

30 YEARS OF ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE

Since 1992



Our Vision

To lead, enable and drive the business community to transform for a green, liveable and sustainable Hong Kong

Our Mission

To galvanise business actions towards environmental excellence and net zero in Hong Kong by connecting the government, businesses, and community through thought leadership, innovative solutions, policy advocacy, strategic partnership, advisory services, and environmental education



Chairman's message



I am proud to be the Chairman of Business Environment Council (“BEC”) starting April 2022, with 2022 being a special year for the organisation as it celebrates its 30th anniversary.

With a mission to advocate environmental protection amongst our members and the broader community, BEC has excelled in research and advocacy of green buildings, waste management, decarbonisation and other important aspects of creating a sustainable world over the past three decades, thanks to the strong leadership of our management team. BEC’s success was complemented by a significant growth in membership base – total membership has now reached a record high of over 220 members from a wide range of industries across all business sectors.

As BEC is turning a new page supported by its three-decade foundation, the next few years are crucial for Hong Kong as our city strives to reach its interim decarbonisation targets by 2035 and achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. BEC will work closer than ever with our members and other stakeholders to take actions on Hong Kong’s climate change issues. I look forward to steering the organisation to reach new heights by further strengthening our ties with the Government, the private sector, and all local and overseas partners.

I wish BEC every success in driving business ambition into action to co-create a net-zero Hong Kong in the future, with its 30 years of environmental excellence.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. M. O'Brien', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr Kevin O'Brien



CEO's message

I am honoured to be appointed Chief Executive Officer of Business Environment Council (“BEC”) in the special year of 2022 which marks the 30th anniversary of the organisation.

As the new CEO, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all past Chairmen and Board of Directors for laying a solid foundation for BEC, which has enabled us to continue our growth and development in striving for environmental excellence in Hong Kong. My gratitude also goes to our diligent and professional staff who plays a pivotal role in BEC’s success over the past three decades. Their unique insights and constructive ideas, coupled with the strong leadership of our senior management team, steer BEC forward despite the ever-changing socio-economic landscape in Hong Kong and around the world. We have shown remarkable resilience amid the pandemic and managed to turn this unprecedented challenge into opportunities. Strict social distancing measures could not stop us from cementing our relationships with the Government, foreign consulates, business chambers and, most importantly, our members, who have always supported us. The relationships with our stakeholders are stronger than ever.

There is a Chinese saying “三十而立”, which means “one should be independent and steadfast at the age of 30”. BEC is essentially a grown-up entering its prime now. At this exceptional occasion of BEC’s 30th anniversary, I vow to work closely with our Board of Directors and stakeholders to extend BEC’s 30 years of environmental excellence on the net-zero journey.

BEC, Happy Birthday!

Mr Simon Ng

Environment and Ecology Bureau

On behalf of the newly reorganised Environment and Ecology Bureau, I would like to extend my warm and sincere congratulations to Business Environment Council (“BEC”) and its members for the remarkable achievement in the past three decades. Ever since its founding in 1992, BEC has been serving as a key anchoring force in the rapidly changing and developing business landscape of Hong Kong, always ensuring a steady focus on sustainability in both business and government. It has been a good partner who assists us in achieving our sustainable goals by providing an important platform where green and sustainable ideas are conceived, exchanged and brought to the community. I am confident that BEC will continue to actively participate in and contribute to our target of achieving a carbon neutral Hong Kong.

Celebrating 30 years of environmental excellence and wishing BEC many more in the future!

Mr Tse Chin-wan, BBS, JP
Secretary for Environment and Ecology



(Former) Environment Bureau

Over the past 30 years, Business Environment Council (“BEC”) has been making important contributions to the sustainable development of our city through its unceasing efforts in spearheading the development of and advocating for green technologies and innovations. Its leadership role in showing the business sector and the wider community that green practices can bring competitive gains also deserve appreciation.

I recall that I firstly met BEC when the building environmental assessment method was initiated in the early 90s. I am glad that I have been able to witness and grow alongside BEC and its sustained support of Hong Kong’s green building movement that has been flourishing in the recent decades and now has become an important pillar in supporting our journey towards carbon neutrality. Thanks to BEC for its pioneer work in achieving environmental excellence. Wishing BEC every success in its future endeavours.

Mr Wong Kam-sing, GBS, JP
Former Secretary for the Environment



Council for Sustainable Development

I would like to extend my warmest and sincere congratulations to Business Environment Council (“BEC”) on its 30th Anniversary.

Since its establishment, BEC has been playing a pivotal role in promoting environmental awareness and giving impetus for moving Hong Kong towards a more sustainable society. With its close partnership with the Government, business and community organisations, BEC has been successful in engaging the community by addressing environmental concerns and facilitating cross-sectoral discussions. I am particularly grateful for the tremendous support that BEC, in its capacity as a supporting organisation, has rendered to the Council for Sustainable Development in its past public engagements, including the recent ones on control of single-use plastics and long-term decarbonisation strategy.



On this auspicious occasion of the 30th Anniversary of BEC, I look forward to witnessing the continued success along its sustainability pathway and wish BEC every success in its future endeavours.

Dr the Hon Lam Ching-choi, SBS, JP
Chairman

Electrical and Mechanical Services Department

My heartiest congratulations to Business Environment Council (“BEC”) on its 30th Anniversary.

The recent global energy crisis have escalated the challenges to the post-pandemic economic growth. Nonetheless we see new opportunities in pursuing low-carbon economy for upholding the competitiveness and sustainable development of Hong Kong. Facing climate change, we have witnessed warming up with increasing number of hot nights and rising sea level in Hong Kong. Long-term decarbonisation strategies and climate resilience have become indispensable, not only for businesses to survive and thrive, but also for safeguarding our home against extreme weather now and for our future generations.

BEC has been spearheading the promotion of clean technologies and practices for environmental protection in Hong Kong. Over the years, BEC has spared no efforts in offering sustainable solutions and professional advice to the government, business and the community. Besides, BEC helps businesses adopt the latest technology to upgrade the performance of the built environment, enhance energy efficiency, reduce operating costs, and stay competitive in a low-carbon world. I am confident that BEC will continue to contribute in moving Hong Kong towards a more sustainable society and achieving carbon neutrality before 2050.



Mr Pang Yiu-hung, JP
Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services



CLP Power Hong Kong Limited

The 30th anniversary of Business Environment Council (“BEC”) is a great opportunity to celebrate the key role it has played in driving environmental efforts in Hong Kong and supporting many companies to put sustainability in the centre of their strategies. Congratulations from all of us here at CLP.

As a proud Founding Member, CLP shares BEC’s view that the business community needs to take the lead on sustainability, and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work with BEC on many exciting projects to accelerate climate action over the last three decades, including our signatory to the BEC Low Carbon Charter.

We look forward to deepening our partnership with BEC, which continues to be a primary forum connecting businesses across different sectors to achieve sustainable growth. We wish BEC success in navigating the challenges and opportunities ahead.



Mr Richard Lancaster
Chief Executive Officer
CLP Holdings Limited

Gammon Construction Ltd.

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate Business Environment Council (“BEC”) for all its achievements since its establishment in 1992. For 30 years BEC has been at the forefront of promoting environmental excellence. Its commitment to transition Hong Kong to a low-carbon economy is distinctive and impressive.

At Gammon, we are proud of our long-standing partnership with BEC, including the recent co-launch of the Power Up Coalition. This initiative aims to accelerate grid electricity at construction sites before work begins and reduce carbon emissions. We believe this is an important step for achieving quieter, cleaner, healthier and lower-carbon construction in Hong Kong.

Over the past decades, BEC has gone from strength to strength in advocating technologies and practices that help improving the environment and social responsibility. In celebration of its 30th anniversary, I wish to extend my best wishes to BEC for its continued success in the years to come.



Mr Kevin O'Brien
Chief Executive

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited

My warmest congratulations to Business Environment Council (“BEC”) as it celebrates its 30th anniversary.

As a Founding Member of BEC, HSBC is honoured to support BEC along its journey of promoting environmental excellence. We have collaborated across multiple initiatives over the years, from the Living Business Programme that has been guiding SMEs towards sustainability integration since 2004, Green Equipment Financing in 2007 encouraging businesses to invest in eco-friendly equipment, to the most recent Carbon Disclosure Programme seeking advancement in climate disclosure in the business community.

Today, BEC stands at the forefront of advocating environmental protection, leading the community in the transition to a low-carbon economy. I look forward to continuing our support to BEC along with many other like-minded peers in the business sector.



My best wishes to the team at BEC, and may its achievements and impacts to the community continue to grow from strength to strength.

Mr Huifeng Zhang
Head of Corporate Sustainability Asia Pacific

The Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.

Congratulations to Business Environment Council (“BEC”) on 30 remarkable years of success!

BEC has been serving as a voice for businesses, connecting companies of various sizes, and bringing visionary professionals together to advocate the long-term sustainable growth of Hong Kong over the past three decades. In today’s sustainability-driven culture, BEC’s unique leadership role in empowering businesses to strengthen their adaptive capacities, build climate resilience, and recognise their potential to overcome different barriers has become more important than ever. On this occasion, we wish to also extend our appreciation to all dedicated staff of BEC for continually injecting vitality and amplifying the importance of environmental excellence to accelerate Hong Kong’s transition into a more sustainable economy.



Being one of BEC’s most trusted partners, HK Electric is proud to have created synergies with BEC to address many challenging sustainability issues. We anticipate seeing this special collaborative partnership continue to flourish and evolve in decades to come!

Ir Bill Ho
General Manager (Corporate Development)

Jardine Matheson Group

Congratulations to Business Environment Council (“BEC”) for its 30th anniversary! A 30-year journey to drive environmental excellence and mainstream corporate sustainability is no mean feat, and I am glad to see more and more businesses are joining the force. Thank you BEC for being an important glue to connect the industry and contributing to a greener Hong Kong throughout the years!

I wish BEC every success and let us continue working together to make Hong Kong a better place!

Mr Noky Wong
Chief Executive

Jardine Engineering Corporation



The Kowloon Motor Bus Co. (1933) Ltd.

I take great pleasure in congratulating Business Environment Council (“BEC”) on its 30th Anniversary!

As an influential body promoting environmental care and awareness and advocating environmental best practices in the business sector, BEC has made tremendous contributions to Hong Kong in the past three decades. BEC is also a valuable partner of KMB in striving for sustainable development in Hong Kong’s transportation sector.

Recently, the Government has expressed its drive and determination to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. KMB is thrilled to collaborate with BEC to drive the community to a new green era and zero-carbon transportation.

In the years ahead, I truly believe that BEC will go from strength to strength and lead the business sector to achieve carbon neutrality.

Mr Steve Hui
Administration Director



Modern Terminals Limited

On behalf of Modern Terminals, I would like to congratulate Business Environment Council (“BEC”) on its 30th anniversary.

We are proud to be a Founding Member of BEC and grow together with them in our sustainability journey.

This year also marks our 50th anniversary as we move into a new chapter in our sustainability journey. In September 2021, we have established our Sustainability Strategy with long-term goals for our five pillars – governance, people, health & safety, environment, and community involvement. Among them are goals to eliminate direct GHG emissions from our operations by 2030 and to become carbon neutral by 2050. There are no immediate solutions available but we believe it is important for us to be part of the driving force to encourage technology advancement.



Let’s continue to work together to achieve carbon neutrality.

Mr Horace Lo
Group Managing Director

PCCW Limited

In celebration of Business Environment Council’s (“BEC”) 30th anniversary, PCCW would like to convey its appreciation for the remarkable work that BEC has done to promote good environmental stewardship. As one of BEC’s Founding Members, we echo its vision by integrating sustainability considerations into our business processes and striving to exceed the relevant requirements prescribed by local regulations and industry guidelines.

As BEC embarks on yet another promising decade of driving environmental efforts among the business community, we shall support its dedication by continually stepping up our performance across our businesses. We are grateful for BEC’s invaluable contributions, and look forward to exploring more ways to further our positive impact alongside the Council.



Ms Carmen Chan
Vice President, Brand Management & CSR



Shell Hong Kong Limited

Since establishment in 1992, Business Environment Council (“BEC”) has been successfully promoting environmental excellence across different business sectors through providing professional services to members and making policy advocacy to key stakeholders. With BEC celebrating her 30th anniversary this year, Shell Hong Kong feels very delighted to be part of this milestone as a Founding Member.

In February 2021, Shell has announced “Powering Progress” that sets out our strategy to accelerate the transition of our business to net-zero emissions by 2050. Powering Progress is designed to integrate sustainability with our business strategy. We will continue to work closely with BEC to advocate the use of more low-carbon energy products to enable a successful energy transition which will see Hong Kong a net-zero emissions city by 2050.

Congratulations on the achievements made by BEC in the past 30 years and my best wishes for even more successes to come in the future.

Ms Anne Yu
Managing Director



Swire Pacific Limited

Congratulations to Business Environment Council (“BEC”) on its 30th anniversary. As a Founding Member, Swire Pacific would like to congratulate BEC on achieving this important milestone.

Over the past 30 years, BEC has remained true to the vision of its Founding Members, of promoting environmental excellence and mainstreaming corporate sustainability. The Swire Group continues to be active participant and vocal advocate for BEC membership, as BEC remains uniquely positioned at the forefront of the environmental agenda, particularly in the areas of green building development, and advocating for a net-zero, liveable and sustainable future in Hong Kong.

We would like to thank our fellow Board Members, BEC staff both past and present, and its members for all their hard work and unwavering commitment to the cause. We wish BEC every success in the future, and we look forward to playing our part in its future achievements.

Mr Mark Harper
Group Head of Sustainability
John Swire & Sons (H.K.) Limited



BEAM Society Limited

On behalf of the BEAM Society Limited (“BSL”), I would like to convey my warmest congratulations to Business Environment Council (“BEC”) on the auspicious and commendable occasion of its 30th Anniversary.

Over the past three decades, BEC has been devoted to achieving environmental excellence and leading the transformation of Hong Kong towards a low-carbon economy. Sharing the same vision of creating a sustainable community, BSL has been working hand in hand with BEC as a close partner for years. We are pleased to see that our joint efforts have achieved positive results in advocating the adoption of green practices across business sectors and accelerating sustainable development in Hong Kong.



May this anniversary mark the beginning of further growth and success of BEC, and BSL looks forward to continued collaborations with BEC for the betterment of the community towards our common goal of carbon neutrality in the years ahead.

Ms Ivy Lee
Immediate Past Chairperson

Construction Industry Council

Year 2022 marks the 30th Anniversary of Business Environment Council (“BEC”), I am delighted to extend my heartiest congratulations to BEC for this important milestone worth celebrating.

Hong Kong will strive to achieve carbon neutrality before 2050. To achieve this goal, businesses, communities and the government all need to step up the efforts. Over the past three decades, BEC has been dedicated to advocate environmental protection by adopting clean technologies and practices among its members, stakeholders and the community. The great achievement of BEC and its profound contribution are well recognised. I am sure BEC will continue to uphold its environmental excellence and achieve bigger success in the future.



I wish BEC every success in the years to come.

Ir Thomas Ho, JP
Chairman

Hong Kong Green Building Council Limited

On behalf of the Hong Kong Green Building Council, I would like to offer my warmest congratulations on the 30th Anniversary of Business Environment Council.

Over the past three decades, Business Environment Council (“BEC”) has played a crucial role in promoting corporate social and environmental responsibility in Hong Kong. As one of the Founding Members of HKGBC, the two Councils share the same vision of fostering carbon neutral before 2050 in Hong Kong, and joining hands in promoting sustainability in buildings and businesses.

May I wish BEC every success and another 30 years of environmental excellence.

Mr Cheung Hau-wei, SBS
Chairman



Hong Kong Trade Development Council

It gives me great pleasure to extend my warm congratulations to Business Environment Council (“BEC”) on its auspicious 30th anniversary.

Over the past three decades, BEC has been a pioneer in driving environmental excellence among businesses in Hong Kong. It has admirably committed itself to Hong Kong’s sustainable development by advocating clean technologies and practices through a comprehensive approach.

Over the years, BEC has been our valued partner in supporting Eco Expo Asia, Hong Kong’s leading trade platform for international environmental industry to showcase the latest green products, technology and innovation. Through our longstanding partnership, the platform has successfully reached out to a wider community to work together towards a sustainable future for Hong Kong.

Once again, we congratulate BEC on achieving this exciting milestone and we look forward to continuing a thriving partnership with BEC in the years to come.

Ms Sophia Chong
Deputy Executive Director



We Mean Business Coalition

Congratulations on your 30 years of work focusing on companies in Hong Kong. Tackling climate change requires unprecedented collaboration globally along with deep local expertise to implement action. This is why we value our partnership with Business Environment Council to collectively turn business ambition into the transformational action needed to reach net zero and limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

Ms María Mendiluce
Chief Executive Officer



Austrian Consulate General in Hong Kong and Macao

My heartfelt congratulations to Business Environment Council on its 30th anniversary.

I am thankful for the strong ties between Business Environment Council and Austria. We share the same interest in environmental excellence, sustainability, and climate change issues.

A strong advocator for international exchange Business Environment Council has been an outstanding partner to the Austrian Consulate General in Hong Kong and Macao and the Austrian Trade Commission in our common goal to foster closer links between experts from Austria and Hong Kong, corporates and communities and to promote sustainability. We are also committed in our drive for innovative solutions and the adoption of best practices.



On behalf of all your Austrian friends and partners, I would like to wish you once again “Alles Gute zum Geburtstag”!! We look forward to further strengthening our relationship and to continue our dialogue for the next 30+ years!

With my very best wishes
Mr Karl Ernst
Consul General

The Consulate General of Sweden in Hong Kong and Macau

I would like to extend my warm congratulations and best wishes to Business Environment Council (“BEC”) on its 30th Anniversary. Climate change is one of the greatest challenges of our time. Cooperation globally as well as between different actors in society – public and private, government and business – is needed to tackle it. The Consulate General of Sweden is very happy and proud to be a partner of BEC in the work to promote sustainability and environmental excellence. We very much enjoyed co-organising an event on green transition last year. BEC is a leader in promoting green solutions and in working with the Hong Kong business community in the transition to a net-zero future.

Sweden has experiences to share from implementing environmental policies and promoting concrete sustainable solutions. I look forward to a continued partnership and I wish BEC great success in its ongoing drive towards a more sustainable future.



Mr Per Augustsson
Consul General

European Union Office to Hong Kong and Macao

Congratulations to Business Environment Council for 30 years of environmental excellence!

The EU wants to lead climate action to safeguard the future of the next generations... for humanity. Our ambition is shown in our 2050 climate neutrality commitment and a net domestic reduction of at least 55% in GHG emissions by 2030 compared to 1990, as well as the EU's continued commitment to scaling up the mobilisation of international climate finance. But we need partners to lead with us and I count on valuable partners like BEC: Together, we work to maintain the highest political momentum with keeping the 1.5°C goal within reach, in line with the Paris Agreement and in light of the most recent scientific reports. We work on climate finance, mitigation and adaptation.

I look forward to leading together with you on advocating for climate action, be it in the context of EU's Green Deal or Hong Kong's Climate Action Plan.

Mr Thomas Gnocchi
Ambassador of the European Union to Hong Kong



Netherlands Consulate General in Hong Kong and Macao

The Consulate General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands have had fruitful collaboration with Business Environment Council ("BEC") over the past 30 years, and we look forward to continuing this partnership in the future. Sustainability and innovation are what drive the Netherlands. Together with BEC, we hope to push these topics here in Hong Kong as well.

BEC, 30 years of environmental excellence!

Mr Arjen van den Berg
Consul General



U.S. Consulate General in Hong Kong and Macau

The U.S. Commercial Service at the U.S. Consulate General in Hong Kong and Macau expresses our heartfelt congratulations to Business Environment Council ("BEC") on its 30th Anniversary. We have the honour to partner with BEC to promote environmental innovation and sustainable development to help Hong Kong achieve its net zero carbon goals, and look forward to strengthening our collaboration in the future. We wish BEC great success in the years to come!

Mr Bradley Harker
Chief Commercial Consul



Our Milestones

1988

Concerned about Hong Kong's deteriorating air and water quality, former HSBC Chairman Sir William Purves conceived a non-profit think tank geared towards influencing government and business

1992

The Centre for Environmental Technology ("CET"), predecessor of Business Environment Council, was established

2000

CET was renamed as Business Environment Council ("BEC"), taking up the roles of both PSCE and CET

1997

BEC Building garnered Certificate of Merit in HKIA Annual Award

The first Energy Efficient Building Award was organised



1989

A total of 19 leading businesses came together to form the Private Sector Committee on the Environment ("PSCE"), with Sir Purves becoming the Founding Chair

1996

BEC Building, formally known as Jockey Club Environmental Building, was opened

Building Environmental Assessment Method ("BEAM") was established

Environmental Building Wins Architecture Award



1999

The Hong Kong Eco-Products Award was inaugurated



2002
EnviroSeries Conference, BEC's flagship event, was launched

2003
BEC became Hong Kong's Regional Network Partner of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development ("WBCSD")

2004
BEC collaborated with HSBC to launch the Living Business Awards in recognition of socially and environmentally responsible SMEs in Hong Kong

BEC initiated the Hong Kong Business Guide to Sustainable Development, Hong Kong's first bilingual publication on the topic of sustainable development and a web source for all business enterprises

2008
BEC launched the Climate Change Business Forum

2001
BEC created ISO 14001 templates and case studies for Hong Kong's small and medium enterprises ("SMEs")



2005
BEC initiated the Harbour Business Forum with the mission of realising Hong Kong's harbour and harbourfront as a vibrant, accessible and sustainable world-class asset

2007
The BEC IAQ (Indoor Air Quality) Solutions Centre became Hong Kong's first accredited certificate-issuing body approved by the Hong Kong Accreditation Service



2017

BEC Building achieved the Final Platinum rating under the BEAM Plus Existing Buildings (version 1.2)

2018

BEC installed solar panels on its rooftop to support its strong advocacy of renewable energy and to support the Government's Feed-in-Tariff policy



2020

BEC co-organised Jockey Club BEAM Plus in Schools Project



2022

BEC received WELL Performance Testing Organisation accreditation, being the first Hong Kong based NGO offering the service

BEC Building also achieved the WELL Health-Safety Rating



2021

BEC co-launched the Power Up Coalition, a BEC Low Carbon Charter initiative which is the first-of-its-kind coalition to address decarbonisation challenges specific to the construction sector in Hong Kong

The BEC Low Carbon Charter reached 100 signatories

BEC was recognised as a Carbon Neutrality Partner by the former Environment Bureau for its supports and efforts in decarbonising Hong Kong

2019

BEC launched the BEC Low Carbon Charter, the first charter of its kind in Hong Kong specifically responding to the UNFCCC's Paris Agreement

Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA), a leading international aviation hub, is pivotal in fuelling Hong Kong's economic growth and its development into one of the world's most vibrant cities. To create even greater value for the city and future generations, HKIA is transforming from a city airport into an Airport City. Transcending the role as an aviation hub, the Airport City will be a destination in itself, a driver for local and regional business growth, a centre of technovation and a high-value cargo hub that turbocharges HKIA's role as a growth engine for Hong Kong.

Airport Authority Hong Kong is committed to operating a low-carbon and climate-resilient airport and will continue to collaborate with our business partners to embed sustainability into the development and operations of the Airport City.



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To put sustainability into practice, Green Island Cement runs an extensive suite of environmental programmes including:

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- Waste to Energy Plan
- Waste Reduction Plan
- Emission Reduction Plan
- IMS Development Plan
- Industrial Collaboration Programme



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**OUR LEGEND:
THE UNTOLD
STORY OF
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The Untold Story of BEC Building

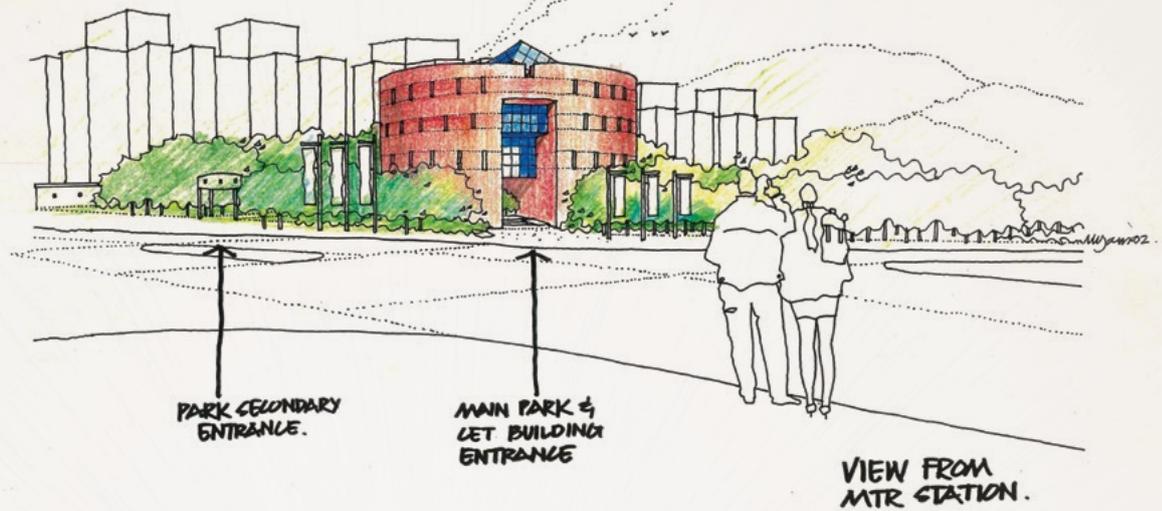
Business Environment Council (“BEC”) is headquartered in the iconic BEC Building. The first time you step in the BEC building, it’s cosy, welcoming and contemporary. Let’s take this exclusive opportunity to unwind some key historical materials and discover BEC’s sustainability journey since the early history of its building. BEC Building, formally known as Jockey Club Environmental Building (“JCEB”), is a distinctive icon of BEC. The cylindrical building, inspired by the traditional Hakka Tulou, has been standing in the tranquil district since 1996, but little is known about the early days of this precious asset of BEC.

The planning stage of JCEB can be traced back to 1993, when the Centre for Environmental Technology (predecessor of BEC) received the concept sketches, floor plans and section drawings of the proposed building from the architect.

According to an SCMP article in June 1995, JCEB is a building “dedicated to increasing awareness among business and industry of the importance, necessity and benefits of environmental management.” It is literally the first building of its kind in Hong Kong where environmental considerations were applied as principal factor in design, construction and operation. For instance, hardwood was not used for the site hoarding and the composite hoarding panel alternatives were subsequently re-used as office partitions. In terms of design, an exterior done in earth tone would blend the building perfectly with neighbourhood. Parking lots at the building were also minimised to encourage visitors to make use of public transport when visiting the building.

On 11 September 1996, JCEB was officially opened by then Chief Secretary of Hong Kong Mrs Anson Chan. The commemorative plaque at the opening ceremony is now placed at the building entrance.





In 1997, JCEB won the Certificate of Merit at the prestigious Hong Kong Institute of Architects (“HKIA”) Annual Awards, being one of the only two awardees that year. This recognition subtly conveyed that Hong Kong should be “more concerned with environmental issues in order that we can work gradually towards sustainable development,” as indicated by distinguished architect, then HKIA President Dr Tao Ho.

Driven by the fame and accolade our building enjoyed at its early stage of opening, BEC continuously upholds its vision and efforts to enhance its environmental performance. For decades, we have introduced and experimented various state-of-the-art green technologies to the building, transforming to a “Green Lab”.

In 2014, BEC Building achieved the Platinum rating of Provisional Assessment under the BEAM Plus Existing Buildings (version 1.2), and became the first commercial building in Hong Kong meeting the highest level of recognition. The building subsequently attained the Platinum rating of Final Assessment in 2017. The roof-top solar panel installation in 2018 and extensive renovation of the Auditorium and Exhibition Hall in 2019 have further lifted BEC Building’s environmental performance. Looking forward, BEC will continue to advocate a green, healthy living environment and set a robust example of green buildings in Hong Kong through our “Green Lab”.

For three decades, BEC has been at the forefront of promoting environmental excellence by advocating the uptake of clean technologies and practices which reduce waste, conserve resources, prevent pollution and improve corporate environmental and social sustainability. Our “Green Lab” showcases how we apply and support environmental solutions in life.



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- Link will roll out an Energy Management System to its entire Hong Kong portfolio by 2025/2026 as part of efforts to achieve its interim net zero targets
- Link has identified over 40 potential sites across its portfolio for installation of solar power systems

For details, please visit:





Congratulations

Modern Terminals congratulates Business Environment Council (BEC) on its 30th Anniversary. As a founding member of BEC, we are proud to grow together with them in our sustainability journey in the past three decades.



For a Sustainable Future



OUR LEGEND:
20+15>30



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Experienced and skilled staff is instrumental to Business Environment Council's ("BEC") success. We highly value positive interaction between colleagues as senior staff is seen more than just a supervisor, but a mentor to the junior as well. As we celebrate our 30th anniversary, we talk to two of the longest-serving employees of BEC, who happen to be our senior management team members. Mr Ivan Chan, Director - Finance, has been serving BEC for 20 years, while Ir C.F. Leung, Director - Operations, has been with us for 15 years.

Joining BEC in 2002, Ivan is a credible witness to BEC's growth and development in the past two decades. He had never worked in the environmental or sustainability field before joining us, but he stayed on to serve the organisation for 20 years. "Back then, some citizens had a rather negative perception on NGOs, criticising the ineffectiveness of some," recalled Ivan. "BEC is different though. We are determined to address pressing environmental issues by adopting a four-pronged approach – advisory, research, stakeholder engagement, and training. I think our contributions to the Hong Kong community are evident. My 20 years of service here can prove a point."

One common misconception about BEC is that the organisation is funded by the HKSAR Government. "No, BEC is an independent organisation. We receive no funding from the Government," clarified Ivan. "It is therefore essential for me and my team to keep BEC's expenditure within the limits of revenues when drawing up our budget."

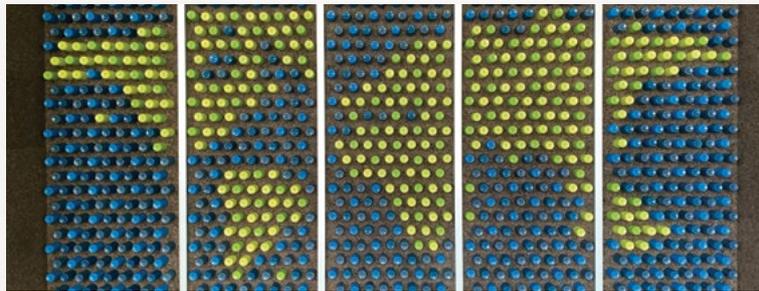


Ir C.F. Leung, Director – Operations (left), and Mr Ivan Chan, Director – Finance (right) of BEC

In his two decades of tenure at BEC, Ivan has gone through two major outbreaks – SARS in 2003 and the ongoing COVID-19. Has he noted any differences on BEC? "Not really, to be honest. Because BEC has always attached utmost importance to our colleagues' health and well-being," said Ivan. "The SARS outbreak was more lethal but didn't last long. In contrast, the COVID-19 pandemic has more far-reaching effects on various aspects of our lives. In terms of financial planning, I have to channel more resources to support BEC's initiatives in maintaining our staff's physical and mental health during this unprecedented pandemic." Thanks to Ivan and his team's effort, BEC has maintained a decent financial situation despite the pandemic, managing to avoid any wage freeze or cuts. A number of initiatives and events have also been launched to enhance our staff well-being during this challenging period.

Joining BEC as a Specialist in Built Environment in 2007, C.F. has climbed up the career ladder over the years and is now our Director – Operations, leading and providing advisory services on various BEC's initiatives. He oversees BEC's Green Building, EHS Performance Testing, Environmental Management, and Community Engagement teams. "Leading four teams is no easy task. In fact, BEC has grown a lot in terms of number of staff. We had less than 20 when I joined, but now over 50 of us are working here," said C.F.

As a green building expert, C.F. led the renovation project of BEC's Exhibition Hall and Auditorium in 2019. The project has met with popular acclaim from BEC's members, partners and every visitor to the Building. "This is one of my finest achievements at BEC," said C.F. proudly. "Introducing various green elements to the venues was challenging yet meaningful." After renovation, the venues are now infused with green features such as a LED screen, bamboo stage, cork walls, a BEC logo decorated with reused plastic bottles, carpeting made from recycled materials, eco-friendly ventilation and natural lighting.



People are starting to attach the utmost importance on health and well-being. In this aspect, C.F. said, "On average we are spending as much as 90% of our time indoors. Thus, a building with good indoor environmental quality is essential to safeguard the health and well-being of the occupants." In early 2022, BEC was accredited as a WELL Performance Testing Organisation, becoming the first Hong Kong-based NGO to offer this service. BEC can now provide independent third-party performance verification services for projects pursuing WELL v2 certification.

"I hope BEC can continue to lead by example and demonstrate the latest green practices to the business sector," said C.F. In fact, BEC Building has achieved the WELL Health-Safety Rating, an evidence-based, third-party verified rating focusing on operational policies, maintenance protocols, stakeholder engagement and emergency plans to address a post-COVID-19 environment now and into the future.

20 plus 15 is greater than 30. The unrivalled experience of Ivan and C.F. with BEC will certainly bring us to new heights upon our 30th anniversary.

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Creating Better Lifescapes

For more than half a century, Sino Group has been Creating Better Lifescapes, building a better community where people live, work and play. Lifestage is our vision – to build a better life together, where the community thrives in harmony by embracing green living and wellness, pursuing meaningful designs, seeking innovation while respecting culture and supporting the needy.



Grand Central plays an integral role in the Energising Kowloon East and CBD² initiatives of Hong Kong. With sustainability and wellness at the heart of the design, Grand Central demonstrates a seamless integration of nature and humanity to create a people-oriented environment. It features a greening ratio of 30%, an outdoor green space spanning over 7,500 sqm as well as smart and sustainability amenities, providing an urban oasis for residents and the public.

CHARTING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Sustainability and ESG goals are fully integrated into the Group's business plans. Taking a holistic approach, from architectural planning and property management to education and exploring green innovations, from taking care of our staff to serving the community and preserving cultural heritage, we seek to Create Better Lifescapes.

In 2020, the Group unveiled the Sustainability Vision 2030, which entails the Group's vision in crucial areas such as decarbonisation, renewable energy, plastic reduction, green building certification and innovative solutions, charting our sustainability course towards 2030 and beyond. Furthering the efforts, Sino Land, one of the listed companies of Sino Group, has signed up to support the United Nations Global Compact, Business Ambition for 1.5°C and the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD), becoming one of the first Asian real estate developers to commit to the global calls-to-action to build a more sustainable future together.

In our latest effort, the Group has unveiled Decarbonisation Blueprint, a holistic roadmap towards net zero carbon by 2050. In addition to interim targets, a climate risk assessment tool has been developed to improve climate resilience of the Group's properties.

BREAKTHROUGH SOLUTION FOR A MORE SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

Sino Group is keen to explore innovative solutions to build a smarter future. We have worked with a local start-up on a breakthrough solution to upcycle plastic into EcoBricks, presenting a viable circular economy solution to urban plastic waste.

Over 15,000 EcoBricks, upcycled from plastic from over 560 old washing machines, have been applied at Gold Coast Piazza, which is equivalent to 5,400 kg of plastic waste. The Group is applying EcoBricks at more suitable properties, including The Fullerton Ocean Park Hotel Hong Kong, in addition to strengthening engagement with tenants and customers in supporting plastic upcycling and circular economy.



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We Laugh Together, We Succeed Together!

All these are sincere feedbacks from our dedicated BEC staff members.

“The workplace yoga class is amazing! I become fully energised and refreshed after having joined the relaxing session.”



“I am really glad that we have the flexible working arrangement, which helps me a lot in striking a balance between my work and my family.”

“I enjoy the Happy Friday time very much. The group activities and games are so fun that we can't stop laughing and sharing our happy moments with each other.”



At BEC, the Human Resources Department, in addition to the traditional roles of talent acquisition, remuneration packages, performance appraisal, and so on, is responsible for one critical and major task: maintaining and improving our staff's well-being, which is also a growing trend around the world.

“As a caring employer, we foster an organisation culture that allows our people to grow with BEC in an engaging manner. We provide full support to our employees through family-friendly policies, work-life balance practices and measures that promote staff well-being,” said Ms Michelle Fung, Head – Human Resources & Administration. “We believe that maintaining a positive work environment is key to boost employee morale, retention and productivity.”



For years BEC has been offering a flexible working arrangement, a policy that enables our employees to best fit their work schedule into their daily life. With flexible working hours, our colleagues can take their children to school before coming back to work, or leave the office earlier to spend a lovely evening with their family and friends. BEC is determined to lead by example to support a better work-life balance for our colleagues.





Harnessing our own multi-purpose venues at BEC Building, BEC manages to organise regularly massage sessions, yoga and meditation classes, health and wellness talks for our colleagues, for maintaining good mental health. Yoga mats and other fitness equipment are also readily available at our office if our colleagues wish to take a short break from work.



Gender diversity in the workplace is vital. BEC endorses practical female-friendly initiatives as over 60% of our staff is female. BEC's support for breastfeeding was first recognised in 2016 under the "Family-Friendly Employers Award Scheme" organised by the Home Affairs Bureau. From February 2020 onwards, BEC was presented the "Say Yes to Breastfeeding" campaign certificate of appreciation by UNICEF Hong Kong, in recognition of our commitment to promote a breastfeeding friendly workplace, with care and support to colleagues sustaining breastfeeding.

What's more, special events such as Happy Friday time, staff gathering, and Christmas Party, are held from time to time so that BEC staff are able to take a break from the busy work and get recharged after enjoying time of laughter with friendly colleagues.

"Teams that laugh together, succeed together!"
exclaimed Michelle.



Ms Michelle Fung, Head –
Human Resources &
Administration of BEC



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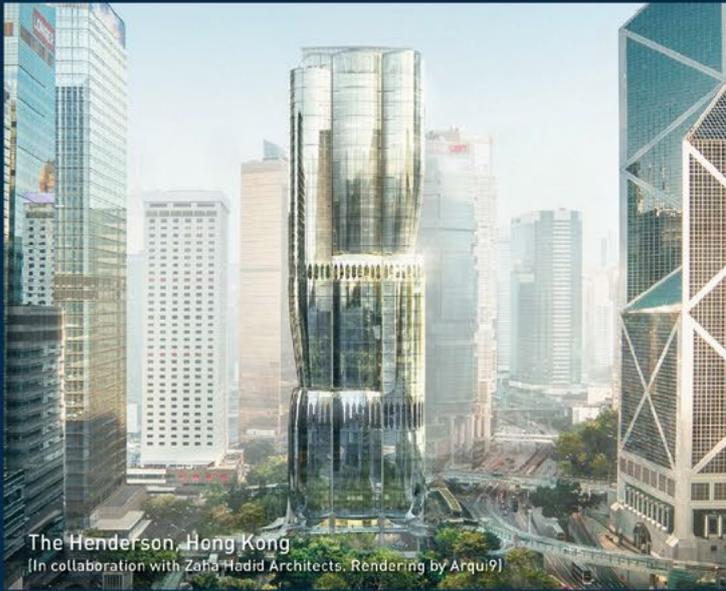
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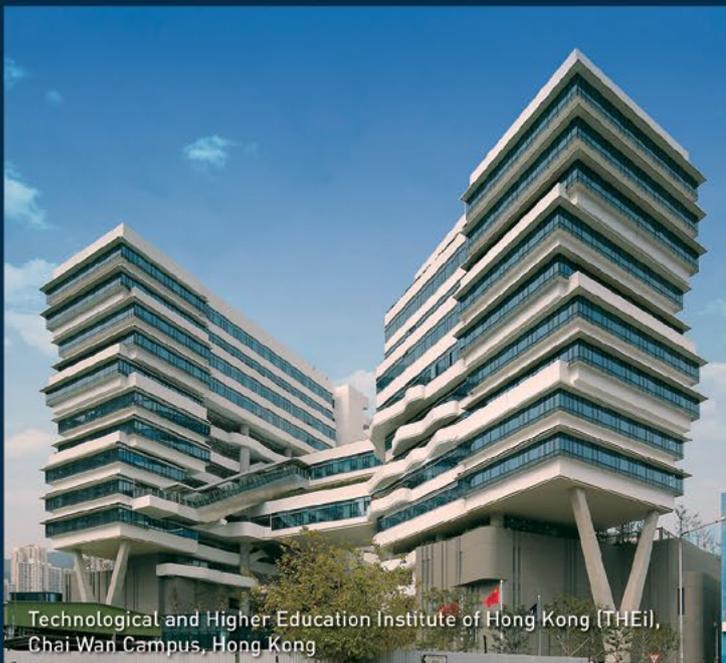
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