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BEC ENVIROSERIES CONFERENCE MAY 2025

BEC hosted its flagship event EnviroSeries Conference with the theme “Powering Green Growth: Accelerating and Financing Green Tech Innovation and Adoption in Hong Kong” at Cordis Hotel, Hong Kong on 27 May. The Conference was held in hybrid mode, attracting over 800 participants, both in-person and online, including government representatives, business leaders, entrepreneurs, industry experts, academics and other interested participants from Hong Kong and abroad.

In his opening address, Mr Kevin O’Brien, Chairman of BEC, remarked, “The theme of this conference is timely and essential. As a global financial hub and gateway to Asia, Hong Kong is uniquely positioned to lead the change in driving innovation at the intersection of technology, finance, and sustainability. The city possesses robust financial infrastructure and expertise to provide the perfect environment for fostering green technology initiatives that can have a profound impact locally and regionally, leading the region towards sustainability.”



The Conference featured four inspiring sessions, namely “Mobilising Capital for Green Tech Innovation”, “Tech-Driven Business Innovation: Resilient and Greener Operations”, “Green City and Smart Growth: Sustainable Development through Technology”, and “Climate Resilience: Artificial Intelligence and Big Data in Risk Forecasting and Adaptation”. The programme equipped attendees with knowledge on how Hong Kong can leverage its financial hub capacity to nurture green technologies, adopt innovative solutions to support business and sustainable urban development, and utilise artificial intelligence and big data to improve climate risk frameworks, ultimately accelerating net-zero actions.



The Conference also included an exhibition area, where participants could explore booths from various companies showcasing innovative green technology solutions. This exhibition highlighted best practices and advancements that support Hong Kong's climate goals. Attendees were pleased to visit these booths to discover new tools and strategies for enhancing their sustainability efforts.

Mr Simon Ng, Chief Executive Officer of BEC, said, “Our heartfelt gratitude goes to all speakers, panellists, moderators, sponsors and supporting organisations for their expertise and unwavering support of this Conference and Hong Kong’s net-zero ambitions. Moving forward, BEC will continue to foster collaboration with our members and the business sector to pave the way for a net-zero future for our city.”

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BEC's WeChat service account has officially been launched! Click [HERE](#) to follow our page to stay updated on our latest environmental news, cutting-edge ideas, and promotional efforts. We look forward to collaborating with you on the journey toward sustainability!

BEC x HKSTP GreenTech Connect



BEC and Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation ("HKSTP") successfully co-hosted the "BEC x HKSTP GreenTech Connect" at InnoCentre on 29 April. We were pleased to have Mr Albert Wong, CEO of airDefender International Company Limited; Ms Rebecca Ho, Senior Business Development Manager of Nano and Advanced Materials Institute; and Mr Howard Chong, Business Development Specialist of AEL (International Holdings) Limited, as our speakers to share their GreenTech solutions and services, while exchanging their experience and best practices with the participants.

Representative of HKSTP, Mr Angus Chan, Senior Manager of Greentech, articulated the greentech ecosystem development and guided attendees on a tour of the new Green Space – a designated area to showcase the innovative GreenTech solutions of greentech park companies.

BEC Leadership Networking Series: Circular Economy in FMCG

BEC Leadership Networking Series: Circular Economy in FMCG was held at BEC Auditorium on 13 May. Mr Sebastien Pivet, Chief Sustainability Officer and QA Director of AS Watson Group; Ms Judy Ho, Sustainability Manager of Swire Coca-Cola HK; and Ms Venisa Chu, Regional Sustainability Director of APAC of L'OCCITANE Group, shared great insights into innovative strategies for integrating sustainability into the FMCG sector, highlighting the importance of sustainable sourcing, enhancing supply chain transparency and the adoption of circular economy principles to drive environmental and economic benefits.



The event fostered dynamic discussions among participants, emphasising the critical role of partnerships and innovative thinking in driving the FMCG sector towards a more sustainable future. Attendees left inspired and equipped with actionable strategies to implement in their own organisations.

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Exploring Renewable Diesel Opportunities in Hong Kong as Transitional Fuel for Decarbonisation



BEC is pleased to host the “Exploring Renewable Diesel Opportunities in Hong Kong as Transitional Fuel for Decarbonisation” event on 29 May at BEC Auditorium, unveiling our latest research findings on biodiesel and renewable diesel in Hong Kong. Acknowledging the rising potential of renewable diesel and biodiesel for decarbonisation, the research delved deep into the demand-side landscape for these alternatives. It revealed significant corporate interest in renewable diesel as a viable option to decarbonise hard-to-abate sectors. The study also identified major challenges in scaling the use of such fuels and proposed actionable recommendations to enhance their adoption.

Besides presenting research insights, the event featured sharing sessions and a panel discussion, where industry experts and corporate users shared their experiences with biodiesel and renewable diesel, as well as discussed strategies to drive adoption in Hong Kong.

[Read the full report here](#)

BEC IN THE SPOTLIGHT

BEC Opinion Article on *Master Insight*

An opinion article on the importance of producer responsibility scheme in Hong Kong and relevant policy recommendations written by BEC Head – Policy & Research Mr Merlin Lao and Officer – Policy & Research Miss Yancy Qiu was published on [Master Insight](#) on 15 May.

BEC Opinion Article on *Capital*

An opinion article on packaging reduction as a key strategy for decarbonisation written by BEC CEO Mr Simon Ng was published on [Capital](#) on 23 May.

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 Carbon Offsetting and Net Zero Target](#)



26 June

[Intensive Training on Indoor Mould Inspection and Management](#)



3 July

[Incorporating ESG in Procurement and Supply Chain Management](#)



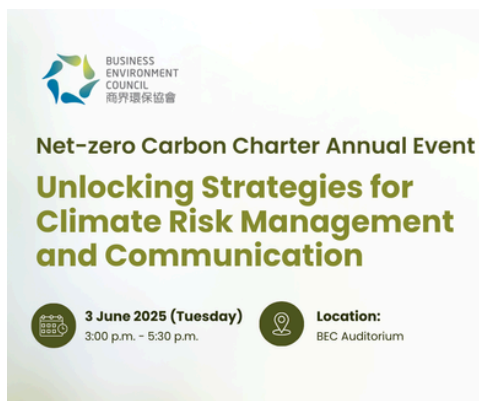
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UPCOMING EVENTS

BEC Net-zero Carbon Charter Annual Event: Unlocking Strategies for Climate Risk Management and Communication

3 June



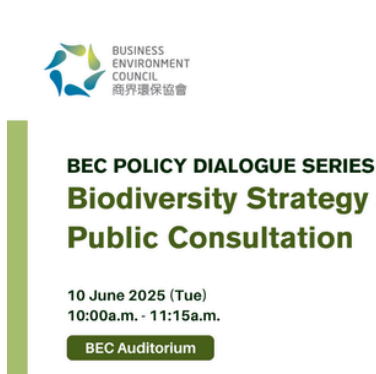
Join us at BEC Net-zero Carbon Charter Annual Event: Unlocking Strategies for Climate Risk Management and Communication on 3 June! This key event highlights the Charter's progress and features insights from the Charter Impact Annual Questionnaire, showcasing local decarbonisation trends and advancements towards net-zero goals.

Through a series of presentations and dynamic panel discussions, the event will explore the critical role of climate risk management and effective communication in driving climate action. Attendees will learn how corporations are utilising various standards and scenario analysis, while gaining insights into the challenges faced by companies in implementing climate strategies. The discussion will also highlight the potential for collaboration between large corporations and SMEs to strengthen resilience. Furthermore, findings from our Climate Change Business Forum Advisory Group's study on climate communication will be shared to foster collaboration, inspire practical decarbonisation strategies, and advance collective efforts towards a sustainable economy.

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BEC Policy Dialogue Series: Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan Public Consultation

10 June



The Government is currently updating Hong Kong's Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan ("BSAP"), following its first phase of the BSAP from 2016 – 2021 to guide Hong Kong's overarching city-level biodiversity and nature conservation strategy for the next ten years, in alignment with conservation efforts in the Greater Bay Area, the China National Biodiversity Conservation Strategy and Action Plan (2023-2030), and internationally. BEC will be hosting a dialogue session with the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department ("AFCD") within its two-month public consultation window from 12 May to 11 July to gather views and feedback from the business community.

BEC is pleased to have Mr Simon Chan, Assistant Director (Conservation) of AFCD, to join this dialogue and discuss the updated BSAP and actions to strengthen nature and biodiversity conservation in Hong Kong for the next decade.

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Mark your calendar for **11-12 September** as we return for the sixth edition of Hong Kong's flagship event for sustainable business held at **Hall 1, HKCEC**.

Don't miss out! Super Early-Bird passes end on 3 June. Take advantage of this limited opportunity to secure your **2-day full access pass for just HK\$619***. Group booking options are also available, making it easier for teams to participate in this essential event of the year.

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Airport Authority Hong Kong ("AAHK") received the Gold Award of the Airports Council International's Green Airports Recognition 2025 award scheme, in the "over 38 million passengers per annum" category, for the Hong Kong International Airport ("HKIA") Renewable Diesel ("RD") Pilot. In April 2024, AAHK launched the RD Pilot in collaboration with fellow BEC Members Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals Limited and Shell Hong Kong Limited, making HKIA the first airport in Asia to adopt RD on ground services equipment ("GSE"). Compared to petroleum diesel, RD enables greenhouse gas emissions reduction by up to 87%. The pilot has encouraged broader adoption of RD within the airport community, with eight other airport business partners now adopting or planning to adopt RD in their GSE fleet.



Chinachem Group ("CCG") secured an HK\$8 billion syndicated loan facility, marking its first syndicated loan and setting a new benchmark for sustainable finance in Asia. As the region's inaugural loan blending green, social, and sustainability-linked components, it was oversubscribed by over 2.5 times by 12 leading international, regional, and local banks, indicating strong confidence in CCG's solid financial position and governance amid cautious market conditions. This financing not only strengthens CCG's liquidity, enabling continued investment, growth, and sustainable value creation, but its innovative structure also positions CCG as a leader in responsible development, showcasing how financial instruments can be aligned with sustainable urban transformation.

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CLP recently celebrated the grand opening of its new headquarters located in the site of the former Kai Tak airport. The building, one of the city's greenest, houses around 1,000 people and showcases CLP's commitment to sustainability. The use of highly efficient water fixtures reduces indoor water use by more than 50% compared to the baseline of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design ("LEED"). Environmental materials including high-performance glazing and carbon-negative carpets made with recycled materials are used, contributing to a 25% reduction in carbon emissions compared to EMSD standards. The building has been provisionally accredited with platinum-level environmental certifications including LEED, the WELL Building Standard, and BEAM Plus.

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Hang Lung Properties has recently launched two significant publications that demonstrate its commitment to sustainability. Besides the Sustainability Report 2024, the publication titled "Our Journey to Net Zero: Scenarios and Actions to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2050" offers an innovative, in-depth analysis of the company's potential path to net zero emissions, serving as a benchmark for the real estate sector. Together, these documents highlight Hang Lung's leadership in sustainability and showcase its efforts to become a global leader in sustainable real estate.

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Henderson Land has signed a HK\$5-billion bilateral multi-tranche sustainability-linked loan and social loan with fellow BEC Member DBS Bank, driving a sustainable and inclusive Hong Kong. This partnership strengthens the company's ESG initiatives, supporting more green building certification, safer construction workplaces, and community projects like Transitional Housing and Community Living Rooms.



HK Electric is committed to environmental conservation and actively works to preserve biodiversity. On 10 April 2025, its Managing Director Francis C.Y. Cheng and the Government's Under Secretary for Environment and Ecology Diane Wong joined about 100 stakeholders in planting 135 trees and shrubs at Lamma Power Station, commemorating the company's 135th anniversary while fostering community engagement in the pursuit of carbon neutrality. The selected species are all native seedlings, which not only enhance the biodiversity on Lamma Island but also serve as a natural carbon sink to help offset carbon emissions. The event also marked the launch of the company's Happy Green Campaign 2025, which will feature various activities under the theme "Be Chill, Be Carbon Neutral" to promote a low-carbon lifestyle.

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Sun Hung Kai Properties Limited ("SHKP") is dedicated to enhancing the sustainability performance of its buildings through retrofitting, upgrades, and innovation. To this end, the ICC has recently become the first building in Asia to achieve Platinum certification under the latest LEED v5.0 Operations and Maintenance: Existing Buildings by the U.S. Green Building Council ("USGBC"), accomplishing another milestone in green building certifications. ICC also achieved the highest score of 91 among seven certified buildings worldwide, highlighting SHKP's commitment to sustainable building practices and property management excellence.

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Swire Properties' development Two Taikoo Place has been recognised as one of the most environmentally-friendly buildings in the world under the USGBC North Asia's newly launched LEED 2024 Campaign: Frontiers programme. It is the only project in Hong Kong to have been recognised as a Sustainable Frontier in 2024. Two Taikoo Place has achieved Platinum ratings for LEED, WELL and BEAM Plus. It is also among the first buildings in the city to achieve WiredScore and SmartScore platinum ratings in recognition of its best-in-class smart infrastructure and advanced connectivity. Swire Properties will continue to partner with dedicated organisations to push the boundaries of sustainability in 2025 and beyond.

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Towngas has once again been included in the S&P Global Sustainability Yearbook (China Edition) 2025 and ranked in the top 1% of Chinese companies in the gas utilities industry for the Corporate Sustainability Assessment, marking its third consecutive year of receiving this recognition. Selected from over 1,600 major companies, this recognition highlights Towngas' continued leadership in green low-carbon transformation, with significant advancements in green methanol, hydrogen, and sustainable aviation fuel for sea, land, and air transport. Towngas also remains at the forefront of smart energy solutions, driving sustainable development across Hong Kong and the Chinese mainland.

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ATAL volunteers have shown their care for nature at Planting Day 2025, an event organised by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department and a local NGO through the Construction Industry Sports & Volunteering Programme to promote environmental stewardship and tree preservation. Held at Pak Sha Wan Peninsula in Ma On Shan, ATAL brought together 19 participants, including staff and their families, for a meaningful day of planting trees and supporting sustainability. Together, the volunteers planted new life in the soil, contributing to a greener future within Hong Kong's country parks.

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Hactl celebrated its terminal tenants' efforts in reducing carbon footprint at its first Green Terminal Pact ("GTP") Awards Ceremony in March. Introduced in 2024, the GTP is a pioneering sustainability-themed tenant programme within the Hong Kong International Airport community. GTP encourages tenants to reduce energy consumption and waste and increase recycling. Four tenants achieved the "Excellent" ratings, three tenants received "Good" grading, while eight other tenants received "Satisfactory" ratings. All awardees were given vouchers for purchases from local social enterprises. With the success of the programme, Hactl will continue to expand various sustainability initiatives to its tenants.

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Arup has announced a strategic partnership and investment in a Hong Kong-based startup specialising in designing and building end-to-end fast-charging solutions for electric vehicles (“EV”). Leveraging its market insights and regional network, Arup will support its partner to further develop comprehensive solutions for planning and implementing electric charging facilities. As part of Arup’s Ventures programme, this collaboration aims to create a seamless and efficient charging experience that will facilitate the widespread adoption of EVs, and accelerate the development of green transport in Hong Kong and beyond.

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An **SGS** representative was invited to speak at “TVB Green Forum 2025” and attend the launch ceremony for the “TVB Environment, Social and Governance Awards 2025”. The forum brought together green leaders to share valuable ESG knowledge and forward-looking insights, uniting greater corporate efforts toward a more sustainable Hong Kong. The Director of Business Assurance of SGS Hong Kong served as one of the panellists in the session “Cross-Industry Collaboration: Green Supply Chains and Financial Innovation”, sharing insights on implementing ESG values in the business environment. With over 30 years of experience as a sustainability leader and expertise in all major industries, SGS possesses a comprehensive understanding of the pain points of various sectors, technical expertise, and logistical capabilities across the globe to ensure realistic sustainability outcomes.

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Vegware Hong Kong has been named Outstanding Sustainable Corporate of the Year at HKCT Business Awards 2025. This recognition highlights the company’s commitment to advancing sustainability through certified compostable, plant-based packaging solutions. Judged by a panel of industry leaders and academics, the award reflects Vegware’s product innovation, client partnerships, as well as its active involvement in government, commercial, and community groups driving change across Hong Kong.

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WSP’s ETE Building Information Modelling (“BIM”) Solutions, an innovative suite of BIM programmes, has earned industry recognition at the HKIBIM BIM Automation Arena 2025 for its seamless integration and efficiency. Designed for structural, foundation, and civil engineering, it leverages Open Data from the Hong Kong government’s Common Spatial Data Infrastructure platform, enabling engineers to automate BIM model generation. ETE Structural and Foundation further enhances productivity by integrating with leading BIM software, ensuring streamlined design, calculation and drawing process, while delivering a precise and compliant workflow that reduces manual effort and drives engineering excellence.

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AAT has received the Outstanding Sustainable Enterprise Award (Non-Listed Companies) at the ESG Green Development and Carbon Neutrality Awards 2024. AAT stands out as the sole airfreight logistics service provider honoured with this award, recognising its dedication in integrating environmental, social, and governance principles across operations. As AAT continue to spearhead sustainability efforts, it remains steadfast in its mission to create long term value for stakeholders while contributing to a greener future. [Click here to learn more](#)



AS Watson's flagship health and beauty brand, Watsons, has expanded its initiative to offset over 4,000 tons of carbon dioxide emissions for every purchase of selected Sustainable Choice products. Initially launched in 2023 with seven product ranges, the initiative now includes 30 ranges across their O+O stores in various markets. The focus is on reforestation in Indonesia and afforestation in Mainland China, creating employment opportunities and promoting gender equity. Customers have positively received the initiative, with many inspired to live sustainably. This marks another milestone in Watsons' journey towards climate action, empowering customers to "Look Good. Do Good. Feel Great."



In late April, **Circular Economy Hong Kong** organised a workshop on circular economy for a leading network of social enterprises and impact ventures in Hong Kong. During the workshop, the participants were enthusiastic and eager to learn the basic principles of circular economy, which would allow them to demonstrate to their colleagues and clients the importance of operating businesses and engaging in daily activities based on such principles.



Cundall has recently published an article "The Retrofit Roadmap: From Incremental to Transformational" that featured the insights gained from the "Transform Forum", an event co-hosted with an international architecture firm, intended to disentangle the challenges and opportunities in accelerating retrofitting efforts within the built environment. The article discusses why the transition is slow and complex, the consequences of inaction, what a meaningful and project-specific roadmap looks like, how the industry can finance the transition, and what mindset shifts bridge the gap between ambition and action. [Click here to learn more](#)



The Kai Tak Sports Park, Hong Kong's largest sports infrastructure, features a 50,000-seat stadium, a 10,000-seat arena, and a 5,000-seat sports ground. **Delta Pyramax** supplies and supports the park's Monodraught Windcatcher systems incorporated for natural ventilation, enhancing airflow and thermal comfort, reducing energy consumption, and supporting green building objectives. Two Windcatcher X-air 170 Systems are installed on the South face pitched roof, while two Windcatcher X-air 140 Systems are installed on the North face flat roof. This sustainable design aligns with Hong Kong's low-carbon vision, setting a benchmark for sustainability in large-scale public infrastructure. [Click here to learn more](#)



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Dress Green has recently received the Deignan Award (Bronze) and BDA Brand Award 2025's Best Sustainability Brand award, recognising its innovative approach to ethical fashion. These accolades validate the company's dual commitment to environmental leadership and social inclusion through design. The Deignan Award celebrates Dress Green's ethical business model, which integrates marginalised communities into creative upcycling processes. Meanwhile, the BDA award acknowledges the company's circular design innovations that redefine sustainable fashion standards. Together, these awards affirm Dress Green's vision of design as a force for positive change—where ecological responsibility and social empowerment intersect. These distinctions inspire Dress Green to continue pioneering solutions that transform industry norms while creating meaningful opportunities for all participants within its sustainable ecosystem.



Wharf Estates has secured LEED Platinum certification (v4.1 O&M: Existing Buildings) from the USGBC for eight office towers at its flagship Harbour City property with a certified area of 4.3 million square feet in total. The certified buildings include all five towers of The Gateway, Wharf T&T Centre and World Finance Centre (South & North Tower). This recognition demonstrates the company's ongoing commitment to sustainability and high-performance, eco-conscious workplaces.

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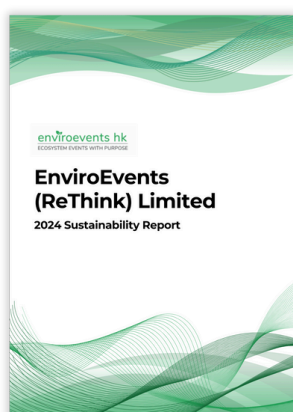
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• Hang Lung Properties



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- **Global AI Challenge for Building E&M Facilities 2025** | Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, Guangdong Provincial Association for Science and Technology | Feb – Aug 2025
- **Green Building Award 2025** | Hong Kong Green Building Council, Professional Green Building Council | 13 Mar – 13 Nov
- **The 3rd Greater Bay Area ESG & Sustainability Exhibition** | Coastal International Conference & Exhibition Co., Ltd. | 20-22 Jun
- **Outstanding ESG Enterprises Recognition Scheme 2025** | Sing Tao News Corporation, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University | Now until 31 Aug
- **Hong Kong Green Finance Association 2025 Annual Forum** | Hong Kong Green Finance Association | 8 Sep 2025
- **"My Green Space" Student Competition 2024-2025** | HKGBC | Sep 2024 – Oct 2025
- **Green Procurement Sharing** | iRecycle Charity Foundation | Jan – Dec 2025

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