



FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Last week was a busy one, and a timely reminder of why consistent engagement matters for our region. We were pleased to host **The Hon. Kevin Hogan MP, Shadow Assistant Treasurer, Shadow Minister for Financial Services and Federal Member for Page**, during his visit to Hong Kong. We arranged a series of meetings with the Financial Services Development Council, the Securities and Futures Commission, the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Algernon Yau, the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr Christopher Hui, and Invest Hong Kong.

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NEWS | CURRENT AFFAIRS & TRADE INSIGHTS

Hong Kong to Welcome Strategic Firms Worth Up to HK\$100 Billion

Hong Kong is set to announce a new batch of strategic enterprises establishing operations in the city, including firms with market capitalisations reaching HK\$100 billion. Financial Secretary Paul Chan noted these companies operate in high-growth sectors such as life and health technology, artificial intelligence, and the low-altitude economy. Many will establish regional headquarters or research and development centres, reinforcing Hong Kong's role as a "superconnector" and bolstering its position in international medical research and innovation. ([Read more](#))

Foreign Trading of Chinese Bonds via Hong Kong Hits Record High

Overseas funds trading Chinese onshore bonds through Hong Kong reached an unprecedented 1.22 trillion yuan (US\$179 billion) in March, underscoring growing international interest in yuan-denominated assets. Despite escalating conflict in the Middle East, Chinese debt markets drew US\$2.5 billion of foreign inflows, a sharp reversal from previous outflows. This surge in trading volume through the Northbound Bond Connect highlights the appeal of Chinese government bonds as a safe haven and reinforces Hong Kong's vital role as a gateway to mainland capital markets. ([Read more](#))

Australia and US Commit US\$3.5 Billion to Critical Minerals

Australia and the United States have announced more than US\$3.5 billion (A\$5 billion) in combined financing to back 11 critical mineral projects across Australia. This investment, coordinated through Export Finance Australia and the US Export-Import Bank, aims to strengthen and diversify global supply chains for rare earths, nickel, and gallium. The initiative builds on a bilateral framework signed last year to counter China's dominance in the sector and secure resources vital for defence, manufacturing, and the energy transition. ([Read more](#))

Treasurer Releases Draft Reforms to Strengthen Foreign Resident CGT Legislation

The government has [released draft legislation](#) for consultation, which aims to strengthen the foreign CGT regime and provide certainty for investors. The reforms, first announced in the 2024–25

budget, address a longstanding area of uncertainty by confirming that CGT applies to foreign investors selling assets with a close economic connection to Australian land and our natural resources. ([Read more](#))

EVENTS SPOTLIGHT

AUSTCHAM 38TH GALA DINNER - SOUTHERN SKIES SOIREE



This year, AustCham Hong Kong elevates its signature Gala Dinner into an unmissable highlight on the city's corporate and social calendar. The 38th Annual Gala will welcome over 200 influential business and community leaders from 30+ industries across the Australia–Hong Kong corridor for a sophisticated evening of connection, celebration, and world-class hospitality (*black tie or cocktail attire*).

Inspired by the Southern Cross, the *Southern Skies Soirée* captures the spirit of Australia—bold, vibrant, and forward-looking, set against Hong Kong's dynamic international business landscape.

Guests will be welcomed with **curated cocktails and mocktails** before indulging in a **premium dining experience** by the Island Shangri-La's culinary team, showcasing the **finest Australian produce**. Paired with **exceptional Australian wines, live entertainment**, and an exciting **silent auction** and **raffle draw**, the evening promises energy, elegance, and memorable moments throughout.

More than just a dinner, this is where leaders, innovators, and changemakers come together—an opportunity to strengthen connections, spark new opportunities, and celebrate the thriving Australia–Hong Kong relationship in style.

Early Bird Corporate Tables are available until 24 April 2026.

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Shenzhen Tech Tour: BYD & Multiway Robotics



SHENZHEN TECH TOUR
BYD & MULTIWAY ROBOTICS

Friday, 15 May 2026 | 08:00-18:00

- Exclusive visit to two leading tech companies
- Cross-border networking lunch
- All transport included

HKD 1,080 | AustCham Members
HKD 1,480 | Non-Members
Inclusive of transport and networking lunch

Explore innovation across the boarder with AustCham Hong Kong and CA ANZ Hong Kong on an exclusive one-day Shenzhen trip on **Friday, 15 May**, featuring **company visits to BYD and Multiway Robotics**. This trip also offers an opportunity for networking with business leaders across the boarders.

Limited tickets. Secure your spot [here](#).

Mix at Six: An evening of Networking & Artisanal Wine Tasting



Oz Terroirs
ARTISANAL WINES OF AUSTRALIA

Mix at Six
An evening of Networking and Artisanal Wine Tasting

5 MAY 2026 | 18:00-20:00
Macquarie
22/F, One IFC,
1 Harbour View Street, Central

Members: HK\$320 | Non-members: HK\$450
Sample 12 different red, white and sparkling wines from six Australian wineries

Special Guest: Ray Nadeson
Lethbridge Wines, Australia

Join us on Tuesday, **5 May** for an unforgettable evening of discovery and indulgence as we explore the world of **Artisanal Wines & Producers of Australia** in collaboration with **Oz Terroirs** and hosted by AustCham's Food, Beverage & Hospitality committee.

Experience **12 unique tastings** featuring red, white, and sparkling wines handpicked from over six exceptional Australian wineries, with celebrated winemaker Ray Nadeson from Lethbridge Wines as special guest.

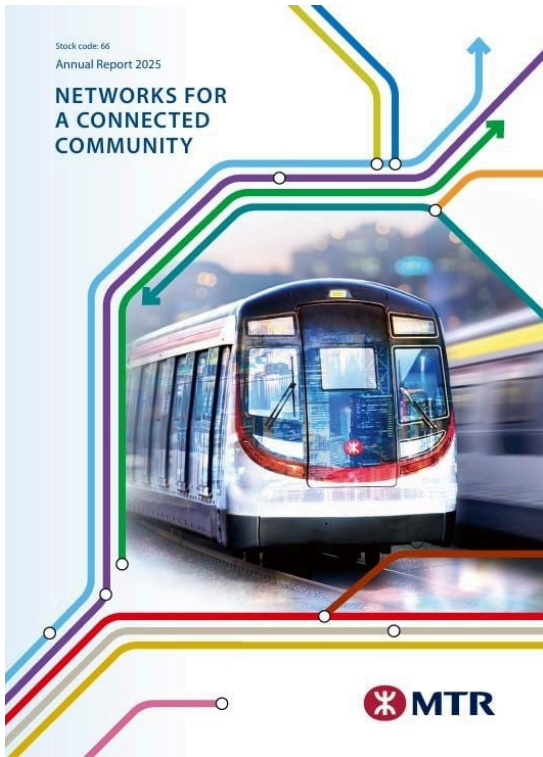
Limited tickets, get yours today [here](#).

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

MTR Corporation's [Annual Report 2025](#) and [Sustainability Report 2025](#) highlight MTR's role in supporting Hong Kong's long-term connectivity and sustainable urban development.

As Hong Kong enters a new phase of infrastructure development, MTR is contributing through the delivery of new



railway projects that bring people and communities closer together, contributing to development of sustainable and liveable communities.

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