

5,000 put up strong show for Harbour Week carnival

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The battle to save Victoria Harbour has moved from the courts to the court of public opinion.

More than 5,000 people, including legislators from five political parties, environmental activists and leading singers, attended the Harbour Week

Carnival, organized by the Society for Protection of the Harbour, at the Golden Bauhinia Square, Wan Chai. The Harbor Week ended Sunday.

"The public should realize the harbor belongs to them," chairwoman Christine Loh said.

She said that the public should play an active role and voice their concerns

to district councillors and legislators.

Legislative Council environmental affairs panel chairwoman Choy So-yuk said the government should be ashamed of selling reclaimed land to property developers.

The government plans to reclaim 23 hectares.

Of this, 18.73 hectares will be for

commercial development, government offices, community areas, open space as well as major roads.

The most controversial part is the comprehensive development area, which comprises 2.63 hectares of newly reclaimed land, and is expected to be for commercial development.

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