

# Technical Seminar on Sustainable Waste Management Policy and Implementation – Plastic Shopping Bag Charging and others in the pipeline



“The Hong Kong: Blueprint for Sustainable Use of Resources 2013-2022” was published by Environment Bureau in 2013. The blueprint targets to reduce the municipal solid waste (MSW) disposal rate through the HKSAR Government’s strategies, policies and actions in order to achieve a “Use less, Waste less” lifestyle.

MSW Charging and Producers Responsibility Schemes (PRS) are high priority initiatives of the Government’s waste management policies. Among which the bill on PRS of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) will be introduced to the Legislative Council in March 2015, while the MSW charging and PRS on glass beverage bottles are in law drafting stage.

The HKSAR Government has implemented the Environmental Levy Scheme on Plastic Shopping Bags (the Levy Scheme) in 2009. These primarily include chain or large supermarkets, convenience stores, personal health and beauty stores, department stores, drug stores, etc. As a matter of fact, the number of plastic shopping bags has been reduced significantly by 80% to 90% since its implementation in those registered retail

outlets. For the purpose of extending the Levy Scheme to adopt a maximum coverage to include all retails of good in the territory irrespective of the scale of the business and the nature of the business, which is estimated at over 100,000 outlets, the Product Eco-responsibility (Amendment) Bill 2013 was passed by the Legislative Council in March 2014 and the Full Implementation of the Plastic Shopping Bag Charging will come into effect on 1 April 2015.

To provide more detail information of these new government initiatives, Hong Kong Green Strategy Alliance (HKGSA) and Hong Kong Waste Management Association (HKWMA), together with several professional organizations are going to host a technical seminar to discuss on these matters.

Details of the technical seminar is shown below:

Date: 21 March 2015 (Sat)

Time: 9:30 am – 11:30 noon

Venue: N003, N Core, G/F, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hung Hom

Language: Cantonese

Admission: Free of Charge

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Organizers:



Hong Kong Green Strategy Alliance  
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HONG KONG  
WASTE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION  
香港廢物管理學會

Co-organizers:



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Programme:

9:30 – 9:30	Registration
9:30 – 9:40	Opening Speech ( <b>Ir Dr the Hon Lo Wai Kwok</b> ) & Group Photo
9:40 – 10:25	<p><b><i>Sustainable waste management: producer responsibility</i></b></p> <p><b>Ir Dr Alain Lam (Principal Environment Protection Officer, Environmental Protection Department, HKSAR Government)</b></p> <p><i>As indicated under "Hong Kong: Blueprint for Sustainable Use of Resources 2013-2022", the Government aims to reduce the per capita disposal rate of municipal solid waste by 40 per cent by 2022 through multiple and concurrent actions to drive behavioural change to reduce waste at source, including the progressive implementation of producer responsibility schemes. Ir Dr Alain Lam's presentation will outline the key waste challenges facing Hong Kong and explain how the Government's strategy on producer responsibility will contribute to the achievement of the committed waste reduction target.</i></p>
10:25 – 11:10	<p><b><i>Full Implementation of the Plastic Shopping Bag Charging</i></b></p> <p><b>Ir Kenny Wong (Principal Consultant, Hong Kong Productivity Council)</b></p> <p><i>Commissioned by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD), the Hong Kong Productivity Council (HKPC) has been organizing and conducting a series of briefings, talks and outreaching visits to the retail trades as well as provide hotline service with an aim to facilitate the retailers to get prepared for the full implementation of the Plastic Shopping Bag (PSB) Charging and elucidate the legislative requirements since the first launch of the scheme in 2009. HKPC has also been supporting the monitoring for the implementation of the scheme through conducting on-site inspections and mystery shopping at retail outlets to check the irregular practices and non-compliance. Ir Kenny Wong will brief the audiences on the implementation details of the PSB Charging.</i></p>
11:10 – 11:30	<b>Discussion Session</b>

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