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BEC ANNOUNCES BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2020-22 TERM

BEC held its Annual General Meeting on 21 April 2020 together with the election of Board Directors for the new term from 2020 to 2022. **Mr Richard Lancaster** was re-elected as Board Chairman.

"It is my honour to serve BEC as Board Chairman for the third term. On behalf of the Board, I would like to express my gratitude to all retired Board Directors for their support and contributions during the past two years, and extend a warm welcome to the new Directors joining us." BEC Chairman Mr Richard Lancaster said.

"With climate change being one of our key new environmental focus areas, BEC launched the '**Low Carbon Charter**' last year, a first of its kind initiative in Hong Kong which specifically responds to the Paris Agreement. To date, 64 leading companies have signed to commit to work towards setting decarbonisation targets for their operations. Moving forward, BEC will continue to leverage its extensive experience to engage with our members, the broader business community, the government and our partners, both locally and internationally, to advocate for sustainability development in Hong Kong." Mr Lancaster added.

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Accredited Fish Farm Scheme (AFFS)

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BEC is working together with the Agriculture, Fisheries & Conservation Department (AFCD) of the HK Government to promote the Accredited Fish Farm Scheme (AFFS). The aim is to enhance citizens' understanding about Accredited Fish Farm Products and boost the demand for them among consumers and the industry. AFFS targets at assisting local fish farmers to raise standards and provide quality, safe and traceable aquaculture products to the public. Since more citizens prefer to cook at home during the current COVID-19 epidemic, Accredited Fish Farm Products are definitely a good choice for households looking for ingredients with high safety standard. Produced in local fish farms, these high quality products are sold at fish stalls either fresh or in frozen packs at minus 40°C to ensure freshness. Accredited Fish Farm Products can now be purchased on various online and offline stores across the city.

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To promote the AFFS, we are now recruiting retailers and food & beverage outlets as supporting partners of AFFS. Interested parties can contact **Mr William Chong (T. 2784 3968 | E. williamchong@bec.org.hk)**.

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BEC Council Member **Airport Authority Hong Kong (AAHK)** has commenced a climate resilience study in February to review Hong Kong International Airport's (HKIA) operational resilience and adaptive capacity to a changing climate. Covering AAHK's infrastructure, assets and operations, essential utilities and transport links as well as airport business partners' operations, the study is adopting a scenario-based approach to evaluate the risks and opportunities at HKIA associated with climate change. The findings of the study will facilitate decision-making and future planning to strengthen the resilience of HKIA.

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華懋集團 Chinachem Group

One Hennessy, the new landmark development in Wan Chai of Chinachem Group, of which **Chinachem Agencies** is a BEC Council Member, is setting new standards of sustainability for its office and commercial tenants, as well as for the wider community. The funnel-shaped design of the LEED Platinum pre-certified project allows natural lighting and ventilation to penetrate to street level. Its use of energy-efficient materials and equipment achieve annual energy savings of some 26%, in addition to enhancing indoor air quality and greatly reducing carbon emissions. The Group has also adopted innovative water management strategies for the 30-storey building, saving over 3,500 cubic metres of water a year.

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BEC Council Member **Hongkong Land** has recently achieved its 2020 Carbon and Energy Reduction Targets for its Central Portfolio in 2019, under which the company has committed to reduce its carbon and energy footprints by 30% and 25% respectively from the 2008 baseline. Having reduced over 31,900 tonnes of annual CO2 emissions from 2008 to 2019, Hongkong Land believes in creating a greener and more sustainable future, implementing new strategies to achieve carbon and energy reduction targets. Specific examples that can be found in the company's properties include modernisation of lifts and escalators, upgrade to LED lighting, installation of more energy-efficient chillers and plug fans, application of innovation and Internet of Things (IoT) technologies, and implementation of Centralised Monitoring & Control with Big Data Analytics. Hongkong Land will announce its 2030 Carbon Reduction Target in the upcoming Sustainability Report in Q2 2020.

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BEC Council Member **The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited (Towngas)** launched its new Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Report and Annual Report on 21 April. Towngas has continued to maintain its commitment to further its ESG journey and developed an ESG Framework that focuses on five key areas: Creating Business Opportunities, Ensuring Health and Safety, Protecting the Environment, Contributing to Stakeholders, and Strengthening Corporate Governance. Towngas will remain focused on these five key areas in the future to achieve long-term sustainability. To promote environmental hygiene, Towngas has been providing free long-acting nano photocatalytic disinfectant surface spray applications to numerous eateries across Hong Kong since March. Towngas sincerely hopes to work together with its stakeholders and the Hong Kong community in combating the coronavirus.

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BEC Council Member **Jardine Engineering Corporation (JEC)** is promoting sustainability in workplace to reduce its corporate impact on the environment. The "Sustainability@JEC" work group consisting of representatives from different business units was established last year to drive the change from within. An array of initiatives has been implemented, such as using digital tools to replace papers, promoting food waste composting, minimising the use of single-use paper and plastic products, enhancing recycling mechanism, and launching a freecycle platform for staff to exchange reusable products. These initiatives aim to encourage green habits and sustainable practices in the workplace.

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BEC Council Member **HK Electric** has published its Sustainability Report 2019, presenting its approach for meeting sustainability challenges, key performance during the year as well as plans and targets for the future. The report illustrates how the company supports the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals and the transformation of Hong Kong into a smarter and more sustainable city. In 2019, HK Electric maintained its record of world-class supply reliability and customer services. It also made good progress in decarbonising its operations through coal-to-gas transition in power generation while helping the community to decarbonise by providing a suite of "Smart Power Services".

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AECOM

BEC Corporate Member **AECOM** has announced the approval of its ambitious emissions reduction targets by the globally recognised Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi). At the time of approval, AECOM was the first and only US-based company in the engineering and construction sector to have set approved targets. Designed to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement, these targets include a 20% reduction in scope 1 and 2 emissions and a 10% reduction in supply chain emissions by 2025 from the firm's 2018 baseline. AECOM will work closely with its most significant suppliers to take measures to achieve these targets.

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BEC Corporate Member **Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals Limited (Hactl)** is dedicated to solid waste recycling. To facilitate the recycling of plastic cargo protection sheets, one of the main wastes generated in its operation, Hactl installed several plastic sheet compression machines throughout its warehouse. Used plastic sheets can be compressed into smaller cubes for easy and systematic collection by the recycling company, before being recycled into other useful products, such as adhesive tapes or new plastic sheets. With the continuous use of the machines, Hactl recycled 98% of its total plastic produced in 2019.

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FUNG GROUP

Municipal solid waste is one of the top pressing environmental concerns for Hong Kong. BEC Corporate Member **Fung Group** constantly takes actions to reduce waste and improve recycling rates across its operations. Circle K, the convenience store business of Fung Group, is partnering with a local department store and other retailers to prevent plastic wraps, carton boxes and other waste materials from going into the landfill. About 1.8 tonnes of plastic and cardboard from the Circle K warehouse have been collected for recycling in just two weeks. The group of retailers cooperate with a service provider to organise an efficient collection network around the city for retrieving, sorting and distributing of the recyclable materials. The plastic wraps sent to the local recycler are converted into shopping or garbage bags and the cardboard is turned into a variety of paper products. Other Fung Group business units are planning to expand the scope to cover other materials like hangers, plastic containers as well as surplus edible food and waste from being dumped into our landfill sites.

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BEC Corporate Member **Intertek** is committed to supporting its customers to improve their social, ethical and environmental impacts of their products, services and supply chains. The company also leads by example by aligning its corporate responsibility goals with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In the Sustainability Report launched in March 2020, Intertek presented its sustainability achievements against its own ten Corporate Sustainability Certification standards under the Intertek Corporate Sustainability Certification Programme.

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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 **MTR Corporation** has recently published its Sustainability Report 2019, detailing the Corporation's commitment to operating responsibly and connecting communities with a caring service amid the challenging times. The Corporation also took this opportunity to announce its 3-pronged Climate Change Strategy to address climate-related risks and ensure that climate change considerations are incorporated in its business planning, design and operations. The Sustainability Report also presents the Corporation's efforts, plans and progress in response to ageing population and digital transformation to enhance customer experience. The Corporation will continue to keep Hong Kong moving by providing safe, reliable, comfortable and efficient services to connect people and communities every day.

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Alternatives to fossil-fuel based materials are always one of the proactive and holistic approaches to achieve sustainability goals. The huge demand for and wide applications of plastic lead to a call for the use of bio-based plastic to reduce fossil fuel dependence and carbon footprint. BEC Corporate Member **SGS Hong Kong (SGS)** is keen to assist customers in sourcing these raw material inputs securely. To ensure supply chain integrity of the bio-based feedstock, SGS is also providing traceability assurance of plastic products from renewable raw materials through comprehensive and robust verification processes.

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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](#).

BEC UPCOMING EVENTS

[Webinar] BEC Low Carbon Charter: First Anniversary and Achievements 15 May

To mark the first anniversary of the **BEC Low Carbon Charter**, BEC will organise a webinar via Microsoft Teams on 15 May to celebrate the progress and achievements of the current signatories and introduce new companies who have agreed to sign onto this journey. **Mr C.W. Tse, Under Secretary for the Environment**, will be our guest of honour. Mr M.K. Leung of Ronald Lu & Partners (Hong Kong) Limited and Mr Bobby Chau of Shiu Wing Steel Limited will share their insights on setting targets, developing and operationalising strategic decarbonisation plans, as well as the lessons learnt in their decarbonisation journey thus far.



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Call for Corporate Volunteers! - Green Living Day, Green Delight in Estates 2020 30 May



We are now recruiting corporate volunteers to join BEC and the Hong Kong Housing Authority to launch the **Green Living Days and Eco Tours** in May, under the long-term community environmental programme Green Delight in Estates. 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)**.

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BEC EnviroSeries Conference 8 July



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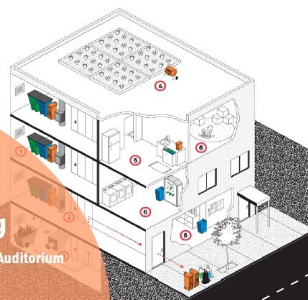
Reflecting on the unprecedented disruption the world is facing in recent months, the upcoming **BEC EnviroSeries Conference**, which will be held at The Mira Hong Kong on 8 July, will challenge our conventional wisdom and find an innovative, low carbon approach to recover from the lows of the COVID-19 outbreak. With the theme “**Business Sustainability in the midst of Disruption, Turbulence and Recovery**”, the Conference will highlight the tough challenges, extended risks but also 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. For sponsorship packages, other tailor-made promotion opportunities and enquiries, please contact **Ms Jill Chow** (T. 2784 3942 | E. jill@bec.org.hk).

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Designing Buildings for A Zero Waste Hong Kong

Postponed until further notice

Co-organisers



Designing Buildings for A Zero Waste Hong Kong

26 May 2020 (Tuesday), 4:00p.m. – 6:00p.m., BEC Auditorium

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, BEC has decided to postpone the seminar on “**Designing Buildings for A Zero Waste Hong Kong**” until further notice. We will announce the new date and programme arrangement of the event in due course. Please contact **Ms Jill Chow** (T. 2784 3942 | E. jill@bec.org.hk) for any enquiries.

ReThink 2020 Rescheduled to 2 & 3 September



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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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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.

BEC INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (IEE) TRAINING COURSES

**GRI Standards Certified
Training Course**



25 & 26 May

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



4 & 5 June

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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**

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BEC SUPPORTED EVENTS

- **Dialogue with Mo: Climate Change & Sustainable Future** | Engineers Without Borders (Hong Kong) Limited | 17 May
- **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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