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BEC ENVIROSERIES CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 2023

BEC held its flagship event BEC EnviroSeries Conference with the theme “Financing Climate Transition and Delivering Net-zero Innovations for Hong Kong” at Cordis Hotel, Hong Kong on 23 November. The Conference was held in hybrid mode, attracting over 800 in-person and online participants including government representatives, business leaders, entrepreneurs, industry experts, academics and other interested participants from Hong Kong and abroad.





Mr Kevin O'Brien, Chairman of BEC, said, "The net-zero transition must happen at all levels from national to local governments, financial markets, the private sector and individuals. While more responsible companies are setting and validating science-aligned targets and action plans, adequate financing and innovative climate solutions are instrumental to a smooth implementation of these ambitious plans."



The Conference were divided into four inspiring sessions, namely, "Financing Transition with Credible Frameworks and Instruments", "Reducing Scope 3 Emissions with Practical Approaches", "Attracting Finance with Robust Corporate Climate Transition Plans", and "Delivering and Replicating Climate Innovation in Real Economy". The programme facilitated exchange between participants in the financial markets and the real economy sectors.



Mr Simon Ng, Chief Executive Officer of BEC, said, "In support of Hong Kong's 2050 carbon neutrality pledge, BEC will continue to partner with our members and the business sector to accelerate the city's net-zero transition through knowledge and best practices sharing. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all speakers, panellists, moderators, sponsors and supporting organisations for making this Conference a great success."

BEC Policy Dialogue Series: The Chief Executive's 2023 Policy Address

BEC was honoured to host Miss Diane Wong, Under Secretary for Environment and Ecology as the guest of honour at our Policy Dialogue Series on 10 November. Miss Wong joined BEC Members and Board Directors for a discussion on the latest development of environmental related policies and city-wide decarbonisation action plan as set out in the Chief Executive's 2023 Policy Address.

In early November, BEC released a Statement of Support to the Policy Initiatives of the Environment and Ecology Bureau under the Chief Executive's 2023 Policy Address. We welcome the policy directions of the latest Policy Address, which leverages the establishment of the Office of Climate Change and Carbon Neutrality in support of Hong Kong's carbon neutrality goal. With environmental protection, amendments on Buildings Energy Efficiency Ordinance, scaling up capacity in coping with extreme weather etc., being covered, the Policy Address would pave the way for more sustainable developments for the betterment of Hong Kong in the long term.

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BEC Leadership Networking Series: Role of Digitalisation in Achieving Net Zero

Digitalisation has become a key driver of sustainability efforts, revolutionising industries and enabling transformative change in today's world.

BEC invited Mr Jens-Peter Brauner from Siemens Mobility Hong Kong, Mrs Jing Lei from PALO IT, and Mr Henry Poon from WCL Solution Limited to our Leadership Networking Series on 3 November to explore the "Role of Digitalisation in Achieving Net Zero". The speakers shared their valuable insights into leveraging digital technologies and innovative solutions to optimise energy consumption and foster sustainable practices.



BEC's Submission on Air Quality Objectives Review 2030

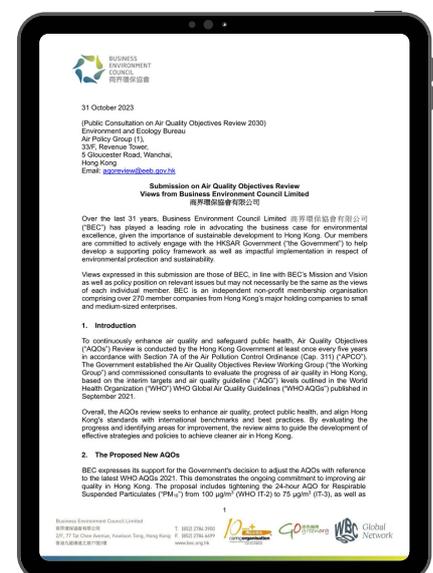
BEC has submitted its response to the Air Quality Objectives Review 2030 conducted by the HKSAR Government. In the submission, we shared our perspectives and offered additional suggestions regarding the proposed new AQOs and the Government's Air Quality Management Strategy.

Some of the areas we have addressed include:

- Controlling the increase in ozone levels;
- Regulating emissions from non-road mobile machinery;
- Addressing the challenges associated with roadside air pollution;
- Combating marine fuel emissions; and
- Assessing the health risks and impacts of air pollution.

BEC believes that establishing a long-term air quality management goal that aligns with the Air Quality Guidelines set by the World Health Organisation is a priority because of its considerable significance for the well-being of the public and the business sector.

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BEC Supports Launch of “Green in Prop+Con” Platform

BEC is pleased to support the launch of “Green in Prop+Con”, a platform created by Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation to support corporate partners from the construction and real estate sectors in executing ESG related initiatives more easily and effectively. Our CEO Mr Simon Ng was invited to attend the kick-off ceremony on 7 November and share his insights on ESG in the panel discussion “Joining Force for a Sustainable Future, Today!”. Green tech companies and entrepreneurs were encouraged to take part in this meaningful initiative and submit solutions to help the industry tackle ESG challenges.



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Protecting Biodiversity for a Sustainable Future

Biodiversity, which refers to the variety and variability of life on Earth, is facing unprecedented threats due to human activities. As the urgency to protect biodiversity grows, the integration of environmental, social, and governance (“ESG”) principles has become a crucial tool in this aspect. Undoubtedly, ESG does play a vital role in preserving and restoring biodiversity.

Before we explore how ESG can help protecting biodiversity, let’s first understand what biodiversity loss means. Biodiversity loss refers to the ongoing decline in the variety and abundance of plant and animal species. Human activities such as habitat destruction, pollution, and overexploitation of natural resources have accelerated this loss, leading to an ecological imbalance with far-reaching consequences. Protecting biodiversity is essential as it underpins ecosystem stability and supports human well-being.

The “E” in ESG stands for environmental factors, and biodiversity conservation is definitely a central aspect of this pillar. Companies embracing ESG principles recognise the need to minimise their impact on biodiversity and take proactive steps to preserve and restore ecosystems. By adopting sustainable practices, such as reducing deforestation, implementing responsible land use, and supporting conservation initiatives, businesses can contribute to the protection of biodiversity and the preservation of vital habitats.

The “S” in ESG encompasses social considerations. Engaging with local communities, indigenous people, and stakeholders is essential for successful conservation efforts. By respecting traditional knowledge, supporting local livelihoods, and involving communities in decision-making processes, companies can ensure that biodiversity

conservation initiatives are inclusive and sustainable. This approach not only helps protect biodiversity but also enhances social well-being and promotes environmental justice.

The “G” in ESG represents governance. Companies should incorporate biodiversity considerations into their decision-making processes. Effective governance frameworks promote transparency and responsible behaviour. By integrating biodiversity concerns into corporate strategies, setting clear goals, and establishing robust monitoring and reporting mechanisms, companies can demonstrate their commitment to biodiversity conservation.

Increasingly, investors recognise that biodiversity conservation is not only an ethical imperative but also a sound business strategy. Companies that prioritise biodiversity protection and sustainable practices are more likely to attract investment and achieve long-term profitability. By incorporating biodiversity considerations into investment decisions, ESG investors support projects and companies that contribute to biodiversity conservation and drive positive change.

Conserving biodiversity requires collaboration among multiple stakeholders, including governments, businesses, non-profit organisations, and local communities. ESG principles provide a common language and framework for different parties to work together towards shared goals. Partnerships and collaborations that leverage the expertise and resources of different sectors can lead to innovative solutions and impactful conservation initiatives. By fostering dialogue and collaboration, ESG-driven approaches can certainly accelerate biodiversity conservation efforts for our sustainable future.

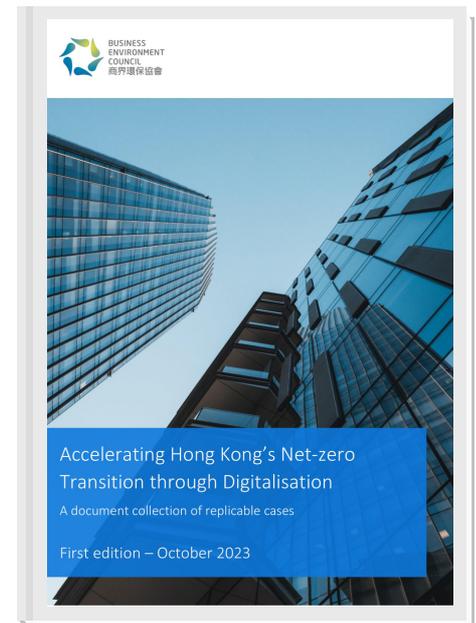
RECENT PUBLICATION

Accelerating Hong Kong's Net-zero Transition through Digitalisation - A Document Collection of Replicable Cases

In Hong Kong's Climate Action Plan 2050, the HKSAR Government highlights four key pillars to facilitate decarbonisation, namely net-zero electricity generation, energy saving and green buildings, green transport, and waste reduction. Adopting digital solutions can play an important role in supporting emissions reduction across these pillars.

Under the guidance of BEC's Taskforce on Digitalisation, we are pleased to share the release of the first edition of a new publication, named "Accelerating Hong Kong's Net-zero Transition through Digitalisation – A Document Collection of Replicable Cases", which aims to foster knowledge sharing and drive greater adoption and implementation of existing under-utilised digital solutions in Hong Kong. Featuring five initial business cases, BEC intends to keep adding more cases to this publication, which will serve as a live document to showcase replicable cases.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Science in the Public Service 2 December

BEC is a long-standing collaborating organisation of Science in the Public Service ("SIPS"), a joint campaign by government bureaux and departments, as well as other organisations to promote their scientific work and application of technology to the provision of services for the general public.

In December, our Head – Policy & Research Mr Merlin Lao will give a talk under the SIPS campaign on the topic of "From Data to Action: Achieving Carbon Neutrality through Digitalisation". Mr Lao will share with the audience the potentials of digital transformation on creating a greener and more sustainable Hong Kong.

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BEC Seasonal Cocktail 14 December

Join us at the BEC Seasonal Cocktail 2023 at our Exhibition Hall on 14 December. Aside from being an occasion for celebrating the festive period with our friends, the Seasonal Cocktail is also the best moment before year end for the BEC team to personally thank our members and partners in the Government, the business sector and the broader community – whose support has been critical to the success of BEC's work in promoting environmental excellence and sustainability throughout the year.

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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:

[Insights and Applications on Life Cycle Assessment](#)



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[ESG Bridging Programme for Graduates](#)

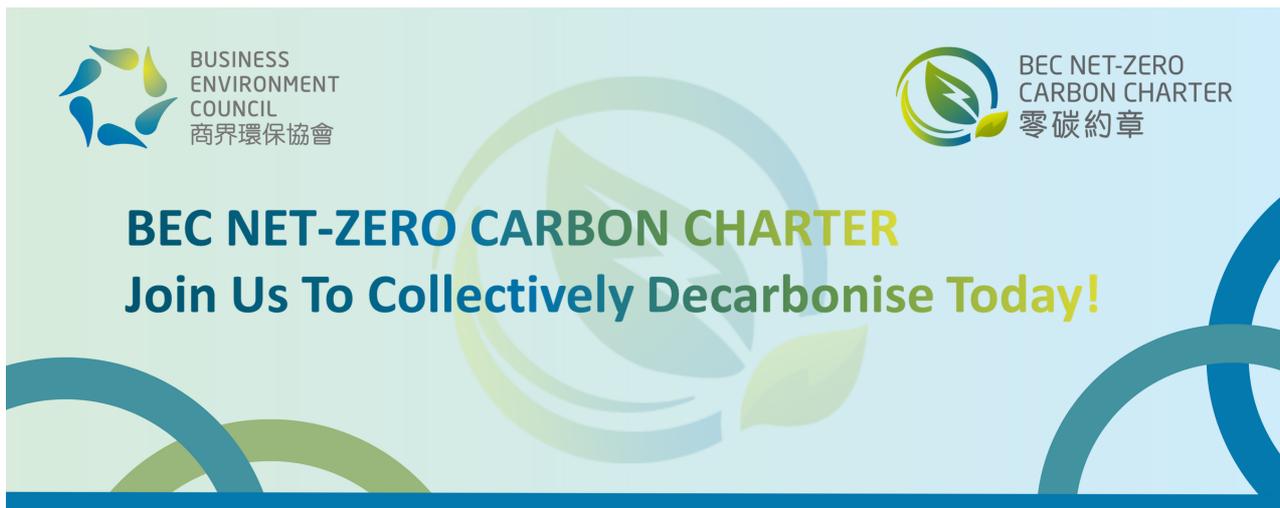


13,20,27 January

[Introduction to Circular Economy](#)



18 January



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Airport Authority Hong Kong’s (“AAHK”) sustainability performance in relation to the design and construction of the Third Runway and associated works has been commended with the Whole Team Award and the top rating of “Excellent” under the Civil Engineering Environmental Quality Assessment and Award Scheme (BREEAM Infrastructure, formerly CEEQUAL). The award was presented to AAHK at the BRE China Awards ceremony held on 30 October. The award recognised the way in which AAHK has sought to balance development with sustainability while implementing the Three-runway System (“3RS”) project. AAHK was also praised for going beyond regulatory requirements by establishing a Green Airport Design Strategy to drive environmental best practices and innovative solutions in the design and implementation of the 3RS project.

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The **Chinachem Group** Sustainability Conference 2023, centred around the theme “Pioneering an Inclusive Net-Zero Future for Hong Kong”, concluded successfully on 13 November. Drawing an impressive attendance of 2,600 participants, both online and offline, the conference experienced a remarkable 50% increase compared to the previous year. Distinguished speakers representing diverse sectors such as government, academia, architecture, technology, gerontology, and finance, along with professional bodies, graced the event and shared their invaluable insights. The inclusion of young voices was a focal point of the conference. Two passionate environmental advocates took the stage, sharing their perspectives on how intergenerational exchange of knowledge could transform ideas into tangible actions within our rapidly evolving world. For those who missed the event, a playback will soon be made available online.

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In November, **CLP Power Hong Kong Limited (“CLP Power”)** has won three top honours at the International Data Corporation (“IDC”) Future Enterprise Awards 2023 for its Advanced Metering Infrastructure (“AMI”) System, which encourages energy saving and low-carbon lifestyles by giving customers hourly electricity consumption data and enhances work efficiency by automating business operations with cloud technology. The system reflects CLP Power’s commitment to digital transformation and won the Best in Future of Connectedness awards for both Hong Kong and the Asia Pacific region, and the Special Award for Sustainability for Hong Kong.

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Hang Lung Properties recently conducted a waste audit across six properties in Hong Kong, including shopping malls, office towers, and residential and serviced apartments. The audit involved a baseline waste survey and an analysis of municipal solid waste generated in different areas. The findings have led to valuable recommendations to improve waste reduction, diversion, and recycling efforts, incorporating best practices from the government and the industry. This initiative showcases Hang Lung’s commitment to diverting 90% of operational waste from landfills by 2030. The company aims to optimise waste management practices to achieve cost savings through the upcoming Municipal Solid Waste (“MSW”) Charging Scheme, while also minimising environmental impact and advancing sustainability across its properties.

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The world’s oceans are a precious resource, and it is imperative that **Henderson Land** takes steps to safeguard our marine environment for a sustainable future. To raise awareness of marine conservation, its volunteer team joined hands with fellow BEC member WWF-Hong Kong, inviting members of a chain of not-for-profit convenience stores and their families on an eco-tour to Hoi Ha Wan Marine Park. During the visit, participants embarked on a glass-bottom boat, giving them the front-row seat to the park’s rich diversity of corals and marine life. Moreover, they had a chance to dive into the fascinating world of plankton and learn about their distinctive features through the use of stereomicroscopes. The activity was filled with joy and discovery, and everyone had a blast.



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Hysan Development Company Limited is delighted to announce its Hysan Place and Lee Garden One have received the “Zero-Carbon Ready Building” certificate from the HKGBC Zero-Carbon-Ready Building Certification Scheme. In full support of the Hong Kong SAR and Chinese Governments’ carbon neutrality plan by 2050 and 2060, Hysan proactively explores opportunities to decarbonise its building carbon footprint by reducing demand-side energy consumption and adopting new techniques in the way of designing, developing and operating its efficient portfolio. As a leading local property developer, Hysan is dedicated to creating a greener, net-zero future for all. Through embedding climate resilience and action into property development and management practices, Hysan continues to strive for responsibility and accountability in our quest towards a greener future, enabling us to overcome challenges for the years to come.



Kerry Properties Limited has embarked on a pilot Green Lease Programme, which commenced in the third quarter of 2023. This pioneering programme, one of the first of its kind in Hong Kong, is designed to incentivise the group’s commercial tenants to optimise their energy use and minimise their carbon footprint within their operations, particularly on reducing Scope 3 carbon emissions. The Green Lease Programme operates through an in-depth collaboration with the group’s office tenant at Enterprise Square Five. As part of the programme, energy meters are installed in participating leased premises to monitor energy usage and efficiency, which includes air-conditioning and water consumption. Tenants who successfully reduce their energy consumption will be offered monetary incentives. The Green Lease Programme has met with affirmative support and positive feedback from the tenant since its inception.

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Link Sustainability Lab, the not-for-profit educational and collaborative platform in the local community dedicated to making sustainability Accessible, Actionable, and Achievable for all, has recently been honoured several awards for its achievements in promoting sustainability. Among all, it won the Corporate Social Responsibility Project of the Year at the RICS Hong Kong Awards 2023, as well as the ESG Project Innovation Award at the TVB ESG Awards 2023. Since its launch in April 2023, it has garnered significant positive feedback with 144,000 visitors and 107 workshop sessions held so far. An exciting new theme on social inclusion has been rolled out in late November. All are welcome to visit.

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Modern Terminals has recently launched a trial programme of hydrotreated vegetable oil (“HVO”) at Terminal 9 (South), becoming the first company in Hong Kong to deploy this renewable diesel. HVO significantly reduces the greenhouse gas emissions throughout the entire fuel lifecycle from its production to combustion, and the company is looking at HVO to reduce carbon emissions by up to 87% when compared to using conventional fossil fuels. To thoroughly test the greener fuel across Modern Terminals’ operations, HVO has been used in three types of equipment including rubber-tyred gantry (“RTG”) crane, reach stacker and empty stacker.

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At **Schneider Electric's** recently concluded Innovation Summit Hong Kong 2023, for which BEC is a Strategic Partner, over 780 sustainability experts, business leaders, customers and partners graced their presence at the company's flagship event. With discussions spanning Hong Kong as a green tech and innovation hub, to sustainability benchmarks for building performance and efficiency, and to PropTech in facilities management, the event represented a day of learning and inspiration on technological innovations, digitisation, and cross-sectoral collaboration needed to accelerate businesses' digital and sustainable transformation.

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Swire Properties celebrated the milestone of recognising over 100 F&B tenants in its Green Kitchen Initiative throughout portfolios in Hong Kong and the Chinese Mainland. Furthermore, Cityplaza's food court has incorporated recommendations from the Green Kitchen Technical Guidelines in its 9 outlets and become the first food court to be recognised with the Green Kitchen Award. Launched in 2017, the Green Kitchen Initiative serves as a platform for portfolio and tenant teams to discuss and incorporate sustainability at the design stage, well before fit-out or renovation projects commence. The scheme's objectives include enhancing energy and water use efficiency, improving kitchen air quality, and promoting resource recycling.

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Towngas ranked first in four CUHK Business Sustainability Indices ("BSI"), compiled by the Centre for Business Sustainability of the CUHK Business School. These indices include the inaugural edition of Global BSI (Asia Pacific), and the company maintained the top positions in three other indices, namely the Greater China BSI (for three consecutive years), the Greater Bay Area BSI (for four consecutive years), and the Hong Kong BSI (for five consecutive years). In the future, Towngas remains committed to incorporating ESG elements into its various development strategies. It will actively collaborate with stakeholders to drive the energy transition and ensure a "just transition", pursuing a low-carbon economy in a fair and equitable manner.

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ATAL's parent company has recently achieved the "Outstanding ESG Awards (Listed Company) – Platinum Award" and "Criteria set by Funds Manager – Distinguished ESG Company – Merit Award" at the ESG Achievement Awards 2022/2023. ATAL's in-house developed, mobile and all-in-one innovative solution for water and wastewater treatment, "AMSFS III x AlgoWater", also won the "ESG Innovative Project Award – Merit Award". The accolades testified to ATAL's long-term commitment to integrating sustainability into the group's businesses and operations, while reflecting on the advancement of its in-house research and development capabilities.



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Compass Group HK celebrated World Food Day with zero food waste initiatives, educational awareness, and sustainable delights. The group launched zero food waste dishes, hosted panel discussions, and offered a zero-waste cooking class featuring banana peel biscuits at its client's canteens and offices. Educational posters were displayed to raise awareness about reducing food and water waste. In line with its commitment to sustainability, Compass Group HK implemented Leanpath, a food waste analysis tool, with a goal to reduce 50% food waste by 2030. Currently, 22 units with this system are actively working towards waste reduction. The group's Leanpath implementation aims to minimise waste, optimise operations, and contribute to a greener future.

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The Great Eagle Group is providing sponsorship to a voluntary carbon credit standard organisation and registry for Asia in the amount of HK\$2 million to support the development of a voluntary carbon market in Asia. The group is delighted to continue advancing its sustainability efforts by supporting the organisation as it promotes robust carbon credit standards in Asia. This is an important step that provides businesses with more options to achieve net-zero goals over the long term and can further strengthen the evolving voluntary carbon market.

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Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals Limited has taken another step further in leading the way to a low-carbon economy and had its target for decarbonisation approved by the Science Based Targets initiative ("SBTi"). Hactl has now committed to reducing absolute scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions by 50.4% by 2030, from a 2018 baseline. The company also pledges to reduce absolute scope 3 GHG emissions from purchased goods and services, fuel- and energy-related activities waste generated in the timeframe. In 2022, Hactl achieved a 29.5% reduction in absolute scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions from a 2018 base year through a cascade of initiatives such as upgrading all eligible ground support equipment to be biodiesel compatible and advancing the use of energy-efficient lighting and HVAC systems. To achieve the strongest impact possible, the team will join forces with its suppliers and terminal tenants to further decarbonise scope 3 emissions.

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MTR is honoured to receive over 20 prestigious awards and accolades from renowned professional bodies and media, a testament to MTR's unwavering dedication to driving innovation and creating long-term value for its stakeholders and communities. Notable among these accolades are Distinction Award (Large Organisation Category), Excellence in Innovation, Excellence in Economic Sustainability Initiative and Excellence in Social Sustainability Initiative at the Hong Kong Sustainability Award 2023. MTR is also ranked the top 3 in the Business Sustainability Indices 2023. Since 2016, MTR has successfully raised over HK\$32 billion through sustainable finance arrangements. These funds have been instrumental in supporting impactful ESG projects focusing on energy conservation, environmental protection, and the expansion of low-carbon railway services. Looking ahead, MTR will remain steadfast in its commitment to embed ESG considerations into every aspect of its business and operations to promote sustainability and bring positive societal impact.

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ESG Reporting is constantly evolving and maturing, particularly with an increasing expectation on climate-related disclosures. In October, **PwC** released the seventh report on ESG Reporting study with the aim to help listed companies further understand and implement ESG concepts in their daily operations and management, and to achieve completeness and balance in their ESG disclosures. The 2023 report was an in-depth study of a total of 300 Hong Kong listed companies in 2022 that were selected from 12 industries according to the Hang Seng Industry Classification System.

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Vegware has joined the UN's Race to Zero Initiative, committing to reduce emissions in line with the Paris Agreement. The company is working on establishing parameters to measure its carbon baseline and implementing clear carbon management goals. Vegware aims to divert food waste from landfills through compostable packaging and promote soil health through composting. Soil health is critical for food security, agriculture and human health. The company will advocate for healthier soils, help clients minimise contamination, and do all it can to drive good quality organics recycling. In Hong Kong, Vegware also strives to achieve net-zero emissions by measuring the impact and creating a carbon management plan. The company aims to demonstrate its commitment to high standards in social and environmental performance, transparency, and accountability.

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Veolia Hong Kong, in partnership with fellow BEC member China State Construction (Hong Kong), has won a contract from the HKSAR Government to design, build and operate the West New Territories Landfill Extension ("WENTX") resource recovery project. WENTX is Veolia's largest asset of its kind in Hong Kong and will process waste for over 20 years. The project aims to capture up to 90% of generated methane, contributing to Hong Kong's goal of carbon neutrality by 2050. The site will operate on a circular economy model, using captured methane to generate onsite electricity. Additionally, rocks extracted from the site will be used for land development, reducing Hong Kong's reliance on imports.



Two **WSP**-engineered design-build-operate projects have won top accolades at the Institution of Civil Engineers ("ICE") Awards 2023, the prestigious award recognising outstanding civil engineering achievements and contributions. Tseung Kwan O Desalination Plant has earned the Edmund Hambly Medal for creative design for sustainable development; while O-PARK2 was awarded the Brunel Medal for offering low-carbon solutions in the built environment. WSP's deep involvement in both projects is a testament of how the company translates its Future Ready mindset and technical expertise into positive impacts to Hong Kong and beyond through innovative solutions and close collaborations with both public and private sectors.

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ASB Biodiesel (HK) Ltd. has successfully implemented a circular economy project with fellow BEC member Gammon Construction Limited and two other partners. The F&B business partner supplies used cooking oil (“UCO”) to ASB to produce biodiesel, before the fuel distribution partner blends and supplies the blended biodiesel (“B5”) to the Hong Kong market. Finally, Gammon uses B5 to fuel its construction plant, equipment, and machinery, reducing its carbon footprint. This project successfully repurposes waste base material into fuel, demonstrating how collaboration can overcome green developmental obstacles and create a more sustainable future.



Circular Economy (Hong Kong) was invited by an association promoting circular economy to conduct workshops on climate change and circular economy to the members and supporting organisations of a green group in early November. These workshops helped participants learn about the causes and consequences of climate change and how circular economy can help turn business models more profitable, while at the same time creating environmental and social benefits to reverse the effect of climate change.



Cundall Hong Kong celebrated its 15th Anniversary with a fabulous evening event on 16 November. The company is grateful that over 150 guests joined to celebrate the special occasion. Cundall created a short video to relive some of the Hong Kong office’s milestone achievements since 2007, showcasing how it has been pushing the industry’s boundaries and delivering excellence in design. To make a positive impact on the community like all its projects, Cundall has calculated the carbon emissions of the event with follow-up offsetting actions in the following few weeks. In the next 15 years, Cundall will continue to deliver innovative and sustainable solutions as the agents of change and continue to deliver on its commitments for Zero Carbon Design 2030.



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GF Technovation’s smart bins have revolutionised recycling at Community Green Stores in Tai Kok Tsui and Lo Tak Wai . With an innovative auto compaction feature, these intelligent bins optimise space and reduce collection frequency by compressing contents when fill levels reach 80%. Cloud-based data collection provides valuable statistics, reducing overflow risks and manpower needs. Younger generations are captivated by the bins, which foster environmental awareness. Visit the two abovementioned Community Green Stores to witness how these smart bins streamline recycling and encourage sustainable practices.



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New research from **GlobeScan** shows we are rapidly approaching a climate tipping point where it is likely that half of the global population will feel they are greatly personally affected by climate change. The proportion of people who feel greatly personally impacted has increased year on year since the start of tracking this metric in 2020, with over four in ten now saying they are greatly affected. The 5th annual Healthy & Sustainable Living study takes stock of the current state of consumer engagement on the healthy and sustainable living agenda and what we can expect going forward.



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The “GBA ESG Achievement Awards 2023” was successfully presented on 25 September. **Healthy Giant** is honoured to receive the “Outstanding Social Sustainable Awards”.

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The Harbour School and its Sustainability Lead have been recognised and awarded “The Distinction Award” and “The Distinguished Sustainability Leadership Award” in the Hong Kong Sustainability Award 2023, respectively, for their sustainability efforts in the small and medium-sized organisation sector particularly in the academe. The Harbour School continues to advocate the private and public sectors to empower and provide more support to K-12 schools in Hong Kong to promote Education for Sustainable Development, and together with schools work to achieve the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the city's goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2050.

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Tony Ip Green Architects (“TiP”) received “Green Building Award 2023 - Pioneer Award of Green Building Leadership (Consultants)”. TiP's unwavering commitment to green architecture and its pioneering vision have earned it commendation from the Green Building Award 2023 Jury Panel. Its dedication to promoting green-conscious living, engaging with the community, and pushing the boundaries of architecture through innovative materials and technologies all set an exceptional standard in the field.

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Wang On Properties Limited reached another milestone in September 2023 by successfully closing its seventh sustainability linked loan (“SLL”) valued at HK\$680 million. The SLL was arranged in collaboration with four banks. This SLL also includes a greenshoe option of up to HK\$1,200 million, further enhancing its financial flexibility. Meanwhile, Wang On was recognised in the 2023 Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (“GRESB”) Real Estate Assessment, where it achieved a notable 4-Star rating for the Development Benchmark. The company ranked 3rd in its peer comparison, further highlighting its sustainability efforts. The abovementioned SLL will be utilised to expedite the attainment of various sustainability performance targets, with the ultimate goal of securing a 5-Star GRESB rating by 2026.

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Designed by **Woods Bagot**, The Makati Commerce Tower, Makati's first LEED v4 Platinum certified commercial building, has been selected as one of the shortlisted winners for MIPIM Asia Awards 2023. Located in Makati City in the Philippines, the tower embodies sustainability, wellness, and productivity, setting a new benchmark for ESG office design. Its unique façade boasts staggered vertical louvres that mitigate solar heat, while the largest vertical green wall in the area purifies the air and minimises noise pollution. With future-proof, spacious, and column-free floor plates, the tower prioritises occupants' comfort and productivity. Beyond sustainability, it fosters human connections through features like an F&B hub and rooftop café bar, encouraging social interaction and collaboration, making it a thriving and vibrant workplace.

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- **NWS Holdings Limited**



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- **ASEL Environmental Consulting Company Limited**
- **Federal Express (Hong Kong) Limited**
- **Masterplan Limited**
- **Tradeport Hong Kong Limited**



BEC SUPPORTED EVENTS

- **Launching Ceremony of the HKGBC Guidebook for Sustainable Built Environment** | Hong Kong Green Building Council | 4 December
- **HKUST Industry Engagement Day Plus - Enabling Technologies for Achieving Dual Carbon Target** | HKUST Office of Knowledge Transfer | 19 December
- **ESG Green Development & Carbon Neutrality Awards** | AM730 Media Limited, Institute of ESG & Benchmark, Institute of Financial Technologists of Asia | 18 March 2024
- **Hong Kong Smoke-free Leading Company Awards 2023** | Hong Kong Council on Smoking and Health | Now till March 2024
- **Green in Prop+Con** | Hong Kong Science & Technology Parks Corporation | Now till 24 May 2024
- **The 2nd Greater Bay Area ESG & Sustainability Exhibition** | Coastal International Conference & Exhibition Co., Ltd. | 21-23 June 2024

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