

I am writing to express my sadness and dismay at HKSE's laughable consultation document on trading hours.

I don't think I have ever before read such a shallow, parochial and unimaginative consultation document. It sums up everything that is wrong with HK these days. It's no wonder that HK is well on the way to becoming a largely irrelevant backwater deep in Shanghai's shadow, while SGX bids for ASX.

Surely you must realise that your navel gazing about your anachronistic lunch breaks makes HKSE a laughing stock among markets globally and among the wider HK community? Clearly, you have no intention of making HKSE a truly competitive market; so I'm not going to waste my time making constructive suggestions. It's most telling that the only other exchanges with which you compare lunch breaks (Figure 1) are those on the mainland.

Other exchanges have grasped decades ago what you seem unable, or unwilling, even to see.

HK used to be a place of such promise; but now, thanks to a total lack of leadership in every sphere of life, its best years lie behind it. You obviously don't care.

Shame on the entire HKSE Board.