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AUSTCHAM HK NEWSLETTER



Dear Members and Friends,

As Hong Kong hosts the Asian Financial Forum under the theme “Co-creating New Horizons Amid an Evolving Landscape,” the city is once again showing why it remains a powerful launchpad for ideas, capital, and entrepreneurship. Discussions this week around sustainable finance, digital innovation, and new growth engines, including gold trading, digital assets, and green finance, highlight a city that is not standing still, but actively shaping the future of global finance in our region.

Latest figures shared by InvestHK paint a compelling picture of momentum. Hong Kong now counts a record 11,070 overseas and Mainland-affiliated business operations and 5,221 start-ups, both at all-time highs and clear signals of confidence in the city’s role as a global hub. Between 2023 and 2025, over 1,480 companies were assisted to set up or expand here, generating around HK\$200 billion in first-year investment and more than 21,700 new jobs, alongside strong demand under the New Capital Investment Entrant Scheme and continued growth in the family office ecosystem.

For Australian entrepreneurs and corporates, this means a unique combination: the beauty and liveability of Hong Kong, the depth of its markets and professional services, and unrivalled connectivity into the Greater Bay Area and the wider region. AustCham Hong Kong proudly represents over 950 members and more than 280 corporate members who are part of this story every day.

We would love to see you at our upcoming Coffee & Connect on 26 February, a chance to meet peers, share ideas, and explore new collaborations in a relaxed setting, [rsvp here](#). You can also find all our upcoming activities [here](#).

Thank you for the continued support and engagement of our AustCham community. Together, we can remain a confident, visible, and influential force at the heart of Asia.

Warm regards,

Patricia Slawinska
Chief Executive
AustCham Hong Kong

- Digital finance forum: AI, data to smooth trade-finance processes – how banks are using technology to connect “digital islands” and ease pain points for traders. ([Source](#))
- Labor to fast-track data centre approvals as OECD flags energy strain – Australian government accelerates data centre projects amid warnings over grid pressure. ([Source](#))
- China’s Eyou opens world’s first automated line for humanoid robot joints – Shanghai firm gears up for mass humanoid robot demand with new production capacity. ([Source](#))
- Hong Kong signed a cooperation agreement with the Shanghai Gold Exchange at the Asian Financial Forum to establish a cross-boundary gold clearing system and expand airport storage from 150 tonnes to 2,000 tonnes within three years—aiming for an international gold trading ecosystem as prices hit a record above US\$5,000/oz. ([Source](#))

EVENTS CALENDAR

Events *Calendar*

2026

Tuesday
January

02.02

**Government Briefing with Hon.
Rosanna Law, Secretary of Culture,
Sports and Tourism**

Friday
February

06.02

**G'DAY HK - Outback Sizzle
[SOLD OUT]**

Thursday
February

25.02

Coffee & Connect

Tuesday
March

03.03

**International Women’s Day
Multi-generational Workplaces**

Tuesday
April

14.04

[Save The Date] Rugby 7s Cocktail

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS (FREE and open for all AustCham Members)

- 29 Jan: AustCham Young Professionals - 2026 Kick-Off Socials. Register [here](#)
- 10 Feb: Webinar on IP Valuation. Register [here](#)
- 11 Feb: Women in Business Network - 2026 Kick-Off Socials. Register [here](#)
- 25 Feb: Talent Committee. Register [here](#)

EVENTS OVERVIEW:

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**INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY**

MULTI-GENERATIONAL WORKPLACES
HOSTED BY AUSTCHAM'S WOMEN IN BUSINESS NETWORK & TALENT COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 3 MARCH 2026
6:30PM - 8:30PM
MACQUARIE OFFICES - LEVEL 22, ONE IFC, CENTRAL

MEMBERS: HK\$350 | NON-MEMBERS: HK\$450
YOUNG EXECUTIVE: HK\$300
*MEMBERS CAN BRING A GUEST AT MEMBER PRICE

AustCham Hong Kong, Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ), and the New Zealand Chamber of Commerce Hong Kong invite you to join us for a special evening in celebration of International Women's Day. This year, we'll come together under the theme "Multi-Generational Workplaces" to honour and connect women from across Hong Kong and the AustCham community.

The evening will feature an inspiring fireside chat with female leaders and male allies, sharing their views from across the generations, on gender equality in the workforce, followed by networking drinks. This event offers a meaningful opportunity to connect with fellow women and male allies, share experiences, hear from thought-provoking speakers, and learn more about AustCham's Women in Business Network (WiBN), Talent Committee, and our diversity and inclusion initiatives for 2026.

We warmly welcome male allies, colleagues, friends, and partners to join the celebration. AustCham members may bring a guest at the member rate, while Young Executive members can enjoy a special discounted price.

Thank you to our event sponsors: CLP Holdings Ltd & Woolworths, and our venue sponsor: Macquarie

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GOVERNMENT BRIEFING

Asia's World City Reimagined: Driving a New Era for Culture, Sports & Tourism



Guest Speaker:
Hon. Rosanna Law, JP
Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism



2 Feb 2026 | 12:30PM - 2:00PM | Macquarie Office, 22F One IFC
Member: \$ 350 Non-Member: \$ 450

Venue Sponsor: MACQUARIE

LAST SEATS LEFT!

Hong Kong continues to thrive as *Asia's World City* — a dynamic hub where business, creativity, and culture intersect. As one of the region's most vibrant gateways, Hong Kong connects East and West, setting the stage for growth, innovation, and global exchange.

Join AustCham Hong Kong for an exclusive business luncheon featuring Ms. Rosanna Law, Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism, who will share insights into Hong Kong's evolving tourism landscape and the government's strategies to build a world-class events economy.

This interactive session will offer members of the Australian business community the opportunity to engage directly with the Secretary, gain first-hand updates on tourism initiatives, and explore collaboration opportunities in Hong Kong's cultural and events sectors.

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WEBINAR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY VALUATION

Valuing and Amplifying
IP Assets

Speaker: Tim Heberden, Managing Principal | QANTM Valuations

Tuesday, 3 Feb 2026
via Zoom



COMMITTEE EVENT

Globally, intangible assets contribute about USD80 trillion to the market value of listed companies. Although the bulk of this value does not appear on balance sheets, IP assets play an increasing role in:

- Funding: For growth-companies, success in raising equity is enhanced by quantifying IP value. Reliable valuations are essential for debt funding.
- Transactions: Scenario valuations of IP assets can be pivotal to the success of M&A, joint ventures and licenses.
- Tax & disputes: Clarity of IP economics helps structure effective and defensible multinational IP arrangements.

For each of these applications, the webinar will provide an example of how IP value can be amplified. A broad overview of valuation approaches will also be provided.

This event is supported by the Innovation and Technology Committee, as well as the Finance, Legal, and Tax Committee of AustCham HK.

Members: Free

Non-Members: \$100


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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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2026 Market Insights & Salary Guide

Hong Kong

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As organisations look ahead to 2026, hiring across Hong Kong is becoming more deliberate and selective.

This shift is reflected in **Ambition Hong Kong's 2026 Market Insights & Salary Guide**, which draws on our on-the-ground market observations alongside findings from our latest **Quick Pulse Survey**, capturing insights from 150 employers and professionals across Hong Kong.

Employers are moving away from rapid expansion and focusing instead on where talent can deliver the greatest impact, as governance, risk, and technology considerations play a larger role in workforce decisions.

The guide brings together sector-specific insights and salary benchmarks to support informed workforce planning and career decisions. As we mark **25 years of Building Better Futures in Hong Kong**, we remain committed to being trusted advisors to our clients and candidates, helping you navigate change and plan with confidence.

Ready to grow your team or take the next step in your career? **Download the full report** to see what this means for your industry!

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