

Society for Protection of the Harbour

Background

In 1995	The Society was formed specifically to protect and preserve Victoria Harbour and to enhance the harbourfront for the enjoyment of the Hong Kong community.
In 1996	The Society drafted the Protection of the Harbour Bill and presented it to the Legislative Council as a Private Members' Bill.
In 1997	The Bill was successfully enacted as the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance.
In 1998	The Society successfully persuaded the Government to reduce the extent of the Central Reclamation from 32 hectares to the present 18 hectares.
Between 2002 and 2007	The Society successfully instituted a number of actions in court to enforce the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance.
In 2004	The Society obtained the judgment of the Court of Final Appeal which interpreted the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance.
In 2007	The Society successfully obtained a judgment of the High Court against the Government carrying out "Temporary Reclamation" without complying with the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance.
In 2008	The Society was able to obtain the undertaking of the then Chief Executive the Honourable Donald Tsang not to carry out any further reclamation of the harbour.
Between 2004 and 2009	The Society served as a member of the Harbourfront Enhancement Committee.
From 2010 until the Present	The Society now serves as a member of the Harbourfront Commission.
From 2011 up to the Present	The Society is also serving as a member of the Hong Kong Task Force.