

# BEC E-NEWSLETTER

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## SUMMER MEET-UP WITH THE ENVIRONMENT BUREAU

BEC Board of Directors met with **Under Secretary for the Environment, Mr CW Tse**, and **Permanent Secretary for the Environment, Ms Maisie Cheng**, on 26 June 2019 for a fruitful dialogue on BEC's policy recommendations to the Government under the three areas of climate change and decarbonisation, resource management and circular economy, and sustainable living environment. Views exchanged at this engaging meeting will feed into BEC's written submission of policy recommendations on the Chief Executive's 2019 Policy Address. The draft will be circulated to BEC members for inputs in July before submitting to the government by the end of August.



## BEC Policy Dialogue Series: Long-term Decarbonisation Strategy



50+ participants joined this BEC members' only event on 27 June 2019, meeting with **Mr Lam Chiu-ying**, Convenor of Support Group on Long-term Decarbonisation Strategy for the Council for Sustainable Development, plus **Dr Winnie Law**, and **Mr Darwin Leung** from The University of Hong Kong with regard to the government's recently launched public engagement on Hong Kong's long-term decarbonisation strategy. This highly informative event gave our members a better understanding on the government's strategy and public engagement process as well as an opportunity for fruitful interaction with the speakers. Views and ideas will be consolidated into a policy submission which will be circulated to BEC members for further inputs later on.

## The Low Carbon Hong Kong Initiative: Two New Executive Briefings Published

The BEC Low Carbon Charter, launched on 19 March 2019, mobilised more than 30 major companies across Hong Kong's property and construction value chain to commit to set and achieve ambitious decarbonisation targets in working towards a sustainable and low carbon future. Now that the commitments have been made, the challenge of following through and implementing the commitments begins.

To support signatories' advance in their decarbonisation journeys, BEC published two Executive Briefings: **"Setting Robust Decarbonisation Targets for Business"** and **"Achieving Significant Decarbonisation in the Property and Construction Sector"** which walk readers through how to set targets and achieve decarbonisation. Also, workshops will be held as part of the programme to support signatories. The first workshop, **"Stepping up to the BEC Low Carbon Charter: How to Set and Achieve Decarbonisation Targets"** was held on 21 June 2019 featuring presentations from industry experts including representatives from BEC's advisory teams, as well as experience and best practice sharing from peers. The event was attended by 60+ delegates. The second workshop will be organised later this year. Stay tuned!

[Click HERE for Setting Robust Decarbonisation Targets for Business](#)

[Click HERE for Achieving Significant Decarbonisation in the Property and Construction Sector](#)



### EU X BEC Plastic Waste Reduction Workshop Event Summary Report

BEC successfully held the EUO x BEC Plastic Waste Reduction Workshop with the European Union Office to Hong Kong and Macao on 21 March 2019 where European and Hong Kong companies shared experiences and best practices. Full report is now available on BEC website.

[Click HERE for the report](#)

### Renovation of BEC Auditorium and Exhibition Hall

From now until mid-August 2019, the auditorium and exhibition hall of BEC Building is temporarily closed for renovation. Aiming to demonstrate our continued commitment in sustainability and to enhance visitors' experience, the refurbished auditorium will feature a new layout and an enhanced AV system including a LED wall whereas the renovated exhibition hall will be installed with environmentally friendly flooring materials and acoustics products. For hiring of our new auditorium and exhibition hall, and classrooms, please contact T. 2784 3958 | E. venue@bec.org.hk





## BEC MEMBERS CORNER



BEC Council Member **Airport Authority Hong Kong (AAHK)** was awarded its third consecutive and overall fourth Gold Award for the

Public and Community Services Sector at the 2018 Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence (HKAEE). AAHK Assistant General Manager, Sustainability, Mr Mike Kilburn also received the Outstanding Green Leader Award for driving the development of innovative environmental solutions at AAHK and the wider community. The HKAEE awards recognised AAHK's innovative "airport-wide" approach to reducing its environmental impacts through working closely with the whole airport community.

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BEC Council Member **CLP** has become the first Hong Kong company to join

The Climate Group's global EV100 initiative, which brings together leading businesses committed to making electric transport "the new normal" by 2030. CLP targets to convert all its vehicles weighing below 3.5 tonnes and half of those weighing between 3.5 and 7.5 tonnes to electric vehicles (EVs) by 2030, where realistically feasible. The company also aims to bring appropriate charging infrastructure to all its workplaces by 2030 to support the staff who rely on car transport for commuting to switch to EVs.

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**恒生銀行**  
HANG SENG BANK

BEC Council Member **Hang Seng Bank** has launched its Corporate Sustainability Report 2018 online. Entitled "In Concert with Our Community", the report compiled

with the GRI Standards, GRI G4 Financial Services Sector Disclosures, and the HKEX's Environmental, Social and Governance Reporting Guide. 2018 marked a reinforced commitment to Hang Seng's sustainable growth. The Bank continued its focus on employee well-being, engaging with staff and stakeholders openly, and strengthening partnerships throughout the community to effect meaningful, positive change. It has been selected as a constituent member of several sustainability indexes, and received the Best Corporate Financial Education Leadership of the Year award.

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BEC Council Member **The Hong Kong & China Gas Company Limited** received Gold Award - Manufacturing Sector

and Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area Environmental Leadership Recognition Award at the BOCHK Corporate Environmental Leadership Awards 2018, the company's third gold award in manufacturing sector in four years as a result of its comprehensive environmental management system and large scale waste-to-energy projects in Hong Kong and mainland China. The company will continue to develop green innovation projects to strengthen its status as a pioneer of sustainable development.

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BEC Council Member **The Kowloon Motor Bus Co. (1933) Limited** received the Gold Award in the Transport and

Logistics Sector of the 2018 Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence for its advanced green technologies and innovative ideas. A highlight is their in-house developed double-deck buses equipped with solar panels that provide speedy cooling and fuel saving. Solar panels are being installed on 600 bus stop rooftops and bus stop poles are equipped with solar power system, which can automatically light up in the dark for passengers to read route information. The company has close to 3,000 Euro V/Euro VI standard buses, including 10 battery-electric buses and eight supercapacitor buses, and 20 electric cars for patrolling and back-up duties. Sharing of resources is also achieved through their Donation of Used and Retired Bus Programme which donates retired buses to primary and secondary schools for educational use.

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Following the consultation paper on "Review of the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Reporting Guide" by Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited in May, Allied Sustainability and

Environmental Consultants Group Limited, the holding company of BEC Corporate Member **Allied Environmental Consultants Limited**, co-hosted a briefing with the Chamber of Hong Kong Listed Companies and ProSage Sustainability Development Limited in June. Representatives of listed companies from diverse industries attended the session to learn more about the proposed changes to the ESG Reporting Guide, such as "comply or explain" provisions that require companies to disclose climate change-related risks and targets set for environmental key performance indicators. Participants also acquired practical knowledge of the impact and challenges that these requirements might bring about.

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## FUNG GROUP

BEC Corporate Member, the **Fung Group**, partnered with a NGO on a less plastic campaign in May. 300+ colleagues from across the group pledged to avoid using single-use plastic on 30 May 2019 and shared photos on Li & Fung's One Family communication platform and social media to show their creative and sustainable actions. Surveys conducted before and after the campaign indicated participants had adopted good practices such as using reusable containers, avoiding plastic bottled beverages and pre-packed items, etc. Circle K and St Honore Bakery, companies under Fung Group, supported the campaign by offering discounts to customers for bringing their own reusable containers. LF Logistics hosted a Lunch and Learn session with speakers from this NGO and the Group's recycler to share ideas on taking progressive action to reduce single-use plastic both in the office and the staff's daily life.

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BEC Corporate Member **Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals Limited** (Hactl)

is committed to providing their 2,400+ staff, and thousands of tenants and visitors with healthy and environmentally friendly workplace. The company continues to improve the indoor air quality of SuperTerminal 1, receiving Excellent Class (Whole Building) for both office blocks from the IAQ Certification Scheme. Their South Office Block, which is frequently used by tenants, was successfully upgraded from Good to Excellent Class. This accolade demonstrates the company's efforts in promoting the well-being of their staff and terminal users.

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BEC Corporate Member **Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering Company Limited**

collaborates with its clients to use "aircraft dry wash" technique to clean their aircrafts. In contrast to traditional methods which typically needs thousands litres of water per wash, the new technology requires little or no water in cleaning the aircrafts. With the application of environmentally friendly detergent, aircrafts can save jet fuel by avoiding towing for long distance. Also, the anti-dirtying and anti-static functions of the detergent prevent adhesion of dirt on aircraft surfaces, resulting in less drag during flight and reduced frequency of wash. It is estimated that the dry wash process can save 90% of water when compared with traditional methods and 189 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per year from less towing.

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BEC Corporate Member **Intertek Hong Kong** is proactive in cultivating and instilling a culture of environmental conservation among its staff

so as to raise their awareness of global warming. Recently the corporation organised a photo submission campaign that attracted 1,500+ to submit photos showcasing their creative ways to adopt a green lifestyle and to promote sustainability. By staging this corporate social responsibility and sustainability campaign, the corporation encouraged more individuals to step up and play a part in tackling climate change.



BEC Corporate Member **Maxim's Group** demonstrates its commitment in environmental

conservation by addressing the rising concern of plastic pollution. Taking to heart the customers' needs and preferences while minimising the environmental impact, the Group is taking active steps to reduce single-use plastic. Starting from 20 May 2019, all Maxim's Cakes and arome outlets stop providing cake-cutting plastic knives, plastic utensils/items and extra plastic bags to customers, unless requested. The Group also launched a Green Birthday Campaign on social media in May to encourage sustainable lifestyles and invite public to join tree planting.

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## Please join us in welcoming our new members

### Corporate Member

Signify Hong Kong Limited



### General Member

Cornerstone EV Charging Service Limited  
 HK Bouteille Resources Recycling Business Company Limited  
 Hong Kong Battery Recycling Centre Limited  
 Rhea Energy Limited  
 Sinopower Holding (Hong Kong) Co. Limited

### Affiliate Member

Benevolence International Charity Association Limited  
 Blue Sky Energy Technology Limited  
 Diving Adventure Limited  
 Future Lighting Collection Limited  
 The Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation

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## Not a BEC Member yet?



Contact our **Membership Team (T. 2784 3924 | E. [membership@bec.org.hk](mailto: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 Pearl Lee (T. 2784 3948 | E. [pearl@bec.org.hk](mailto:pearl@bec.org.hk)) for submissions and enquiries.

## 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](mailto:membership@bec.org.hk)) for demonstrating the latest green technologies at our building, the Jockey Club Environmental Building.

## BEC UPCOMING EVENTS

### Green Delight in Estates – Green Living Fun Day and Eco Tour

 **Green Living Fun Day: 6 July (Tin Wah Estate) 13 July (Tin Wan Estate) 20 July (Tin Yuet Estate)**

**Eco Tour dates and assembly points: 3 August (Shek Yam Estate) 17 August (Ping Tin Estate)  
 24 August (Ko Yee Estate) 31 August (Sha Kok Estate)**

Partnering with Housing Authority, Green Living Fun day features a day of educational activities including Green Living barbers, green workshops, and talks on waste reduction, whereas Eco Tour is a day trip visiting sustainable and green facilities in Hong Kong. We are now calling for corporate volunteers to join BEC on the above dates. For volunteer enrolment and details, please contact [membership@bec.org.hk](mailto:membership@bec.org.hk)

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Corporate volunteers joined BEC on 15 June at Sun Tin Wai Estate.



## BEC Industry Visit to O-PARK1



9 July & 6 August (FULL HOUSE) 13 & 20 August (Limited places available)

Come along and join our upcoming BEC Industry Visit to O-PARK1, a self-sustained organic resources recovery centre in Hong Kong. With 200 tonnes of daily treatment capacity, O-PARK1 adopts advanced anaerobic digestion and composting technologies to convert food waste into biogas for power generation. Apart from generating heat and power for internal use, it is estimated that the site can generate about 14 million kWh of surplus electricity, an equivalent of 3,000-household energy consumption. Don't miss out the chance to learn more about waste-to-energy!



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## BEC PAST EVENTS



### Green Building Standards Seminar

BEC and the European Chamber of Commerce Hong Kong jointly hosted a breakfast seminar on green building standards, providing the 60+ participants an overview of four leading green building rating systems that are defining sustainability in the built environment today. Expert speakers and attendees engaged in a rich and insightful discussion on Passivhaus, LEED, BEAM and WELL systems; as well as on the challenges and opportunities facing the green building industry in Hong Kong. BEC's Director – Operations also joined the seminar as a panelist.

## BEC INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (IEE) TRAINING COURSES



### 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 3937 | E. [beciee@bec.org.hk](mailto:beciee@bec.org.hk)



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## Training on Essentials of Environmental Noise



6 and 20 July

## Advanced Training on The WELL Building Standard v2™



29 July

## Comprehensive Certificate Course for BEAM Plus on Materials Aspects (MA) 2019



23, 25 & 30 July and 1 & 6 August

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## BEC SUPPORTED EVENTS



- **The 16th Venice Biennale International Architecture Exhibition – Hong Kong Exhibition and Response Exhibition** | The Hong Kong Institute of Architect Biennale Foundation and Hong Kong Arts Development Council | 25 May 2018 - 2Q, 2019
- **Green Building Award 2019 (GBA 2019)** | Professional Green Building Council (PGBC) and the Hong Kong Green Building Council (HKGBC) | March - November 2019
- **Sustainable Development Goals Junior Ambassador 2019** | JCI Hong Kong Jayceettes | 10 March - mid of July 2019
- **Hong Kong Corporate Citizenship** | Hong Kong Productivity Council | May – August 2019
- **Water Conference 2019** | Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management Hong Kong Branch | 12 July 2019
- **BOCHK Corporate Environmental Leadership Awards 2019** | Federation of Hong Kong Industries | 1 July – 31 October 2019
- **Forum on “Municipal Solid Waste Charging: How will it impact Hong Kong?”** | The Hong Kong Waste Management Association | 26 September 2019
- **Eco Expo Asia 2019** | Hong Kong Trade Development Council and Messe Frankfurt (HK) Ltd. | 30 October - 2 November 2019
- **Eco Expo Asia 2019: Hong Kong Pavilion** | Federation of Hong Kong Industries | 30 October - 2 November 2019
- **The International Water Association Asia Pacific Regional Group (IWA-ASPIRE) Conference & Exhibition 2019** | The International Water Association (IWA), IWA Regional Committee of Hong Kong, China (IWA HK), and Asia Pacific Regional Group (ASPIRE) | 31 October - 2 November 2019
- **Elevator Pitch Competition 2019** | Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation | 8 November 2019
- **Social Enterprise Summit 2019** | Social Enterprise Summit | 21 - 23 November 2019
- **The 10th Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area Conference on Operation and Maintenance in Buildings – “Making Smart Buildings Smarter”** | Building Services Operation and Maintenance Executives Society (BSOMES), Department of Building Services Engineering of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU-BSE), The Macao Institution of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (AEEMM) and South China University of Technology | 6 December 2019

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