



Day view of Hong Kong Pavilion

Connect to Hong Kong at Expo 2010 Shanghai China

There are 106 days to go before the opening of the biggest World Expo yet in Shanghai on May 1. Some 242 countries and international organisations have confirmed participation in Shanghai Expo, which is expected to attract 70 million visitors. Hong Kong's Expo preparations are proceeding at full steam and include a number of pre-Expo publicity activities and events in Hong Kong.

Pre-Expo Forum – Things are looking up

To mark the 100-day countdown to Shanghai Expo on January 21, a major pre-Expo Forum will be staged at the Grand Hyatt Hong Kong. This high-level Forum will feature planning and urban design experts from three of the world's most vertical cities – Hong Kong, Shanghai and New York. "Vertical Density, the Public Dimension: A Dialogue between Hong Kong – Shanghai – New York" will explore how the vital concentration and growth of global cities can be balanced with an enlargement of the civic realm. This international event is being organised by the Hong Kong SAR Government and the World Expo 2010 Shanghai China Executive Committee, and presented by the Hong Kong New York Urban Exchange Group, AIA Hong Kong, and The Skyscraper Museum. The Forum will bring together government and city officials, developers, planners, and architects from Hong Kong, Shanghai, and New York to discuss the comparative architecture, urbanism, and public spaces in the three cities –

and what each can learn from the other. The morning session will discuss the theme "Hong Kong, Shanghai and New York – A view from the top", while the afternoon session will focus on "Creating, Enhancing and Maintaining Public Space". Speakers will include the Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Henry Tang, Vice-Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, Shanghai cum Vice Chairperson of the World Expo 2010 Shanghai China Executive Committee, Mr Zhou Hanmin and Secretary for Development, Mrs Carrie Lam. New York speakers will include Professor Hilary Ballon, Associate Vice Chancellor, New York University, Abu Dhabi, UAE. This Pre-Expo Forum is especially designed for an audience of professionals in the building, architectural, construction, development and planning industries. Registration is free but advance sign-up is necessary. To register and get further information, please visit the official conference website: www.hk-ny.com



"Connected to nature" is the theme of Hong Kong Pavilion's top level



The Shanghai Expo mascot Haibao greets friends in Sha Tin Park



Hong Kong will organise a series of activities during Expo, such as parades



Hong Kong's UBPA Exhibition will be innovative and highly interactive.

Lecture series for education sector

To enhance knowledge and understanding about Shanghai Expo, the Education Bureau will organise a series of National Educational activities in the 2009/2010 school year. One of the key activities is the "World Expo 2010 Shanghai China" National Education Expert Talk Series.

The first talk held on November 10, 2009 included representatives from the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau and the Architectural Services Department who introduced Hong Kong's participation in Shanghai Expo and the design concept of the Hong Kong Pavilion. The second talk, scheduled for January 20, 2010, will be held on the eve of the 100-day countdown to Shanghai Expo. The key speaker will be Vice-Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, Shanghai cum Vice Chairperson of the World Expo 2010 Shanghai China Executive Committee, Mr Zhou Hanmin. He will share his experience in bidding and preparing for the staging of Shanghai Expo, as well as challenges and opportunities arising from this mega event. The Vice President of Tongji University, Shanghai and Former Deputy Director General of Shanghai Municipal Urban Planning Administration Bureau, Professor Wu Jiang, also a renowned architect and expert in city planning, will talk about the design and characteristics of the Shanghai Expo site and the sustainable development features of the site in the post-Expo era. A short film highlighting the concept and development of Shanghai Expo and a promotional video outlining Hong Kong's activities at Expo will be shown. Other Expo-related activities to be organised by the Education Bureau include an e-card design competition, a Shanghai Expo project competition and a "Build a Nice Community" design competition. Prizes include a trip to Shanghai Expo.

The talk will be held from 2 pm to 5 pm at the Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre, 19 Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong. For enquiries, please contact the Moral and Civic Education Section, Curriculum Development Institute, Education Bureau Miss Wong: 2153 7476, or Miss Tsang: 2153 7425.



Teachers and students attending the "World Expo 2010 Shanghai China" National Education Expert Talk

Hong Kong at World Exposition 2010 Shanghai China

The World Exposition 2010 Shanghai China (Shanghai Expo) will be held at the waterfront areas on both sides of Huangpu River from May 1 to October 31, 2010. Under the theme "Better City, Better Life", Shanghai Expo will provide a platform for participating countries, regions and international organisations to share their experiences of urban development, discuss advanced ideas on cities, and explore new approaches to eco-friendly lifestyles and working conditions as well as sustainable development.

Hong Kong's participation involves four aspects:

- * Constructing and operating a stand-alone Hong Kong Pavilion under the theme of "Hong Kong – A City with Unlimited Potential" to showcase the city's connectivity and the creativity of Hong Kong people.
- * Taking part in the Urban Best Practices Area (UBPA) Exhibition under the theme "Smart Card, Smart City, Smart Life". The exhibi-

tion will showcase how the extensive and innovative use of modern smart card and Radio Frequency Identification technology have improved the quality and efficiency of urban city life in Hong Kong. * Taking part in Expo Shanghai Online by building a "virtual Hong Kong Pavilion" and a "virtual UBPA Hong Kong Exhibition" to provide netizens with a realistic, virtual experience of Hong Kong's participation in Shanghai Expo. * Organising events and activities before and during the Expo period, including a "Hong Kong Week" in October 2010. Activities and performing arts programmes will promote Hong Kong's innovation and creativity in cultural and other different fields.

For more details, please visit www.hkexpo2010.gov.hk.



The official website on Hong Kong's participation in Expo at www.hkexpo2010.gov.hk



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