportunities. Together, we continue to shape Hong Kong as a world-class place to live, work, and do business.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Warm regards,
Patricia Slawinska
Chief Executive
AustCham Hong Kong

CURRENT AFFAIRS & TRADE INSIGHTS

- The Hong Kong Government has announced the launch of a task force to **help mainland Chinese companies go global** – using Hong Kong as a platform for expanding their businesses overseas. ([Source](#))
- **Hong Kong hotels and restaurants are seeing a Mid Autumn Festival boost** with reservations reported at over 90%. Restaurant turnover is expected to be back to pre-Covid levels on Monday with a number of hotels already fully booked. ([Source](#))
- In **Australia house prices are surging**, with September seeing the highest monthly rise for almost two years as supply remains low. ([Source](#))

- **Melbourne's Metro Tunnel final stations are now complete** with the rail line due to open by the end of the year – Hong Kong's MTR Corporation has been a key partner in bringing the project to fruition. ([Source](#))

QUICK EVENT OVERVIEW

AUSTCHAM UPCOMING EVENTS



10/10	Exclusive Briefing: 2025 Policy Address & Student housing with David Lam, Under Secretary for Development of Hong Kong SAR	FINAL CALL
14/10	Australian Tax & Economic Policy Update: In collaboration with Finance, Legal & Tax and CA ANZ	
14/10	AustCham Young Professionals October Social Drinks with BritCham and TMA	
16/10	AustCham Innovation & Technology Committee: Vibe Coding 101: AI Made Simple	NEW DATE
17/10	Women in Business Network: Executive Lunch with Alpha Lau, Director General Invest HK	WAITLIST ONLY
20/10	Hong Kong's Transport & Logistics Future: A Dialogue with Mable Chan, Secretary for Transport and Logistics of Hong Kong SAR	
24/10	Canton Fair: AustCham-NZCham Joint Delegation	
30/10	International Investment Opportunities in Queensland & the Road to 2032 Brisbane Panel Discussion and Networking	
31/10	Doing Business in China: Voices on the Ground Sydney Panel Discussion and Networking	
04/11	RAFFLE TICKETS NOW ON SALE Melbourne Cup 2025	

For more information on AustCham events please visit:
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AUSTCHAM EVENTS:

- FRI 10 OCT | IN-PERSON | Exclusive Briefing: 2025 Policy Address & Student housing with David Lam, Under Secretary for Development of Hong Kong SAR - (**FINAL CALL**)
- TUE 14 OCT | HYBRID | Australian Tax & Economic Policy Update

- TUE 14 OCT | IN-PERSON | [AustCham Young Professionals October Social Drinks](#)
- THU 16 OCT | IN-PERSON | [AustCham I&T Committee: Vibe Coding 101: AI Made Simple \(NEW DATE\)](#)
- FRI 17 OCT | IN-PERSON | [Women in Business Network: Executive Lunch with Alpha Lau, Director General Invest HK \(WAITLIST ONLY\)](#)
- 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 24 OCT | IN-PERSON | [Canton Fair: AustCham-NZCham Joint Delegation](#)
- THU 30 OCT | IN-PERSON | [International Investment Opportunities in Queensland & the Road to 2032 \(Held In Brisbane\)](#)
- FRI 31 OCT | IN-PERSON | [Doing Business in China: Voices on the Ground\(Held In Sydney\)](#)
- TUE 4 NOV | IN-PERSON | [Melbourne Cup - RAFFLE TICKETS NOW 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)*

- WED 15 OCT | HYBRID | [I&T Committee Meeting - October: Cross-Border Innovation Ecosystems](#)
- WED 22 OCT | HYBRID | [Building the Qianhai Innovation Hub: A Talent Focused Dialogue](#)
- THU 6 NOV | HYBRID | [CPI Committee Meeting - November](#)
- MON 10 NOV | IN-PERSON | [Breaking Boundaries to Develop Hong Kong into a Mega Sports Events Capital - Sports & Entertainment Committee Meeting with Our Hong Kong Foundation](#)

SUPPORTED EVENTS

- 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](#)
- THU 27 NOV | [HKIoD Awards for Director Excellence 2025](#)

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EVENT SPOTLIGHT



EXCLUSIVE BRIEFING: 2025 POLICY ADDRESS AND STUDENT HOUSING





DAVID LAM
Under Secretary for Development
of the Hong Kong SAR



KATHY LEE
Head of Research & Retail
Consultancy at Colliers

10 October 2025, 8:30-10am
Colliers Offices
5701, Central Plaza,
18 Harbour Rd, Wan Chai

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

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Exclusive Briefing: 2025 Policy Address & Student housing with David Lam, Under Secretary for Development of Hong Kong SAR



Oct 10, 2025
(08:30 - 10:00) (GMT+8)



Colliers Office
Hong Kong SAR

AustCham is delighted to present an exclusive breakfast briefing event with **David Lam**, Under Secretary for Development for Hong Kong SAR and **Kathy Lee**, Head of Research and Retail Consultancy at Colliers on **Friday 10 October, 2025 from 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM** at **Colliers Offices** in Wan Chai.

This high-level forum explores the latest initiatives announced in the **2025 Policy Address** impacting the built environment and how smart policy can transform underutilized spaces and vacant commercial properties into thriving communities, especially as a growing student population scramble for affordable accommodation.

Join us to hear more on new initiatives and how private developers and investors can engage while networking with key stakeholders from government and real estate.

Ticket includes light breakfast.

Limited Tickets Remaining.

[Register Here](#)

NEW DATE:



This event has been rescheduled to 16 October 2025 at Ashurst - 42/F, Jardine House, 1 Connaught Pl, Central

Join the Australian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong for Vibe Coding 101: AI Made Simple, a beginner-friendly workshop designed for anyone with little to no technical background.

Discover how AI can empower you to build simple, practical applications that enhance your daily life. In this hands-on session, we will introduce the fundamentals of vibecoding and guide you step-by-step to create your very own app that you can start using right after the event. No coding experience needed—just bring your curiosity and get ready to unlock the power of AI!

The workshop will be provided by **Day Zero Academy**, led by **Jessica Cheung** and **Rebecca Yip**.

[Register Here](#)

MELBOURNE CUP 2025



We're thrilled to announce that our prestigious Melbourne Cup event is almost completely sold out - with **only 2 tables and a handful of tickets left!**

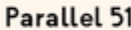
Don't miss your chance to be part of this unforgettable celebration.

Act fast and secure your spot now by emailing bookings@austcham.com.hk!

RAFFLE PRIZES

20 TICKETS - HKD1000 || 10 TICKETS - HKD550 || 1 TICKET - HKD100

ALL AUSTCHAM MEMBERS AND EVENT ATTENDEES CAN PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS

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|  | 1ST | ROSEWOOD PHNOM PENH 2-NIGHT STAY IN GRAND PREMIER ROOM WITH BREAKFAST FOR 2 DAILY AT BRASSERIE LOUIS VALUED AT -HKD10,000 |
|  | 2ND | ONE ROUND TRIP ECONOMY TICKET TO AUSTRALIA SPONSORED BY QANTAS |
|  | 3RD | BMF - CFU FACIAL TREATMENT VALUED AT HKD4800 PER TREATMENT (3 WINNERS) |
|  | 4TH | MOTT 32 - LUNCH SET MENU FOR 4 PEOPLE WITH CELEBRATION DUCK AND 1 COCKTAIL PER PERSON VALUED AT HKD4500 |
|  | 5TH | GUERLAIN PARIS - NEW ORCHIDÉE IMPÉRIALE GOLD NOBILE THE EYE CONCENTRATE TREATMENT VALUED AT HKD3800 |
|  | 6TH | EXCLUSIVE HULA EXPERIENCE: STYLE, SIP & SHOP WITH A FASHION STYLIST AND FREE-FLOW BUBBLES AND NIBBLES FOR UP TO 10 GUESTS FOR 3 HOURS VALUED AT HKD3000 |
|  | 7TH | SVENSON - DEEP PURIFYING HAIR AND SCALP TREATMENT VALUED AT HKD2430 (3 WINNERS) |
|  | 8TH | ONTHELIST HKD2000 GIFT VOUCHER |
|  | 9TH | PARALLEL 51 HKD2000 GIFT VOUCHER |
|  | 10TH | CATCH CONCEPTS HKD500 GIFT VOUCHER (3 WINNERS) |
|  | 11TH | MICHAEL KORS TOTE BAG (2 WINNERS) |
|  | 12TH | ONLY BEVERAGES 24-CAN VARIETY PACK (3 WINNERS) |
|  | 13TH | COASTAL LUNCH EXPERIENCE FOR 2 PERSONS AT WATERMARK (CAFE DECO GROUP) VALUED AT HKD650 |

...AND THAT'S ONLY THE BEGINNING! MORE PRIZES TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON!

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Raffles are open to purchase for all AustCham members and event attendees.

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

MTS wins Passenger Operations Excellence Award!

Metro Trains Sydney (MTS), MTR's majority-owned operator, is proud to have received the Passenger Operations Excellence Award at the Australasian Railway Association (ARA) Rail Industry Awards 2025.

This prestigious honour recognises MTS's outstanding commitment to delivering safe, reliable, and customer-centric services across the Sydney Metro network. It also celebrates MTR's pivotal role in launching the first passenger service on the Sydney Metro City Line—a milestone achievement in Australia's rail history.

The M1 Metro North West & Bankstown Line officially commenced operations between Chatswood and Sydenham on 19 August 2024, marking a transformative moment for Sydney's transport landscape. The City line extension has already reshaped daily commutes, eased road congestion, and improved accessibility across the city.

Looking ahead, MTR is excited about the upcoming opening of the Southwest section in 2026, which will complete the full 66-km M1 line spanning 46 stations. MTR remains committed to operational excellence, pioneering smart railway innovations, and delivering exceptional customer service—continuing to shape a world-class, fully integrated metro network for Sydney and beyond.



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