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WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear members and friends,

The announcement last week of the re-introduction of strict social distancing measures here in Hong Kong and new arrival bans for eight countries, including Australia, took many of us by surprise. The ongoing efforts to maintain 'zero Covid' have come at a great cost to local businesses in the entertainment, hospitality, tourism, sports and fitness industries, among others. Our members have been through much of this over the past two years and while resilient, are feeling the impact and strain of further curbs on opening hours and business operations. AustCham supports all members during this difficult time and we encourage members to support businesses impacted by these latest rules. See our Member News section below for details on how you can get behind our members and show your support.

AustCham continues to call for a reopening of Hong Kong's international border in line with scientific advice and reflecting approaches taken by other global business hubs. Our views were included in a weekend [press article](#) focused on the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic response measures on international talent.

With the new restrictions we've had to delay our in-person Australia Day events planned for January 23 and 28th. With the local situation changing on a daily basis we felt this was the best decision for the Chamber and event guests. We look forward to bringing you an online program for Australia Day itself and a great 'bounce-back' event when we can get together again in person.

Finally, AustCham welcomes member input on our engagement with government. Following our submission to the [Chief Executive's Policy Address](#), AustCham is preparing to deliver its views on the 2022 Hong Kong Budget. Members wishing to contribute can [contact Chloe Taylor](#) for information.

Wishing you a productive and meaningful week,

Stefanie Evennett
Chief Executive

AustCham Hong Kong

COMMITTEES SPOTLIGHT

Looking Back

There were no Committee meetings held during the first week of January, to allow for members returning from holiday breaks and extended vacations.

We are looking forward to restarting the Committee schedule this week – the first meetings of 2022, kicking off with:

- **Tuesday 11 January - Finance, Legal and Tax | VIRTUAL**
- **Wednesday 12 January - Greater Bay Area | VIRTUAL**
- **Thursday 13 January - Food, Beverage and Hospitality | VIRTUAL**

Due to the introduction of stringent social distancing regulations, we are holding all Committee meetings online and virtual until further notice.

We are inviting Members of Committees to share their input on the 2022 Hong Kong Budget. Member participation is an opportunity to harness AustCham to influence the Hong Kong Government on key matters of importance to individuals and their business.

Although 2021 has been a tumultuous year globally, Hong Kong has been on a path of strong economic recovery. As an important gateway into Mainland China and other international markets, AustCham Hong Kong seeks to uphold the city's role as an International Finance Centre and a leading international business center. AustCham's 2021 submission to the Chief Executive's Policy Address focused on key issues of importance to our members and promote the long-term advancement of Hong Kong as a globalized economy.

Invitation to comment focuses on five key areas: the Greater Bay Area, Hong Kong as an International Financial Center, Sustainability, Covid-19 Business Support measures and Construction and Infrastructure Development. Members are welcome to raise any other matters.

Share your input [HERE](#).

DEADLINE FOR RESPONSES: FRIDAY 21 JANUARY

If you have any questions about our committees or you would like to be involved, please contact Chloe Taylor - chloe.taylor@austcham.com.hk

UPCOMING EVENTS

AustCham Events:

FRI 28 JAN | IN-PERSON | [Australia Day Lunch](#) - POSTPONED

FRI 4 MAR | IN-PERSON | [International Women's Day Mentor Walk](#)

Training & Professional Development:

OCT 2021 - SEPT 2022 | WEBINAR | [ASFIMA Training Series Season 2: Asia Financial Markets Explained](#)

AUSTCHAM EVENT INFORMATION



Australia Day Lunch 2022 - POSTPONED

The Australian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong is pleased to present the Australia Day Lunch 2022.

Australia Day is the official national day of Australia. Celebrated annually on 26 January, it is the day to reflect on what it means to be Australian, to celebrate contemporary Australia and to acknowledge our history.

As an Australian business association, AustCham Hong Kong recognises the importance of Australia Day to our community by hosting an annual luncheon with invited speakers giving an address to our predominately corporate audience.

In 2022 we aim to create an event that celebrates the diverse and unique Australian experiences of Hong Kong people, as well as celebrate the impact and importance of the

relationship between Australia and Hong Kong. The theme for the event is - **My Hong Kong-Australia Story**.

The spectacular lunch will feature live performances, keynote speakers and a panel as well as a three course meal and free-flow drinks.



International Women's Day Mentor Walks

FRI 8 MAR | IN-PERSON | 8am - 10am

This International Women's Day, inspire and empower by joining AustCham Hong Kong's Mentor Walk - save the date!

Mentor Walks is a simple idea that can have a big impact on your career - a one hour walk with an exceptional female leader with whom you can have a conversation about anything.

Interested in being a Mentor?

Mentor Walks mentors are senior women from diverse backgrounds who want to help women succeed. Mentors can be CEOs, directors, entrepreneurs and leaders in their fields. They are women from all kinds of backgrounds - the private, public and not-for-profit sectors, business, education, science, arts, tech, finance, professional services, and more.

Mentor Walks is a one-off opportunity to connect with other women and provide advice. The walk is for around an hour and there is no ongoing commitment.

[Contact us](#) now to register your interest in joining as a Mentor.

Want to join and support mentoring?

Companies interested in supporting and joining the 2022 IWD Mentor Walk should reach out to [Sponsorships](#) for more information.

[Register Here](#)

AUSTCHAM MEMBER NEWS



The last two years have hit our hospitality Members particularly hard. AustCham Hong Kong invites you to support these Members when they need it the most.

The Murray, Hong Kong, a Niccolo Hotel Offers

- **Staycation Deals**

The Murray offers staffs and members of Chambers of Commerce an exclusive 15% savings on selected staycation packages below, from 2 January until 31 March 2022.

- **Dining Privileges**

Enjoy a host of dining specials and exclusive savings as we swing into the New Year.

- **Meetings and Events**

From the art of celebrations to the organization of launches, exhibitions and business meetings, The Murray's diverse venues and packages offer the seamless solution to engage your associates and impress your guests.

*For staff bookings,
email reservations.themurray@niccolohotels.com using your*

company email address. Members can make their reservation through email and **quote** their **membership number** to enjoy the offer.

INQUIRE MORE HERE

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT EVENT INFORMATION



ASFIMA Training Series Season 2: Asia Financial Markets Explained

OCT 2021 - SEPT 2022 | WEBINAR | 6.30pm- 8.30pm HKT

Following the highly successful [pilot ASIFMA Training Series](#) with more than 450 registrants from over 90 firms and supported by 17 Partner Organisations, we are excited to bring to you our Training Series **Season 2!**

- Series of monthly interactive training sessions on key emerging topics relevant to the Asian financial industry
- Delivered by expert trainers from our network of leading Financial Institutions. Participants will be confident they are learning from a source accredited by the industry
- Aimed at getting junior and intermediate professionals up to speed on emerging areas in financial markets within Asia.

Monthly Training Session Format:

- Interactive virtual live training session of 60-90 mins in English
- Introduction to the topic in a dynamic format, including use of polling, Q&A and surveys
- Exclusive access to an online repository containing educational resources for each topic, including session presentation provided by the trainers, background materials and videos on-demand

To enjoy a member discount, please select 'Non-members' category and enter Discount Code : 'AUSTCHAM'.

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