HSBC Main Building

Identification

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| Alternative Name | HSBC Building, # #######
                  | Hongkong & Shanghai Bank |
| Construction Type | skyscraper |
| Current Status | existing [completed] |

Location

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<th>Continent Name</th>
<th>Asia</th>
<th>District (1st level)</th>
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<td>Central and Western</td>
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<td>Address (as text)</td>
<td>1 Queen's Road Central</td>
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<td>Hong Kong Metro Area</td>
<td>Main Address</td>
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City Name | Hong Kong
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Side Address | 2B Des Voeux Road Central

Map

[Map Image]

Description

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<th>Foundation System</th>
<th>pile foundation</th>
<th>Architectural style</th>
<th>structural expressionism</th>
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<tr>
<td>Structural Material</td>
<td>steel</td>
<td>Main Usage</td>
<td>commercial office</td>
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<td>Facade Color</td>
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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) |
| Floors (underground) | 4 | Usable Floor Area (UFA) |

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Floors (overground) 47

Years and costs

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<th>Year (construction start)</th>
<th>Building costs</th>
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Year (construction end) 1985

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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