

Speaker's bios (arranged in order of appearance):



Mr Wong Kam-sing, GBS, JP

Secretary for the Environment
HKSAR Government

Mr Kam-sing Wong was born in 1963 and graduated from the Department of Architecture of the University of Hong Kong. He received further education on sustainable built environment in the postgraduate program from the University of British Columbia in Canada. He assumed the post of the Secretary for the Environment of the HKSAR Government on 1 July 2012.

As an architect by profession, Mr Wong has been promoting sustainable built environment since 1990s. His designs and researches on sustainable built environment have won him various local and overseas awards. He served as the founder Chairman of the Environment and Sustainable Development Committee of the Hong Kong Institute of Architects, the Chairman of the Professional Green Building Council and the Vice Chairman of the Hong Kong Green Building Council, and has contributed to the promotion and research of the standards and guidelines for sustainable built environment applicable to the high-density urban environment of Hong Kong.

During his tenure as the Secretary for the Environment, Mr Wong has launched a number of environmental policy blueprints, including “A Clean Air Plan for Hong Kong”, the “Hong Kong Blueprint for Sustainable Use of Resources 2013-2022”, the “Energy Saving Plan for Hong Kong’s Built Environment 2015~2025+”, the “Hong Kong Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2016-2021” and the “Hong Kong’s Climate Action Plan 2030+”.



Ms Vicky Pollard

EU Environment and Climate Counsellor in China

Ms Vicky Pollard has been working environmental policy and economics since 1993 in a range of jobs, including as a consultant, as chief executive of the European Wind Energy Association and as economist in the UK government and Environment Agency. She joined the European Commission in 2004 and worked on the EU’s Lisbon Strategy for Growth and Jobs and the review of the EU Sustainable development strategy before joining the climate change team. She has worked on climate change for the Commission since 2006 covering international negotiations, relations with the US and other OECD countries and domestic policy.

Before moving to Beijing, Ms Pollard was deputy head of unit in the European Commission's Directorate General for Climate Action responsible for implementation of the EU emissions trading system. In August 2014, Vicky took up the post of First on Environment and Climate in the EU's delegation to China

and Mongolia, based in Beijing, where she covers all aspects of the relationship with China on environmental and climate- in terms of bilateral policy dialogues and cooperation on implementation and issues related to international negotiations, including circular economy.



Mr Merlin Lao

Programme Manager
ICLEI East Asia Secretariat

Mr Merlin Lao has been the Program Manager of ICLEI East Asia Secretariat based at Seoul, South Korea since 2016. ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability is a global city network of more than 1,750 local and regional governments committed to sustainable urban development. Merlin is leading the development of urban programs in China, Japan, Korea and Mongolia, with over 90-member cities in the region. Mr Lao supervises projects under the ICLEI's five development pathways: low emission, nature-based, circular, resilient, and equitable and people-centered development, and he is particularly active with sub-national governments in developing countries like China and Mongolia. In addition, he also assumes a major role in resource mobilization for ICLEI East Asia Secretariat.

Before joining ICLEI East Asia, Mr Lao was working for the Environmental Protection Bureau of Macau SAR, China as a senior officer for 4 years, during which he was dedicated in the first ten-year environmental planning of Macau and the city's compliance on international environmental conventions. He also possesses expertise on GHG accounting and management and previously worked as a technical consultant at RESET Carbon, a sustainable and energy management consulting company based in Hong Kong and Thailand, and at academic institutes in the United Kingdom.

Mr Lao holds a bachelor's degree in Chemistry from the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and a master degree in Sustainable Energy Systems from the University of Edinburgh.



Mr Donald Ng

Deputy Director of Environmental Protection
HKSAR Government

Mr Donald Ng is currently the Deputy Director of Environmental Protection of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region overseeing the waste management portfolio. Among other things, he is responsible for the formulation and implementation of policy and legislative measures on waste management, including the Municipal Solid Waste charging and the various Producer Responsibility Schemes in Hong Kong.

Mr Ng joined the Administrative Service of the HKSAR Government after graduation. He has been working in various Government bureau and departments, including energy, transport, housing and

aviation security. He was the Deputy Representative in the HKSARG's Economic and Trade Office from 1999-2002 and represented Hong Kong as the Deputy Representative in the World Trade Organization based in Geneva from 2008-2012.

Mr Ng was born in 1973, and is married with two daughters.



Dr Tin Lau

Technical Manager

Nano and Advanced Materials Institute Limited

After obtaining his Ph.D. in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering from The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Dr Tin Lau joined Nano and Advanced Materials Institute Limited (NAMI) to pursue his interest in applied research. He has over 10 years of R&D experience, including development of waste recycling technologies, biodegradable materials, air and water purification technologies, nanomization, and quality assurance of production process, etc.



Mr Raymond Fong

General Manager, Environmental Management Division

Hong Kong Productivity Council

Mr Raymond Fong is the General Manager of the Environmental Management Division of Hong Kong Productivity Council (HKPC). Mr Fong has ample experience in air pollution control, energy efficiency, cleaner production as well as environmental management studies. On top of leading a wide range of environmental and energy related projects and studies for the government, public, industrial and commercial sectors, Mr Fong has been a co-opt member of the HKSAR Government's Energy Efficiency & Conservation Subcommittee since 2008 to offer expert advice to the Government on energy policy formulation.

Mr Fong possesses the following professional qualifications :

- Corporate Member (Environmental Discipline and Energy Discipline) of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers
- Registered Professional Engineer, Hong Kong
- Registered Energy Assessor, Hong Kong
- Corporate Member of the Energy Institute, United Kingdom
- Chartered Engineer, United Kingdom



Mr Philippe Li

Business Development Manager
HK Recycles

Mr Philippe Li is the Business Development Manager for HK Recycles. HK Recycles is a social enterprise that strives to tackle Hong Kong's socio-environmental problems by providing an accountable and measurable recyclable collection, as well as, providing full-time employment opportunities for the underprivileged. Mr Li is responsible for the acquisition and the diversification of its clientele. Prior to his role in HK Recycles, he worked for SOW Asia foundation as the Senior Associate.



Mr Norman Cheng

Executive Committee Member
Hong Kong Waste Management Association

Mr Norman Cheng is currently the General Manager for Swire Waste Management Ltd, responsible for the overall management of the company. He has been working in the environmental management industry for over 20 years, specializing in drinking water treatment, wastewater treatment, sludge treatment, and solid waste management. He has participated in many designs, build, and operate projects in Hong Kong, China, and South East Asia. He is very active in the professional circle, as he is now serving as the Chairman of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE) Environmental Division, a member of the HKIE Environmental Discipline Advisory Panel, a committee member for the Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management Hong Kong Branch (CIWEM HK), and an executive committee member for Hong Kong Waste Management Association (HKWMA).



Mr Tom Uiterwaal

Chairman
The Environment and Energy Business Council of the European Chamber

Mr Tom Uiterwaal is the Founder and CEO of Reconergy (Hong Kong) Ltd, active in the Waste-to-Energy industry both in Asia and Europe. Reconergy is focused on the UCO and biodiesel trade and turning Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) into green electricity. Tom has been active in the Waste-to-Energy industry in Asia since 2008.

Before Mr Uiterwaal moved to Asia he worked for 12 years with CARGILL, the biggest food ingredients company in the world, in the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany. Mr Uiterwaal is also Chairman of the Environmental & Energy Business Council of the European Chamber in Hong Kong. Reconergy is the proud winner of the 2017 Cathay Pacific Shooting Star award.



Mr C.W. Cheung

Director – Development
Business Environment Council

C.W. is responsible for the membership, events and communications functions for BEC. As a Chartered Engineer with an MBA, Mr Cheung has more than 30 years of experience in the commercial and NGO sectors. He has been a senior executive working in various listed companies and international conglomerates before he joined the world’s largest environmental NGO in Hong Kong to lead sustainability programmes and business engagement work. Before joining BEC, he was the CEO of a leading local environmental advocate. Widely recognised as an expert in sustainable consumption, Mr Cheung was a member of the Endangered Species Advisory Committee, Biodiversity Strategy & Action Plan Working Group and the Support Group on Promotion of Sustainable Consumption of Biological Resources. He currently sits on the Energy Advisory Committee and Support Group on Long-term Decarbonisation Strategy.



Mr Craig Leeson

Founder of Leeson Media, Director / Writer / EP of A Plastic Ocean and Chief Global Evangelist for the Plastic Oceans Foundation

Mr Craig Leeson is an award-winning filmmaker, television presenter, news correspondent and entrepreneur. He is the global evangelist for the Plastic Oceans Foundation, a charity dedicated to ending humanity’s single-use plastic addiction within a generation. Craig’s debut cinematic feature film, “A Plastic Ocean”, which he wrote, directed and executive produced, was ranked the number one documentary on iTunes in the U.S., the U.K., and Canada and is also available globally on Amazon, and Netflix with the backing of Leonardo DiCaprio. “A Plastic Ocean” has won more than 15 film festival awards and has been screened in over 70 countries on 6 continents. There have been over 1,200 screenings globally hosted by government agencies, non-profits, schools, universities, individuals, multilateral institutions, corporations, aquariums and others, including the Smithsonian Institute and the Australian and UK Parliaments. The film has been subtitled into 15 languages. A shorter 22-minute version of the film was premiered at the UN General Assembly, in conjunction with the Permanent Mission of Colombia, on June 6 in New York City, to more than 500 people. The film counts among its patrons UNESCO.

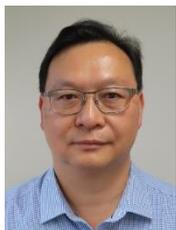
Mr Leeson is the CEO of Leeson Media International and Ocean Vista Films and founder of the I Shot Hong Kong Film Festival. He has worked with the world’s major broadcasters including BBC, CNN, Bloomberg, PBS, National Geographic Channel, Discovery Channel, Bio Channel, Universal, Al Jazeera and the Seven Network. He began his career as a newspaper journalist before moving to radio and television as a news correspondent and anchor for ABC TV Australia.

His documentary filmmaking career began in 1999 and since then he has won the Asia TV Awards for

“Rebel Impasse”, on the Maoist rebels of Nepal; “Marco Polo: The China Mystery Revealed”, (National Geographic Channel); and a New York Festivals medal for Best International Affairs Documentary on “The fall of President Suharto”.

Mr Leeson has produced and directed NGC’s top Asia television programmes and projects including The Making Of A Gala (first insider look at the workings of the Peninsula hotel), GeoWatch Asia, the Top 30 Countdown for NGC’s 10th anniversary special, and Earth Day promos shot in multiple countries. He produced and directed Asia’s first extreme sports television series - the Action Asia Challenge – and screened it on two networks simultaneously, NGCI and ESPN. He is the first film director to stage a fashion show at the UN headquarters in Geneva. He worked as media strategist and executive liaison on Asia’s biggest joint-venture business deal between Telstra Australia and PCCW, reporting directly to both boards. He is committed to charity work, primarily through the Plastic Oceans Foundation, which he helped set up globally, and through producing successful fundraising films for Room To Read, Operation Smile, The Sovereign Art Foundation and FilmAid.

Mr Leeson is a passionate oceans and mountain explorer, adventurer, surfer and diver. He is a qualified bronze medal certified surf lifesaver having represented his home state Tasmania at the Australian titles, and holds medical, CPR and surf rescue crew certification as well as a surf rescue boat license. He is also a qualified advanced SCUBA diver and holds an FAA-rated private pilot’s license. Mr Leeson plays guitar in a published rock band. He is the fourth generation media entrepreneur in his family.



Mr Charles Cheung

Senior Environmental Protection Officer
HKSAR Government

Mr Charles Cheung has been working in the Environmental Protection Department for over 20 years. He has worked in various posts in the department, including those on enforcement of laws, court prosecutions, waste management policy, and waste reduction and recycling.

Currently Mr Cheung is heading a Section in the Waste Infrastructure Planning Division, and one of his key tasks is to help develop and implement a government policy on avoidance of use of disposable plastic tableware in Hong Kong.



Mr Edwin Lau

Founder and Executive Director
The Green Earth

Mr Edwin Lau has been actively engaging in environmental protection work since the late 1980s and founded The Green Earth in early 2016 aiming to catalyse policy

development and community action. He keeps motivating the business sector and public to tackle pressing issues related to waste management, air pollution and climate change.

Mr Lau sits on several government advisory committees to offer advice on waste reduction, water conservation, public environmental education, etc. In 2009, Mr Lau was awarded the Medal of Honour (MH) by the HKSAR government in recognition of his long-term contribution to the cause of environmental protection and education.

Ms Geraldine Leung



Sales Director

Metsä Tissue Greaseproof Papers, APAC

Ms Geraldine Leung has been working for Metsä Board since 1988. She started with an administrative role and soon moved forward to sales and marketing taking care of big variety of products of the company. She was appointed by Metsä Board as Area Director responsible for the sales of printing and packaging papers and paperboards in 1996. Along all these years of her career at Metsä, she enjoys the experiences from developing various paper products; it is inspiring to have a discussion with the chief editor of a top fashion magazine in town, it is hard to imagine how amazing it could be to produce a personalized paper coffin with a team of designers, providing packaging solution for farmers in Xinjiang to enable them to export their grape to Europe could also be a fruitful journey.

Ms Leung is now the sales director of Metsä Tissue Greaseproof Papers in Asia-Pacific. She has strong passion in developing sustainable food packaging solutions for reducing food waste. Actually, she introduced dim sum paper, a metal plate substitute, to Hong Kong already over 20 years ago; it is a lovely little thing which improves hygiene and efficiency at Chinese dim sum kitchens. The product gains recognition from chefs all over the world bringing a revolutionized change to the industry.

Ms Leung is happy to share this wonderful paper journey with all of you!

Ms Katie Tang



Head of Corporate

Foodpanda

Ms Katie Tang is the Head of Corporate at Foodpanda Hong Kong. She has more than 12 years of extensive experience in hospitality industry and business consultancy, she has a unique perspective on all the intricacies of designing and delivering the perfect F&B solutions. Since joining Foodpanda in 2019, she has been leading her team with entrepreneurial spirit to plan and execute catering services for corporate offices of all sizes. Always eager to improve

people's lives by providing genuine, personalised and efficient service, Ms Tang is spearheading Foodpanda's go green initiative designed to transform the company into an eco-friendly organisation by minimising use of plastics and adopting food packaging and utensils made from sustainable materials.



Mr William Davies

General Manager – Sustainability
Swire Beverages

- St. Andrews University – MSc in Physiology

- Been with the Swire Group for 23 years, and worked for a number of their operating companies across shipping, trucking, agriculture and aircraft maintenance, in a number of countries.
- Currently heading sustainability for Swire Coca-Cola, the fifth largest bottler for The Coca-Cola Company, across Hong Kong, Taiwan, Southern China and a part of the US.



Mr Simon Ng

Director – Policy and Research
Business Environment Council

Mr Simon Ng is Director – Policy & Research of Business Environment Council. He is responsible for BEC's work on policy advocacy, thought leadership development, and collaborative research on various environmental issues that BEC focuses on. Trained as a geographer, Mr Ng is known for his ground-breaking work on ship emissions inventory in Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta in which his collaboration with the shipping industry led to the launch of the Fair Winds Charter. He is also well regarded for his research and engagement work on walkability. Mr Ng has over 20 years of experience in academic/policy research, project management and stakeholder's engagement. Before joining BEC, he was Chief Research Officer of a leading independent public policy think tank and was a visiting scholar of a top university in Hong Kong. Mr Ng is also a member of many professional bodies of transport & logistics and environmental management. Internationally, Mr Ng is an Expert Member of the UNCRD Regional Environmentally Sustainable Transport Forum in Asia since 2006.



Ms Theresa Wu

Senior Environmental Protection Officer
Environmental Protection Department, HKSAR Government

Ms Theresa Wu holds a Master of Science degree in Environmental Engineering from the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of British Columbia. She has more than 20 years' experience in the planning, design and project management of large-scale environmental and waste-to-energy infrastructures, including the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Treatment and

Recycling Facility (WEEE•PARK), Organic Resources Recovery Centre Phase 1 (O•PARK1), and the Integrated Waste Management Facilities. She is also involved in the implementation of the voluntary producer responsibility schemes for rechargeable batteries and Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) and formulation of the mandatory Producer Responsibility Schemes on WEEE. Before joining the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, she worked for engineering consulting companies and has experience in drainage and sewerage master plan studies, upgrading of wastewater treatment plants and design of sewerage network for the development of Hong Kong Disneyland. She is a member of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers.



Mr Michael Shung

Senior Procurement Manager, Supply Chain
Maxim's Group

Mr Shung joined Maxim's Group in 2012 and was promoted to the current position of Senior Procurement Manager in 2018. He currently leads the Non-Food Procurement team of Supply Chain in the Group, overseeing various purchasing functions which include general services, equipment, tableware & utensils and packaging. He is also one of the active members in the Group's sustainability committee, and he drives various environmental initiatives, including food waste management and single-use plastic reduction. Mr Shung is an MBA graduate from The University of Hong Kong.



Ms Kristy Tan

Manager, Environment
Airport Authority Hong Kong

Ms Kristy Tan is the Environment Manager for the Airport Authority Hong Kong (AAHK). She is responsible for developing and implementing environmental strategies to meet HKIA's Greenest Airport Pledge. Her key focusses are ensuring that leading carbon, waste, air quality, biodiversity and water programmes are scoped and implemented to achieve best practice environmental outcomes.

Ms Tan has worked as a sustainability practitioner, both in-house and as a consultant, within public and private organisations within Hong Kong and Australia. She is an accredited professional and verifier under the Infrastructure Sustainability Council of Australia and readily applies her skills to large, high profile public infrastructure projects or operating environments.



Ms Ellie Tang

Head of Sustainability
New World Development Company Limited

Ms Ellie Tang is currently Head of Sustainability at New World Development Company

Limited and General Manager – Sustainability at K11 Concepts Limited, where she formulated and drives the “New World Sustainability Vision 2030” across the Group’s businesses in Hong Kong and mainland China, supports environmental, social and governance (ESG) risk management and disclosure, leads green financing initiatives and standardises sustainable building practices.

Ms Tang’s sustainability experience covers strategy and planning, environmental management, ESG reporting, carbon credit project development, policy consulting, and stakeholder relationship management. She was previously the Asia Pacific Coordinator of the “HSBC Water Programme” – a global USD100m partnership with governments and NGOs to improve access to fresh water and sanitation, relevant policy support, and community livelihoods.

Ms Tang holds a Master of Public Administration in Environmental Science and Policy from Columbia University, U.S. A holistic sustainability practitioner, she is also a certified health coach.



Mr Henry Ho

Assistant Environmental & Hygiene Manager, Quality Assurance Department
Cathay Pacific Catering Services (HK) Ltd

Mr Henry Ho is currently an Assistant Environmental & Hygiene Manager at Cathay Pacific Catering Services (CPCS), which major to develop and implement environmental and sustainability development strategies and stakeholder engagement exercise to improve the company's overall sustainability performance. Besides, he has been appointed by HKSAR government as a member of Environmental Campaign Committee of Hong Kong and Environmental Impact Assessment Appeal Board Panel.

He is also an active member in green professional network; he is the treasurer of The Environmental Management Association of Hong Kong and co-founder & current chairman of Joint Colleague Environmental Innovation Alliance.



Ms Aurea Yung

Head of Operations
Foodlink Foundation

Ms Aurea Yung is the Head of Operations for the Foodlink Foundation, an Environmental Excellence award-winning organization dedicated to reducing wasted food and alleviating the hunger of Hong Kong’s underprivileged communities. For the past four years, she has served as a volunteer before being appointed as the full-time Head of Operations, where she oversees fund raising, corporate volunteerism, food logistics and community outreach.

Before joining Foodlink, Ms Yung worked in the Hospitality and Food sector, prior to moving to the commercial sector where she worked for an investment bank, a management consulting firm, and a listed high-tech company. Her international experience covers Canada, the Netherlands, Taiwan, China and other Asian countries.



Ir C.F. Leung

Director – Operations
Business Environment Council

Ir C.F. Leung is Director – Operations of Business Environment Council. He is a BEAM Professional, a Green Building Faculty Member, a Registered Professional Engineer, a Registered Energy Assessor, an accredited IAQ Signatory, a Chartered Engineer, a Chartered Environmentalist, a Chartered Water & Environmental Manager and a Certified Carbon Auditor Professional. Ir Leung specialises in green building advisory, carbon audit, energy efficiency and indoor environmental quality consultancy.

Ir Leung recently completed a project to transform the BEC Headquarters to become the first commercial building in Hong Kong to achieve the Platinum Rating of Provisional Assessment under the BEAM Plus Existing Buildings Version 1.2. With the introduction of environmentally friendly features and practices, the project aims to enhance the energy efficiency of the BEC Headquarters and showcase the greening of existing buildings.

Ir Leung also delivers BEAM Professional training courses. He is representing BEC in the Board of Directors of BEAM Society Limited.