



Welcome Speech

By Mr Andrew Long, Chairman of Business Environment Council

Professor Anna Sohmen, Mr. K.K. Kwok, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen– Good Evening.

On behalf of the Business Environment Council, the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong, Federation of Hong Kong Industries and Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, I am delighted and privileged to welcome you to the Award Ceremony of the Hong Kong Eco-Products Award 2005.

Today, we will honour 18 outstanding Eco-products from over 70 applications. These have come from a wide range of product categories, including industrial, electronics, home appliances, packaging, cleansing products and fertilizers, furniture and office supplies.

To go through a systematic process to assess these applications, and finally came up with the decisions on the winners is not an easy task, and luckily we have a group of local and international professionals who have taken up this challenge. Our thanks go to both the judging panel members and the BEC project team. Their diligent assessment and evaluation of the entries have been most valuable.

We are also honoured to have Professor Anna Sohmen to be our Honorary Patron of Hong Kong Eco-Products Award and Mr. K.K. Kwok, Permanent Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works (Environment), HKSAR Government to be our guest speaker this afternoon.

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Warmest congratulations once again to the winners of the Hong Kong EcoProducts Award. I hope you will all enjoy the ceremony this evening and I wish you every success in your continued Ecoproduction and hope to see you support the latest products in next year' s Hong Kong EcoProducts Award.

Thank you.