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BEC ENVIROSERIES CONFERENCE

More than 200 business leaders, entrepreneurs, innovators and academics participated in the BEC EnviroSeries Conference on 8 July entitled “Business Sustainability in the midst of Disruption, Turbulence and Recovery”. Twenty prominent speakers and panellists shared their insights and proposed innovative, low carbon strategies for a sustainable post-COVID-19 recovery for businesses and organisations.

In her keynote speech, **Dr María Mendiluce, CEO of We Mean Business coalition**, emphasised that climate crisis would not wait for recovery from COVID-19 and that green recovery makes business sense as taking climate action would benefit both the economy and people. **Mr Richard Lancaster, Chairman of BEC**, added that businesses need to take a long-term view and focus on sustainability to prepare for unexpected challenges and increase resilience. While our major focus at present is battling the pandemic, he said it is important for us not to lose sight of the equally-urgent challenge of climate change.



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BEC Jockey Club Intelligent Resource Management Programme



The second sharing session for property management sector was successfully held online on 2 July. Mr Jackie Lam, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Waste Reduction & Recycling) of Environmental Protection Department, explained the details of the Programme on Source Separation and community recycling network with support. In addition, Mr Philip Law, Clubhouse & PR Manager of Royal Elite Service Company Limited and Ms Phoebe Leung, Senior Sustainable Development Officer of Swire Properties Limited, shared their success in waste reduction and proper recycling practices for Manhattan Hill, Three Pacific Place, One Island East and Oxford House.

The third sharing session for property management sector has been planned for early September. Guest speakers will be invited to share their waste reduction and proper recycling experience with participants. Further details will be announced in early August. Stay tuned!

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BEC Council Member **Airport Authority Hong Kong (AAHK)** is transitioning its airside vehicles, including airside passenger and staff buses, from diesel to electric powered as a carbon reduction initiative. These newly introduced e-buses not only can boast zero emissions, but also are equipped with 200km driving range and short charging time. It is planned that the e-bus fleet size will increase from the current 16 to 25 in the coming year, and eventually to over 40 by 2024.

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BEC Council Member **Swire Pacific** has published its Sustainability Report 2019, which outlines progress towards commitments made under SwireTHRIVE, the group's sustainability strategy. Swire Pacific sees sustainability not only as a means of preserving essential natural resources, but also an opportunity for greater innovation, efficiency and establishing systems to secure sustained long-term growth.

Highlights from 2019 include:

- Launching a climate change policy, which emphasises the importance of future climate risk and resilience; and
- Developing plans to improve performance in five areas of diversity – gender and gender identity, ethnicity, age, disability and sexual orientation – with a goal to be recognised as a diversity and inclusion leader.

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BEC Council Member **The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited (Towngas)** received the Gold Award at the 2019 HKAEE (Public and Community Services). In recent years, Towngas has applied innovative technology to multiple waste-to-treasure projects, focusing on resource recycling as the key criteria in its corporate development. Receiving the Award again does recognise the success of Towngas' green business in achieving its sustainable development goals. Towngas will continue to shoulder the corporate social responsibility for protecting the environment and building a sustainable future.

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BEC Council Member **HK Electric** organised the Green Campaign to show its support towards the United Nation World Environment Day (WED) to encourage its staff to care for the environment. WED 2020 focused on biodiversity and climate change, the importance of which is recognised by HK Electric in creating a sustainable future. The campaign consisted of a variety of activities, including an environmental quiz to raise the staff awareness on low-carbon lifestyle; recycling of unwanted books and electronic appliances to promote waste minimisation; and a photo contest reminding all to treasure the nature and biodiversity.

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ATAL Engineering Ltd
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As a pioneer in environmental engineering, BEC Corporate Member **ATAL Engineering Limited (ATAL)** is known for applying the latest technologies when designing a plant. The opening of O-PARK1, Hong Kong's first organic resources recovery centre at Siu Ho Wan on Lantau Island, which was designed, built and now operated by ATAL, has marked a new milestone on the city's journey to turn food waste into renewable energy. Advanced anaerobic digestion and composting technologies are applied to convert food waste from restaurants and food factories into biogas for power generation, enabling the Centre to treat up to 73,000 tonnes of food waste annually.

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BEC Corporate Member **Cathay Pacific** has published its 2019 Sustainable Development Report, reaffirming its commitment to developing sustainably with accountability remains undiminished despite the headwinds facing the industry. With a focus on climate change, efficient use of resources, waste management, and supporting people and community, the Report sets out the Group's efforts in moving towards greener aviation. Some highlights from 2019 include the new single-use plastic reduction target, climate change mitigation updates and new community programmes.

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BEC Corporate Member **Fung Group** is constantly taking action to reduce waste and improve recycling rates across its operations. Under the current coronavirus situation, anti-pandemic procedures are set in place – all factory workers must sanitise their hands regularly, use disinfectant, put face mask on and conduct temperature check before entering the warehouses. The Group's all recycling programmes are business as usual. In addition to regular recycling of paper, waste and plastic, Fung Group has also collaborated with a leading footwear and apparel company to collect their clothes hangers which amounted to the bulk of their wasted created. These initiatives are prompting other businesses to further expand the scope of the recycling materials from being dumped into our landfill sites.

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Being plastic-free is one of the long-standing goals in BEC Corporate Member **Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals Limited's (Hactl)** "Green Terminal" programme. Hactl has set up visually attractive orange "Water Spots" installed with 81 water dispensers in various locations throughout SuperTerminal 1. To reduce plastic waste by cutting at source, Hactl encourages its staff to bring their own water bottles instead of purchasing bottled water by setting up these "Water Spots".

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BEC Corporate Member **Intertek Hong Kong** organised the first COVID-19 product exhibition in Hong Kong at D2 Place from 26 to 28 June. Themed “D2 Place X Intertek Protek Expo”, the exhibition featured 20 exhibitors displaying anti-epidemic products tested by Intertek, ranging from reusable face masks, eco-friendly hand sanitisers, UV lamps, air purifiers and disinfectant sprays. The event was designed to instil a greater sense of importance of using safe, sustainable and compliant anti-epidemic products, and illustrate how Intertek’s newly launched Protek Programme can make a worthwhile contribution by giving the peace of mind to consumers for health, safety and wellbeing.

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BEC Corporate Member **Orient Overseas Container Line Limited (OOCL)** received the “Fuel Efficiency Award” at the Seatrade Maritime Awards Asia 2020 on 23 June 2020. This annual industry event pays tribute to companies with remarkable achievements in various aspects of Asia’s maritime industry. The Fuel Efficiency Award recognises a company which has demonstrated success in true fuel savings and efficiency improvements with the input of its workforce. In the evaluation process, companies’ fuel efficiency initiatives such as the use of innovative technology and staff incentive scheme have been taken into account.

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BEC Corporate Member **Arup** has been awarded with 2020 International Data Corporation (IDC) Smart City Asia Pacific Awards for its collaboration with the Planning Department of the Hong Kong SAR Government for the smart city project – “Development of a Common Spatial Data Infrastructure – Built Environment Application Platform – Feasibility Study” (CSDI-BEAP Study). The Study provides a vital tool to enable city stakeholders to use a digital twin approach to make decisions on city planning, management and operation, supporting development of Hong Kong as a smart city. In this regard, ten prototypes of applications on different thematic areas covering planning and land use; infrastructure and engineering; and landscape, environment and conservation have been developed.

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To cope with the pandemic, BEC Corporate Member **SGS Hong Kong (SGS)** has recently launched the “Next Normal Solutions”, covering the public hygiene control certification, lift/escalator hygiene, face mask PPE solutions, remote audits and inspections, risk management and business continuity services and more. Embracing sustainability at the heart of its services, SGS, the industry leader named by the Dow Jones Sustainability Index, empowers its customers to resume business and operation safely and efficiently with minimum impacts on the environment.

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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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SUEZ, parent company of BEC Corporate Member **SUEZ NWS Limited**, released its 2019 Sustainable Development Report covering all its businesses in Asia. Guided by the Group's "2017-2021 Sustainable Development Roadmap" that references 14 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the report chronicles the Group's contributions in mitigating the impact of climate change, increasing renewable energy production, ensuring the sustainable use of water resources, and supporting local SMEs, all with the goal of promoting a low-carbon economy in Asia. The Report is written with reference to the GRI Standards and the HKEx ESG Reporting Guide.

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BEC General Member **Ampd Energy** believes in an emission-free future for construction. The Ampd Ertainer, the Hong Kong company's first product, replaces diesel generators on construction sites, which helps reduce carbon, air pollutant and noise emissions. Ten units have been deployed in Hong Kong over the past few months replacing 14 diesel generators. This is equivalent to taking 2,800 cars off the roads of Hong Kong in terms of air quality pollutants. As a connected device, Ampd Ertainer provides valuable data insights to contractors and developers too.

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Committed to building a sustainable environment, BEC General Member **Cornerstone EV Charging Service Limited**, through its sister company, has been placing more and more reverse vending machines in the community for plastic drinking bottle recycling. In July 2020, 9 machines have been introduced at different spots in Central and Western District. The company also actively thinks of creative ways to encourage the public to participate in waste separation and sorting, which is pivotal in the Government's waste reduction strategy.

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BEC General Member **Mayer Brown** partner Angela Yim and senior associate Phoebe Fok authored an article entitled "Safety First: More Required on ESG from Directors and Officers in Hong Kong". The amended Hong Kong Stock Exchange Environment, Social and Governance Reporting Guide ("Guide"), which aims at enhancing workplace safety, comes into effect on 1 July 2020. Under the Guide, previously recommended disclosures on social matters are made compulsory and listed companies are required to disclose KPI in different occupational health and safety areas. The Guide also upgraded the disclosure obligation to a "comply or explain" basis, meaning that listed companies must report on the required KPI or provide reasons for non-disclosure.

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BEC General Member **Meiriki Japan Company Limited (Meiriki Japan)** is committed to sustainable development. As a responsible manufacturer, Meiriki Japan expects to achieve a traceable production, from raw materials, production, to extraction processes, to ensure that the destructive impact on the environment would be minimised throughout the production process. Meiriki Japan always takes this as an important consideration when developing new products. For instance, the raw materials are certified with several international environmental protection standards. Aside from the product development, Meiriki Japan is also the first health supplement company in Hong Kong to apply green concept in product packaging.

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BEC PAST EVENTS

Revision of the International Integrated Reporting Framework Roundtable



BEC co-hosted an online roundtable on the topic of revisions of International <IR> Framework with Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants on 16 July. In the roundtable, **Dr Nadira Lamrad, Assistant Director – Sustainability & ESG Advisory of BEC**, shared her experience in sustainability reporting with International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC).

BEC UPCOMING EVENTS

ReThink 2020

2, 3 September



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ReThink 2020, which BEC is the Programme & Education Partner, 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.

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ESG Disclosure Practice and Dialogue

PANEL DISCUSSION

ESG STRATEGIES FROM BOTH REPORTING AND INVESTMENT INTEGRATION PERSPECTIVES



Dr. Nadira Lamrad,
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Sustainability and ESG Advisory,
Business Environment Council



Jessica Chan,
Head of Sustainability,
MTR Corporation



Gabriel Wilson-Otto, CFA,
Head of Stewardship, Asia Pacific,
BNP Paribas Asset Management

The growing recognition of the impact that material ESG factors have on companies' long-term prospects has resulted in the strong demand for quality ESG reporting from investors, stock exchanges and regulators. In the webinar jointly organised by BEC, CFA Institute and GRI on 28 July, **Dr Nadira Lamrad, Assistant Director – Sustainability & ESG Advisory of BEC** and other ESG experts were invited to share their insights on ESG reporting strategies and investment analysis.

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

12, 20 September



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 duties, photo-taking and crowd management as well as operating the various games booths, including 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 UPCOMING EVENTS

BEC Anniversary Dinner

Postponed to January 2021



The Government has tightened social-distancing measures with table seating and site capacity limits, among others given the recent upsurge in COVID-19 confirmed cases. In view of the uncertainty caused by the pandemic, BEC Anniversary Dinner will be postponed from September 2020 to a date to be confirmed in **January 2021**.

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

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



Rescheduled to 14 August

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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

- **Symposium on Smart City Development** | BEAM Society Limited | Rescheduled to September
- **Eco Expo Asia 2020 - Hong Kong Pavilion** | Environmental Production Department | 28-31 October

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