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BEC SPRING DINNER 2025

We were delighted to host BEC Spring Dinner 2025 with our members and industry leaders on 25 February. Mr Arthur Lee, Commissioner for Climate Change, Environment and Ecology Bureau, was invited as our Guest of Honour to deliver a keynote speech.

BEC Spring Dinner is an annual celebration event for BEC Members and friends to meet and network with other like-minded business executives and environmental experts in leading Hong Kong towards a net-zero economy. Moving forward, we hope to keep seeing you all in our future events and carrying on our partnership on your sustainability journey.



The Consul General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Hong Kong and Macau Visits BEC

BEC was pleased to host Consul-General Maurits ter Kuile, Deputy Consul-General Lucille Merks and Senior Commercial Officer Betty Liu of the Kingdom of Netherlands to Hong Kong and Macau at our building on 4 February. Our CEO Mr Simon Ng, Director – Operations Ir C.F. Leung, and Head – Policy & Research Mr Merlin Lao showcased BEC’s initiatives on environmental protection and sustainability, as well as our advisory services to the visiting guests. As the go-to organisation for environmental excellence in Hong Kong, BEC will remain committed to facilitating dialogues among stakeholders and driving progress towards a net-zero future.



CIRCO Circular Design Programme

The first-ever CIRCO Track Programme in Hong Kong concluded at BEC on 10 February. During the final session, participating companies pitched their innovative circular business propositions and implementation roadmaps. We were pleased to have guests from the Consulate General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands join us for this inspiring pitching session. Our gratitude goes to all guests, speakers and participants, whose enthusiasm and commitment have made this programme a resounding success.



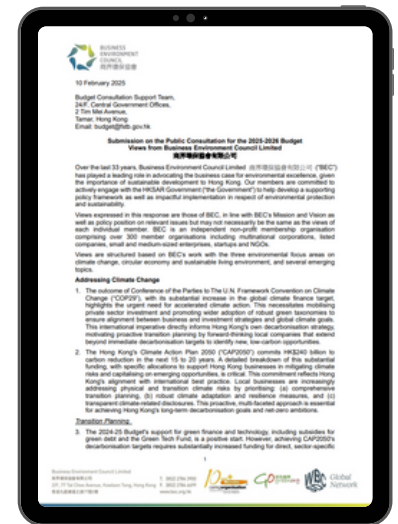
Submission on the Public Consultation for the 2025-2026 Budget

BEC submitted our views to the HKSAR Government on 10 February in response to the public consultation for the 2025-2026 Budget.


Our recommendations on public resources allocation fall under four policy areas related to environmental protection and sustainability:

- Addressing Climate Change
- Sectoral Decarbonisation and Sustainable Living Environment
- Circular Economy
- Biodiversity and Nature


BEC actively participates in public consultations and submits recommendations to the Government on environment-related topics based on our research and expertise.



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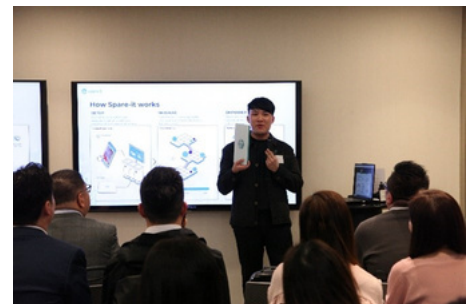
The EcoChampion Pledge with Great Eagle Group and Champion REIT – Second Capacity Building Workshop



Building on the success of the inaugural workshop last October, where the “EcoChampion Pledge” initiated by Great Eagle Group and Champion REIT in collaboration with BEC was launched, tenants and occupiers at Three Garden Road, Langham Place, and Great Eagle Centre have committed to three strategic areas: energy efficiency, waste management, and green procurement, all aimed at collaboratively reducing their carbon footprint.

Our second capacity building workshop “Innovating Sustainability: Smart Waste Management” has brought together over 30 sustainability champions at Eaton Club, Langham Place on 22 January 2025. Focusing on circularity, we were privileged to learn from industry experts Clement Li from Spare-it on smart waste management integration, C. F. Leung from BEC on the innovative CIRCO Methodology, and Herman Chan from Kabushikigaisha on food resource management excellence.

Stay tuned for more updates and upcoming events of the EcoChampion Pledge!



BEC IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Radio Interview with BEC Head – Policy & Research by RTHK “Teens for Green”

BEC Head – Policy & Research Mr Merlin Lao featured in RTHK’s radio programme “Teens for Green” on 21 February to discuss sustainable aviation fuel and BEC’s initiatives including Hong Kong Sustainable Aviation Fuel Coalition to promote its adoption in Hong Kong.

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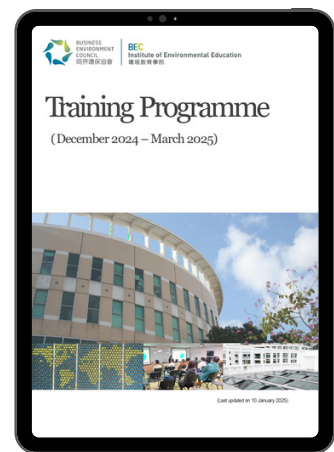


BEC Opinion Article on *Master Insight*

An opinion article on encouraging Hong Kong businesses to enhance their biodiversity strategy by BEC CEO Mr Simon Ng and Senior Officer – Policy & Research Miss Katie Chan was published on [Master Insight](#) on 25 February.

UPCOMING COURSES: BEC IEE TRAINING

The BEC Institute of Environmental Education (“BEC IEE”) provides structured and tailor-made courses under our focus areas, including Climate Change and Carbon Management, Circular Economy and Resource Management, Green and Healthy Buildings, and Corporate Sustainability. Click the course titles below for more details about upcoming structured courses:



[Carbon Audit and Management in the Property Management Industry](#)




18 Mar

UPCOMING EVENTS

BEC CEO Dialogue


2 April



CEO DIALOGUE

Sustainable Architectural Design and Sustainable Property Development for a Net-zero Future

2 April 2025 (Wednesday) 4:30pm – 6:00pm

 BEC Auditorium



Ar Ivy Lee
Managing Director & Head of Sustainability,
Leigh & Orange Limited

Join us on 2 April for the next BEC CEO Dialogue! Featuring the theme “Sustainable Architectural Design and Sustainable Property Development for a Net-zero Future”, we are honoured to have Ar Ivy Lee, Managing Director and Head of Sustainability of Leigh & Orange Limited as our distinguished guest. Alongside our hosts Mr Randy Yu, Board Director of BEC and General Manager (Community Relations) of Henderson Land Development, and Mr Simon Ng, CEO of BEC, Ar Lee will engage in a thought-provoking discussion on innovative strategies and best practices that integrate sustainability into architectural design and property development.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sustainable City Lights: BEC Paris Tour

18-24 May



Paris, one of the world's leading sustainable cities, hosted the most sustainable Olympics last year. To explore the post-Olympic planning of the city, as well as its green buildings, waste management initiatives, innovative sustainable technologies, and to exchanges ideas with local experts, Business Environment Council (“BEC”) is organising the Sustainable City Lights: BEC Paris Tour from 18 to 24 May 2025.

Tour Highlights:

- Meeting with the Mouvement des Entreprises de France (“MEDEF”) and the Olympic Delivery Authority (Société de Livraison des Ouvrages Olympiques, “SOLIDEO”)
- Interactive guided tour at Schneider Electric’s Innovation Hub
- Visit to Veolia’s water treatment and waste-to-energy plants
- Visit to Saint-Gobain Tower and the Paris metropolitan business district
- Lunch and learn session with PALO IT
- Visit to Notre-Dame de Paris

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Join the Packaging Reduction Charter Now!



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The Environmental Protection Department (“EPD”) has officially launched the **Packaging Reduction Charter**, with management support from BEC. This initiative offers a unique opportunity for businesses dedicated to promoting sustainable packaging, reducing packaging waste, and contributing to Hong Kong’s long-term carbon reduction goals.

By joining the Packaging Reduction Charter, your business will align with the government’s vision of achieving Zero Landfill, while positioning your company as a leader in sustainability. As a signatory, your company can enjoy several key benefits:

1. **Enhanced Corporate Image** – Receive a Certificate of Commendation from the EPD, recognising your commitment to packaging reduction;
2. **Professional Support** – Access EPD’s expertise and resources on packaging reduction and recycling initiatives; and
3. **Packaging Reporting Support** – Listed companies and their supply chains will receive support in preparing packaging-related data for ESG reports, including Scope 3 emission disclosure, as required by the HKEX.

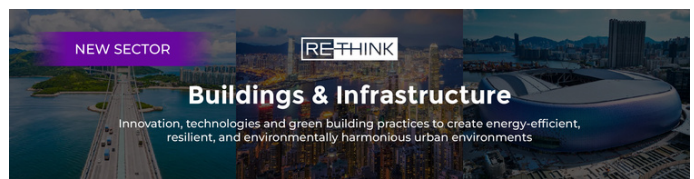
Organisations are encouraged to submit their Application Form as soon as possible to ensure ample time for processing. Participating organisations will be invited to the launching ceremony on 31 March 2025, officiated by the Secretary for Environment and Ecology. Participants will receive a certificate from EPD and have the opportunity to take group photos with government officials. Submit your Charter application [here](#)!

Together, let’s take a significant step towards a more sustainable future!

Enquiry:

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RETHINK HK CORNER



ReThink HK 2025 is proud to announce a series of transformative initiatives designed to foster sustainable innovation and environmental advancement in Hong Kong.

Key Highlights for ReThink HK 2025

- **[Expanded] Smart Mobility & Transportation Sector**

Low-carbon fuels, infrastructure & vehicles for aviation, marine, rail & road transportation

- **[New] Buildings & Infrastructure Sector**

Innovation, technologies and green building practices to create energy-efficient, resilient, and environmentally harmonious urban environments

These initiatives reflect ReThink HK's commitment to addressing critical sustainability challenges and supporting Hong Kong's transition to a greener future.

Additionally, the ReThink HK team will host the annual BEC Members Meet & Greet on Thursday 6 March at the BEC Auditorium. This event provides an excellent opportunity to explore the vision and goals for ReThink HK 2025, alongside exclusive membership benefits available to your organisation. The session will also feature networking opportunities with the ReThink team and fellow BEC members.

To secure your participation, please [CLICK HERE](#) to register your interest in attending by 28 February 2025.

We look forward to your involvement in shaping a sustainable future for Hong Kong.

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Council Members

Airport Authority Hong Kong ("AAHK") has been recognised as a Top-Rated ESG Performer by a leading global ESG rating firm for the third consecutive year. AAHK has maintained an overall "Low Risk" ESG rating, landing in the top three percentile of the "Airports" sub-industry category and ranking among the top three out of 84 evaluated airports. This recognition reflects AAHK's proactive approach to managing ESG risks and its commitment to a comprehensive risk management framework designed to identify and mitigate sustainability-related risks. AAHK demonstrated strong performance in areas such as stakeholder governance, community relations, emissions, effluents and waste.



CLP Power Hong Kong Limited and fellow BEC Member City University of Hong Kong co-organised an international conference titled "Powering a Carbon Neutral Future - The Role of Nuclear Energy" on 17 January, exploring the pivotal role of nuclear energy in the decarbonisation journeys of Hong Kong, Mainland China, and the world. The conference brought together over 20 renowned scholars and energy experts from Hong Kong, Mainland China, the United Kingdom and France to discuss issues on climate change and sustainability, highlighting Hong Kong's role as a "super-connector" and "super value-adder" between Mainland China and the rest of the world. The conference attracted around 600 online and offline participants.

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China State Construction Engineering (Hong Kong) Limited (“CSHK”) has recently introduced its Solar-Powered Rest Station developed by a local technology company, emphasising workers’ welfare and climate resilience. Strategically placed around construction sites, this eco-friendly station provides a comfortable resting space for construction workers, equipped with essential amenities like drinking water and air-conditioning to ensure hydration and cooling in hot weather. The Rest Station features solar panels and lithium iron phosphate batteries, accommodating four to six workers in a 70-square-foot space. The photovoltaic panels convert solar energy into electricity for air conditioners, ventilation fans, lighting, and power outlets. In low sunlight, it can connect to the grid or generators for uninterrupted operation. Outperforming similar products, it offers an extended eight-hour operation period. CSHK remains dedicated to achieving comprehensive sustainability through continuous innovation, driving green construction practices and enhancing worker welfare.



Hang Lung Properties sets out to advance sustainability in real estate through its cross-sector partnership with a university in Beijing. This endeavour led to the establishment of The Hang Lung Center for Real Estate at the university, driving innovative research for industry growth. The recent Sustainability in Real Estate Conference, hosted by the Center, gathered over 3,000 participants to explore real-world solutions to industry challenges. Spotlighting ten research projects on climate resilience and resource management, the event facilitated knowledge exchange and empowered the real estate sector to effectively adopt sustainable strategies, paving the way for a greener future in real estate.



Henderson Land continues its passion to inspire the next generation by sharing insights on its sustainability vision and strategy, welcoming students from a local university for a tour of The Henderson. The students engaged with innovative architecture and explored ESG features of The Henderson. The company is pleased to witness the students’ enthusiasm, keen interest and inquisitiveness, and hope to provide them with valuable knowledge as well as spark inspiration in sustainable architecture and urban development.



Nine restaurants in **Nan Fung Group’s** flagship shopping mall AIRSIDE have joined the AIRSIDE Circular Programme since its launch in April 2024, an initiative focused on reducing single-use plastics, enhancing the company’s sustainability efforts. Customers of the mall can borrow reusable cups and containers for free via the NF Touch app, enjoy a HK\$3 discount on takeaway items, and earn 50 NF Seeds with each purchase. These seeds can be shared with NGO partners, which will be converted into acts of kindness for those in need.



Swire Pacific has recently been honoured with multiple prestigious ESG awards, highlighting its commitment to best practices in ESG. The accolades include the Green Low-Carbon Pioneers Award from the KPMG ESG 50 Awards 2024, Excellence Award in Environmental, Social and Governance Reporting at the Best Annual Reports Awards 2024, the Gold Award for Most Sustainable Companies at the Best Corporate Governance and ESG Awards 2024, as well as the ESG Leading Enterprise and Leading Environmental Initiative at the Bloomberg China ESG Leading Enterprises 2024.



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Developed by **Swire Properties**, Taikoo Hui Guangzhou (Tower 2) – HSBC Office reached a major sustainability achievement, obtaining two Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (“LEED”) Zero certifications. It is the second and largest mixed-use office project globally in terms of office building gross floor area, and the first mixed-use Chinese Mainland office building project to achieve both LEED Zero Carbon and LEED Zero Energy certifications, a shining example of how Swire Properties’ pioneering approach to landlord-tenant partnerships can bring positive change for the environment. The company was recently officially recognised during a small get-together with its tenant-partner and fellow BEC Member HSBC and representatives from a non-profit organisation of the U.S.

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Towngas set up an ESG consultancy company in 2024 to tap into the growing demand for ESG consultancy services. It offers one-stop ESG solutions, including climate strategy development, reporting and disclosure support, technical training, among others. To promote low-carbon travel, the company has recently collaborated with a travel agency to launch the first-ever ESG training programme for travel guides in Hong Kong. The programme is designed to foster sustainable travel and lifestyle habits by leveraging the influential role of travel guides. Through specialised training, travel guides will encourage eco-friendly choices among travellers, helping to reduce carbon footprints and promote sustainable tourism.



Wheelock Properties recently took part in an ESG Forum, sharing insights about its ESG journey and exchanging ideas with key industry leaders. Mr Ricky Wong, MH, Vice Chairman and Managing Director of Wheelock Properties, highlighted the company’s commitment to sustainability through green building developments, collaborations with NGOs and social enterprises, and a transitional housing project in partnership with the Housing Bureau and a non-profit organisation. He also shared about “Project WeCan”, an initiative focusing on empowering youth which showcased Wheelock’s role in shaping the future generations. These efforts exemplify a vision of fostering a diverse, inclusive, and sustainable society while creating long-term value for the community.

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Corporate Members

As part of **AECOM**’s commitment to fostering a nature positive city, it has partnered with the Civil Engineering and Development Department and the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department of the Hong Kong SAR Government, to conduct an investigation study for the Sam Po Shue Wetland Conservation Park. This 348-hectare park, the first initiative under the Northern Metropolis Development Strategy, aims to rejuvenate valuable wetlands, boost biodiversity, provide eco-education and eco-recreational opportunities, and support sustainable aquaculture. The company’s efforts include preliminary design, engineering infrastructure, wetland enhancement, landscaping, environmental sustainability, digital monitoring, and park management.

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Chun Wo Development Holdings Limited (“Chun Wo”) highlights its sustainability commitment through the Sau Nga Road Stormwater Storage Scheme, featuring an innovative Solar Panel System. The system powers water heaters in public restrooms and all electricity facilities in workers’ rest zones, seamlessly integrating with existing setups without costly replacements. By converting sunlight into energy, it reduces electricity costs and fossil fuel reliance while minimising greenhouse gas emissions, contributing to climate change mitigation. By harnessing renewable solar energy, Chun Wo sets a benchmark for sustainable development while benefiting both the community and the environment.



DynaSys’ intelligent recycling management system, Greenbird, has been implemented by a local commercial complex to automate data collection on solid waste and recyclable materials like paper, plastic, and metal from its commercial buildings. This serves as an example for property management companies to address upcoming waste disposal charges while meeting ESG reporting requirements for both the corporation and its tenants.

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Hong Kong Disneyland Resort (“HKDL”) recently inaugurated Hong Kong’s first and largest car park solar canopy, which is being installed in the car park for its cast members. The bi-facial solar panels generate electricity from both sides, increasing energy generation by nearly 10% compared to traditional single-sided panels. Upon completion of the second phase, the entire car park will contain approximately 400 bi-facial solar panels generating more than 200,000 kWh of electricity annually and providing shelter for 80 parking spaces. This initiative is part of HKDL’s continued efforts in conservation and renewable energy adoption, reinforcing its leading position in sustainable energy and pioneering environmental initiatives in Hong Kong.

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MTR has been included in S&P Global’s Sustainability Yearbook 2025 for the sixth consecutive year, underscoring the company’s outstanding sustainability performance. Ranking within the top 15% of its industry globally, this achievement is a testament to the company’s unwavering commitment to Keeping Cities Moving and fostering growth alongside the communities it serves. As a low-carbon transport operator, MTR strives to adhere to the highest environmental standards and drive substantial reductions in greenhouse gas emission across all its businesses and operations. Moving forward, MTR will continue to manage business sustainably with best-in-class governance, helping individuals and communities thrive, and contributing to the fight against climate change.

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SGS has reaffirmed its leadership in sustainability by being included in the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices World and Europe for the 11th year in a row. This was a consequence of ranking first in the Professional Services Industry category of the 2024 S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment, with an impressive score of 85 out of 100 as of November 2024. This achievement reflects SGS' dedication to sustainability through strategic advancements. SGS was the first testing, inspection and certification company to publish a double materiality assessment in alignment with Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive requirements, showing its dedication to transparency and accountability.

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A **Veolia** energy services subsidiary providing district cooling service has recently been awarded the APAC Award of Excellence in Risk Management, demonstrating its expertise in managing large and complex energy management projects. The project maintains a zero-accident record for ten consecutive years. Each record reflects continuous risk management improvement, comprehensive procedural standards, and, most importantly, dedicated teammates. The company was nominated by its client, EMSD and final consumers to participate in the award. With their support, Veolia will continue to provide a safe working environment for all employees and uninterrupted chilled water to its consumers.



General Members

GF Technovation participated in the fifth FoodSmart Conference and Expo on 13 December 2024, where it demonstrated how technology can drive sustainability in the F&B industry. The company showcased solutions such as the Smart Food Waste Collection Bin, which improves waste management efficiency with features like waste recording and automated deodorisation. It also presented the portable Smart Scale which tracks waste and provides valuable data for better decision-making. This event offered an opportunity to exchange ideas on how technology can help the F&B sector adopt more sustainable practices, reduce waste, and optimise operations for a greener future.



In Lieu supports the city's fight against single-use plastics with the launch of its sustainable hydration solutions in early 2025. In line with Hong Kong's "Plastic Free Initiative", In Lieu's still and sparkling natural mineral water will be packaged in infinitely recyclable aluminium cans, providing an eco-friendly alternative to traditional PET bottles. Aluminium's superior recycling rate and low carbon footprint make it a key player in reducing waste and promoting a circular economy. Sourced from the Ta-Pieh Mountains, In Lieu offers hydration while addressing the environmental challenges posed by plastic pollution. By prioritising sustainability, the brand aligns with Hong Kong's growing efforts to reduce plastic consumption and support eco-conscious living. This initiative demonstrates In Lieu's dedication to empowering local communities to make greener choices, supporting the government's plastic ban, and contributing to a more sustainable future for the city.



Recently Published Sustainability Report

- Kum Shing Group



Want to share your company's latest green news with over 6,000 BEC e-Newsletter subscribers from various industries? BEC Council, Corporate and General Members are welcomed to submit their recent environmental and sustainability accomplishments to us. Selected submissions will be published in the upcoming edition of BEC's e-Newsletter completely free-of-charge. Please contact **Ms Vanessa Choi (E. vanessachoi@bec.org.hk)** for enquiries.

WELCOME NEW BEC MEMBERS

General Members

- OnTheList Limited
- Ultra Active Technology Limited

Join us now to enjoy member exclusive rights and benefits! We welcome organisations of all sizes across diverse sectors to facilitate environmental sustainability together. For more information about our membership programme, please visit [HERE](#) or contact **Membership Team (T. 2784 3924 | E. membership@bec.org.hk)**.

BEC SUPPORTED EVENTS

- **International Climate and Biodiversity Conference: Nature-based Solutions (NbS) in Action** | International Federation of Landscape Architects Asia Pacific Region, The Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects | 6-7 Mar
- **The 23rd China International Environmental Protection Exhibition and Conference 2025 - Hong Kong Pavilion** | China Association of Environmental Protection Industry | 10-12 Apr
- **Schneider Electric Ignite Your Impact Challenge** | Schneider Electric Hong Kong | Nov 2024 – May 2025
- **Get Redressed Month 2025** | Redressed | 1-30 May
- **The 3rd Greater Bay Area ESG & Sustainability Exhibition** | Coastal International Conference & Exhibition Co., Ltd. | 20-22 Jun
- **"My Green Space" Student Competition 2024-2025** | HKGBC | Sep 2024 – Oct 2025
- **Green Procurement Sharing** | iRecycle Charity Foundation | Jan – Dec 2025

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