



**Welcome Speech**  
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Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to the Hong Kong Eco-Products Award 2005 Presentation Ceremony. Environmental concerns and impacts on the environment were at the fore when we established the Hong Kong Eco-Products Award in 1999. I am delighted that, although it is after six years, we can repeat this Award in 2005, and that we have again received a strong response from the manufacturing community.

It is encouraging to see that applications come from many different product categories, which proves that environmental concerns have been heard and are being responded to across the industries sectors. Our assessments show that not only are they making a greater commitment to the environment, that they also realize they can achieve a competitive edge through eco-production.

All this year' s winners are to be congratulated on their commendable achievements and leadership. I would also like to give my special thanks to the distinguished panel of judges for their hard work in selecting the deserving winners.

I look forward to increased environmental responsibility among the industries, and hearing more of their business success.