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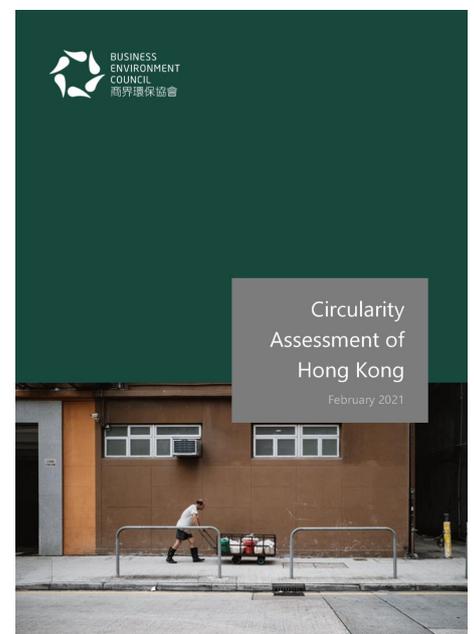


## WEBINAR: OPPORTUNITIES FOR CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN HONG KONG

We had an exciting and informative discussion at the “Opportunities for Circular Economy in Hong Kong” webinar on 8 March. A big thank you to all speakers and panellists for sharing their insights on why a circular economy is important and how Hong Kong can become a more circular city. The panellists agreed that there is a need to set up a high-level, cross-bureaux working group on the circular economy for better collaboration across the government to deliver circularity. They also suggested that the Waste Blueprint for Hong Kong 2035 needs to place greater emphasis on aspects crucial to a circular economy, such as design, repair, reuse, remanufacturing and alternative business models to facilitate a more holistic transition from a linear economy.

The webinar also featured a presentation on the findings from BEC’s “Circularity Assessment of Hong Kong” report.

Watch the webinar again:



## New BEC Low Carbon Charter Initiative

With Hong Kong's 2050 carbon neutrality pledge and the anticipation of accelerated transition towards a low-carbon economy in the post-COVID-19 era, scaling up climate action is more important than ever.

To strengthen support for over 70 BEC Low Carbon Charter signatories and the wider business community, BEC is pleased to introduce new initiatives to address sectoral decarbonisation challenges!

In September 2020, the Development Bureau announced that all public work contracts issued on or after 1 February 2021 must apply for temporary electricity and water supply to take advantage of a great emission reduction opportunity in the construction industry. Riding on the policy change, BEC, partnering with Council Member Gammon Construction Limited, is taking a step further to launch a new initiative under the Charter called the "Power Up Coalition" which aims to advocate and promote the use of electricity in private and semi-private construction sites. The coalition will launch in April with a series of events addressing the practical challenges of electrifying construction sites. Refer below for details of the launch workshop!

[Learn more about the Charter](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Webinar: The Case for LNG as a Marine Fuel and the Development of LNG Bunkering in Hong Kong

12 April

BEC held a webinar last December discussing the benefits and shortcomings of liquefied natural gas (LNG) as a marine fuel. Sign up for part 2 of this webinar series where we will be shifting the focus to LNG bunkering with overseas experience and strategic recommendations for Hong Kong and also announcing our latest research findings.

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### BEC Low Carbon Charter 2nd Anniversary Ceremony & Power Up Launch Workshop

16 April

BEC is marking the 2nd anniversary of the Low Carbon Charter with an invitation-only ceremony. "Power Up Coalition", a new initiative under the Charter in collaboration with Council Member Gammon Construction, will also be launched on this occasion. Sign up for the virtual Power Up launch workshop featuring a fireside chat on decarbonising construction sites.

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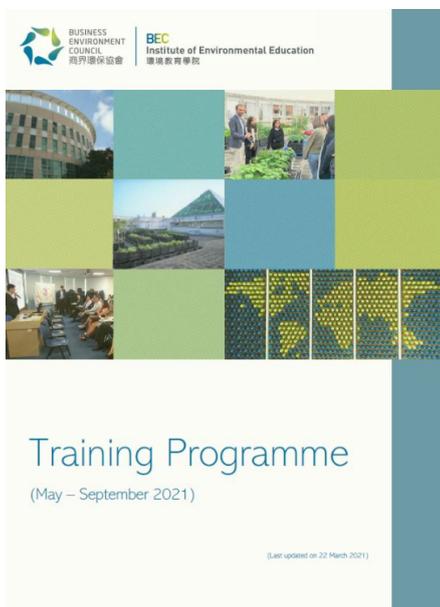
### Webinar: Designing Zero Waste Food Places

23 April

Save the date! BEC is co-organising a webinar with the Center for Zero Waste Design from NYC and Circular Cities Asia from Singapore to explore how to design food service spaces to facilitate zero waste operations and discuss best practices already at work. Stay tuned for more details on our website and LinkedIn.

## UPCOMING COURSES: BEC IEE TRAINING

The **BEC Institute of Environmental Education (BEC IEE)** has launched the latest training programme which offers a variety of courses for business professionals, including senior executives and managers, to advance their knowledge and skill sets.



### Environment Management System

 20 May

### GRI Professional Certification Program: 1-day Top Up Course

 24 May

### Effective and Result Oriented Hygiene Control

 26 May

### Design for Environment

 27 May

### ISO 14001:2015 Internal Auditing (5th Intake)

 27-28 May

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To encourage customers to live a greener life and promote a low-carbon diet, **Chinachem** is partnered with 13 of its F&B tenants to kick off the “NINA MALL GO GREEN” scheme on 10 March. The scheme will run until 7 April during which participating restaurants will offer green menu options every Wednesday. This scheme is expected to reduce 3 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions!

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**Hongkong Land** was awarded the IFMA Asia Pacific Awards of Excellence 2020 – Innovation Award in March for its implementation of an Integrated Smart Management System (ISMS) into property management operations, as part of continuous efforts to introduce various system enhancements and novel initiatives. The implementation of the ISMS brought multiple benefits including energy saving through AI system optimisation, reduction of labour on system monitoring, enhancement of operation efficiency and reliability, and service improvements with increased thermal comfort and customer satisfaction.



To help staff develop a beverage cartons recycling habit, **Modern Terminals Limited** has placed two designated recycling bins in its office area since January. It is a result of a successful two-month Beverage Carton Redemption Scheme from which a total of 5,562 cartons were collected and delivered to a local recycler for conversion into paper pulp. The initiative is now a permanent fixture of Modern Terminals Limited’s recycling practice.

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**Swire Properties** has been collaborating with a tech start-up to launch Hong Kong's first smart reusable cup network at Taikoo Place as part of the company's efforts to conserve resources and promote circularity. Launched last November with 2 eateries, the network welcomed 3 more outlets this March. The concept is simple: borrow a cup, enjoy your coffee, return the cup, get another one – all powered by a mobile app. Over the past 5 months, over 4,200 single-use cups have been saved from landfills.

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In February, **The Hong Kong Jockey Club** released its *Standing Strong Together* documentary to highlight the Club's initiatives to support its employees, members and the Hong Kong community during the COVID-19 pandemic. Featuring over 20 interviews, the documentary highlights the Club's commitment to sustain racing amid the pandemic in order to contribute to society and safeguard the welfare of its employees. The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust responded rapidly to the pandemic, donating over HK\$1 billion to date towards community projects to continue contributing towards the betterment of society and supporting the Hong Kong community at its time of greatest need. As the pandemic progressed, the Club adopted a speedy, targeted and innovative approach in response to urgent community needs.

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**HK Electric** and a local green group jointly launched a new eco-heritage route "The Eastern Sparkle" to showcase the unique culture, history and ecology of North Point, and stories behind the old North Point Power Station. The route is the latest addition to 10 others under the "Green Hong Kong Green" programme, which encourages the public to appreciate local eco-heritage resources and treasure the environment. From April onwards, online eco-tours will be available free of charge.

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## Corporate Members

As part of the long-term plan to electrify its fleet of ground service equipment, **Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals Limited (Hactl)** replaced an ageing diesel-powered passenger stair with an electric one in late 2020 with a view to minimise air pollution and reduce carbon emissions in its operations.

Growing demand for vehicle ownership, traffic congestion, severe air pollution and increasing dependence on imported fuel pose tough environmental challenges to Vietnam. To support the country's green transport and low-carbon city development and help fulfil its commitment to a 25% GHG emissions reduction by 2030, **Arup** was commissioned by the World Bank earlier this year to develop an electric mobility (e-mobility) roadmap to scale up Vietnam's electric vehicle deployment and facilitate the uptake of renewable energy. The company will also formulate strategies to support industry engagement in the e-mobility ecosystem and advise the Vietnamese government on institutional integration and capacity development around digitalisation.

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**SGS** was awarded the Platinum medal by the EcoVadis Sustainability Rating in March, receiving the highest recognition for the second consecutive year. The company maintained its place among the top 1% of the world's 45,000 best rated companies and a leader in the Testing, Inspection and Certification (TIC) sector. Earning this accolade reaffirms SGS's commitment to deliver sustainable values to society and enable a better, safer and more interconnected world.

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### General Members

To demonstrate how local car parks can be more EV-ready, **Cornerstone EV Charging Service Limited** installed the Load Management System (LMS) in Kwai Fong Car Park where 94 EV chargers are available as of March. Optimising the power supply to ensure efficiency, LMS enables more EV chargers to be installed and used at the same time without having to increase the electricity load.

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To provide a more convenient and efficient way to recycle, **Crown Gas Stoves** launched a door-to-door recycling service under the iRecycle programme of fellow BEC member Baguio in 2020 and collected over 9,300 glass and 28,000 plastic containers in the past 6 months. Even while staying in during the COVID-19 pandemic, registered users may still recycle glass and plastic containers by making an appointment by phone or WhatsApp for collection. After recycling, users can earn iDollars and redeem gifts at select green merchants.



**DSG Energy** received a certificate from Shell in March for joining its nature-based solutions project to offset carbon dioxide emissions and further build sustainability in business practices. By the end of 2020, over 80% of the company's vehicles in operation were fuelled by biodiesel, which results in fewer greenhouse gas emissions than other available fossil fuels.

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It's time to "ReThink" customers, energy, finance, people and value. Fellow BEC members AEC Group, SUEZ Asia and Cornerstone will be showcasing their solutions and expertise at ReThink HK 2021 organised by **EnviroEvents HK** this October at HKCEC. Delegate application will open on 13 April. Register your interest for free and secure the early bird price now.

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**SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS FORUM & SOLUTIONS EXPO**

05 & 06 OCTOBER 2021  
HKCEC, HONG KONG

To encourage the public to make recycling a habit and transform recyclable waste into valuable products, **ExxonMobil Hong Kong (EMHK)** has joined hands with a local NGO to place 31 plastic bottle and 22 glass bottle recycling bins in selected Esso stations. Leveraging Esso's extensive filling station network across the city, EMHK aimed to increase plastic and glass waste collection rates by offering convenience to all drivers. The bottles collected will be delivered to qualified recycling plants and turned into useful materials for manufacturing new products.

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To help companies award contracts based on a structured analysis from the perspective of sustainability, **GreenCo ESG Advisory Limited** published a special report in March to explore how to build your supplier selection algorithm, process and management system on *ISO 20400: Sustainable procurement - Guidance* which outlines the fundamentals for leveraging ESG opportunities in building a sustainable supply chain.



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## Recently Published Sustainability Reports

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## BEC SUPPORTED EVENTS

- **CIOB (HK) Conference 2020: "Smart Construction - Digital and Robotic Application"** | The Chartered Institute of Building (Hong Kong) | Postponed to 20 April
- **Water Resources Management Conference 2021 - "Future Intelligent / Smart Water Resources Management"** | Chartered Institute of Plumbing Engineering - Hong Kong Branch, Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management - Hong Kong Branch, The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers - Building Services Division | 27 April
- **Chinachem Group Sustainability Conference 2021** | Chinachem Group & Hong Kong Green Building Council | 7 May
- **"My Green Space" Student Competition 2020-21** | Hong Kong Green Building Council | Now till 31 May

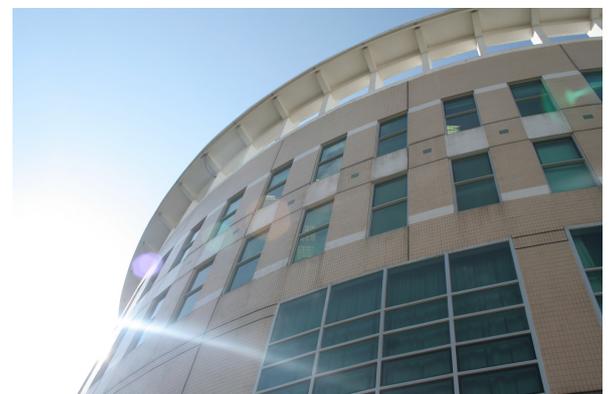
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