



# Society for Protection of the Harbour



## 30 Years Protecting the Harbour

### Public Consultation – Control of Government’s Large Scale Reclamations

In 1994 with overwhelming public support, the ‘Save Our Harbour’ Campaign successfully stopped the Government’s policy of reclaiming the harbour to produce land for development and for sale to raise **Government revenue**.

In 1997, our Society originated the **Protection of the Harbour Ordinance** to stop the **British Colonial Hong Kong Government**, having already reclaimed half of the Harbour, from reclaiming a further 1,297 hectares, i.e. **5 square miles**.

The Ordinance empowers the independent **Law Courts** to decide whether a **Government Large Scale Reclamation** is lawful.

In 2004, the **Law Courts** enforced the Ordinance and stopped **5 Government Reclamations** at **Central, Wanchai, Kowloon Bay, Tsuen Wan and Green Island** totalling 584 hectares.

The **Ordinance** had saved the harbour from becoming like a ‘**Victoria River**’ and enabled the present harbourfront to be **enjoyed by the public**.

The Government now proposes to **amend the Ordinance** such that instead of the **Law Courts**, the **Government** itself will decide if its own **Large Scale Reclamations** are lawful.

This is contrary to the **Fundamental Principle** of the **Rule of Law and Natural Justice** under the **Common Law** that “**One cannot be the Judge of his own cause**”.

### Supporters of Victoria Harbour, the Harbour Again Needs YOU !

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| A. Do you support more <b>Government Large Scale Reclamations</b> (including the Large Scale Reclamation now being planned at <b>Green Island</b> )?             | Yes/No |
| B. Do you support the present successful <b>legal protection</b> by the <b>independent Law Courts</b> against the Government’s <b>Large Scale Reclamations</b> ? | Yes/No |
| C. Do you support the Harbour being declared a “ <b>National Treasure of China</b> ” to ensure its long term survival?   | Yes/No |

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