HSBC Main Building

Identification

EBN 121011
Name HSBC Main Building
Alternative Name HSBC Building, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank
Construction Type skyscraper
Current Status existing [completed]

Location

Continent Name Asia  District (1st level) Hong Kong Island
Country Name China  District (2nd level) Central and Western
State Name Hong Kong  Address (as text) 1 Queen's Road Central
Metro Area Name Hong Kong Metro Area  Main Address 1 Queen's Road Central
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City Name: Hong Kong  
Side Address: 2B Des Voeux Road Central

Description

Foundation System: pile foundation  
Architectural style: structural expressionism

Structural Material: steel  
Main Usage: commercial office

Facade Color: light gray

Spatial dimensions

Height (structural): 586.61 ft  
Escalators: 62

Height (roof): 586.61 ft  
Elevators: 28

Height (floor-floor): 12.67 ft  
Gross Floor Area (GFA): Contact us

Floors (underground): 4  
Usable Floor Area (UFA): Contact us

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Floors (overground) 47

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Features & Amenities

- One of the city's famous buildings

Facts

- The building has a module design consisting of five steel modules prefabricated in the UK and shipped to Hong Kong. In total 30,000 tonnes of steel and 4,500 tonnes of aluminum were used.
- Costs to build this very distinctive high-rise building exceeded US $670 million.
- To illuminate HSBC, the project incorporates 716 intelligent lights including 450 Colour changing fluorescent fixtures in the glass stairwells as well as Martin Exterior 600's and 200 fixtures on five levels, 8 Search lights and over one kilometre of LED lighting around the top of the building.
- The building is one of the most famous to have been designed by Foster + Partners who also designed 8 Canada Square, HSBC's world headquarters in London.
- On completion, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank was the world's most expensive skyscraper and today, that title has yet to be surpassed in Hong Kong.
- This building replaced the old Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank.
- The atrium is 52 meters tall.
- Hongkong & Shanghai Bank is one of the world's most famous skyscrapers.
- A ten-story atrium rises over the public plaza.
- From concept to completion took 6 years (1979-1985).
- The design of the building was guided by Feng Shui.
- In Hong Kong, the building is simply known as 'The Bank'.
- Launched in January 2004, the HSBC illumination is part of the Victoria Harbour Lighting Plan - a permanent lighting and special effects son et lumiere consisting of the illumination of 18 of Hong Kong’s most prominent buildings.

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Exterior trusses are expressed in the form of giant steel 'coathangers'.

Involved companies

Architect.............................................................................................................................. Foster Associates
London
United Kingdom

Additional company data available for this building

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