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BLUEPRINT FOR GREEN PROSPERITY: THE NORTHERN METROPOLIS AS A PLATFORM FOR HIGH-QUALITY DEVELOPMENT

BEC Head - Policy & Research Mr Merlin Lao contributes an article exploring the strategic role of the Northern Metropolis in supporting Hong Kong's economic transformation, green transition and integration with national development priorities.



The HKSAR Government launched the public consultation on [The First Five-Year Plan for Economic and Social Development of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region \(2026-2030\)](#) on 15 June, setting out priorities for Hong Kong's next phase of growth. Notably, the consultation document opens with a focus on accelerating the development of the Northern Metropolis and advancing spatial planning in other areas, underscoring its central role in the city's long-term growth strategy.

The consultation is particularly relevant as Hong Kong positions itself to contribute to the nation's high-quality development agenda. As the nation advances the objectives of the [15th Five-Year Plan for the National Economic and Social Development](#), comprehensive green transformation and the development of new quality productive forces have become key policy priorities. In this context, the 30,000-hectare Northern Metropolis will serve as a major driver of economic growth and deeper integration with national development strategies in the decades ahead. Against a backdrop of economic uncertainty and intensifying climate risks, the project also presents an opportunity to rethink conventional approaches to urban development.

The value of the Northern Metropolis extends well beyond housing supply and innovation infrastructure. Its long-term impact will depend on Hong Kong's ability to transform decarbonisation into a driver of economic growth, while building resilience against increasingly frequent extreme weather events. This article examines how the Northern Metropolis can advance these objectives through green technologies, natural capital investment, climate adaptation and innovative financing.

Advancing Green Technologies and Innovative Industries: Decarbonisation as a Growth Engine

For many years, decarbonisation has been regarded by governments and businesses as a compliance cost. In planning the Northern Metropolis, however, it should be repositioned as a catalyst for technological advancement and industrial growth. The San Tin Technopole, for example, should not be viewed merely as an expansion of Hong Kong's traditional science park model. Instead, it should be planned and developed as a net-zero industrial and innovation hub from the outset.

As the country accelerates the global expansion of new quality productive forces, including new energy vehicles, advanced energy storage technologies and AI, Hong Kong has a unique opportunity to position the Northern Metropolis as a leading platform for green industries. To attract green manufacturers, battery technology leaders and AI data centres, Hong Kong must provide infrastructure that meets the highest sustainability standards. Through the integration of IoT applications, greenhouse gas accounting platforms and intelligent energy management systems, the Northern Metropolis can offer businesses an efficient, low-carbon operating environment. As multinational corporations face growing pressure to decarbonise their global supply chains, these capabilities will become an increasingly important competitive advantage.



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The development of green technologies is therefore not simply an environmental imperative. It is an economic strategy that can strengthen Hong Kong's position in future global value chains.

Unlocking Natural Capital: Investing in Blue-Green Infrastructure

The Northern Metropolis is endowed with rich ecological assets, including extensive wetland, fishponds and agricultural land. Traditionally, conservation and development have been viewed as competing interests. Going forward, however, natural capital should be recognised as a valuable and investable asset.

On one hand, the Government is advancing major conservation initiatives such as the Sam Po Shue Wetland Conservation Park and the Northern Metropolis Urban-rural Integration Fund. On the other hand, the business sector should seize opportunities to participate in nature-related investments through public-private collaboration. Potential areas include the development of high-value ecotourism, the promotion of modern sustainable agriculture, and the incorporation of Biodiversity Net Gain principles into development projects.

Beyond their environmental benefits, these investments carry growing strategic relevance for businesses. As frameworks such as nature-related financial disclosures gain prominence globally, a company's ability to manage and enhance natural capital may increasingly influence access to finance and investment. The Northern Metropolis presents an ideal platform for demonstrating how blue-green infrastructure can generate both commercial returns and positive biodiversity outcomes.

Building Systemic Resilience Against Climate Risks

While pursuing economic growth, Hong Kong faces escalating climate risks, including super typhoons, storm surges and extreme rainfall. As a future high-value logistics hub and a critical innovation and technology gateway linking Hong Kong with the Chinese Mainland, the Northern Metropolis must ensure the reliability of its supply chains, transport systems and essential utilities. Businesses and infrastructure operators should therefore integrate systematic climate risk governance and resilience planning into the area's long-term development strategy.

This will require the adoption of digital twin technologies and climate modelling tools to assess and mitigate flood risks during project design and planning. Cross-boundary logistics operators and energy providers should also develop robust climate contingency plans to ensure business continuity and maintain the resilience of cross-border trade corridors during extreme weather events.

The insurance and reinsurance sectors also have an important role to play. More sophisticated climate risk pricing mechanisms can encourage investment in flood protection and heat-resilient infrastructure, thereby reducing insurance costs and minimising the risk of asset devaluation over time.

Innovative Financing Models: Mobilising Capital Through Collaboration

Delivering green technology, natural capital and climate resilience initiatives at scale cannot rely solely on public funding, despite the Government's substantial infrastructure commitments. Future development should embrace innovative financing approaches built on Public-Private-Philanthropic Partnerships. Under a blended finance model, the Government and philanthropic organisations can provide early-stage capital or risk guarantees to help de-risk large-scale green infrastructure projects, thereby mobilising banks and institutional investors to deploy significant long-term capital.

Such an approach not only helps alleviate fiscal pressure on the public sector but also reinforces Hong Kong's strengths as an international green finance centre and sustainable investment platform.

A Blueprint for Hong Kong's Green Prosperity

The Northern Metropolis represents one of Hong Kong's most significant long-term development initiatives. Beyond the delivery of infrastructure and new development capacity, its legacy will be shaped by how effectively it balances economic growth, environmental sustainability and climate resilience to create lasting value for businesses, communities and future generations.

In this regard, BEC will submit recommendations to the Government under the public consultation on The First Five-Year Plan for Economic and Social Development of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, including proposals relating to the Northern Metropolis. The recommendations draw on insights gathered through BEC's engagement with industry stakeholders and discussions held at the recent [BEC EnviroSeries Conference, "Blueprint for Green Prosperity: Financing Economy, Natural Capital, and Resilience in the Northern Metropolis"](#).

Bringing together more than 900 in-person and online participants from government, business and academia, the conference explored the full spectrum of green development priorities for the Northern Metropolis. Conference replays are available on [BEC YouTube channel](#). Please stay tuned for BEC's forthcoming submission, which will outline recommendations for advancing sustainable and resilient urban development in the Northern Metropolis.

BEC Leadership Networking Series: Supply Chain Sustainability Practices

BEC Leadership Networking Series: Supply Chain Sustainability Practices was held on 29 June at BEC Auditorium and Exhibition Hall. We were pleased to have Ms Peggy Tsang of DNV AS, Ms Amanda Chan of foodpanda Hong Kong, and Mr Andrew Lo of CLP Power Hong Kong Limited as our guest speakers. They shared insights into how businesses are collaborating with suppliers and partners to drive sustainability across their supply chains. The discussion highlighted practical approaches, challenges, and emerging opportunities in driving responsible sourcing, reducing environmental impact, and fostering stronger partnerships for long-term sustainable growth.

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Submission on Producer Responsibility Scheme on Plastic Beverage Containers and Beverage Cartons

With the support from the Task Force on PRS for Beverage Packaging formed under the Circular Economy Advisory Group, BEC submitted written recommendations on the proposed Producer Responsibility Scheme ("PRS") on Plastic Beverage Containers and Beverage Cartons in response to the Government's ongoing industry consultation. We welcome the Government's commitment to advancing the PRS and the polluter pays principle, and support efforts to strengthen beverage packaging recovery and recycling in Hong Kong.

In our submission, we highlighted several key recommendations:

- **Operational Implementation:** Establish a coordinated implementation framework that avoids resource duplication, supports diversified collection channels, ensures appropriate hygiene and collection arrangements, and provides clear timelines for industry transition.
- **Regulatory Clarity & Technical Definitions:** Clarify requirements relating to PVC shrink labels, recycling targets, definitions of recycling, eligibility criteria for small-sized suppliers, and logo alignment across markets.
- **Market Governance & Financial Resilience:** Set clear qualification requirements for scheme operators and recyclers, mitigate financial risks and perverse incentives associated with over-collection, and optimise rebate mechanisms alongside public education efforts.



BEC looks forward to continuing to bridge the Government and the business community to support the effective implementation of the PRS, helping to build a practical and sustainable producer responsibility framework that advances Hong Kong's transition towards a circular, zero-waste economy.

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Cathay Pacific's Corporate Sustainable Aviation Fuel Programme Recognition Event

BEC CEO Mr Simon Ng attended Cathay Pacific's Corporate Sustainable Aviation Fuel ("SAF") Programme recognition event on 14 July, where exclusive trophies were presented to BEC and other SAF partners in recognition of their shared commitment to accelerating the transition to lower-carbon air travel. The recognition reflects that BEC walks the talk to decarbonise through the adoption of SAF in our business travel.



BEC is proud to support the Corporate SAF Programme and to stand alongside fellow partners who are driving meaningful progress on SAF adoption, which is an important step in aviation's decarbonisation journey.

We will continue to work with industry partners and stakeholders through BEC's Hong Kong Sustainable Aviation Fuel Coalition, facilitating collaboration with the Government to advance SAF adoption, support aviation decarbonisation, and build a net-zero Hong Kong.

BEC Technical Visit – O · PARK1: From Pre-treatment to Power Generation and Composting



On 17 July, BEC successfully hosted “Technical Visit to O · PARK1: From Pre-treatment to Power Generation and Composting”, providing participants with valuable insights into how food waste can be transformed into useful resources through advanced waste-to-energy technologies.

Before the guided site tour, representatives from O · PARK1 introduced the process of converting food waste into biogas and compost, highlighting the environmental benefits of food waste recovery. Ir Alfred Wong from O · PARK1 project team also shared an overview of the facility, covering its treatment technologies, operational processes, and supporting infrastructure. Participants actively engaged in the session, raising thoughtful questions about the facility’s operations and the innovative technologies employed on site. Following the presentation, participants took part in a guided outdoor tour of the facility, where O · PARK1 representatives provided further explanations of the key treatment facilities and processes, while showcasing the compost produced from food waste.

The visit served as a timely reminder of the growing food waste challenge in Hong Kong. Participants were encouraged to remain mindful of the issue and take practical steps to reduce food waste in their daily lives, contributing to a more sustainable future through responsible consumption and waste reduction.

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Electrifying Hong Kong’s Buses: From Franchised & Non-Franchised Buses, Minibuses, and Rehabilitation Buses

Co-organised with CLP Power Hong Kong Limited, BEC successfully hosted “Electrifying Hong Kong’s Buses: From Franchised & Non-Franchised Buses, Minibuses, and Rehabilitation Buses” on 22 July 2026. We were honoured to welcome Mr Charles Ng, Principal Environmental Protection Officer (Air Policy) of the Environment and Ecology Bureau. He presented a comprehensive overview of the current progress of transport electrification in Hong Kong. He also detailed the subsidy support available for commercial vehicles, with a specific focus on various bus types, and outlined the Government’s policies for expanding the charging network infrastructure.



Following the keynote, we heard valuable on-the-ground experiences and insights from representatives across the franchised, non-franchised, and specialised/ community transport sectors regarding their electrification journeys, including Mr Peter Ip from The Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited, Mr Jacky Cheung from Park Island Transport Company Limited, and Mr Jacky Ng from Wai Lik New Energy Company Limited

The event concluded with an engaging panel discussion moderated by BEC CEO Mr Simon Ng. The panel featured Ir Roger Law from Citybus, Mr Ken So from The Conservancy Association, Mr Vincent Chen from Sino Express Intelligence, and Ir Simon Lam from CLP Power Hong Kong Limited. The discussion highlighted the technological advancements made across the sector over the years and identified the key enablers required to accelerate the transition to zero-emission transport.

Swire Properties' Green Performance Pledge Achieves Record Participation and Strong Sustainability Impact in 2025/26



Swire Properties' proprietary sustainability initiative for office tenants, the Green Performance Pledge ("GPP"), has achieved record participation levels with a total of 256 tenants now enrolled. This represents approximately 70% of the occupied lettable floor area across the company's office portfolios in Hong Kong and the Chinese Mainland, marking a 46% year-on-year increase.

Built on a strong foundation of collaboration and shared ambition, the GPP is an industry-leading, performance-based tenant-landlord partnership that drives measurable sustainability results.

Celebrating Tenants' Excellence at the Annual GPP Forum



Tenants' achievements for the 2025/26 award year were recognised at the annual GPP Forum on 8 July:

- 166 tenants in Hong Kong were awarded Member, Silver, Gold, or Platinum ratings.
- 19 tenants attained Platinum in the Sustainable Office Operations Scheme, while two tenants attained the highest Three-Seed rating in the Sustainable Fit-Out and Renovations Scheme.
- 90% of existing GPP tenants maintained or improved their GPP rating year-on-year, reflecting strong and sustained performance across the community.
- Over the past five years since the programme was launched, GPP tenants in Hong Kong have collectively improved their key sustainability indicators significantly, including a 10% improvement in both electricity and water efficiency, and a 5%-point increase in waste diversion¹.

¹ Overall average electricity use intensity (EUI) consistently decreased between 2022/23 and 2025/26 (a 11% reduction); Overall average water use intensity (WUI) consistently decreased between 2023/24 and 2025/26 (a 10% reduction); Overall average waste diversion rate improved between 2022/23 and 2025/26 (a 5%-point increase).

The highlight of the event was a panel discussion moderated by Christine Loh from HKUST. Speakers from Cr dit Agricole CIB, Marsh, DFI Retail Group, and Mox Bank shared how their organisations are navigating an increasingly complex and unpredictable operating environment, and embedding resilience into day-to-day operations and long-term business strategy.



2025/26 Environmental Impact at a Glance²

- **Electricity** – Reduced consumption by approximately 394,000 kWh, or the equivalent of the annual usage of 120 local households.
- **Water** – Reduced consumption by approximately 1,000 m³, or the equivalent of over 18,000 showers.
- **Waste** – Diverted over 270 tonnes of waste from landfill through recycling initiatives.

GPP Offerings

- **Smart Metering** – 80% of GPP tenants have installed smart energy meters, 61% are recording waste data digitally, and nearly all have adopted smart water meters. These smart meter data are integrated into the Tenant Portal, for performance monitoring and benchmarking.
- **GPP Academy** – Past workshops have engaged over 600 participants, exploring a broad spectrum of sustainability topics, such as circular economy practices, sustainable office design and certifications, and anti-green washing & authentic ESG communications.
- **Green Lease Development** – Since January 2025, GPP participation has been incorporated as a dedicated green clause in standard tenancy agreements in Hong Kong, with an optional green lease addendum for more ambitious sustainability commitments.

Scaling Impact through the GPP

New circular solutions have also been piloted, such as recycling used hand towels into usable paper products, and introducing reusable tableware for meetings and events. To date, this initiative has supported more than 116 events and prevented more than 16,800 single-use tableware from being sent to landfill.

The GPP also serves as a platform that engages tenants in socially impactful initiatives. In 2026, Swire Properties launched the “Community Ambassadors x Partners Volunteer Hub”, enabling 1,000 office tenants to participate in volunteering activities organised by the Swire Properties Community Ambassador corporate volunteer programme and its NGO partners.

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² The calculation is based on GPP tenants that participated in the 2025/26 and 2024/25 award cycles. The water consumption equivalent is based on the Water Supplies Department domestic water consumption survey.

BEC IN THE SPOTLIGHT

BEC shares insights on Sustainable Aviation Fuel in *China Daily HK*

BEC Head – Policy & Research, Mr Merlin Lao, spoke with [China Daily Hong Kong](#) in a feature on the future of sustainable aviation fuel, sharing BEC's views on building a resilient supply chain, scaling adoption pragmatically, and supporting uptake through pilot programmes and public education.

BEC shares insights on Northern Metropolis in *Oriental Daily News*

BEC Head – Policy & Research, Mr Merlin Lao, spoke with [Oriental Daily News](#) on the Northern Metropolis, highlighting the need for climate-resilient buildings and infrastructure, biodiversity enhancement, and robust financing mechanisms to support the city's long-term sustainable development.



BEC Opinion Article on *Master Insight*

An opinion article written by BEC Head – Policy & Research Mr Merlin Lao and Officer – Policy & Research Miss Yancy Qiu was published on [Master Insight](#) on 16 July. The article explores how the Producer Responsibility Scheme on Plastic Beverage Containers and Beverage Cartons can be enhanced through improvements in implementation, regulation and market governance.

BEC Opinion Article on *Capital HK*

An opinion article on positioning green and low-carbon development as a growth engine for the Northern Metropolis, written by BEC CEO Mr Simon Ng, was published on [Capital Hong Kong](#) on 26 July.

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:

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Join us for our upcoming BEC Leadership Networking Series & Mini Expo: Innovations Shaping a Greener City, where we will gather distinguished speakers to share valuable insights into developing innovations that help drive the city's transition to a greener future. This session offers an excellent opportunity to gain fresh perspectives, connect with like-minded professionals, and be inspired to make a positive impact toward a net-zero future. We look forward to seeing you there!

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BEC Anniversary Dinner 2026

22 September

BEC Anniversary Dinner is the premier platform to bring together like-minded business leaders who share our vision and support our efforts on environmental excellence and in leading Hong Kong along the sustainability pathway. It is also an excellent occasion to acknowledge our longstanding partnership with the Government, BEC members and other stakeholders, reflect on BEC's work, preview the exciting opportunities ahead, celebrate the expanding network, and share our latest work plans and initiatives. This year, we are pleased to welcome Mr Tse Chin-wan, BBS, JP, Secretary for Environment and Ecology as our Guest of Honour to deliver the Keynote Speech.

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SAF China Congress

21-22 September

BEC is pleased to support the inaugural SAF China Congress, taking place in Hong Kong this September. Bringing together leaders from across China and the international sustainable aviation fuel market, the Congress will explore the policies, partnerships, technologies, investment strategies and supply-chain developments needed to accelerate SAF production and adoption across the region.



BEC has been actively involved in supporting the curation of the event, helping to shape a programme that reflects the priorities and opportunities emerging across Hong Kong, the Chinese Mainland and the wider global aviation decarbonisation market. We look forward to welcoming SAF producers, airlines, policymakers, technology providers, investors and sustainability leaders from China and around the world to Hong Kong for two days of discussion, collaboration and market development. Use code BEC20_CHINA26 for an exclusive 20% discount.

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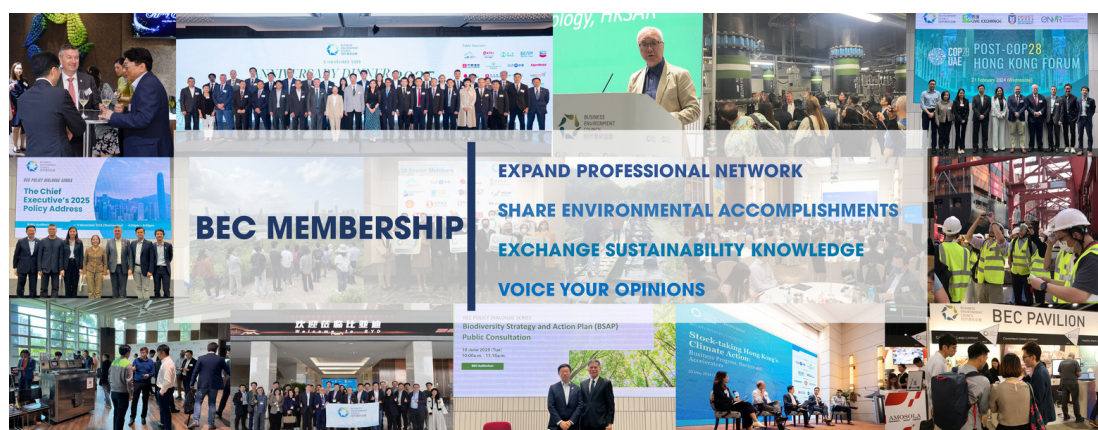
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For non-members, you can get your pass at the Early Bird rates until 3 August. This flagship sustainability event will bring together more than 10,000 corporate leaders, policymakers, and sustainability practitioners to drive actionable climate strategies.

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Airport Authority Hong Kong (“AAHK”) has enhanced its stormwater management system with more than 50 smart Internet of Things sensors currently installed across Hong Kong International Airport (“HKIA”) to prevent increasing rainfall from posing operational risks. The sensors continuously monitor rainfall, tidal conditions and water levels, with the information integrated into a Geographic Information System that gives response teams a comprehensive visualisation of the system and its performance. This enables them to pre-empt and respond to emerging risks more effectively and efficiently. The upgrade strengthens HKIA’s climate resilience and safeguards the airport against extreme weather events.



Baguio Green Group recently partnered with two local NGOs to organise a Sparrow Census for underprivileged children. Led by bird conservation professionals, Baguio’s volunteers mentored the children in observing the Eurasian Tree Sparrow and other urban bird species. This initiative provided a unique opportunity to explore the city’s often-overlooked biodiversity, while fostering greater environmental awareness among the next generation. Through this hands-on activity, Baguio supported urban ecological education and reinforced its commitment to building a greener, more sustainable future for the local community.

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China State Construction Engineering (Hong Kong) Limited (“CSHK”) received 23 awards at the HKQAA “Hong Kong Green and Sustainable Contribution Awards 2026”, recognising its dedication to sustainability, innovation, and engineering excellence. CSHK Chairman Mr Danny Hung, JP, and Senior Sustainability Manager Mr Henry Ho received the “Outstanding Award for Excellent Contribution to Liveable City Construction (Contractor) – Promote Eco-friendly Construction”, validating CSHK’s milestones in environmentally friendly site practices. In addition, 22 “Gold Seal for Contribution to Liveable City Construction” were presented to 16 project teams. At the ceremony, Mr Mak Tsz-ho, Assistant Project Director, shared how the company’s integrated BIM and MiMEP approach simplifies processes, boosts efficiency, and drives low-carbon innovation across portfolios. Moving forward, CSHK will continue leveraging cutting-edge technologies to shape Hong Kong’s green building future.



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Building on its commitment to a sustainable future, **Chinachem Group (“CCG”)** hosted the “Green Tenant Engagement Programme Award Ceremony 2026”, celebrating the success of its tenants’ sustainability contributions. Since its launch in 2024, the programme has promoted knowledge exchange, incentive alignment via management fee rebate, and practical sustainable practices. In Phase 2, the group engaged a total of 189 tenants, resulting in over 2,700 green actions, a threefold increase from the previous phase, contributing to an estimated reduction of 277 tonnes of carbon emissions. The ceremony also featured insights from the SME Sustainability Society on the role of sustainability in enhancing business resilience and supporting long-term growth. Looking ahead, CCG looks forward to continuing its sustainability journey with tenants and exploring new opportunities for collaboration.



CLP Group (“CLP”) fully supports the formulation of Hong Kong’s Five-Year Plan and has submitted its recommendations to the Government across seven priority areas, contributing its power expertise and experience to support Hong Kong’s high-quality development. Against the backdrop of decarbonisation and intensifying global competition for computing power, electricity planning should be elevated to the level of “strategic economic infrastructure” and aligned with the national strategy on energy security. CLP also recommends prioritising carbon capture, utilisation and storage as a key initiative to strengthen Hong Kong’s energy resilience, while securing dedicated nuclear power supply from the Chinese Mainland to accelerate the city’s clean energy transition.

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Henderson Land received the Grand ESG Award at the HKIRA Investor Relations Awards 2026, demonstrating excellence across all three areas of ESG. Selected from over 100 companies, this award underscores the company’s continued commitment to advancing its sustainability journey. Henderson Land also earned multiple accolades, including Best IR Company, Best ESG (E), Best ESG (S), and Best ESG (G), underscoring its comprehensive approach to sustainable development.



Over the past decade, **HK Electric’s** “Green Energy Dreams Come True” competition has transformed more than 160 green energy dreams into reality. This year, eight finalist teams showcased innovative projects in energy efficiency, renewable energy, low-carbon living and sustainable development at Hong Kong Science Park. In the secondary school category, two teams shared first place: “Molten Ore Cake”, an insulated water-curtain window system that enhances cooling efficiency, and “AI Smart Eater”, which applies artificial intelligence to reduce food waste and encourage sustainable eating habits. The tertiary category champion team developed an air-conditioning condensate water recovery system. All finalist teams will join a Green Energy Study Tour to Shanghai and Zhejiang Province, gaining firsthand exposure to the latest advancements in green energy and clean power technologies.

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Swire Properties recently hosted the Business Partner Sustainability Engagement Webinar 2026 for Hong Kong suppliers, featuring speakers from Swire Properties, fellow BEC Member HSBC, and leading sustainability and productivity institutions. The webinar introduced Swire Properties' SD 2050 Strategy, its Science Based Targets initiative ("SBTi") targets, and latest progress in supplier ESG engagement. Suppliers gained insights into the business value of setting science-based targets, the target-setting process, explored emerging sustainability regulations, sustainable financing opportunities to incentivise ESG improvement. SBTi x Swire Properties' Supplier Hub is available for suppliers to access the SBTi target-setting guidance, tools and resources to support continuous ESG enhancement.

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Towngas recently signed a strategic partnership agreement with a new energy commercial vehicle brand in the Chinese Mainland. Both parties will collaborate closely on methanol fuel supply, methanol refuelling infrastructure, and the promotion and multi-scenario application of methanol commercial vehicles. The group is steadily expanding its green methanol production capacity, with facilities in Inner Mongolia and Foshan expected to achieve a combined annual output of 500,000 tonnes by 2028. This strategic partnership marks a significant step in introducing methanol energy to Hong Kong, supporting the city's progress towards its 2050 carbon neutrality goal.

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ATAL Tower has been awarded the BEAM Plus Final Platinum Rating under New Buildings V2.0. Revitalised from a traditional industrial building, it exemplifies how innovation and sustainability can transform existing infrastructure into a smart and low-carbon workplace. By integrating advanced technologies including Digital Twin Solutions, BMS, MiMEP, MiC, IoT applications and Direct Liquid Cooling Solution for high-performance computing, the building enhances energy efficiency and operational performance. It also serves as a living showcase for innovation, enabling solutions that improve employee experience while fostering solutions that deliver tangible value to customers.

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DynaSys recently partnered with a local recycling NGO to enhance sustainability data tracking for brands. Previously, shops and offices received delayed, monthly Excel reports on collected recyclables. By integrating DynaSys's portable scales and digital platform, the NGO can now capture and access precise real-time recycling data. The solution enables brands to track waste reduction as materials are transformed into new products. This transparency turns passive recycling into an active, data-driven ESG strategy. DynaSys and its partner are replacing delayed spreadsheets with immediate insights, helping organisations measure their circular economy impact more accurately and confidently.



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To further support waste reduction and improve recycling outcomes, **Hong Kong Disneyland Resort ("HKDL")** has deployed new smart recycling bins at the Inspiration Lake Recreation Centre, making it easier for guests to recycle effortlessly. Designed to reduce contamination and enhance recycling efficiency, the smart bins are equipped with sensors that transmit real-time data, such as fill levels, enabling more efficient collection planning and operational monitoring, and enhancing overall recycling services across the area. This initiative reflects HKDL's commitment to environmental sustainability through innovative technology, encouraging environmentally conscious behaviour among guests, and contributing to a more sustainable future for the community.

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Allied Sustainability and Environmental Consultants Group Limited ("AEC Group") was honoured in the Listed Company category at the inaugural Carbon Awards 2026, recognising its long-standing commitment to ESG and leadership in driving green transformation across the Greater Bay Area. Ms Grace Kwok, Chairman and Executive Director of AEC Group, dedicated the award to the group's employees and reaffirmed its commitment to low-carbon development and corporate social responsibility. Looking ahead, AEC Group will continue collaborating with government, industry and academia to advance green innovation, sustainable finance and ESG performance for a more sustainable future.

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BEAM Society Limited announced the launch of BEAM Plus F&B Version 1.0 ("F&B v1.0") at the Launch Ceremony co-organised with Hong Kong Green Building Council on 17 July. Tailored for the Food & Beverage sector, BEAM Plus F&B v1.0 promotes sustainable practices in waste reduction, energy efficiency, and responsible sourcing. The certification framework is designed to be flexible, practical and easy to implement, guided by the core principle of a user-centric approach. F&B v1.0 offers a diverse set of assessment categories enabling F&B premises to progressively improve their performance. It also applies to a wide variety of premises of different sizes and operational models, including restaurants, fast-food outlets, food courts, canteens, cafés and food factories. BEAM Plus F&B v1.0 is now available for project registration.

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Collective action is key to tackling growing water risks across the Asia-Pacific region, according to **GlobeScan's** latest Future Water Agenda report. Drawing on insights from 291 water experts across 75 countries and territories, the research finds broad consensus that collaboration between business, government, and civil society is essential to addressing shared water challenges. However, fragmented approaches, weak public-private coordination, underfunded governance, and limited financing continue to constrain progress. The report outlines three critical shifts: moving from projects to platforms, strengthening public-private collaboration, and developing new financing models for collective action.

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HK Express launched its first inflight recycling pilot programme in June with support from fellow BEC Member Airport Authority Hong Kong, to advance circular practices within its inflight operations. Over the two-week pilot period, more than 130 flights participated, enabling passengers to participate in source segregation of plastic bottles onboard for recycling. The pilot project demonstrated the feasibility of integrating recycling practices into inflight services while maintaining a positive passenger experience. It also generated valuable operational data and stakeholder insights, helping to identify implementation challenges and opportunities. These findings will inform future strategies for inflight waste management and the airline's broader sustainability efforts.



The Hong Kong Research Institute of Textiles and Apparel ("HKRITA") signed a MoU with two textile solutions companies in June to establish the Green Machine Circular Textile Ecosystem. Green Machine 4.0 recovers polyester at more than 98% purity from cotton polyester textiles without harmful processes. Through this collaboration, industry-ready machinery engineered to European standards that meets the CE high-pressure requirement will support seamless integration and streamlined logistics. Meanwhile, diverse pre- and post-consumer textiles will be transformed into high-quality GRS-certified fibres. This cross-industry collaboration supports expandable industrial implementation across diverse settings, enabling the industry to execute circular solutions at scale.

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In its 22nd quarterly newsletter (April–June 2026), the **Hong Kong Transport and Logistics Association ("HKTLA")** published a feature report, "AI + ESG for Smarter, Greener Logistics", to help the industry advance its green transformation. The report guides small and medium-sized enterprises on converting everyday operational data, shipment weight, distance and transport mode, into practical carbon emission insights using AI-driven tools and recognised emission factors. By demonstrating how firms with limited resources can begin measuring and reducing their carbon footprint step by step, HKTLA aims to make decarbonisation accessible and actionable across Hong Kong's logistics sector.

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Leigh & Orange Limited ("L&O") announced that two of its landmark projects won three top accolades at Quality Building Awards 2026. Kai Tak Sports Park received the Quality Excellence Award alongside the Grand Award (Hong Kong Non-Residential – GIC), while the Expansion of the Legislative Council Complex received the Grand Award (Hong Kong Building – Renovation / Revitalisation). These recognitions reflect the immense dedication and technical expertise of L&O's project teams, from managing complex multidisciplinary coordination to pioneering advanced Modular Integrated Construction solutions.

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Smart Platform Assisted Sustainable (“SPASE”), built by Hong Kong-based **Mindtrust Sustainability** and two French partner companies, is the Asia-Pacific’s first AI-powered, ESG-linked trade finance service. It turns trade transaction data into an auditable ESG view across suppliers, products and flows. The platform targets Scope 3, Category 1 (Purchased Goods & Services), the main driver of most companies’ emissions footprint, via a tiered methodology that uses industry benchmarks, product-level emission factors, and supplier-verified data. No time-consuming supplier onboarding is required as visibility comes from data already held by banks. Piloted in Hong Kong, SPASE is now live and invites institutions to explore its capabilities for assessing Scope 3 emissions exposure in trade finance.

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Plotio Financial Group recently received the “Outstanding Sustainable Enterprise Award” in recognition of its ESG performance. Driven by sustainability as a core value, the group has digitalised access to information through the “Plotio APP”, a cloud-based platform that supports efficient information sharing and helps integrate carbon reduction into daily workflows. Furthermore, Plotio has enhanced stakeholder awareness through cross-departmental eco-activities. During the first half of the year, these included a visit to the “kNOw Carbon House” and ongoing support for WWF’s “Earth Hour”. Looking ahead, the group will continue working with environmental organisations to support a low-carbon and sustainable future.

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Swire Coca-Cola HK was awarded the Silver Designation of the UL2799 Zero Waste to Landfill certification at the end of last year, becoming the first food and beverage company in Hong Kong to receive this recognition. The company successfully diverted 92% of Shatin Plant’s waste from landfill. To further cultivate the value of “Zero Waste to Landfill” internally, in June, Swire Coca-Cola HK collaborated with a local social enterprise and mobilised over 700 staff members in repurposing unused Swire Coca-Cola HK uniforms into upcycled bracelets, which will be given to visitors of Coca-Cola Museum Tours and donated to community partners, spreading the spirit of turning waste into treasure to the public.



To celebrate World Environment Day 2026 under the theme “Climate Action,” **Tradeport Hong Kong** partnered with fellow BEC Member Friends of the Earth to raise climate awareness and promote low-carbon lifestyles. The event inspired participants to recognise their role in creating a more sustainable future through simple everyday actions. A highlight was the “Turn Trash into Treasure” bracelet, featuring beads made from upcycled fruit peels by underprivileged young mothers, combining environmental innovation with social empowerment. Participants also explored eco-friendly products such as washable lint rollers and biodegradable corn-based pens, demonstrating how sustainable choices can be easily incorporated into daily life to reduce environmental impact.



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- **Belt and Road Summit 2026** | HKSAR Government & HKTDC | 9-10 Sep
- **Climate Adaptation & Resilience Conference 2026** | Division of Environment and Sustainability, Institute for the Environment, Institute for Advanced Study Atmospheric Research Centre, and Green Finance Research Project of HKUST | 8-10 Oct
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