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# BEC E-NEWSLETTER

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BEC would like to send our best wishes to you, and thank you for collaborating with us in promoting environmental excellence in the past year.

Last year was an eventful year for sustainable development in Hong Kong, showing the importance of the business community working together to help develop plans and policies towards the shared goal of a sustainable future. The Climate Action Plan 2030+, Hong Kong 2030+, as well as the Hong Kong Smart City Blueprint were issued, setting out measures for achieving carbon emissions reductions and building Hong Kong into a world-class smart city.

In the year ahead, opportunities and challenges will continue to arise for businesses and the community in Hong Kong. Details of the municipal solid waste charging and the feed-in tariff scheme for renewable energy installations will be announced this year. BEC will take forward its various projects including working with members to set carbon reduction targets, enhance energy efficiency, and help Hong Kong transition towards sustainable consumption and a circular economy.

Let's work together in extending our joint efforts to make Hong Kong more liveable with the ability to sustain its prosperity and quality of life for generations to come.

## GREEN INITIATIVES IN LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR AT VICTORIA PARK



In collaboration with the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD), BEC has successfully invited over 200 stall owners in the Lunar New Year Fair at Victoria Park to join "BEC Green Event Charter", a green initiative encouraging event organisers to manage their wastes more responsibly.

BEC also recommended a series of green initiatives to the two Departments which included 23 sets of recycling facilities and 3 resources recycling corners established in the Fair for stall owners to recycle and donate their unsold goods and stall materials. Most of the bulky materials, such as marquees, refrigerators, ladders, chairs and desks, were donated to charitable organisations, while bamboos, wooden pallets and unsold peach blossom trees were sent to NGOs and elderly homes for recycling and upcycling.

## BEC INITIATIVES

### Road Transport Dialogue Platform – Second Meeting on “The Transition to Hybrid and Electric Buses & Commercial Vehicles”



With support from the Environment Bureau and the Transport and Housing Bureau, this Platform aims to develop impactful action towards a clean low carbon transport and logistics system. It will involve an on-going dialogue between businesses in this sector to identify issues for detailed discussion with the Government.

BEC is now organising the next meeting focusing on “The Transition to Hybrid and Electric Commercial Vehicles”. We welcome interested parties in the transport and logistics sector to join this meaningful discussion and explore collaborative emission-reduction measures together and with the Government. Please contact [waynewong@bec.org.hk](mailto:waynewong@bec.org.hk) if you are interested to join or would like further information.

### Low Carbon Hong Kong: Supporting Business to Set Targets Property & Construction Working Group



CCBF AG has launched a Property & Construction Working Group on how to set and achieve Paris Agreement-aligned targets and develop supporting policy recommendations through a series of workshops. The first of these was held on 28 February where members explored with experts the methodologies of setting targets.

BEC members from these sectors as well as those who are occupiers of significant sized properties are invited to join the group. Please contact [jonathanho@bec.org.hk](mailto:jonathanho@bec.org.hk) to see how you can take part.

[Click HERE for more background information](#)

### “Investing in Energy Efficiency: Enhancing Hong Kong’s Policy Framework” Project Makes Debut



BEC is pleased to announce the initiation of a new project, generously funded by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, and supported by our Advisory Groups, with the end-goal of developing policy recommendations to the Government on facilitating investment in low carbon new and existing buildings. We invite interested members and non-members, preferably in the financial, property, energy consultancy, architectural and technology sectors, to participate in future workshops to help shape and contribute to our policy recommendations. Please contact [waynewong@bec.org.hk](mailto:waynewong@bec.org.hk) if you are interested in this project.

## BEC PAST EVENTS

### BEC Leadership Networking Series Seminar on the EIA Ordinance



BEC held a seminar titled “The Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance - 20 Years on: Achievements and Possible Enhancements” on 8 February. Supported by HKIEIA and HKIQEP, the seminar attracted over 100 executives from various industries. Academics and industry experts shared how the EIA Ordinance had worked over the years and explored its possible enhancements for the future.

## BEC MEMBERS CORNER



BEC Council Member **Sun Hung Kai Properties** (SHKP) published its 2016/17 Sustainability Report, capturing its efforts and achievements towards sustainable development for the fiscal year ending 30 June 2017. SHKP believes in Building Homes with Heart and continues advancing its sustainability agenda to create long-term value for its stakeholders. SHKP is proud to be an early adopter of the Core option of the newest Global Reporting Initiative Sustainability Reporting Standards.

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BEC Council Member **Siemens** has been dedicated to developing Hong Kong into a world-class smart city. In association with KPMG, CLP Holdings, JOS and SCC, the report, titled "Connecting Hong Kong – Perspectives on our Future as a Smart City", has been published to feature findings from a survey of 500 business executives and 1,000 citizens in Hong Kong on their perceptions of the city's strengths and weaknesses as a smart city. To realise smart city vision, Siemens also collaborated with HKSTP to setup Hong Kong first's Smart City Digital Hub, to tackle city challenges and create an innovation ecosystem for start-ups and infrastructure providers.

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BEC Council Member **Kerry Properties Limited's** first Sustainability Report was named "Asia's Best First Time Sustainability Report" in Asia Sustainability Reporting Awards 2017. The company was awarded for demonstrating a promising start in sustainability reporting by producing a well-rounded first report with focus on material topics and stakeholder engagement. Organised by CSRWorks in Singapore, the Asia Sustainability Reporting Awards recognise and honour sustainability reporting leaders in Asia.

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Please join us in welcoming our new members:

Corporate Member:



**Diversey Hong Kong Limited**

General Member:

**Toshiba International Procurement Hong Kong Limited**

Affiliate Members:

**Diving Adventure Limited**

**Henderson Sunlight Property Management Limited**

**NowHere Design Limited**

**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 welcome 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 Mr Tenniel Tao (T. 2784 3922 | E. tennietao@bec.org.hk) for submissions and enquiries.

**Thinking about showcasing your green technologies at BEC Headquarters?**

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

**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.



## BEC UPCOMING EVENTS

### BEC Industry Visit to WEEE-PARK – 15 March



Our destination for the coming BEC Industry Visit is WEEE-PARK. The WEEE Treatment and Recycling Facility operated by BEC member ALBA IWS on behalf of the Government will be the first of its kind in Hong Kong to collect, sort, detoxicate, dismantle and recycle television sets, washing machines, refrigerators, air conditioners, as well as computers and certain associated devices including printers, scanners, and monitors in a safe and eco-friendly way. By visiting the site, participants will learn more about this freshly launched waste treatment facility and the green building principles applied on it. Register for this exciting event now!

[Click HERE for registration and details](#)

### Climate Turbulence: What Businesses and Investors Can't Afford to Ignore

#### Part 2: Brace, Brace! How companies are responding to the climate turbulence ahead – 6 March



BEC, The American Chamber of Commerce's Environment & Sustainability Committee and The British Chamber of Commerce's Energy and Environment Committee jointly bring you "Climate Turbulence: What Businesses and Investors Can't Afford to Ignore Part 2: Brace, Brace! How companies are responding to the climate turbulence ahead".

In Part 1, we learned that leading financial institutions are starting to assess and actively hedge their exposure to corporate climate risk. In Part 2, we will hear how companies are taking steps to evaluate their exposure and institute resilience strategies – protecting people, assets and business continuity.

[Click HERE for details](#)

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

### Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Management & Improvement (5th Intake)

Course date: 16 April 2018

This 2-hour course provides essential knowledge about IAQ, e.g. importance of IAQ, related requirements in BEAM Plus and LEED, IAQ management tips, etc. To enhance the awareness of IAQ, BEC members who enrol before 2 April 2018 (Monday) can enjoy buy-one- get-one-free course offer for their staff members who join the course together.

### Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in Hong Kong



Course date: 11 May 2018

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is an essential process to ensure environmental factors are considered at all stages of project planning and development. With increasing public scrutiny and judicial review of several EIA projects, can Hong Kong be keeping pace with new developments in EIA? This 6-hour course aims to help the business sector keep abreast of essential knowledge of EIA and strategic environmental assessment (SEA) and related statutory requirements in Hong Kong.

### ISO 14001:2015 Internal Auditing (4th Intake)

Course date: 26 & 27 July 2018

Join this highly interactive 2-day training, you will acquire essential knowledge of EMS, understand the related environmental legislation in Hong Kong, and interpret the new requirements of 2015 version. You will be guided in a mock internal audit and familiar with the successful EMS internal audit skills within a short period of time.



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## BEC SUPPORTED EVENTS

- **Tree Adoption Program** | Conservation E3 Foundation | September 2017– October 2018
- **Resilience Public Talk by Dr. Satish Kumar at Business Environment Council** | Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden | 19 March 2018
- **BEAM Plus New Buildings (NB) Training and Examination** | BEAM Society Limited | 26 March 2018
- **LIVE CPD Training - Case Sharing on BEAM Plus Platinum Projects by Housing Authority** | BEAM Society Limited | 17 April 2018
- **The HKIE Environmental Division Annual Forum** | The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers | 27 April 2018
- **IFMA's Integrate 2018 Facility Management Conference** | International Facility Management Association | 10 May 2018
- **CIWEM HK Technical Mission 2018** | The Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management | 29 April to 6 May 2018
- **Certified Building Commissioning Professional (CBCP) course** | Hong Kong Association of Energy Engineers | 23-25 May 2018
- **Passive and Low Energy Architecture 2018 Conference** | The Chinese University of Hong Kong | 10-12 December 2018

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