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BEC LOW CARBON CHARTER: FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACHIEVEMENTS

BEC hosted a webinar on 15 May to mark the first anniversary of the launch of the BEC Low Carbon Charter. We celebrated the progress and achievements of the current signatories, and introduced new companies and organisations who have agreed to sign onto this journey. More than 220 participants joined the webinar. The guest of honour **Mr C.W. Tse, Under Secretary for the Environment**, mentioned that combating climate change is a challenging task which cannot be tackled by the Government alone. Contributions from the entire community are instrumental to achieving this important goal. He also thanked all the support from BEC. Representatives from two of the signatories, namely Mr M.K. Leung of Ronald Lu & Partners (Hong Kong) Limited and Mr Bobby Chau of Shiu Wing Steel Limited, shared their insights on setting targets, developing and operationalising decarbonisation plans.

To date, a total of 64 companies and organisations have already pledged to the BEC Low Carbon Charter. 57 of them are committed to Pathway 1, while 7 of them to Pathway 2. To walk the talk and lead by example, BEC also signed onto the Charter and will join force with other signatories to begin our decarbonisation journey.

To create buzz prior to the webinar, BEC prepared a series of six promotional videos of the BEC Low Carbon Charter featuring **BEC Chairman Mr Richard Lancaster**, **BEC Deputy Chairman Mr Eric Chong**, Director of the HK Observatory Dr C.M. Cheng, Convenor of the Support Group on Long-term Decarbonisation Strategies Mr C.Y. Lam, Ms Julie Wong of NWS Holdings Limited and Mr Andy Yeung of Hongkong Land (Property Management) Limited. Altogether the videos aim to give the audience a key message: Are you ready to go low carbon?

[Click HERE for the video playlist](#)



In addition, BEC launched the **#LowCarbonChallenge** social media campaign with a view to raising awareness of mitigating climate change through decarbonisation among the business community and general public. We are pleased with the overwhelming support from both the existing and new signatories of the BEC Low Carbon Charter.

BEC will present a certificate to all new signatories of the Low Carbon Charter on 23 June. Stay tuned for more details!

[Click HERE to learn more about BEC Low Carbon Charter](#)

Thinking about joining the BEC Low Carbon Charter as signatory?

Interested companies are welcome to contact **Mr Simon Ng** (E. simonng@bec.org.hk) or **Ms Chloe Ho** (E. chloeho@bec.org.hk).

Are you ready for the new HKEx ESG requirements?

The new HKEx ESG Reporting Guide takes effect on 1 July 2020. The amendments include mandatory governance disclosures, details on key climate-related impacts and environmental targets. **BEC ESG Advisory** team works with clients to assess their current disclosure for gaps against the new guide and identify short- and long-term actions which enhance disclosure and help clients meet the new requirements in a timely manner. Contact **Dr Nadira Lamrad** (T. 2784 3967 | E. nadira@bec.org.hk) to discuss your ESG reporting needs now.

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Green Delight in Estates

BEC has partnered with The Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) to organise the community environmental programme “Green Delight in Estates” (GDE) since 2012. The programme aims to raise environmental awareness of Public Rental Housing residents and instil a culture of environmental protection and improvement.

During GDE Phase 12 from January 2019 to January 2021, BEC organises **Green Living Day** for 23 public housing estates, home to over 114,000 households! Through game booths, second-hand barter markets, upcycling and eco-detergent workshops, residents can familiarise themselves with green concepts such as recycling, waste reduction and waste separation at source. To help develop a habit of recycling, BEC holds **Recycling Day** in the same estate on the same day every month for 6 months. Residents can also further enhance their knowledge by participating in our **Eco Tour** to visit various green facilities around Hong Kong, such as CIC-Zero Carbon Park, WEEE·PARK and T·PARK.

Amid a significant drop in the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases recently, BEC will soon resume all GDE planned and corporate volunteering activities. Stay tuned!

[Click HERE to learn more about our recruitment of corporate volunteers to support GDE](#)



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BEC Council Member **Airport Authority Hong Kong (AAHK)** launched a study to set a 15-year airport-wide carbon reduction target in April 2020. The new target will focus on achieving absolute emissions and take into account various emissions reductions opportunities. These include accelerating the transition from a diesel to an electric-powered airside vehicle and ground services equipment fleet, and seeking zero carbon electricity from the grid. The study will encourage the whole airport community and the key energy parties to work together to achieve decarbonisation as a key component of Hong Kong's low carbon economy.

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BEC Council Member **CLP Power** has recently revamped the CLP mobile app, offering customers a host of new features and exciting offers. Customers can log in easily with their mobile number and receive personalised energy saving recommendations to suit their electricity consumption. They can also manage multiple bills of family members and company accounts in one go. By placing order with online food stores operated by social enterprises, customers can even earn CLP Eco Points to redeem a variety of rewards, from home hygiene products to cooking appliances, on CLP Power's online shopping platform.

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BEC Council Member **Modern Terminals Limited** has recently published its fourth stand-alone sustainability report covering the two calendar years of 2018 and 2019. Prepared in accordance with the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Standards: Core option, the report describes the efforts and achievements of the Company in its five areas of importance to its business, including corporate governance, people, health and safety, environment, and community involvement. Modern Terminals is committed to sustainability and has been publishing CSR/sustainability report since 2011.

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BEC Council Member **Sino Land Company Limited** is delighted to share that 133 Portofino, its new residential project in Sai Kung, has received WELL v2™ Pre-certification. It has become the first Hong Kong residential project accredited by WELL v2™ of the

WELL Building Standard™, the world's first architectural benchmark focusing exclusively on health and wellness to improve sustainability. To receive the coveted accreditation, 133 Portofino has undergone rigorous assessments covering performance requirements and property management commitment for well-being of residents. This underscores Sino Land's efforts as it works towards its mission of "Creating Better Lifescapes" to build a better life together, where the community thrives in harmony.

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BEC Council Member **Swire Properties** has launched its web-based Sustainable Development (SD) Report 2019, which highlights the company's SD 2030 Strategy achievements and how these works

continue to make the company a leading global sustainability performer in DJSI World (No.1 in Asia), GRESB (Global Sector Leader) and Hang Seng Corporate Sustainability Index (AAA rating). Furthermore, the company began reporting against the newly revised HKEX ESG Reporting Guide with additional disclosure on board engagement and climate-related issues, as well as their second Climate-related Financial Disclosures prepared as per recommendations by the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD). Available via a highly flexible web-based format, the report is filled with interactive data charts and maps, and is accessible across all major types of devices to allow easier and better viewing experience.

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Stakeholders are becoming increasingly concerned about the impacts of climate change. In response, BEC Council Member **The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited (Towngas)** has commenced a study on the implementation of recommendations made by the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD). The study covers transition risks and opportunities across Towngas' portfolio in Hong Kong and mainland China under various scenarios. Findings of the study will be used to develop a plan for mitigating climate-related risks and creating resilience strategies for Towngas.

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BEC Corporate Member **Fung Group** aims to build sustainable supply chains that support healthy economies, societies and ecosystems, and contribute to the global effort to build an inclusive, sustainable future for all. Li & Fung Limited, one of the companies under Fung Group, published its ESG and Annual Report in March, outlining its approach to sustainability and providing an update on its ESG performance. The company is committed to leveraging its resources, and supply chain networks in raising awareness and taking action to reduce its environmental impact. Li & Fung's strategy for supply chain sustainability focuses on three priority areas: human rights, safe workplaces and environmental resilience. In April, Convenience Retail Asia Limited (CRA), another company within the Group, also launched its ESG Report 2019. CRA believes in "sustainability in action", through its commitment to society and the environment. The report details its efforts in helping society transition to a low-carbon and inclusive economy. Both Li & Fung and CRA support the Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the reports cover their progress in aligning to relevant UN Sustainable Development Goals.

[Click HERE for Li & Fung's ESG and Annual Report](#)

[Click HERE for CRA's ESG Report](#)



BEC Corporate Member **Baguio Green Group** has launched a brand-new mobile application called "iRecycle", which is a recycling award platform for the public to earn points and redeem rewards through recycling glass bottles and plastic bottles (type 1 and type 2). Upon successful registration, users can enjoy 50 points as a welcome gift. A monthly reward campaign "i want Recycle · Award" is also launched to offer an extra reward for the group of users with most points earned. For more details, please visit the website below.

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BEC Corporate Member **Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals Limited (Hactl)** has signed the Green Event Pledge launched by the Environmental Protection Department to show its commitment to enhancing the environmental performance of its events. Hactl organises a number of internal and external events every year and has always been dedicated to waste reduction and green event planning. By signing the pledge, Hactl will keep up its efforts to reduce waste production when organising, promoting, as well as supporting events.

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Thinking about showcasing your green technologies at BEC Building?

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

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BEC Corporate Member **Intertek** has launched the world's first end-to-end health, safety and wellbeing assurance programme for people, workplace and public spaces this month. Named "Protek", the innovative programme offers audits, training, inspection, verification and certification solutions. Intertek strives to safeguard people, systems, facilities and environment in order to assure businesses are ready to operate in a safe and sustainable manner.

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ARUP

BEC Corporate Member **Arup** is adopting UN's Sustainable Development Goals to drive for sustainability in the built environment. One of the focuses is to promote a renewed concept of urban resilience, which makes us rethink the way we plan, design, develop and manage our cities that enable communities to thrive, respond and recover quickly in time of crisis. Mapping the impact of COVID-19 to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals highlights opportunities for change and areas for action.

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SGS

The explanation of "materiality" adoption is one of key changes of the new HKEX ESG Reporting Guide effective for the financial year commencing on or after 1 July 2020. Recently, BEC Corporate Member **SGS Hong Kong (SGS)** performed stakeholder engagement and materiality assessment to help a leading manufacturing company address its pain point when preparing its Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) report. While the client focused on reporting material issues, SGS identified key stakeholders and relevant ESG issues, and drew materiality matrix illustrating importance of each ESG issue based on the collected data. As a result, the principle of materiality reporting was adopted and assured.

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BEC General Member **Artech Graphics**, together with its sister company Decor Redefined, introduce "Eco Decor Solution" to companies, businesses and organisations in order to promote the utilisation of sustainable materials in exhibition and event decorations. Recently, Artech has installed three thematic panels at Hong Kong Wetland Park. Sustainable materials were mostly used to produce the vivid and interactive display boards. Although the display boards are made from "paper", the material is in fact much more sturdy than you can possibly imagine! With the Wetland Park now reopened, members are welcomed to visit to learn more about mother nature and Artech's production.

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BEC General Member **Circular Economy (Hong Kong)** is

established with the mission of providing professional services to organisations so that they can include the concept of circular economy in their vision. The company is a certified agency of Circulab, a specialised circular economy academy which offers a tool set to help organisations implement circular business models to provide economic, environmental and social benefits to communities and countries. Other than providing workshops and consulting services, Circular Economy (Hong Kong) organises seminars and field trips for participants to learn from other experts and countries.



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To demonstrate its support for the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, BEC General Member **ECHO ASIA** launched in late April a digital environmental campaign which echoes with the major theme of the Earth Day 2020, climate action. The company kick started with a series of eye catching in-house designed WhatsApp stickers, and the green buzz was further promoted to other social media platforms such as Facebook and Instagram. The campaign not only promotes green living in a highly engaging way, it also encourages the public to take small green steps in their daily life. ECHO ASIA will strive to turn every day into an Earth Day!

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BEC General Member **Envision Digital** is a global Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things (AIoT) technology leader headquartered in Singapore with over 500 employees across 12 offices around the world. Envision Digital owns EnOS™ – the world-class AIoT operating system which currently connects and manages over 63 million smart devices and 120GW of energy assets globally. With a focus on GreenTech, Envision Digital has partnered with leading government agencies and businesses across the world to support their innovation and sustainability goals in the areas of Smart Cities and Smart Buildings, Smart Renewables and Connected Energy. Recent projects include Thailand's first AIoT Smart Grid with PTT, one of Malaysia's largest solar projects, and other successful stories involving multinational corporations, Singapore Government and large enterprises.

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ReThink HK: Apply for your early bird pass today! Organised by BEC General Member **EnviroEvents HK**, ReThink HK is designed to inspire and motivate organisations to accelerate change towards a more sustainable and secure future for our environment, society, and businesses. New dates have been confirmed – 2 & 3 September 2020, K11 ATELIER King's Road. Special early bird passes are on offer until 23:59 on 29 May!

[Click HERE to register](#)

BEC Members can access Exclusive Corporate Packages – email jill@bec.org.hk for further details.

[Click HERE for conference line-up](#)

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.

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 environmental excellence to us. We will then share your news via BEC communications channels, including our social media platforms and e-Newsletter. Please contact **Ms Jaz Chan (T. 2784 3912 | E. jazchan@bec.org.hk)** for submissions and enquiries.

Please join us in welcoming our new members

General Member

- Circular Economy (Hong Kong) Ltd
- Earth Production Limited
- Meiriki Japan Co., Limited
- SICK Optic-Electronic Co., Limited

Affiliate Member

- Clean Air Network
- Plastic Oceans Limited

BEC UPCOMING EVENTS

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, BEC has postponed some events to a later date in order to ensure the health and safety of all our partners and participants. For updated schedule of events, please check out [BEC's Event Calendar](#).

Call for Corporate Volunteers! - Green Living Day, Green Delight in Estates 2020 13,20,27 June



We are now recruiting corporate volunteers to join BEC and the Hong Kong Housing Authority to organise **Green Living Days** and **Eco Tours** under the community environmental programme **Green Delight in Estates** for above dates. Corporate volunteers will assist in reception, photo-taking and crowd management, as well as operations of different booths, including carnival games, bartering activities, forums and workshops. For enquiries, please contact **Ms Silver Lo** (T. 2784 3914 | E. silverlo@bec.org.hk).

[Click HERE for details & registration](#)

BEC EnviroSeries Conference 8 July



ENVIROSERIES



Reflecting on the unprecedented disruption the world is facing in recent months, the upcoming **BEC EnviroSeries Conference**, which will be held at The Mira Hong Kong on 8 July, will challenge our conventional wisdom and find an innovative, low carbon approach to recover from the lows of the COVID-19 outbreak. With the theme "**Business Sustainability in the midst of Disruption, Turbulence and Recovery**", the Conference will highlight the tough challenges, extended risks as well as new-found opportunities faced by businesses in such difficult time, and to showcase how corporate leaders are building resilience and adaptability into their business planning and operations for long-term sustainability.

BEC members will enjoy an **early bird rate** for registration on or before **12 June**. For sponsorship packages, other tailor-made promotion opportunities and enquiries, please contact **Ms Jill Chow** (T. 2784 3942 | E. jill@bec.org.hk).

[Click HERE for details & registration](#)

ReThink 2020 Rescheduled to 2 & 3 September



rethink-event.com/joinus

ReThink 2020, where BEC is the Programme & Education Partner, has been rescheduled to 2 and 3 September due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. ReThink is designed specifically for professionals who are driven by sustainability goals for their business or organisation, and the 2020 event is focused on answering one of the most crucial questions for companies in our city: How can we help businesses in Hong Kong accelerate change towards a more sustainable future? BEC Members can access additional benefits for ReThink 2020 and all delegate fees for ReThink 2020 will go to charity. Email karen.k@rethink-event.com for further details.

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BEC INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (IEE) TRAINING COURSES

Urban Farm Planning & Management for Professionals (Property & Facilities Management Sector)



3 July

More details will be announced [HERE](#). Stay tuned!



Your Feedback Matters - BEC IEE Survey



For us to keep improving our environmental education programmes, it would be grateful if you could spare a few minutes to fill out this online survey. As a token of gratitude, we will offer a **one-off 5% discount** on selected BEC IEE courses (co-organised courses are excluded). Thank you for your support. For enquiries, please contact us at **T. 2784 3900** | **E. beciee@bec.org.hk**

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BEC SUPPORTED EVENTS

- **Annual Corporate and Regulatory Update conference (ACRU)** | The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries (HKICS) | 5 June
- **IE Expo China 2020 - Hong Kong Pavilion** | Environmental Protection Department (sponsor), Federation of Hong Kong Industries (implementation agent) | 10-12 June
- **Symposium on Smart City Development** | BEAM Society Limited | Rescheduled to September

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