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BEC SUSTAINABILITY REPORT 2017 – THIS IS HOW WE ENABLE SUSTAINABILITY

On 21 August, **BEC has published BEC Sustainability Report 2017 – This is How We Enable Sustainability**, our second biennial sustainability report. BEC follows industry best practice and is one of the few non-profit organisations in Hong Kong committed to such high levels of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) disclosure. The report showcases how we enable environmental sustainability in Hong Kong and the world through sharing and enhancing knowledge, its operations, green collaborations and practical projects, and how it contributes to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

“As the only organisation in Hong Kong with a mission that aims to mobilise the vast capacity of the business community for environmental sustainability, BEC is dedicated to raising environmental awareness, expanding the city’s environmental knowledge, while also monitoring our own daily operations for the best ESG performance.” BEC Chief Executive Officer Mr Adam Koo said.

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BEC ANNIVERSARY DINNER 2018

Exclusive to BEC Members and their guests, the **Anniversary Dinner 2018** will be held on 27 September at JW Marriott Hong Kong to celebrate together BEC’s work, preview the exciting opportunities ahead and provide an occasion for like-minded sustainability leaders to network. We are delighted to have Mr Wong Kam-sing, GBS, JP, Secretary for the Environment to be the Guest of Honour and Keynote Speaker at the event.

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BEC MEMBERS CORNER



BEC Council Member **Airport Authority Hong Kong (AAHK)** received the ISO 14001 Environmental Management System (EMS) certification from the British Standards Institution (BSI) in June 2018. It is a major milestone in moving Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) one step closer to achieving its Greenest Airport Pledge. AAHK's EMS covers all operations, systems and facilities under its direct control at HKIA. Implementation of the EMS commenced in August 2017 following a year of rigorous consultation with stakeholders and wrapped up with an external party audit by BSI in February 2018. Going forward, AAHK will continue to enhance its environmental performance through strengthening the EMS, with an increased focus on monitoring the environmental performance of AAHK's supply chain.

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Sino Land

BEC Council Member **Sino Land** has taken a major step forward recently to contribute to the global effort in building a greener future. It announced a group-wide pledge to reduce consumption of single-use plastic by 50% by 2022 from 2017 level.

Sino Hotels has banned plastic straws at all its F&B outlets in Hong Kong. It will offer eco-friendly alternatives upon request. Containers and cutlery made of eco-friendly packaging materials have been provided while plastic bottled water has been replaced with glass water jugs in hotels' conference and meeting rooms, and small bathroom amenities have been replaced with refillable liquid soap dispensers. The Group has switched to biodegradable umbrella bags and will install 10 Reverse Vending Machines in its shopping malls by the fourth quarter this year to collect plastic bottles.

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Towngas

BEC Council Member **Towngas** joins hands with HKEdCity to organise the Inter-school Virtual Reality (VR) Game Design Competition to enable students to explore more about environmental protection and unleash their creativity.

The competition includes three major environmental topics: 1) Combat climate change, 2) Reduce waste or turn waste to energy/resource and 3) Conserve nature and resource. Participants could take this opportunity to design VR games to promote environmental education in an interesting way.

The Popularity Award has been launched to engage the general public to vote for their favourite game. Public voting period lasts from 1 August to 8 September 2018; interested parties are welcome to go online to vote.

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BEC Corporate Member **Baguio** has been appointed by the EPD as the glass management contractor for Hong Kong Island (including Islands District) and the New Territories. Corporates and their properties can register to become glass bottle collection points. Baguio will provide recycling bins for collection of glass containers and regular collection service with ad-hoc collection upon request. The collected glass containers will be recycled in Baguio Waste Glass Bottle Recycling Plant properly. Companies are welcome to contact Baguio for co-organising activities for public education to promote glass container recycling.

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FUNG GROUP

BEC Corporate Member **Fung Group** publishes United Nations

Global Compact (UNGC) Communication on Progress for 2017. The company is proud to be one of the signatories to the UNGC initiative - the world's largest corporate sustainability effort in promoting responsible business practices and long-term sustainability development. The 2017 report outlines all the steps taken across the company, throughout their supply chains and among their stakeholders, in the promotion of the UNGC's principles. This report supports six of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. The company encourages all individuals and companies in Hong Kong to take the effort in promoting respect for human and labour rights, and more aggressive actions in protecting the environment.

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Echoing the Group's Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions campaign, BEC Corporate Member **Intertek Hong Kong** continues to keep track of the energy and fuels used, especially during all types of testing.

"We are so impressed by the campaign and do really appreciate the opportunity to work together as a global team in staging this important corporate social responsibility, which has encouraged more staff to adopt sustainable and green practices." Wallace Ho, Intertek Hong Kong's Compliance & Quality Assurance Manager said.

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BEC Corporate Member **NWS Holdings Limited** provides ongoing trainings to build staff knowledge in emerging trends and topical issues. On 5 June, the Group hosted its annual NWS Sustainability Seminar which brought together about 300 managerial staff for an interactive discussion. Themed on "Sustaining Growth in the Age of Digitisation", prominent business leaders from investment banking, healthcare, and information technology sectors shared their views on the opportunities and threats that technology brought to the economy. A group-wide internal green campaign to promote plastic-free living was launched with activities including social media sharing of reusable tableware and utensils, a green lunch box day and a boat trip to Hoi Ha Wan Marine Park run in collaboration with WWF.

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BEC General Member, **Leigh & Orange Ltd.** (L&O) Hong Kong head office is the first architectural & interior design practice in Hong Kong to attain BEAM Plus Interiors Platinum rating. Living Studio has contributed to minimising environmental impact and carbon footprint through sensible material selection. L&O also incorporates energy efficient strategies in its daily operation. The smart energy system is integrated with lighting provision extension for two hours per activation after business hours. Moreover, biophilic design is adopted in the flexible spatial arrangement promoting a healthy lifestyle and wellbeing. L&O also engages in staff consciousness on sustainability through seminars, weekly fitness classes, "Move It", and a monthly healthy diet programme, "Eat Well".

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BEC General Member **Ronald Lu & Partners** (RLP) is an award-winning architectural practice being the first large architectural firm in Hong Kong achieved ISO 14001 in 2006. Over 40 of its projects committed to BEAM, BEAM Plus or LEED Certifications, including Hong Kong's first zero carbon building ZCB launched in 2012, the new campus for The Technological and Higher Education Institute of Hong Kong (THEi), Hong Kong launched in January 2018, and Victoria Dockside to be launched in 2019. RLP used BIM as early as 2006. It successfully transformed the use of BIM in architectural projects from being a relatively simple and self-contained process into a real-time collaborative approach with input from consultants located around the world. Since 2015, it has incorporated BIM into their formal workflow to leverage BIM's many benefits. RLP is now actively promoting WELL buildings in their projects.

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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.

BEC INITIATIVES



BEC JC Intelligent Resource Management Programme



With the support from The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, BEC has established a 3-year waste management programme which aims to set up a systemic approach on

waste monitoring and create a database for benchmarking the waste reduction performance. In this programme, education and promotional events will also be organised for participating premises to drive behavioural changes in recycling and thus reduce overall waste disposal.

We invite interested parties in the property management sector (commercial/residential) and schools (primary/secondary) to participate in the programme. Please contact Ms Doris Chan at T. 2784 3975 | E. dorischan@bec.org.hk for more information and on how you can take part.

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

The Low Carbon Hong Kong initiative aims to support business develop targets and strategies aligned with the goals of the Paris Agreement. This current phase follows on from the introductory report launched last year, focusing on the property and construction sector.

Three workshops have been held so far, with the fourth to explore how to minimise carbon emissions in construction and construction materials. Stay tuned for Topical Digests which highlights key learnings and messages of the workshops.

Please contact jonathanho@bec.org.hk for more information and on how you can take part.

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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 Industry Visit to Greater Bay Area



17-18 September

This Industry Visit will spend 2 days to explore how Hong Kong can benefit from the Greater Bay Area development by visiting Coats Industrial Park, SGS Guangzhou Testing Centre and IE Expo Guangzhou.



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BEC PAST EVENTS

BEC Sustainable Consumption Programme Award Presentation Ceremony



On 27 July, BEC held the Award Presentation Ceremony of "Fostering Sustainable Consumption for Hong Kong Business and the Community" Programme to recognise outstanding companies and organisations that are committed to provide and choose products and services

which have less environmental and social impact. After counting over 3,300 public votes, the Sustainable Consumption Enterprise Gold Award went to the Swire Properties Limited, while the Sustainable Product Supplier Gold Award went to the Ocean Park Hong Kong. This project is funded by the Sustainable Development Fund.

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BEC Industry Visit to Trade and Industry Tower

On 16 August, BEC arranged an Industry Visit to the Trade and Industry Tower, the first completed government building in Kai Tak Development Area. The project has achieved the Platinum rating in the Provisional Assessment Stage of the Building Environmental Assessment Method (BEAM Plus). Also, the project is LEED® certified to Platinum level. With the energy efficient features and renewable energy technologies adopted in the building, the total electricity consumption of the building is anticipated to be approximately 25% less than a normal office building. A "green ribbon" is formed through a series of vertical terraces on the façade as it extends up to the office tower and the roof garden. The total greening ratio achieved is over 40%.



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BEC INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (IEE) TRAINING COURSES



BREEAM International New Construction Assessor Training



19 - 21 September

Understanding The WELL Building Standard v2™



28 September

BREEAM In-Use Assessor Training



11 & 12 October

Advanced Training on The WELL Building Standard v2™



26 October

Intensive Training on Indoor Mould Inspection and Management



5 November

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BEC SUPPORTED EVENTS

- **Tree Adoption Program** | Conservation E3 Foundation | September 2017 – October 2018
- **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
- **BOCHK Corporate Environmental Leadership Awards 2018** | Federation of Hong Kong Industries | 1 June- 31 October 2018
- **Hong Kong Green Building Week 2018** | Construction Industry Council and Hong Kong Green Building Council Limited | August - October 2018
- **"My Green Space" Green Building Competition for Schools 2018** | Hong Kong Green Building Council | September 2018 - May 2019
- **6th International Energy Conference - Meeting the Challenges of Energy Transition through multi-disciplinary Collaboration** | Energy Institute Hong Kong and City University of Hong Kong | 13-14 September 2018
- **Act now! How SMEs are managing their sustainability risk?** | Cundall | 3 October 2018
- **ECO Expo Asia 2018 - Hong Kong Pavilion** | Environmental Protection Department (Implementation Agent: Federation of Hong Kong Industries) | 25-28 October 2018
- **HKHS International Housing Conference 2018** | Hong Kong Housing Society | 2-3 November 2018
- **FT Climate Finance Summit Asia** | FT Live | 21 November 2018
- **Social Enterprise Summit 2018** | Social Enterprise Summit | 22-24 November 2018
- **Passive and Low Energy Architecture 2018 Conference** | The Chinese University of Hong Kong | 10-12 December 2018

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