



# BEC E-NEWSLETTER

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## BEC SEASONAL COCKTAIL 2018

Over 180 like-minded business leaders and executives, government officials, sustainability professionals and academics joined **BEC Seasonal Cocktail** to celebrate the festive season together. On this special occasion, Mr Richard Lancaster, Chairman of BEC thanked guests for constantly standing at the forefront of promoting environmental excellence and improving corporate responsibility with BEC for the past year.

BEC will continue to develop ideas for enhancing policy landscape, facilitating dialogue between the government and business community and helping businesses take the leadership role in environmental fronts.



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## BEC JOCKEY CLUB INTELLIGENT RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME



In an effort to establish the first-ever benchmarking reference of waste reduction and recycling and assist the government in evaluating the effectiveness of waste-related policies, BEC recently launched the 3-year **BEC Jockey Club Intelligent Resource Management Programme** which is funded by The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust and supported by the Environmental Protection Department. The project aims to set up a smart waste monitoring system at 200 participating office buildings, private housing estates and schools to collect waste and recyclables data using cloud technology. Another key element of the Programme is waste reduction and recycling education.

Please contact [dorischan@bec.org.hk](mailto:dorischan@bec.org.hk) if you would like to know more about or join the Programme.

## BEC POLICY SUBMISSIONS

BEC has recently made a submission on **the supply of recycled water in Hong Kong** in response to the Government's public consultation. BEC is in principle supportive of using more recycled water, as it is important for resource conservation, water security and climate resilience. Recycled water has wide applications such as flushing, cleaning and irrigating; hence BEC recommends ultimately transitioning towards a city-wide supply of recycled water. Adequate financial and non-financial mechanisms will need to be in place for the successful roll-out of recycled water supply and usage.

BEC also made a submission on **Waste Disposal (Charging for Municipal Solid Waste) (Amendment) Bill 2018** in December. BEC strongly supports the municipal solid waste ("MSW") charging scheme and believes it is an integral part of the Hong Kong's waste management strategy. As revenue generated from MSW charging will be allocated to enhance waste reduction and recycling, we hope the Government would start planning and building a comprehensive waste management system that would effectively reduce waste, incentivise recycling and support the development of a circular economy.

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## BEC MEMBERS CORNER



**SWIRE PROPERTIES** Co-presented by BEC Council Member **Swire Properties** and a social enterprise, Tong Chong Street Market aims to incorporate eco-living with creative dishes to promote a healthy and sustainable lifestyle, as well as raising food cycle awareness in Hong Kong. Visitors can enjoy hearty and quality gourmet, fresh seasonal organic produce every Sunday from now until 17 February 2019 (except 30 December 2018 and 3 February 2019).

This year, Tong Chong Street Market has introduced various sustainability initiatives to promote green lifestyle according to the company's SD2030 vision. For instance, utensil and coffee cup rental services are available at the Sustainability Corner onsite. Market goers can clean up their own cutlery or the borrowed tableware at the dedicated washing station, while they could enjoy different levels of discount at the vendors' booth to appreciate their support to the good cause. Recycling bins are set at the market with clear guidance from green ambassadors showing the proper procedures for handling the items. After enjoying the great food, market goers can participate in the free, interactive workshops and bring home their handmade upcycling products.

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BEC Council Member **Towngas** was honoured with the Association of Energy Engineer (AEE) Pacific Rim Regional Energy Project of the Year Award 2018. The award-winning project, the Combined Heat and Power Generating System established in Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital, not only utilises biogas generated from landfills to produce electricity for the Hospital and achieves the effect of turning waste into energy, but also makes use of the waste heat from power generation to produce steam and hot water for the facilities in the Hospital.

Towngas will keep on exploring new opportunities, driving profits for the Company while simultaneously advancing the social values in the communities in which it operates.

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We create chemistry

BEC Corporate Member **BASF** has updated its corporate strategy with ambitious commitments. As the leading global chemical company, it aims to grow sales faster than the growth of global chemical production, while keeping its greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) flat at today's level until 2030. This is an aggressive target given that the company has already been decoupling carbon emissions from growth for over 20 years: since 1990, production volumes have doubled while GHG emissions declined by 50% in absolute terms. Achieving the new goal will require optimising the use of renewable energy in BASF's integrated chemical production facilities ("Verbund"), applying digitalisation and operational excellence techniques and deploying new technologies.

Building on more than 150 years of heritage, BASF also plans to leverage its strengths in sustainable innovation to achieve €22 billion in sales by 2025 with products which make a substantial contribution to sustainability in the value chain.

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BEC Corporate Member **Fuji Xerox (Hong Kong)** has recently published its 9th Sustainability Report in accordance with the GRI Standards. Embracing the concept of circular economy in its product lifecycle, the company is committed to striving for zero emissions by achieving a product recycling rate of 99.5%. The report also highlights the groundbreaking introduction of Blissful Leave as an employee engagement initiative, through which employees enjoy up to 25 days holidays per fiscal year to celebrate their precious moments such as wedding anniversary and children's graduation.

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BEC Corporate Member **Konica Minolta** recently presented its annual green event "Konica

**KONICA MINOLTA Minolta Green Concert 2018**" on 26 Nov 2018 at Queen Elizabeth Stadium. This year, Konica Minolta introduced the theme "Grand Cycle Challenge Prix" by integrating the timeless slot car racing game into cycling and power generation to spread the message of environmental protection at the corporate level, as well as raising funds for a charity group. During the 10-day cycling competition, all participants powered the slot cars to experience the difficulty of energy generation and to realise the importance of energy saving. In the concert, the company also arranged a drum performance with reused materials to promote waste reduction.

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BEC Corporate Member **Intertek Hong Kong** welcomed 100+ clients at its recent Fashion Sustainability Forum which shared views on the adoption of eco-friendly manufacturing

processes and selection of green raw materials. In order to reduce annual energy consumption, manufacturers are encouraged to accurately measure and evaluate consumption of energy and materials, as well as environmental impacts, at every single step in the life cycles of their products.

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*We take it personally*

On 11 December, BEC Corporate Member **Orient Overseas Container Line Limited (OOCL)** was named

as the "Company of the Year" in the presence of hundreds of industry professionals at the Lloyd's List Global Awards 2018 ceremony held in London. The judges commented that OOCL had long been regarded as an industry leader when it came to efficiency and reliability. This overreaching award also recognises their recent achievements in global business strategy, digital innovation, maintaining a good reputation; and advancement in sustainability performance in the market.

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## Please join us in welcoming our new members: Corporate Member

Steve Leung Designers Limited

**SLDG**

VPower Group International Holdings Limited



## General Member

Charter Queen Limited

Crown Gas Stoves (Holdings) Company Limited

Epson Hong Kong Limited

IESVE Singapore Pte Ltd

LANZ-AG Co., Ltd

## Not a BEC Member yet?



Contact our **Membership Team (T. 2784 3924 | E. [membership@bec.org.hk](mailto: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](mailto:peryltse@bec.org.hk)) for submissions and enquiries.

## 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](mailto:membership@bec.org.hk)) for demonstrating the latest green technologies at our building, the Jockey Club Environmental Building.

## BEC UPCOMING EVENTS

### BEC Workshop: Turning Hong Kong's Municipal Solid Waste into Solid Recovered Fuel (BEC members only)

 10 Jan



The Waste-to-Energy project is about turning Municipal Solid Waste in Hong Kong into Solid Recovered Fuel (SRF) for the benefit of the local energy sector with minimal environmental

impact. SRF can be utilised as an alternative fuel to substitute for coal or other fossil fuels at local cement or power plants. With lower CO2 emissions, it will significantly reduce the average carbon footprint, as well as increase local recycling rates and encourage renewable energy.

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### Carbon Pricing Workshops (BEC members only)

 16 Jan, 30 Jan, 15 Feb, 25 Feb

Carbon pricing is a topic which businesses must fully grasp. This series of Carbon Pricing Workshops aims to inform BEC members on what carbon pricing is and what it means to businesses. Through these workshops, participants will collectively explore what is the best way forward for Hong Kong: whether new carbon pricing type policies are needed to support Hong Kong's decarbonisation transition, and if so what is the most suitable pathway.

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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
- **HK Corporate Citizenship Program** | Hong Kong Productivity Council | June - December 2018
- **"My Green Space" Green Building Competition for Schools 2018** | Hong Kong Green Building Council | September 2018 - May 2019
- **FuturArc Green Leadership Award 2019 and FuturArc Prize 2019** | BCI Asia | 17 September 2018 - 31 December 2018
- **RICS Awards Hong Kong 2019** | Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) | October 2018 - March 2019
- **HKIE Inter-Division Courses** | HKIE Inter-Division Courses | November 2018 - January 2019
- **Seminar on Latest Development of Certification** | Hong Kong Council for Testing and Certification & Hong Kong Accreditation Service | 7 January 2019
- **2018 CDP Hong Kong & Southeast Asia Report Launch** | CDP Hong Kong | 29 January 2019
- **Environmental Innovation: Opportunities and Challenges in Hong Kong** | The HKIE Environmental Division Annual Forum | 30 April 2019

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

### Intensive Training on Indoor Mould Inspection and Management

 17 Jan

### Towards Sustainable Tourism: From Theory to Practice

 18 Jan

### Application of Computer Simulation in Green Buildings: Principle and Methodology

 28 Jan



### ISO14001:2015 Internal Auditing

 31 Jan & 1 Feb

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