

BEC E-NEWSLETTER

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BEC 30th ANNIVERSARY MEDIA LUNCHEON

To celebrate our 30 years of environmental excellence, we organised BEC 30th Anniversary Media Luncheon on 19 August. BEC's Chairman Mr Kevin O'Brien talked about our insights on net-zero carbon economy, while CEO Mr Simon Ng highlighted how BEC drives business ambition into action for a net-zero Hong Kong.

Our Director – Operations Ir C.F. Leung, Assistant Director – Communications Ms Maggie Lam and Head – Policy & Research Mr Merlin Lao also joined the luncheon and shared with media friends on BEC's key projects and developments.



BEC 30th Anniversary - BEC Milestones & Congratulatory Messages

To commemorate BEC's 30th Anniversary, we have compiled a video showcasing our important milestones. Watch the video now to learn about BEC's story and celebrate what we have achieved over the past three decades.

BEC is also grateful for the strong support from the Government, the business sector, and all local and overseas partners over the past 30 years. Thank you for the kind words and well wishes in the congratulatory messages. Looking forward, we will continue to work closely with various important stakeholders to drive the net-zero transformation of Hong Kong and extend our 30 years of environmental excellence!



Watch BEC Milestones:



Watch the Congratulatory Messages:



BEC Industry Visit: Sustain the Past to the Future - The Mills

BEC Industry Visit: Sustain the Past to the Future - The Mills took place on 5 August. Representatives from The Mills Fabrica introduced the reinvention of the former Nan Fung cotton-spinning factories into The Mills, and the transformation of Tsuen Wan's textile past into a Techstyle future of wearables and smart fabric. Participants had a tour of The Mills to learn about the unique Garment-to-Garment (G2G) Recycle System and visit an art exhibition.

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BEC Leadership Networking Series: Green Buildings and Energy Efficiency

BEC Leadership Networking Series: Green Buildings and Energy Efficiency took place at our Auditorium on 22 August. A big thanks to Mr Stefano Tronci, Mr Shervin Sharghy and Mr Tyler Holland for sharing their insights on the use of innovation and technologies for green buildings and discussing how we can enhance energy efficiency in Hong Kong.



UPCOMING EVENTS

BEC + InvestHK Leadership Forum Series 2022 #2 – Green Transition in Hong Kong: From Research to Market

13 September



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Green Transition in Hong Kong: From Research to Market

13 September 2022 (Tuesday) 2:30p.m. – 3:50p.m. HKT
Zoom Webinar



Join us in the second session of BEC + InvestHK Leadership Forum Series 2022 to learn about Hong Kong's green transition! We will listen to insightful presentations from various industry experts, followed by a panel discussion to unveil how international and domestic technology firms can leverage Hong Kong's competitive advantages to develop new solutions.

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BEC CEO Dialogue – Innovation and Technology on Our Net-Zero Journey for the Next Generation

27 September



CEO Dialogue

Innovation and Technology on Our Net-Zero Journey for the Next Generation

27 September 2022 (Tuesday)
4:30p.m. – 6:00p.m.
BEC Auditorium



Mr Albert Wong
CEO, HKSTP

BEC is launching a new signature event “BEC CEO Dialogue” in 2022, which marks our 30th Anniversary. The event serves as a platform for idea exchange among business leaders and senior executives, with prestigious CEOs being invited as honourable guests to share their valuable insights on topics related to environmental excellence and sustainability.

In the inaugural session, Mr Albert Wong, CEO of Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation, will share with us his views on how innovation and technology, as a catalyst or enabler in the ecosystem, facilitates the business community to achieve the net-zero goal for Hong Kong's prosperity and for the benefits of our next generation.

Register now to enjoy an interactive CEO Dialogue with valuable insights from Mr Albert Wong, BEC Chairman Mr Kevin O'Brien and BEC CEO Mr Simon Ng.

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UPCOMING COURSES: BEC IEE TRAINING

The BEC Institute of Environmental Education (“BEC IEE”) offers a variety of courses for business professionals, including senior executives and managers, to advance their knowledge and skill set.

We will soon announce details of the upcoming BEC IEE Training Programme (October 2022 – March 2023). Stay tuned!

We would like to invite all businesses in Hong Kong to participate in the “Building a Greener and Smarter Hong Kong” survey, part of a study project led by BEC’s Policy and Research team and supported by Schneider Electric. The survey explores the readiness and challenges faced by businesses on low-carbon transition and digitalisation topics.



A report will be published based on the study findings. The survey will take around 20-30 minutes to complete and your valuable feedback will be appreciated. Unless your written consent is obtained, individual responses will be kept strictly confidential.

Please submit your response on or before 9 September 2022. [Click here to complete the survey](#)

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Eco-friendly alternatives like carpets and umbrella dryers are being introduced at various residential properties and over 30 shopping malls and offices managed by the property management subsidiaries of **Henderson Land Group**, in a bid to reduce the use of disposable plastic umbrella covers. In addition to putting up prominent signage next to the umbrella cover dispensers to raise awareness, the group has participated in the “Umbrella Bags Reduction Accreditation Programme” organised by a local green group. In the first half of 2022, Henderson Land reduced the distribution of over 200,000 plastic umbrella covers year on year. This is just part of the group’s broader efforts to promote sustainability across its properties. Let’s tackle plastic pollution together and protect our environment!



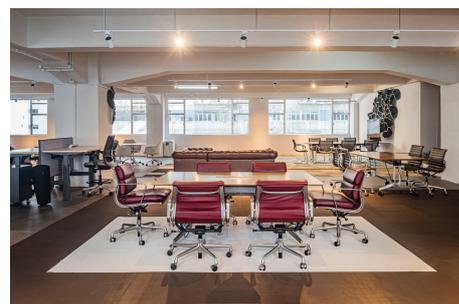
To explore the future of digital transformation for a more sustainable Hong Kong, **Siemens** hosted Siemens Innovation Day 2022 on 22 July. With an insight-packed conference and exhibitions with interactive demos and displays, the event gathered almost 300 physical and online attendees and uncovered future-focused innovations like AI, IoT, digital twin, and cloud solutions that are accelerating digital transformation and enabling sustainable growth for our businesses and the society.

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Swire Properties, in partnership with fellow BEC member Sustainable Office Solutions (“SOS”), launched a Hong Kong-and-industry first office furniture solution for its office tenants. This circular solution gives tenants exclusive access to premium and re-used furniture products from around Hong Kong, and helps tenants arrange furniture re-homing, donation or recycling. Tenants can now manage and procure office furniture in a more sustainable way during their refurbishments and fit-outs, and at the same time, cost-effectively reduce their embodied carbon footprint. As of July 2022, the programme has already assisted five Taikoo Place and Pacific Place tenants in diverting more than 500 pieces of furniture from landfills, totalling over 18 tonnes.

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HK Electric was presented with the Gold Award (Manufacturing Sector) and Sustainable Business Award in the “BOCHK Corporate Environmental Leadership Awards 2021” in recognition of its commitment to and achievements in decarbonisation and combating climate change over the years. To support Hong Kong in achieving carbon neutrality before 2050, HK Electric will continue to proactively contribute towards a low-carbon and sustainable future by increasing the use of gas in electricity generation, advocating local renewable adoption, and promoting energy efficiency and conservation.

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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.

Corporate Members

In June, **Allied Sustainability and Environmental Consultants Group Limited (“AEC Group”)** successfully co-hosted a sharing session at the “Net Zero Solutions Around the World in 24 hours” event, where Mr Dennis Wu, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of AEC Group shared how net-zero goal can be reached from green finance and green technology perspectives. As a “WorldGBC Asia Pacific Net Zero Collaborator”, AEC Group has been liaising with its business partners to share best practices and forge thought leadership within and beyond the industry across the globe, in the hope of shaping a more sustainable future.

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ATAL has been awarded the Caring Company Logo for the 16th consecutive year under the Caring Company Scheme in recognition of the company's commitment to shouldering corporate social responsibilities and giving back to the community. ATAL serves as a safe, nurturing and people-centric employer, promoting healthy work-life balance to spark innovation and maximise employee potential. The company continuously seeks new and creative ways to elevate the populations it serves through technological breakthroughs and community collaboration in charity, fund-raising and volunteering events.

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Hilti Group received Gold sustainability rating for 2022 from the EcoVadis international rating agency again, ranking among the top 5% of all 90,000 companies from 160 countries assessed by EcoVadis worldwide. In the group's 2022 rating, the progress made in the area of sustainable procurement and the role of sustainability factors in the selection of suppliers were recognised. The systematic, holistic approach taken in the area of labour and human rights, and the resulting improved transparency, were also honoured. Hilti is motivated to achieve CO₂ neutral in the company's own value chain by 2023 and lead the industry in the area of circularity.

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Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals Limited (“Hactl”) has donated two sets of handcrafted “aeroplane chess” made from disused wooden pallets collected in SuperTerminal 1 to a support service centre for ethnic minorities in Tung Chung. The chess sets feature chess pieces in the shape of unit load devices, providing the children and youth at the service centre with an insight into the air cargo industry. Two sets of tables and benches, also upcycled from the disused wooden pallets, were earlier donated for the centre’s multi-ethnic users to foster interaction through various activities. Through this partnership, Hactl aims to reach out to the growing population of ethnic minorities in North Lantau where Hactl is based, and support their integration into the community.

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Arup co-authored an article with several built environment organisations to discuss the three latest Assessment Reports by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (“IPCC”). Titled “Combating climate change in Hong Kong and beyond – what can be learnt from the latest IPCC reports?”, the paper highlights the latest insights on climate impacts, the crucial roles of engineers and city designers in Hong Kong’s decarbonisation journey, as well as practical actions to help Hong Kong achieve carbon neutrality before 2050.

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ARUP

What is the development of ESG in the Asia-Pacific region and how we can seize ESG opportunities and strengthen corporate influence? **SGS Hong Kong** held a webinar in July about this topic and shared how companies can stay on top of the ESG trends in the Asia Pacific, understand the link between ESG and the Sustainable Development Goals, and how to develop a Sustainability Plan.

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SGS

WSP snatched several awards at the Construction Industry Volunteer Award Presentation Ceremony 2022 on 17 July. WSP volunteers were awarded merits in “Annual CISVP Corporate Award for Activeness”, “Excellence in Construction Industry Volunteering Collaboration” and “Excellence in Construction Industry Volunteering” categories, demonstrating its commitment in corporate social responsibility. WSP will continue to get proactively involved in volunteering services while the company creates great places and facilities to benefit people from every walk of life, shaping better and more inclusive communities.

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General Members

To recognise appliance retailers and brands for their contribution to proper e-waste recycling and management, **ALBA Integrated Waste Solutions (HK) Limited (“ALBA IWS”)** organised the first edition of Excellence Awards for E-waste Recycling & Management. The award ceremony concluded successfully with representatives from the Environmental Protection Department and around 30 companies gathered and paid tribute to the awardees of a total of 10 awards. Regardless of the number of e-waste items handed over, ALBA IWS values every supporting company for their contribution.



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Cornerstone Technologies has kick-started its first project under the EV-charging at Home Subsidy Scheme (“EHSS”) at The Regalia. From application to consultation and installation works, Cornerstone assisted incorporated owners, property management companies and parking lot owners to understand the details. The next step of installing EV charging infrastructure at the car park is now under process to turn over 300 parking lots EV-charging ready. Upon completion, Cornerstone will follow up on the provision and consultation on EV chargers, encouraging more residents to enjoy low-carbon driving.

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Three of **Cundall**'s engineers in the APAC region have recently attained the internationally recognised WiredScore and SmartScore Accredited Professional (“AP”) certifications, which focuses on digital connectivity and the integration of innovative technologies for buildings. The engineers are now working with several clients in the APAC region to help them obtain WiredScore and SmartScore certifications. These endeavours aim to build resilience and connectivity within workplaces, paving the way for a stronger and more sustainable built environment.

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Energys Spectrum jointly organised the BEC Industry Visit: HKUST Sustainable Smart Campus as a Living Lab on 8 July, where various innovative and sustainable projects around the campus were showcased. CEO of Energys Spectrum Mr Gary Wan made a presentation on “Circadian Rhythm Lighting” to share its unique technology. He also elaborated on how the system can benefit human wellness and reduce energy consumption at the same time.

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On 28 July 2022, 161 States voted in favour of a United Nations General Assembly resolution declaring access to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, a universal human right. In a remarkable display of global solidarity, the resolution received zero “against” votes, and eight “abstain” votes. This vote follows the passing of a similar resolution in the United National Human Rights Council in October 2021. The recognition of a universal, human right to access a clean, healthy and sustainable environment brings a new dimension to climate litigation, and is likely to further increase the litigation risk for Governments and the private sector. To explore further on the issue, **Mayer Brown** has published a short article entitled “Business and Human Rights: New Universal Human Right To Access A Clean, Healthy And Sustainable Environment”.

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The Harbour School (“THS”) was recently awarded as a “Sustainable Development Enterprise” in the SDG Enterprise Awards 2022 for being an organisation conforming with United Nations’ 17 Sustainable Development Goals. During the judging, THS presented its award-winning educational projects including Marine Science Program and community-service-oriented Project Hope initiative, showcasing the school’s sustainability efforts from Social, Environmental and Economic and Employee Dimensions. THS believes leveraging on education could be powerful and impactful and schools have the capability to become significant catalysts for community transformation towards sustainability in Hong Kong.

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Recently Published Sustainability Reports

- **Cundall**



- **SUEZ Asia**



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Corporate Member

- **City Facilities Management (HKG) Limited**



Affiliate Member

- **Many Wells Property Agent Limited**



Join us now to enjoy member exclusive rights and benefits! We welcome organisations of all sizes across diverse sectors to facilitate environmental sustainability together. For more information about our membership programme, please visit [HERE](#) or contact **Membership Team (T. 2784 3924 | E. membership@bec.org.hk)**.

BEC SUPPORTED EVENTS

- **Hong Kong Green Building Week 2022** | Construction Industry Council, Hong Kong Green Building Council | 24-30 September
- **Excellent ESG Recognition Scheme 2021-2022** | Hong Kong Economic Times | 27 October
- **中小企 ESG 最佳實踐表現嘉許計劃** | Dah Sing Bank, Friends of the Earth (HK) | Now till November 2022
- **BOCHK Corporate Low-Carbon Environmental Leadership Awards 2022** | Federation of Hong Kong Industries | Now till August 2023

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