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ENVIROSERIES

Urban Transport of Tomorrow: Policies, People and Business Opportunities

14 November 2019 (Thursday)



BEC ENVIROSERIES CONFERENCE NOV 2019

As Hong Kong embarks on a decarbonisation journey with the transport sector being an important part of it, it is now the opportunity to re-think and re-engineer a transport system that delivers Hong Kong’s vision as a smart, sustainable, and resilient city: one that is low-carbon, people-centric, futuristic, while remaining efficient, reliable, safe and affordable. At the upcoming **BEC EnviroSeries Conference** to be held at The Mira Hong Kong on 14 November, with the theme “**Urban Transport of Tomorrow: Policies, People and Business Opportunities**”, we will envision an urban transport system of tomorrow and demonstrate business leadership and identify opportunities in technology and innovation that would contribute to the development of such urban transport system.

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Response to 2019 Policy Address



BEC welcomes the Government’s new pilot scheme that subsidises qualified private residential buildings to install electric vehicle charging-enabling facilities as a practical means to support EV users in terms of charging. However, it is equally important to promote and accelerate the transition to electric commercial vehicles in Hong Kong and to support the provision of charging points in locations convenient to their operation. BEC also commends the Government’s plan to replace entire fleets of the 11 ferry routes with green ferries starting from 2021, which will contribute to further local air pollution reduction and decarbonisation of the transport sector.

[Click HERE for the submission letter](#)

New BEC Auditorium and Exhibition Hall



The Auditorium and Exhibition Hall of the BEC Building is now re-opened after a total renovation. The venue now has a modern look that not only projects a bustling vibe, but is also infused with green features including a LED wall, a BEC logo decorated with reused plastic bottles, carpeting made from recycled materials, eco-friendly ventilation and natural lighting, among others. It is the ideal place for you to stage environmentally related events. BEC members are entitled to 15-30% discount. For rental and other enquiries, contact our **Events Team** (T. 2784 3958 | E. venue@bec.org.hk).

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HSBC Living Business Programme



The HSBC Living Business Programme has been growing together with Hong Kong SMEs for 15 years and BEC is proud to be one of the programme partners of HSBC Living Business Awards since 2005. Stepping into its 15th year, two United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, Goal 1 – No Poverty; and Goal 12 – Responsible Consumption and Production, were selected as the key theme of 2019 “HSBC Living Business SDGs Award”. Companies which nominate at least five successful applicants of HSBC Living Business Awards and can show their commitment on sustainable supply chain, will be recognised as “**HSBC Living Business Sustainable Supply Chain Leader**”.

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Submission on Air Quality Objectives Review



Clear air is important for the well-being of Hong Kong people. In our submission, we support the Government’s proposal to tighten Hong Kong’s Air Quality Objectives. The Government should draw up “A Clean Air Plan for Hong Kong 2.0” as soon as possible to develop new air quality management strategies with implementation plan and clear timeline. It should include an integrated approach to tackle traffic congestion and roadside air pollution, a pilot scheme to trial the use of electric ferries to reduce air pollutant emissions from the marine transport sector, etc. BEC also recommends the Government to provide real-time roadside air quality data to inform people’s travel decisions as part of the smart city initiative.

[Click HERE for our submission](#)

Charter on External Lighting



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戶外燈光約章

In response to the invitation from the Environment Bureau’s initiative, BEC is a partner of the “**Charter on External Lighting**”, which invites people to switch off lighting installations of decorative, promotional or advertising purposes which affect the outdoor environment during a preset time. This switch-off action not only minimises light nuisance and provides residents with an environment conducive to sleep, but also reduces energy consumption and saves electricity. As a partner of the Charter, BEC is inviting all of you to fulfil corporate social responsibility and sign up your premises with external lighting installations to the Charter, which helps save energy and enhance your corporate image. For enquiries, contact our **Membership Team** (T. 2784 3924 | E. membership@bec.org.hk)

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BEC Council Member **New World Development (NWD)** ranks top sustainability leader in global sustainability ratings. The company is listed on Dow Jones Sustainability Asia Pacific Index for the first time, and ranked top among diversified listed companies in Eastern Asia, ranked 7th worldwide and received the highest 5-Star rating by the Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB). These recognitions underline NWD's management commitment to drive sustainable business practices and improve ESG performance. In an effort to promote New World Sustainability Vision 2030 to the public, NWD launched the Nature Discovery Park (NDP), Hong Kong's first urban biodiversity museum and sustainability-themed education park in K11 MUSEA. This project aims to raise awareness of Hong Kong's ecological importance and cultural heritage and promote a sustainable lifestyle that echoes the four UN Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the Group.

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BEC Council Member **The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited (Towngas)** has a number of ambitious initiatives underway that position Towngas as a green energy leader, both in Hong Kong, and internationally. A short pamphlet titled "Towngas Being Green" was published to provide a context for the sustainability initiatives at the heart of Towngas' green drive, and to provide practical examples of the range and ambition of these initiatives. By 2030, the company is likely to radically expand the nature of Towngas' businesses, at the same time contributing to the global effort in reducing greenhouse gas emissions to create a greener world.

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Thinking about showcasing your green technologies at BEC Building?

Members are welcome to contact our **Membership Team (T. 2784 3924 | E. membership@bec.org.hk)** for demonstrating the latest green technologies at our building, the Jockey Club Environmental Building.



BEC Council Member **Swire Properties** has once again attained exceptional results, with the company taking leadership positions in three of the world's most recognised sustainability indices. For the third year in a row, Swire Properties was the only constituent company from Hong Kong and Mainland China to be listed in the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index (DJSI World). The company was ranked 8th this year out of 23 top-tier real estate developers in the world and was No. 1 in Asia. Swire Properties has again taken a leading position in this year's Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark ("GRESB"), retaining the global's No.1 spot in the Other (mixed-use development) category, progressing to Asia's No.1 for all property types, and maintaining a 5-star rating, the highest possible score, for the third year in a row. In Hong Kong, Swire Properties topped the Hang Seng Corporate Sustainability Index 2019, receiving the highest total score among all index constituents, and maintaining "AAA" sustainability rating, the highest possible grading.

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With rising concerns about climate change, Meiyume, one of the business units under BEC Corporate Member **Fung Group**, has recently announced its sustainability strategy - Empowering Sustainable Beauty Solutions. Among others, one of its goals is to eliminate all virgin fossil-fuel-based plastics from production by 2025. Meiyume is testing alternative materials such as post-consumer recycled plastic and bioplastics. This push in environmental awareness further aligns with the UN Sustainable Development Goal for Responsible Consumption and Production. "We cannot wait for our customers to push us, we must be proactive in providing the solutions to them," stated Gerard Raymond, President of Meiyume. It has been actively collaborating with supply chain partners and customers to develop packaging using recycled material. A project in the pipeline is a lipstick packaging using 70% recycled plastic. Meiyume is working towards creating product solutions using 100% recycled material in the next five years. It will help drive the circular economy and give its customers a better avenue to connect with the values of their end-consumers.

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BEC Corporate Member **Intertek Hong Kong** has hosted Sustainability Forum which welcomed 100+ textile industry players at The Mills and once again successfully provided a golden opportunity for eco-lovers to exchange their sustainable ideas! Leading industry representatives shared and discussed about the key textile innovations that can help individuals and corporations achieve sustainability. Intertek has been striving to provide platforms for industries to stay connected and devote its efforts to environmental protection.

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SGS

To help the industries to incorporate sustainability strategy into their business operation, BEC Corporate Member **SGS Hong Kong (SGS)** is pleased to announce their partnership with the Centre for Business Sustainability, CUHK Business School (CBS) to initiate Strategic Sustainability Benchmark Scheme (SSBS). The Scheme focuses on corporate vision about sustainability, communication with key stakeholders, environmental protection, community development, employee development, supplier management, etc. It aims at supporting the participating companies of the Scheme to reduce sustainable risk while stepping further on creating sustainable culture. To achieve this, the Scheme provides multi-dimensional benchmarking model so that the participating companies can assess their performances.

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BEC General Member **Cornerstone EV Charging Service Limited** and its sister company Cornerstone Renewable Energy is joining the Eco-Expo Asia 2019 in AsiaWorld Expo from end of October to early November. As one of the exhibitors and an advocate in promoting environmental excellence, Cornerstone will display a wide range of green application, including advance recycling machines and newly invented EV charger, that conveying messages with less carbon and less waste to visitors. Reducing carbon emission and recycling waste are major components in limiting our ecological footprint.

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BEC Corporate Member **Jebesen & Company Limited** has published its annual Corporate Responsibility Report in October, for 11 consecutive years since 2009, upholding its commitment and effective practices in the area of sustainability through environmental conservation, staff well-being and philanthropy across its diverse business lines during 2018.

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Alaya Consulting
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Building Trust Through Narrative

BEC General Member **Alaya Consulting**, organiser of the Hong Kong ESG Reporting Awards (HERA) 2019, is pleased to announce the award winners. Excellence in Sustainability Report for non-listed Company goes to Alliance Construction Materials Limited. Some of the other winners include New World Development Company Limited, COSCO Shipping Ports Ltd., Baguio Green Group Limited. HERA is decided by an independent panel of experts. The event donated HKD 40,000 this year from award submission fees. To obtain a copy of judges report, please send an email to hera@alayaconsulting.com.hk.

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China has been playing a major role in the global data centre market in recent years as many of the world's finest data centres are located there. In view of the rising business opportunities, BEC General Member **Jinchat Engineering (HK)** invited Mr Yao Yun, a veteran of designing and building data centres in China, to a breakfast seminar titled "Insight into Mainland Data Centre Construction" on 25 October. Mr Yao gave a detailed account of the latest development and design of data centres in China and the future of green heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) products in the market.

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BEC PAST EVENTS

First Meetings of 3 Advisory Groups



After the recent restructuring, BEC's three new Advisory Groups (AGs) - **Climate Change Business Forum** Advisory Group, **Circular Economy** Advisory Group and **Sustainable Living Environment** Advisory Group - held their first meetings in October. The steering committee and ordinary AG members exchanged ideas on the work plan and programmes of their respective AG.

Cross-Advisory Group Roundtable Meeting



BEC welcomed Mr Mike Fraser, Vice President of Global Sustainability Services for **Schneider Electric** to the BEC Building for a roundtable meeting with our Advisory Group members on 15 October. Mr Fraser gave an insightful presentation on **"The Active Energy Management Journey: Using the Lens of Sustainability to Drive Emissions Reductions – and Financial Benefits"**. Sustainability issues in the US and Hong Kong were thoroughly discussed.

Not a BEC Member yet?



Contact our **Membership Team (T. 2784 3924 | E. membership@bec.org.hk)** to know more about our membership scheme. You can also contact our membership team to explore potential speaking and sponsorship opportunities.

Want to share your company's latest green news with over 5,000 BEC newsletter subscribers from various industries? BEC Council, Corporate and General Members are welcomed to submit their exciting news/ technology/ activities related to sustainability and environmental excellence to us. We will then share your news via BEC communications channels, including our social media platforms and e-Newsletter. Please contact Ms Peryl Tse (T. 2784 3912 | E. peryltse@bec.org.hk) for submissions and enquiries.

BEC UPCOMING EVENTS

Eco Expo

30 October - 2 November

Eco Asia Conference

31 October



BEC is one of the exhibitors in the coming Eco Expo Asia 2019 ("Expo"), the region's reputable environmental trading platform for green innovations and solutions. The Expo will be held from 30 October to 2 November at AsiaWorld-Expo. While BEC staff will set up a booth (**3-A12**) to introduce our core values, members and the three new environmental focus areas – Climate Change, Circular Economy, Sustainable Living Environment, 25 BEC members also exhibit in this event in promoting green and sustainable society. Please come and visit us! BEC is also pleased to be the co-organiser of **Eco Asia Conference - "Waste to Resources - Waste to Energy"** during Eco Expo Asia, on 31 October in Seminar Room, Hall 6. Industry experts and business leaders are invited to share their insights into resource management and circular economy in Hong Kong.

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BEC UPCOMING EVENTS

Policy Dialogue

5 November

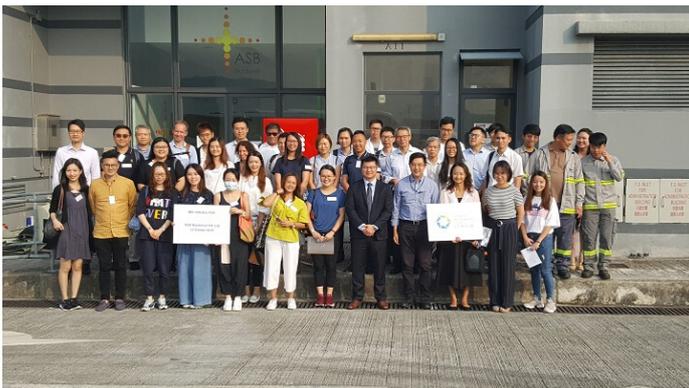


In order to allow BEC members and the wider business community to understand and discuss the environmental policy initiatives included in the latest Policy Address, BEC is delighted to invite **Mr C.W. Tse, Under Secretary for the Environment**, to a Policy Dialogue session on 5 November. Mr Tse will provide a first-hand update of the new policies and initiatives related to environmental protection and sustainable development. He will also have an open dialogue with BEC Board Directors, business leaders and other participants. All BEC members and non-members are welcome to join!

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BEC Industry Visit to ASB Biodiesel

20 November (Rerun)



BEC organised an industry visit to **ASB Biodiesel** in Tseung Kwan O Industrial Estate on 11 October. Representatives from ASB Biodiesel gave a presentation to 35 participants on the benefits of recycling used cooking oil and the sustainable development of biodiesel in Hong Kong. The participants also had the opportunity to visit their laboratory and production facilities in a guided tour. Due to popular demand, BEC has decided to rerun the visit on 20 November. Register now to secure your place!

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BEC Industry Visit to Hactl Green Week 2019

6 November



As the co-organiser of Hactl Green Week 2019, BEC will organise **"Visit to Hactl Green Week 2019"** at SuperTerminal 1, Hong Kong International Airport on 6 November. The theme this year is **"Green, is a journey"**. Besides hosting the visit, BEC will also run a booth on daily recycling and upcycling goodies. Other featuring organisations include O-Farm, Fair Taste, and &dear and Wing Ming, and the event aims to promote sustainability and increase social awareness of environmental protection. We are delighted to report that the visit has received great response, and is full now.

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Green Delight in Estates – Eco Tour

Now till November



Following on a series of successful and engaging Green Living Fun Day, Green Delight in Estates programme will organise Eco Tours from now till November 2019, arranging day trips to sustainable and green facilities which include Zero Carbon Building, T-Park, WEEE Park, and Community Green Stations. Partnering with Housing Authority since June 2012, this programme aims to raise environmental awareness and instil a culture of environmental conservation among residents in public rental housing estates in Hong Kong.

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BEC INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (IEE) TRAINING COURSES

**Intensive Training on
Indoor Mould Inspection
and Management
(5th Intake)**



15 November

**Technical Seminar on Latest
Indoor Air Quality Requirements
and Air Purification
Technologies in Hong Kong**



25 November & 2 December

**ISO 14001:2015
Internal Auditing
(5th Intake)**



20 & 21 January 2020

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Your Feedback Matters - BEC IEE Survey

For us to keep improving our environmental education programmes, it would be grateful if you could spare a few minutes to fill out this online survey. As a token of gratitude, we will offer a one-off 5% discount on selected BEC IEE courses (co-organised courses are excluded). Thank you for your support. For enquiries, please contact us at T. 2784 3937 | E. beciee@bec.org.hk

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BEC SUPPORTED EVENTS

- **Green Building Award 2019 (GBA 2019)** | Professional Green Building Council (PGBC) and the Hong Kong Green Building Council (HKGBC) | March - November 2019
- **Rooftop Republic Academy Fall 2019 Programme** | Rooftop Republic | 7 September – 14 December 2019
- **Eco Expo Asia 2019** | Hong Kong Trade Development Council and Messe Frankfurt (HK) Ltd. | 30 October - 2 November 2019
- **Eco Expo Asia 2019: Hong Kong Pavilion** | Federation of Hong Kong Industries | 30 October - 2 November 2019
- **The International Water Association Asia Pacific Regional Group (IWA-ASPIRE) Conference & Exhibition 2019** | The International Water Association (IWA), IWA Regional Committee of Hong Kong, China (IWA HK), and Asia Pacific Regional Group (ASPIRE) | 31 October - 2 November 2019
- **Seminar on Renewable Energy For Hong Kong and Training Course for Certified Professionals for Grid Connected Renewable Energy Power Generation Systems** | Green Council | 7,14,16,21,28 November & 5 December 2019
- **Elevator Pitch Competition 2019** | Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation | 8 November 2019
- **“Architecture For Beginners” Prelude to University 2019** | Hong Kong Architecture Centre | 9 November 2019
- **Symposium on Smart City Development** | BEAM Society Limited | 15 November 2019
- **Social Enterprise Summit 2019** | Hong Kong Social Entrepreneurship Forum | 18 - 25 November 2019
- **香港地產行政師學會大獎** | Hong Kong Institute of Real Estate Administrators | 19 November 2019
- **The 10th Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area Conference on Operation and Maintenance in Buildings- “Making Smart Buildings Smarter”** | Building Services Operation and Maintenance Executives Society (BSOMES), Department of Building Services Engineering of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU-BSE), The Macao Institution of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (AEEMM) and South China University of Technology | 6 December 2019

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