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HONG KONG NEWS



Chairman of International Chamber of Commerce hails Hong Kong as dispute resolution hub

Hong Kong is "becoming increasingly recognized as the dispute resolution center of choice around the region and globally," said Keith Brandt, chairman of the International Chamber of Commerce – Hong Kong, and managing partner of law firm Dentons Hong Kong.

That recognition stems in part from the city's "historical prominence" in dispute resolution, he noted, sustained by an independent judiciary and the common law system.

"The independence of the judiciary – one of the strengths of Hong Kong – continues to provide confidence to the international community," said the lawyer.

The common law system is similarly a draw for foreign investors, he observed, as it creates "an environment of reliability and certainty" where one can expect their investments to be "protected if contracts go wrong," either through the use of courts or by alternative dispute resolution – or ADR – including arbitration and mediation.

It also solidifies Hong Kong's image "as a place that upholds recognized international principles and standards," said Brandt.



Hong Kong After Dark: Where to Go for the Best Night Views

The Peak offers stunning views of Hong Kong's skyline from Lugard Road and the Peak Tower's Sky Terrace 428, the city's highest 360-degree platform. Take the refurbished Peak Tram for an unforgettable journey through the urban landscape. Avenue of Stars on the Tsim Sha Tsui promenade is a favourite among visitors. Here, enjoy breathtaking skyline views and find handprints and statues of icons in Hong Kong's film industry, including Bruce Lee, Anita Mui, Jackie Chan, Jet Li and Tony Leung. For a stunning vantage point, visit Eyebar. Arrive early for 'A Symphony of Lights' – enjoy indoor seating if outdoor tables are taken. With floor-to-ceiling windows and a refreshing cocktail, the experience remains unforgettable, no matter where you sit.



Measures seek to boost yacht visits

New measures are in place to encourage more yachts from around the world to visit Hong Kong.

The facilitating measures are implemented by the Marine Department to streamline the vetting procedures and enhance the efficiency of port formalities. The ultimate aim is to help the city develop into a yachting hub in Asia.

The measures include enhancing the Electronic Business System (eBS) and relaxing berth requirements.

The enhanced eBS allows the owner or master of a visiting yacht, without the need to engage a local agent, to set up a personal account and conduct one-stop submission of arrival information for preliminary vetting by Hong Kong authorities.



For full articles, please visit Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, San Francisco
<https://www.hketosf.gov.hk/>

UPCOMING EVENT

International Asian American Business Expo

Date: Friday, August 7-8, 2026

9:00AM to 8:30PM

Location: Torrance Marriott Redondo Beach
2635 Fashion Way, Torrance, CA 90503

RSVP: <https://bit.ly/4sOWzO3?r=qr>



Monterey Park Small Business Seminar

Date: Saturday, August 8, 2026

10:00AM to 3:00PM

Location: East Los Angeles College (ELAC)
Student Union Multipurpose Room
1301 Avenida Cesar Chavez
Monterey Park, CA 91754

RSVP: [Tickets](#)



The Future of Wellness and Business presented by OSIM and HKBASC

Date: Thursday, August 13, 2026

5:00PM to 7:00PM

Location: OSIM
The Shops at Santa Anita

RSVP: [Eventbrite](#)



YEC Top Golf Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration

Date: Friday, September 25, 2026

5:30PM to 8:00PM

Location: Topgolf Montebello

100 Topgolf Drive, Montebello, California 90640

40th Anniversary - Past, Present & Future of Hong Kong

Date: Thursday, October 1, 2026

4:00PM to 5:00PM

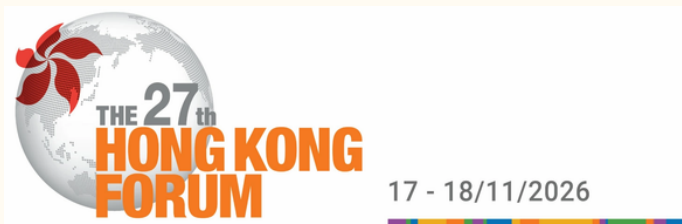
Location: Courtyard Los Angeles Monterey Park

555 N Atlantic Blvd, Monterey Park, CA 91754

27th Hong Kong Forum

Date: November 17 to 18, 2026

Location: Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong



Chinese New Year Gala - Year of the Goat

Date: Saturday, February 20, 2027

5:00PM to 9:30PM

Location: Five Star Seafood Restaurant at the Hilton San Gabriel

225 W. Valley Blvd., San Gabriel, CA 91776

San Diego 22nd Annual Banquet

Date: Thursday, February 25, 2027

5:00PM to 8:00PM

Location: Diamond Palace

3993 54th Street, San Diego, CA 92105

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For more information, visit <https://event.hktdc.com/>

Analysis and News - Market Trends - Asia

Grasping New Market Opportunities in Central Asia



A recent HKTDC Research webinar highlighted the growing scope for cooperation between Hong Kong, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan.

Following the high-profile success of Hong Kong's June business delegation to Central Asia, headed by Chief Executive John Lee, HKTDC Research hosted a follow-up webinar – Exploring the Business Opportunities in Central Asia. This saw two members of the Global Research Team – Principal Economist Alice Tsang and Senior Economist Simeon Woo – detail the economic landscape of the Central Asian markets, while sharing insights into best practice for Hong Kong companies looking for success in the region.

Economic potential

Of the five Central Asian countries – Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan – Kazakhstan, the region's primary commercial hub, has the most mature and stable economy. In 2025, Kazakhstan accounted for 53% of Central Asia's total GDP, having maintained an average annual growth rate of 5% since 2022.

Outlining Kazakhstan's appeal as an investment destination, Tsang said: "Since joining the World Trade Organization (WTO) in 2015, Kazakhstan has embraced greater transparency, while also benefitting from a substantial reduction in trade costs. In addition, its robust legal regime has attracted global businesses to both invest and set up local operations.

"In 2024, the country accounted for 70% of Central Asia's total foreign direct investment (FDI) stock. It was also the largest recipient of Chinese investment (US\$62 billion) among the five Central Asian countries and is the only Central Asian nation to have a direct railway link to China. This allows Mainland goods to be exported to Central Asia and Europe by rail via the Alashankou and Horgos land crossings."

Addressing the country's wider prospects, she said: "In addition to investing in the traditionally strong mining sector, many Mainland and local investors are now focusing on a raft of other opportunities, including those in the retail, logistics, warehousing, and financial industries. It's also worth noting that, as of 2025, Kazakhstan was China's largest Central Asia trading partner, with some US\$48.8 billion of bilateral trade – 46% of China's total trade with the region."

For full article, visit: <https://research.hktdc.com/en/article/MjM3Njl1ODE2Ng>

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Chinese New Year Gala - Year of the Horse

February 28, 2026

We are thrilled to share that our 34th Chinese New Year Gala was a huge success! A heartfelt thank you to over 50 organizations, partners, and sponsors, especially our titled sponsor Delta Air Lines and key supporters including Cathay Bank, East West Bank, CIT Commercial Services, and Boys & Girls Club of West San Gabriel Valley.

We were also delighted to welcome over 200 guests celebrating the Year of the Horse together. From the exciting lion dance to wonderful performances and festive auctions, everyone had an amazing time!

Thank you all for your support — here's to a joyful and prosperous new year!



San Diego 21st Annual Banquet

March 5, 2026

Thank you to everyone who joined the 21st Annual San Diego Banquet hosted by the San Diego Chapter of HKBASC. It was a cozy and heartwarming evening celebrating our community. Guests enjoyed a lively lion dance, along with wonderful prizes and exciting live auction items generously sponsored by our partners.

Special thanks to our Corporate Banquet Chair Delta Air Lines and all sponsors and partners for making this memorable evening possible. We would also like to extend our sincere appreciation to our San Diego Chapter Honorary Chair, Mr. Kam Li, as he retires after many years of dedicated service.



A Ferrari Day at Newport Beach

April 25, 2026

Speed × Luxury × Connection: HKBASC is delighted to co-host A Ferrari Day with Ferrari Newport Beach, together with members of the Ferrari Club of America.

The morning came alive with the beauty and passion of Ferrari, featuring over 50 stunning models. Guests enjoyed an inspiring 12Cilindri V12 technical showcase, exclusive passenger ride experiences, and the unmistakable thrill of Ferrari performance.

Set in an elegant and joyful atmosphere, guests shared coffee, fine refreshments, and meaningful conversations—celebrating lifestyle, friendship, and the spirit of Ferrari. A heartfelt thank you to all partners and guests for making this refined and unforgettable celebration of #speed, #luxury, and #community possible.



Spring Mixer with Delta Air Lines

April 30, 2026

What a fantastic evening! HKBASC was proud to host the Delta Air Lines Spring Mixer 2026, bringing together a vibrant community of professionals, partners, and friends to celebrate connection and new opportunities. The energy in the room was incredible—filled with laughter, lively conversations, and joyful moments throughout the night. Guests enjoyed great company, along with our exciting lucky draw featuring Delta Cash Vouchers and special goodies. The celebration also marked the upcoming launch of Delta's LAX–HKG route, making the evening even more meaningful.

Thank you to all our partners, sponsors, and attendees for making this event such a success. We look forward to seeing you again at our next gathering!



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