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BEC Submission on the Public Consultation for the 2018-19 Budget



As Hong Kong's leading business membership organisation focused on environmental sustainability, BEC actively contributes policy recommendations to the HKSAR Government. To follow up on our policy submission for the Chief Executive's Policy Address October 2017, BEC has recently made another submission to the Government in relation to its 2018-19 Budget.

We made recommendations as to how the Government can incentivise and ramp up investment as to the following:

- Transitioning to a low emission transport and logistics sector to improve air quality and reduce carbon emissions
- Improving energy efficiency of commercial buildings to reduce carbon and saving costs
- Support the climate change 4Ts Charter that involves businesses setting carbon reduction target-setting
- Enhanced waste management systems in line with a circular approach to resource use.

A full version of the submission is now available on BEC website. [Click HERE to read our submission](#)

BEC SPRING DINNER 2018



In the festive month of Chinese New Year, you are cordially invited to join the BEC Spring Dinner (28 Feb), an excellent opportunity for BEC members & industry leaders to celebrate the Chinese New Year together. Come and join us in the spring dinner, where you could meet and network with other like-minded business executives and environmental experts in leading Hong Kong towards a low carbon economy.

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BEC MEMBERS CORNER



BEC Council Member **Swire Properties** successfully issued their first green bond in January 2018, raising US\$500 million at a coupon rate of 3.5%, due 2028. The 10-year green bond is the first in Hong Kong to obtain pre-issuance stage certification under the newly launched Green Finance Certification Scheme by the Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency (HKQAA). The net proceeds from the green bond will be used to fund or refinance the Company's new or existing green projects that relate to green building development, energy efficiency, renewable energy, sustainable water and wastewater management, or climate change adaptation.

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BEC Corporate Member **NWS Holdings'** flagship community campaign, "NWS Hong Kong Geo Wonders Hike", includes a green race "NWS Geo Hero Run" to promote geoconservation and wellness. In 2017, the running event continued to champion environmental protection by adopting additional measures to reduce waste. These included using recyclable and reusable cups to replace disposable paper cups at water stations, distributing electronic runner guides instead of print, and partnering with green groups on waste recycling. The "paperless" initiatives saved some 10,000 paper cups and 50,000 pieces of A4 printing papers.

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BEC Council Member **Airport Authority Hong Kong (AAHK)**'s first web-based sustainability report was launched in January 2018. It includes a range of features to increase its accessibility and enhance the reading experience, such as dynamic graphics, videos and interactive charts. The report provides a comprehensive account of AAHK's sustainability performance and management approach in the fiscal year ending 31 March 2017 across its four key pillars: "Our People", "World-class Gateway", "Our Future Airport", and "Hong Kong People's Airport".

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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.

Members' Events at BEC Auditorium



BEC Council Member **SGS** held a seminar entitled "Supply Chain Challenge: Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability in Myanmar" at BEC Auditorium on 19 Jan. The three hours seminar delivered a quick understanding of Myanmar profile in economic and demographic aspects, providing an in-depth discussion on local CSR and environmental requirement, discussing common non-conformities or challenges facing by the manufacturers, and how SGS could assist to the purpose of continuous improvement throughout the supply chain.



BEC General Member **Delta Pyramax** held the event "Floor Care and Cleaning Technical Seminar" at BEC Auditorium on 30 Jan. They showcased how a "no chemical, water saving solutions for cleaning" is possible with their latest technology.

Please join us in welcoming our new members:

Corporate Member:



CITIC Pacific Limited

General Member:

DynaSys Solutions Limited
New Charm Management 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 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 Mr Tenniel Tao (T. 2784 3922 | E. tennieltao@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 our Headquarters, the Jockey Club Environmental Building.

BEC UPCOMING EVENTS

BEC Leadership Networking Series



Entitled “The Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance - 20 years on: achievements and possible enhancements”, the coming BEC Leadership Networking Series (8 Feb) will invite academic and industry experts to talk about how The Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance, an important legal framework on environmental protection in Hong Kong, has worked over the years, and explore its possible enhancements for the future.

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PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMMES

Updates on “Finding Green Junior” Campaign



As one of the co-organisers of “Green Delight in Estates” (GDE), BEC has launched a territory-wide publicity campaign entitled “Finding Green Junior” from Dec 2017 to Feb 2018 to promote the programme amongst public rental housing (PRH) estates. GDE mascot, Green Junior, has been assigned to greet PRH estates residents, sharing tips on recycling various kinds of recyclables. As of Jan 2018, Green Junior has already visited 60 PRH estates and greeted over 1,000 residents.

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AFCD, EPD and BEC Join Hands to Promote Waste Reduction in Farm Fest 2018



To enhance the environmental performance of this year’s FarmFest (12-14 Jan), BEC partnered with Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) and Environmental Protection Department (EPD) in launching a number of green initiatives at the event.

Over 90 exhibitors joined the “Green Event Charter”, promising to incorporate 3Rs in managing their wastes. Along with an education booth set up to disseminate the messages on proper and clean recycling, Green Ambassadors and the Big Waster mascot were assigned to remind participants to dispose of their waste responsibly.

Green Ambassadors Reminds Standard Chartered Marathon Participants to Recycle Properly



Together with Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association (HKAAA) and Environmental Protection Department (EPD), BEC helped in arranging over 30 Green Ambassadors from Standard Chartered Bank to promote clean and proper recycling in the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon (21 Jan). Holding signage with tips on proper recycling, the Ambassadors reminded participants to dispose their refuse into the appropriate recycling facilities.

BEC Launches 3rd Sustainable Consumption Roving Exhibition



The 3rd sustainable consumption exhibition was held on 20-21 Jan in the clubhouse of Leighton Hill. Funded by the Sustainable Development Fund, the roving exhibition aims to promulgate the concept of sustainable consumption among stakeholders of the community. The 4th exhibition will be held on 16-18 March 2018 in Aegean Coast to continue the effort in promoting sustainable consumption.

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BEC SUPPORTED EVENTS

- Tree Adoption Program (September 2017– October 2018)
- 2017 Bi-City Biennale of Urbanism Architecture (Hong Kong) - Call for Exhibitors and Registration for Briefing Session (December 2017 - February 2018)
- Seminar on “Smart Engineering for 2030 and beyond” (2 February 2018)
- The HKIE Environmental Division Annual Forum (27 Apr 2018)
- Passive and Low Energy Architecture 2018 Conference (10-12 Dec 2018)

BEC INITIATIVES

Property & Construction Working Group

CCBF AG is launching a Property & Construction Working Group on setting Paris Agreement-aligned targets. The project will explore how to set and achieve targets, and develop supporting policy recommendations. If your company is a property owner, in the property and construction sector, or interested to work with other businesses on target-setting, please contact jonathanho@bec.org.hk on how you can take part.

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BEC PAST EVENTS

“Moving Towards a Sustainable Future” Seminar



Over 70 executives from various industries attended BEC’s “Fostering Sustainable Consumption for Hong Kong Business and the Community Programme - Moving Towards a Sustainable Future” seminar on 11 Jan. Representatives from Consumer Council, AFCD and EPD presented the possible approaches for consumers to consume sustainably and the Government’s initiatives on promoting sustainable procurement and consumption. Latest updates on the programme and its freshly launched award schemes were also presented during the seminar.

BEC Industry Visit - HAECO at Chek Lap Kok



On 19 Jan, BEC’s members and friends visited BEC Corporate Member Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering Company Limited (HAECO). Participants were given a detailed explanation of HAECO’s various environment-friendly facilities, including their radiant ceiling cooling system, magnetic float oil free air compressor, wastewater treatment plant and unique absorption chiller.

BEC, AmChamHK and BritChamHK Co-organises Seminar on Climate Turbulence



BEC co-organised an exciting seminar on 25 Jan titled “Climate Turbulence: What Businesses and Investors Can’t Afford to Ignore, Part 1: How is the financial services industry responding to climate risk?” with American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong and The British Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong. Experts discussed how the financial sector is adjusting business strategies in light of climate change, and how the sector drives the overall transition to a low carbon and resilient economy.

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 enroll before 2 April 2018 (Mon) 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 the 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-long 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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