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BEC MEDIA LUNCHEON 2023

BEC organised our annual Media Luncheon 2023 on 19 July where our senior management team introduced the latest “BEC Sustainability Report 2022” and elaborated how BEC fosters ESG development and accelerates net-zero action through thought leadership, advisory services, and environmental education.

To demonstrate BEC’s social responsibilities, we staged the luncheon at Café 8, a social enterprise operated by The Nesbitt Centre, which aims to empower individuals with disabilities to live independently. The café serves as an essential platform to offer employment opportunities to people with special needs while enabling them to integrate with the local community.

BEC also worked with our General Member Dress Green, another local social enterprise, to prepare souvenirs for all attending media friends. The reusable cutlery set is wrapped by cloth taken from pre-loved uniforms and clothes – a demonstration of BEC’s commitment to upcycling and circular economy.



How Does Transition Planning & Finance Move The Climate Needle of Business World

Mr Ben Weisman, Director of Global Public Policy of Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero (“GFANZ”), was invited to BEC on 30 June for the sharing session “How Does Transition Planning & Finance Move The Climate Needle of Business World” exclusively organised for BEC members and BEC Net-zero Carbon Charter signatories.

To achieve net-zero target, many companies in Hong Kong and the APAC have already strategically assigned resources and talents for climate transition. Under this current trend, Mr Weisman shared with us the latest development of GFANZ and how its initiative is now supporting the transition planning for net-zero targets for the financial sectors and the business world.



BEC CEO Talks about ESG Concepts on Radio Programme

BEC CEO Mr Simon Ng was invited to Commercial Radio Hong Kong’s radio programme *Financial Plaza* on 7 July to share with the audience his views on how local SMEs can play a part in Environmental, Social, and Governance (“ESG”). During the interview, he gave a detailed account of the current ESG development in Hong Kong. He also highlighted how BEC assists local SMEs in achieving ESG, including our collaboration with Hong Kong Trade Development Council on the new “T-box ESG Stream” programme.

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BEC Summer Meet-up with Environment and Ecology Bureau



BEC is committed to policy advocacy while fostering environmental excellence in Hong Kong. Our Board of Directors met with Miss Diane Wong, Under Secretary for Environment and Ecology, in the annual Summer Meet-up on 18 July for a fruitful dialogue on government policies related to BEC’s three environmental focus areas, namely Climate Change, Circular Economy, and Sustainable Living Environment. BEC will continue to work with various stakeholders including the Government and the business sector for Hong Kong’s net-zero transition.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

BEC Sustainability Report 2022

BEC Sustainability Report 2022 describes how we endeavour to promote sustainability in Hong Kong. BEC actively works with over 230 member organisations, stakeholders and the wider community to enable our city to achieve environmental excellence while transitioning to a net-zero economy.

The report illustrates how BEC practises and enables sustainability with respect to our sustainability performance and approaches during the fiscal year from 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022. In this period, BEC delivered 129 environmental projects, 22 events and seminars, and 4 policy submissions presenting the voice of business in relation to important environmental topics. The report also demonstrates how we enable sustainability and contribute to Hong Kong's net-zero transition through thought leadership, innovative solutions, policy advocacy, strategic partnership, advisory services, and environmental education.

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Building a Greener and Smarter Hong Kong

The HKSAR Government announced that Hong Kong will strive to achieve carbon neutrality before 2050, and subsequently published Hong Kong's Climate Action Plan 2050 and several other policy blueprints regarding Hong Kong's interconnected environmental issues in 2021.

BEC conducted a two-part study in partnership with Schneider Electric, named "Building a Greener and Smarter Hong Kong". Starting from the perspective of corporate decarbonisation, we investigated topics and issues concerning energy management, digitalisation and green finance. With the publication of this report and comprehensive insights herein, BEC aims to assist companies in taking the steps necessary to accelerate their sustainability initiatives.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

BEC Anniversary Dinner 2023 28 September



BEC Anniversary Dinner is a premium platform to review BEC's work, preview the exciting opportunities ahead, and network with like-minded sustainability leaders who have shared our vision and supported our efforts in leading our city further along the sustainability pathway. It is also an excellent occasion to acknowledge the longstanding support of BEC's members and partners, and to celebrate the expanding network in our sustainability leadership platform. This year, we are pleased to have **Miss Diane Wong, Under Secretary for Environment and Ecology**, as our Guest of Honour to deliver the Keynote Speech at our Anniversary Dinner.

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UPCOMING COURSES: BEC IEE TRAINING

The **BEC Institute of Environmental Education ("BEC IEE")** provides structured and tailor-made courses under our focus areas, including Climate Change and Carbon Management, Circular Economy and Resource Management, Green and Healthy Buildings, and Corporate Sustainability. Click the course titles below for more details about upcoming structured courses:

[Introduction to Circular Economy
\(Level 1\)](#)



24 August

[Introduction to Circular Economy
\(Level 2\)](#)



31 August

[The Fundamentals of
Corporate Sustainability](#)



14 September

[Reporting on the Environmental Aspects
of the HKEx ESG Reporting Guide](#)



21 September



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T-box ESG Stream Launch Event Series

As ESG implementation has become mainstream at both global and local levels, it is often challenging for small-and-medium-sized enterprises (“SMEs”) to practice ESG as they may face a lot of difficulties and obstacles on their ESG journey. BEC, as an organisation being committed to collaborating with our members and partners to convert sustainability into a strategic advantage, co-organised with Hong Kong Trade Development Council (“HKTD”) the “T-box ESG Stream Launch Event Series” on 4 July to promote the concept of ESG across the business sector, including SMEs.

HKTD’s T-box, or Transformation Sandbox in full, is a support programme that helps SMEs enhance their business’s competitiveness and achieve transformation goals in various areas, including digital transformation and sustainability. Launching the new ESG stream means providing extra assistance for Hong Kong companies to integrate ESG initiatives into business.



At the launch event, BEC CEO Mr Simon Ng, Head – Policy & Research Mr Merlin Lao, and Head – ESG Strategy Ms Vivian Yeung shared with the audience their thoughts and ideas on Hong Kong’s ESG development while exploring new ESG opportunities together.

“BEC will lead the local business community to build a sustainable ecosystem and continue to work with different stakeholders to achieve the goal of carbon neutrality through thought leadership, innovative solutions, policy advocacy, strategic partnership, advisory services and environmental education,” said Mr Simon Ng, CEO of BEC.

Facing environmental and sustainability challenges of different scales, ESG implementation is no longer an option; it is the way forward for all of us. As responsible corporate citizens, all stakeholders in the ecosystem should work together and empower SMEs to practice ESG. Our experts at BEC are always pleased to help the business community connect the dots between sustainability and business objectives to manage risks, embrace opportunities, enhance growth, build trust and create value. Let’s embark on our ESG journey now!

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Airport Authority Hong Kong (“AAHK”) received an advanced ESG rating of 75 out of 100 from Standard & Poor Global Ratings, up from the strong inaugural rating of 74 last year. The higher rating was attributable to AAHK’s improved sustainability performance, in particular, its sound management of the environmental risks associated with the Three-runway System project’s reclamation works, as well as its 2050 Net Zero Carbon pledge and carbon management plan that effectively manages greenhouse gas emissions from direct airport operations and aviation-related business partners. AAHK also scored highly on social and governance ratings. The use of digital technology boosts airport service quality, and the safety and well-being of staff and passengers. Its reporting and disclosure were also assessed as comprehensive.

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China State Construction Engineering (Hong Kong) Limited (“CSHK”) participated in TVB’s “Green and Sustainable Finance: New Opportunities in a New Era” Forum in June. CSHK Chairman Mr Hung Cheung Shew, Danny, JP was invited to discuss the topic “The Future: Sustainable Urban Development”, where he stressed the importance of low-carbon design optimisation and technology in reducing carbon emissions. It is this commitment to sustainability that led to CSHK’s C-SMART receiving the silver award from HKMA Global Innovation Award in the category of Innovative Organisations (Large). CSHK’s low-carbon measures also involve all levels of employees from frontline to management, together with their families – a recent visit to the WEEE Park and ECO Park helped participants learn how waste can be transformed into valuable resources. Meanwhile, CSHK recycled over 1,628 expired helmets across all sites, breaking its 2022 record, as part of a series of activities on the company’s environment day.



The hospitality arm of **Chinachem Group** is committed to minimising its environmental footprint through initiatives like the “BYOC” programme - Bring Your Own Container, which encourages guests to bring their own reusable containers or cups to any of the group’s F&B outlets to receive discounts on takeaway drinks and food. This plastic-free initiative is just one of the many ways the group strives to be environmentally responsible and make a positive impact on the planet with respect to its CCG 3050+ roadmap to lower carbon intensity by at least 51.8% by 2030, while maintaining a balance of People, Prosperity, and Planet.

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Gammon Group has become the first construction and engineering company in Greater China to receive approval from the Science Based Targets initiative (“SBTi”) for its near-term science-based emissions reduction targets. The company is committed to reducing absolute scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions 55% by 2033 from a 2021 base year; and to reducing absolute scope 3 GHG emissions from purchased goods and services 33% within the same timeframe. The company is already taking action, demonstrated by the large range of low-carbon concrete mixes it has already certified, the introduction of the first electric crawler crane to Hong Kong, and the trials of CarbonCure technology to reduce cement in concrete.

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The **Hang Lung** Future Women Leaders Program is not just about empowering the next generation of women leaders through provision of training and mentorship; it also aims to enhance overall community wellbeing through sustainable community projects, including those targeted at raising awareness on environmental protection. Among the 31 projects developed by around 180 female university students across the nation, two of which stood out: an Eco-themed Picture Book Parent-child Reading Event, and a Second-hand Clothing Recycling Activity for Charity. Altogether the projects addressed 10 of the UNSDGs and benefited over 4,500 community members.

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Henderson Land invited a group of biology students from a local secondary school on a field trip to One Innovale, the group's residential development in Fanling North that runs the gamut of innovation, art and sustainability. A highlight of the visit was the Firefly Habitat, a specialised garden mimicking the natural habitat of fireflies. From soil and water sources to rock types and a microclimate design, every detail there has been intricately crafted to simulate an unpolluted, temperate environment for these glowing creatures to thrive. As a bonus, the participants got to tour around the Butterfly Garden, where they learned about the varied butterfly species at One Innovale, as well as their characteristics, with the help of AR technology.

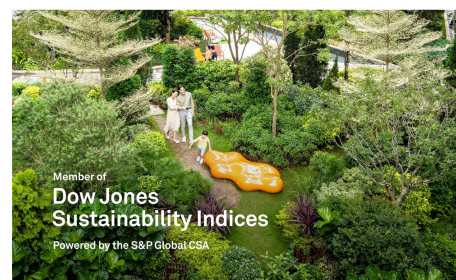


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Siemens recently hosted a delegation visit to Shanghai to demonstrate their digital technologies that enable industries to transition towards a net-zero future. The delegation consisted of senior executives from infrastructure, financial, and technical development companies in Hong Kong, who had the chance to explore Siemens' data-driven solutions, including Smart ECX and SiGreen, which support the decarbonisation of businesses. The visit included live demonstrations and informative presentations at the Siemens PA Digital Experience Centre and Siemens Shanghai Center, providing the delegation with a first-hand experience of digital innovations in promoting sustainability.



Sino Land has been selected as a constituent of the Dow Jones Sustainability™ Asia/Pacific Index ("DJSI Asia Pacific"), honouring its ESG performances among the top 20% of the 600 companies in the Asia Pacific region based on a set of proprietary and stringent ESG investment criteria. The DJSI Asia Pacific is part of the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices, the first global indices tracking the financial performance of leading sustainability-driven companies. Additionally, Sino Land has been recognised among the Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations by Corporate Knights, in addition to being honoured in S&P Global's Sustainability Yearbook 2023 and attaining 'AA' rating in the MSCI ESG Rating.



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Swire Properties' Green Performance Pledge ("GPP") has seen a fivefold increase in office tenant participation in just two years. 74 tenants have signed the GPP, representing 44% of occupied lettable floor area (or over 3,100,000 sq ft) of the company's Hong Kong office portfolio. The programme contributed to a 22% reduction in Taikoo Place tenants' water consumption and a collective waste diversion rate of 33%; also, 13% of GPP tenants participated in energy audits. The company will continue to scale up tailored sustainability offerings, including the "GPP Academy", a three-year collaboration with BEC, to enable office tenants to tap extensive industry knowledge, network and share best practices with other companies.



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Towngas has been included in the first edition of the S&P Global Sustainability Yearbook (China) 2023. It has also achieved the Top 1% S&P Global ESG Score (China). The company is honoured to stand out among nearly 1,600 companies in 60 industries, which is a testament to Towngas' ESG efforts. In addition, Towngas has recently signed a MoU with a local transport company to jointly promote hydrogen energy development in Hong Kong. The signing of the MoU has marked a new chapter in the development of hydrogen energy transportation in Hong Kong.

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To celebrate the United Nations' World Environment Day ("WED") on 5 June, **HK Electric** launched an in-house campaign called the "Clean Plate Challenge" to cultivate a corporate culture that values food security and put forward assertive actions to achieve zero food waste this year. With a chance to win eco-friendly tableware, over 80 participants joined the campaign by submitting a photo of their clean plates via the company app after finishing their meals. It is never too late to say "NO" to food waste and disposable plastics.



Corporate Members

ATAL organised the "Clean Shorelines Day" at Lung Ha Wan, Sai Kung earlier to showcase its care for the community and commitment to environmental protection. A total of 22 ATAL staff volunteers and their family members participated to promote the message of "protection of the environment in our everyday lives". Participants were passionate about contributing their efforts to maintain the cleanliness of shorelines with 4 large bags of rubbish collected. Apart from learning that marine refuse negatively affects the marine ecology and realising the importance of marine conservation, ATAL staff and their children also enjoyed a wonderful bonding time.

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FUJIFILM BI HK has recently partnered with a software platform to bring in a reforestation programme, which is also a value-added offering for their Managed Print Service customers. Through this programme, customers can reforest their consumption by planting new trees (biomass offsets), equivalent to their consumption across projects managed by the platform's network of certified Global Reforestation Partners. Each reforestation project is audited and verified by third-party certifying body to guarantee 100% net survival of the trees plant. Reforestation aims to strengthen customer's commitment to sustainability and create a path toward sustainable printing. In addition, under the company's Visible Green Initiatives, a carbon offset scheme is now linked to survey response. No less than 50kg carbon credit will be purchased upon every single customer's response to the survey received. Enhancement of customer feedback and promotion of the use of renewable energy are expected.

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Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals Limited (“Hactl”) has officially opened its new multi-purpose staff facility, “TO-GATHER”, on the roof of SuperTerminal 1. “TO-GATHER”, a rooftop revitalisation project under the ongoing Green Terminal programme, offers space for staff to get together and relax after work, promoting staff wellbeing. Hactl also incorporates sustainability concept into the facility, by creating a designated allotment area for organic farming. While each department will manage at least one of the plots, staff can develop the habit of cherishing food, and build a sustainable lifestyle through learning about the food cultivation processes. On the facility's launch day, the opening event featured sharing from local farmers, live music played with upcycled musical instruments, and dance performances from ethnic minority group.



MTR Corporation launched its first “Green Week” on 14-20 June with an aim to enhance staff’s understanding of MTR’s objective on greenhouse gas emissions reduction; and encourage them to adopt low-carbon measures in their work and daily life. In collaboration with over 20 green NGOs and partners, the Green Week comprised over 50 sessions of 17 types of activities, including a green marketplace to promote green and sustainable products, upcycling workshops, webinars, eco-tours, green movie and so on. MTR also provided a specially designed low-carbon menu at all staff canteens. The Green Week was concluded by a seminar featuring three distinguished speakers including Mr K.S. Wong, GBS, JP, Former Secretary for the Environment of the HKSAR; Mr W.M. Leung, Former Assistant Director of the Hong Kong Observatory; and Mr. Freeman Cheung, Chairman of the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals to share their insights with MTR colleagues and industry practitioners on how individual and business sectors can join hands to combat climate change. The Green Week received an overwhelming response, attracting over 4,500 colleagues with positive feedback.



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Arup’s “Reimagining a sustainable future: Our lives · Our community · Our Hong Kong” video competition concluded with enthusiastic response from 600 secondary school students. Local youths spared no efforts in offering innovative solutions tailored for our city and communities, manifesting their sustainable visions on renewable energy, waste management, green building design and community redevelopment in a one-minute video. Through this competition, the company reinforced the importance of sustainability to the society and sparked innovative ideas from our next generation. The results were announced on the competition website and the winning entries are available for viewing on Arup’s YouTube channel.



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Want to share your company's latest green news with over 6,000 BEC e-Newsletter subscribers from various industries? BEC Council, Corporate and General Members are welcomed to submit their recent environmental and sustainability accomplishments to us. Selected submissions will be published in the upcoming edition of BEC’s e-Newsletter completely free-of-charge. Please contact **Mr Tomas Li (E. tomasli@bec.org.hk)** for enquiries.

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SGS Hong Kong Limited signed an agreement with a construction company on the cooperation of promoting supplier reporting of greenhouse gas (“GHG”) emissions data. The construction company is the first in Asia to implement the S-Carbon digital carbon management platform, which is designed to help companies better understand their suppliers’ GHG emissions levels, encouraging the suppliers to work with the company in reducing carbon emissions. This platform enables businesses to track, analyse, and report carbon emissions levels in real time. The partnership demonstrates how digital solutions can empower companies to extend the coverage of their carbon management to their suppliers, making positive environmental impact.

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SUEZ gathered more than 600 customers, partners, and SUEZ experts, data scientists, and researchers from more than 20 countries around the world in Paris, France, for the SUEZ 2023 Innovation Day event on 19-20 June. This global event aimed to engage customers and partners with thought-provoking discussions and networking events to inspire collaborative innovation and customised solutions to better meet customer needs. SUEZ shared its latest innovations and reaffirmed its commitment to enabling customers to improve operational excellence and reduce their environmental footprint, acting as a reliable partner for water, recycling, and recovery solutions.



General Members

To encourage couriers to reduce their carbon emissions by using electric vehicles, **foodpanda** has partnered with an electric motorbike company to sell electric vehicles at significant discounts to its fleet. Electric motorbikes are greener and help cut fuel costs for foodpanda couriers. The company will continue partnering with electric vehicle suppliers to offer more options and deals for its fleet.

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A green and environmentally friendly cleaning series from Germany introduced by **Healthy Giant** has obtained multiple EU certifications, including C2C and EU Label. With a wide range of uses such as disinfection, targeted cleaning and care, this series adheres to the concept of sustainable development, including the use of biodegradable or recyclable raw materials, formula free of harmful substances, durable product design suitable for intended use, and making efforts for environmental protection.



As sustainability maturity increases and regulation tightens, many organisations are embarking on the next iteration of their emissions reporting. **PALO IT** has recently published an article providing essential insights for emissions reporting in 2023 based on its expertise.

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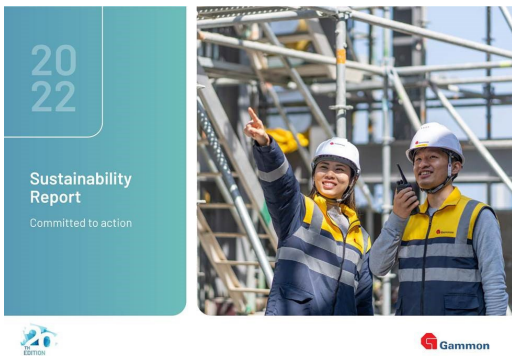
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Spare-it is thrilled to announce the official partnership with fellow BEC member MTR Corporation. In just two months of collaboration at the MTR Headquarters Building in Kowloon Bay, Spare-it helped to achieve a 15% waste disposal reduction. A seamless “plug-and-play” recycling tracking system has been deployed with over 200 smart bins with Live Waste Intelligence Sensors connected to track waste data, understand the behaviour, educate the users, and create an interactive engagement. Spare-it has also provided interactive dashboards and gamification on each floor of the building, allowing MTR staff to compete on the results, making waste reduction fun.



Recently Published Sustainability Reports

- **Gammon Construction**



- **Link**



WELCOME NEW BEC MEMBERS

General Member

- **Fresh Up Group Limited**
- **Liricco Technologies Limited**

BEC SUPPORTED EVENTS

- **BOCHK Corporate Low-Carbon Environmental Leadership Awards 2022** | Federation of Hong Kong Industries | Now till August
- **“My Green Space” Student Competition 2022-23** | Hong Kong Green Building Council | Now till August
- **Climate Action Recognition Scheme (CARS) 2022-23** | Wofoo Social Enterprises, Hong Kong SDG Hub | Now till September
- **The 1st CRECCHKI Real Estate ESG Awards GBA 2023 “Creating a Built-To-Live Environment”** | China Real Estate Chamber of Commerce Hong Kong and International Chapter | Now till 20 October
- **Green Building Award 2023** | Hong Kong Green Building Council, Professional Green Building Council | Now till November

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