



#### RE-DO the ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT for TAMAR PROJECT

Government predictions for the pollution of Tamar are FAR TOO LOW. Central is not flat. It has deep canyons that trap the pollution. But the Government says otherwise. The Environmental Protection Department's 2001 environmental impact assessment (EIA) used a model that underestimated actual air pollution levels by 50% by pretending that there were no buildings in Central.

Despite this underestimation, and the fact that Air Quality Objectives in Central have never been met since the report was written, Government has no plans to re-do the EIA.

No responsible government would keep using information that is proven to be false. We therefore suggest that Government produce another report using a correct air pollution model that takes account of buildings. This will take about three months and cost only modest amount.

- Jimmy Fung, University of Science and Technology and Clear the Air

#### PEACE and ACCESS for the PEOPLE

It is accepted worldwide that waterside areas are reserved for people to relax, perhaps to do nothing more than stroll or exercise in a space that is away from the throb of the city, its noise and pollution. This should be somewhere that the city vista can be enjoyed with a sense of both distance and belonging, a place to rest from the endless pursuit of shopping. Nearly all of Hong Kong's malls are near an MTR station, so Central has no need for additional areas to shop. Public access to Tamar and to the Central Harbourfront should be easy. As it stands there will be barriers between the public and the waterfront, riven by roads that will only pollute, bringing noise to a place that should echo with human, not traffic sounds.

- Norman de Brackinghe, Graphic Art Consultant

#### 21st CENTURY CITY

The issue is not a small matter. Since this will be the last reclamation along the Central waterfront, we only have one chance to get it right: we are literally planning a 'Harbour-front for a Thousand Years'. The Government's usual development model ('Roads and Buildings!') is not going to get us there. The NGOs have been branded 'anti-development': that's not true. What we are proposing is a different model of development that is more in tune with Hong Kong in the 21st Century: truly sustainable development and enhanced quality-of-life. This is what will make Hong Kong the kind of 'World City' where people want to live and work, that will attract the world's most talented people to come here.

- Markus Shaw, Chairman of WWF

#### DECLAIMING the GLORY of our HARBOUR, SHORELINE and MOUNTAINS!

City parks - dedicated to the community - give people a sense of connection to nature, and also a freedom of spirit that is only truly possible outdoors. With the greenery of our mountains, the sea breezes and the waters that define Victoria Harbour, our City has the greatest of natural endowments. Yet, this quality has never been responsibly maximised. We have a last chance to design incomparable spaces for ourselves and many generations to come. Let us ensure that density, congestion and pollution are not increased, and instead 'declaim' the Harbour in the New Central area thus giving back something beautiful and enjoyable to the people that shows appreciation and respect for our shoreline and mountains.

- Hardy Lok, Society for Protection of the Harbour

# It is not too late to STOP & THINK

## 1000 YEAR HARBOURFRONT CHALLENGE

Hong Kong has GREAT people,  
the BEST natural endowment  
and deserves the BEST urban design



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\*This proposal is to stimulate community debate.