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## **BEC ENVIROSERIES CONFERENCE 2019 MAY**

In view of the surging per capita municipal solid waste disposal rate, the Environment Bureau announced last year that municipal solid waste charging would be implemented by late 2020 at the earliest, with an aim to drive behavioural changes. Producer responsibility schemes have also been put in place to reduce waste at source. In support of the policy, this EnviroSeries Conference is set to share and demonstrate business sector commitment in reducing, reusing and recycling waste. **Mr Wong Kam-sing, GBS, JP,** Secretary for the Environment has agreed to be the Guest of Honour and Keynote Speaker at the event. In addition, the event also features international speakers **Ms Vicky Pollard**, EU Environment and Climate Counsellor in China and **Mr Merlin Lao**, Programme Manager, ICLEI East Asia Secretariat.

Register by 3 May to enjoy a maximum of 40% early bird discount!

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## **NEW SIGNATORY OF BEC LOW CARBON CHARTER**

Following the launch of **BEC Low Carbon Charter** in March, BEC is pleased to welcome a new signatory to the Charter, **Cundall Hong Kong Limited**. As a signatory choosing the ambitious Pathway 2, the company joins a leading group of businesses driving the transformation towards a low carbon economy by committing to set and achieve decarbonisation targets aligned with climate science and the goals of the Paris Agreement; disclose progress of setting/achieving targets; and advocate target setting and low carbon practices. Cundall Hong Kong Limited is an engineering and management consultant for the property & construction sector and a BEC General Member.



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## **BEC MEMBERS CORNER**



BEC Council Member Airport Authority Hong Kong (AAHK) published its Sustainability Report 2017/18. The report

covers AAHK's sustainability performance during the year across four key pillars: "Our People", "World-class Gateway", "Our Future Airport" and "HK People's Airport". Ten interviews with AAHK staff showcasing how sustainability thinking has been integrated into HKIA's operation and business, such as the Ground Services Equipment Pooling Scheme and the EXTRA MILE project, are featured throughout the report.

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BEC Council Member CLP **Elderly Home Experience** 

Day to showcase a range of innovative smart technology and energy saving solutions, providing a platform for partnerships between the elderly service sector and smart product and service providers, aiming to promote energy efficiency and build an age-friendly smart city. More than 200 guests of smart product and service providers, start-up companies, and representatives of non-governmental organisations and private elderly homes joined the event and experienced gerontechnology in six fields, including energy management, cooking, health, security, environment, and entertainment.

CLP Power offers elderly home operators the comprehensive all-in-one packages and financial support through initiatives such as New CLP Eco Building Fund, CLP Electrical Equipment Upgrade Scheme and the Incentive on Electric Cooking.



BEC Council member HK Electric has launched its Sustainability Report 2018, presenting its approach

to meeting sustainability challenges, key performance during the year as well as plans and targets for the future, in particular its determination in going further into a new era of greener power generation. 2018 was a special year for HK Electric. Not only did it mark the successful completion of the Company's previous 10year Scheme of Control Agreement (SCA) with the HKSAR Government, but the Company also received approval for its 2019-2023 Development Plan under the new 15-year SCA, which maps out various pathways for helping to build a smarter and more sustainable Hong Kong.

### Swire properties

BEC Council Member Swire Properties has recently launched its Sustainable Development (SD) Report 2018 and the SD 2030 Strategy: 2018 Highlights, which are now available for viewing and download.

Included this year is a new section on Climaterelated Financial Disclosures, which reflects the company's efforts in this emerging area of sustainability; as well as an update on how the company's Sustainable Development (SD) 2030 Strategy is supporting the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

Officially the second full year implementing its SD 2030 Strategy, the company continued to integrate SD into every facet of the business, and progresses have been made in the five strategic pillars (Places, People, Partners, Performance (Environment), Performance (Economic))

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**BEC Council Member** Towngas launched its Sustainability Report

(SR) 2018 with its Annual Report 2018 in April. With the theme of "Responding to Stakeholders", the report demonstrates how Towngas responded to stakeholders' key concerns and global challenges - including the prioritisation of four United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Towngas will continue to supply clean energy and water to their customers, develop new environmentally friendly energy solutions, provide access to basic services, and back up the building of sustainable cities to support the SDGs.

The report has been prepared in accordance with the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Standards: Core option and with reference to the GRI G4 Oil and Gas Sector Disclosures.

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**ARUP** BEC Corporate Member **Arup** celebrated the completion of Harbour Area Treatment Scheme (HATS)'s Main System Enhancement Works with their client, Drainage Services Department of the HKSAR Government in March. The works will further enhance the operation flexibility and reliability of the Stonecutters Island Sewage Treatment Works (SCISTW). HATS is the largest environmental infrastructure in Hong Kong. As the consultant of HATS Stage 2A project, Arup has been responsible for the upgrading works at the SCISTW. The plant now handles a sewage flow of 2.45 million m<sup>3</sup> per day, serving a population of 5.7 million in Hong Kong.

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To promote a green concept and community engagement through active involvement of staff, BEC Corporate Member **CITIC Pacific Limited** launched a programme titled "簡.約 Simplicity cum

Charity Sales 2019". A total of 90 staff attended 3 workshops to make over 600 pieces of organic skincare products by using the essence of "Plectranthus Amboinicus" planted at CITIC Pacific's Happy Farm. The skincare products were then sold for charity purpose. To further uplift the general public's awareness towards the importance of clean water, the funds raised will be used to sponsor staff in joining an initiative which helps bring clean water to those in need in China, Nepal and Cambodia.

#### BEC Corporate Member Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals Limited (Hactl) is committed to

supporting different local NGOs. Every year, Hactl invites different green groups to promote sustainability to the Airport community, and also actively supports local NGOs' community works, such as providing a platform in promoting seasonal diet, local organic food and upcycling in Hactl Green Week. In March 2019, Hactl participated in the opening ceremony of Community Green Station (Kwai Tsing) and the open day of an interactive farm which promotes eco community and local organic farming respectively. Hactl also lent benches, which made up of upcycled wooden pallets, to an NGO in their opening ceremony for reducing one-off material consumption.

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**BEC Corporate Member Intertek Hong Kong** participated in the Earth Hour event for seven consecutive years. The laboratory at the Garment Centre switched off all non-emergency lights for an hour. One of the recent green initiatives of the company is to encourage its staff to reflect on their own behaviour concerning the environment and make small changes that would collectively make a big difference at workplace and at home.

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BEC Corporate Member **Steve** Leung Design Group (SLD) announced that their Hong

Kong headquarter office has been awarded with WELL Certification at the Gold level by IWBI<sup>™</sup>. SLD is the first design firm in Hong Kong to achieve this recognition. The prestigious distinction was awarded based on seven categories of building performance – Air, Water, Light, Nourishment, Fitness, Comfort and Mind. These qualities are integrated with the three core values of SLD own distinctive wellness design concepts including International standard, Aesthetics and Value for money in its interior. As a global member of IWBI<sup>™</sup>, SLD will continue to make collective effort with the community to advance human health and wellness design in the spaces where we live, work and play.

To further promote well-being in the design industry, on 26 March, SLD joined hands with one of the largest home furniture retail platforms in China for the kick-off ceremony of M+ China Top Interior Design Award - Wellness Home Design for All Ages.

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Alaya Consulting 本識顧問 Building Trust Through Narrative Building Trust Through Narrative

BEC General Member Alaya Consulting Limited, the organiser of Hong Kong ESG

Reporting Awards (HERA), announced that the entry submission period for HERA 2019 is now open. HERA 2018 Grand Award Winners include Airport Authority Hong Kong, AAC Technologies, Bank of East Asia, Cathay Pacific Catering, COSCO Shipping, etc. The Award Winners serve to be benchmarks and epitome of sustainable business practices to other organisations. Judged by an independent panel of judges with distinguished backgrounds, HERA are open to listed and non-listed companies in Hong Kong and Macao who have exceptional practices in sustainability reporting.

## LIFAar

BEC General Member Lifa Air Limited advances Indoor Air Quality related solutions with

a green mind for high-quality breathing environment. In March, Lifa Air was one of the exhibitors in Macao International Environmental Co-operation Forum & Exhibition 2019, which aimed to promote ecological civilisation and green development. Lifa Air exhibited its technology which enables very high filtration efficiency with extremely low energy consumption and a low-pressure drop design. Lifa Air is committed to making a better indoor environment.

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BEC General Member **PJ Sustainability Consulting** offers advice to corporate, public organisations and NGOs on how to create a positive impact through meaningful and innovative projects.

One of the recent projects has been to support the work of a non-profit organisation which rescues excess food from hotels, bakeries and school canteens to distribute to the needy. Each day in Hong Kong more than 3,600 tonnes of uneaten food are transported to our landfills where it decomposes to generate methane, while one in five families living in poverty go hungry because they do not get enough food on their tables. To helping for wellness and pushing for sustainability, PJ Sustainability also works with the organisation on this worthy initiative to save resources, feed the needy and reduce global warming.

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## Not a BEC Member yet?



Contact our **Membership Team (T. 2784 3924** | **E. membership@bec.org.hk)** to know more about our membership scheme. You can also contact our membership team to explore potential speaking and sponsorship opportunities.

Want to share your company's latest green news with over 5,000 BEC newsletter subscribers from various industries?

BEC Council, Corporate and General Members are welcomed to submit their exciting news/ technology/ activities related to sustainability and environment excellence to us. We will then share your news via BEC communications channels, including our social media platforms and e-Newsletter. Please contact Ms Peryl Tse (T. 2784 3912 | E. peryltse@bec.org.hk) for submissions and enquiries.

### Please join us in congratulating on a membership upgrade and welcoming our new members:

#### **Council Member**

Chinachem Agencies Ltd



(Membership Upgrade)

#### **Corporate Member**

Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals Limited

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Hopewell Holdings Limited



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#### **General Member**

Amann Environmental Technology Development Limited Tony Ip Green Architects Ltd Henderson Sunlight Property Management Limited PJ Sustainability Consulting Ltd Success Base Engineering Limited Alaya Consulting Limited Neonlite Distribution Limited Lofter Group Limited

#### **Affiliate Member**

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## Thinking about showcasing your green technologies at BEC Building?

Members are welcome to contact our membership team (T. 2784 3924 | E. membership@bec.org.hk) for demonstrating the latest green technologies at our building, the Jockey Club Environmental Building.

## BEC UPCOMING EVENTS \_//\_

#### Deciphering TCFD Part 1: What Businesses Cannot Ignore – Understanding Investor & Stakeholder Expectations



The Financial Stability Board Task Force on Climaterelated Financial Disclosures (TCFD) has developed a set of recommendations to help companies manage climate-related financial risks and for consistent disclosures by companies to investors, lenders, insurers, and other stakeholders. But what exactly are investors and stakeholders expecting? What information are they asking for? Come join Deciphering TCFD, Part 1: What Businesses Cannot Ignore – Understanding Investor & Stakeholder Expectations to take part in the discussion and understand what investors and stakeholders are looking for and how your company should respond to the TCFD recommendations.

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#### **BEC Policy Dialogue Series:** Lantau Tomorrow Vision



The Lantau Tomorrow Vision (LTV) was promulgated to harness the potential of Lantau to becoming a double gateway to Greater Bay Area and the world. It attracted the interest of different sectors of society regarding, among others, the scale of the reclamation, the financial requirements of the project, the environmental implications of LTV, and how to make the plan climate-proof. At this Policy Dialogue Series event, BEC members will have an opportunity to understand the project first-hand and to engage in face-to-face dialogue with Mr Robin K. B. Lee, Principal Project Coordinator of the Sustainable Lantau Office on this important topic.

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#### **CDP Workshop**



16 May



BEC is pleased to be an Event Partner of CDP Hong Kong & Southeast Asia Spring Workshops 2019. CDP is holding three sessions in Hong Kong, Singapore and Jakarta. The Hong Kong and Singapore workshops will cover its climate change, water security, and forests questionnaires, while the Jakarta session will focus on the forest questionnaire only. You are cordially invited to join the Hong Kong workshop to learn more about CDP's questionnaires in 2019.

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#### **BEC Industry Visit to EcoPark**



#### 24 May

The Waste Glass Bottle Recycling Plant of Baguio Green Group is configured with an advanced glass recycling technology which allows a processing capacity of 100 tonnes per day. At the plant, glass bottles collected from the community go through the process of sorting, crushing and grinding into glass cullet. Collected by K. Wah Construction Materials, the glass cullet will then be mixed with other construction and demolition waste to form new pavers, helping to conserve virgin aggregates and reduce stress on public fill banks. By visiting the two sites, participants will understand the entire production chain of ecoblocks and eco-pavers, which are environmentfriendly, decorative and functional.



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## BEC PAST EVENTS $\square$

#### Green Delight in Estates -Phase 12 Launching Ceremony cum Green Living Fun Day

The Hong Kong Housing Authority has again partnered with BEC to host "Green Delight in Estates". The Phase 12 Launching Ceremony cum Green Living Fun Day at Oi Man Estate were successfully held on 13 April with over 200 residents, guests and volunteers. The ceremony was officiated by Ms Connie Yeung, Deputy Director of Hong Kong Housing Authority, joined by representatives of Estate Management Offices and Estate Management Advisory Committees of 80 selected public rental housing estates, and followed by a breakout session to introduce the programme. At the Green Living Day, through joining the games, waste reduction talks, barters and workshops, the message of waste reduction and recycling, as well as saving resources are instilled to the public.





Thank you to those corporate volunteers who supported us at the Green Living Days in April. In May, there will be 3 more Green Living Days for volunteers from BEC members to help, and if your company is interested, please contact beenowu@bec.org.hk.

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## BEC INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (IEE) TRAINING COURSES



Advanced Training on The WELL Building Standard v2™



7 May

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## **BEC SUPPORTED EVENTS**

• The 16th Venice Biennale International Architecture Exhibition – Hong Kong Exhibition and Response Exhibition| The Hong Kong Institute of Architect Biennale Foundation and Hong Kong Arts Development Council| 25 May 2018 -2Q, 2019

• "My Green Space" Green Building Competition for Schools 2018 | Hong Kong Green Building Council | September 2018 - May 2019

• Green Building Award 2019 (GBA 2019) |Professional Green Building (PGBC) and the Hong Kong Green Building Council (HKGBC)| March - November 2019

• Sustainable Development Goals Junior Ambassador 2019 JCI Hong Kong Jayceettes | 10 March - mid of July 2019

• Environmental Innovation: Opportunities and Challenges in Hong Kong | The HKIE Environmental

Division Annual Forum | 30 April 2019

- IFMA Integrate 2019 : Changing Landscape | The Hong Kong Chapter of IFMA | 7 May 2019
- Certified Facility Manager (CFM) Exam Prep Workshop| The Hong Kong Chapter of IFMA | 8 May 2019
- RICS Hong Kong Annual Conference 2019 RICS | 24 May 2019

• HKICS 20th Annual Corporate and Regulatory Update (ACRU)| The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries | 5 June 2019

• 2nd Annual Asia Sustainable & Responsible Capital Markets Forum | Euromoney Conferences | 25 June 2019

• Forum on "Municipal Solid Waste Charging: How will it impact Hong Kong?" | The Hong Kong Waste Management Association | 26 September 2019

• The International Water Association Asia Pacific Regional Group (IWA-ASPIRE) Conference & Exhibition 2019| The International Water Association (IWA), IWA Regional Committee of Hong Kong, China (IWA HK), and Asia Pacific Regional Group (ASPIRE) | 31 October - 2 November 2019

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