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On behalf of **Hong Kong Green Strategy Alliance** (thereafter HKGSA), I would like to share our views from both the industries & community as follow:

HKGSA strongly supports to implement a quantity based municipal solid waste (MSW) charging scheme. **Indeed the scheme should be implemented ASAP.** Hong Kong Government already spent considerable efforts and times in different level of studies and consultations.

Comparing to other developed cities in Asia, with similar background, demography & challenges, **Hong Kong is one of the last ones to introduce such a scheme.** Other cities with similar scheme managed to reduce at least 30% of waste even at the start of the implementation.

This is an important step on changing people's previous mindset on free disposal of waste, with an aim to encourage both local citizens and foreign visitors to practice and adopt the right way of living. If and only if we start the action then we and our next generation will **start to learn and change our behavior and culture.** Walk the talk.

We encourage and welcome the whole community, including commercial & industrial sector and domestic sector, **to implement the scheme in one go.** In our opinion, it is certainly, even before the official kick off, before rules being established here in Legislative Council, interested groups and local communities can start some pilot programs.

We do understand **a new scheme won't be perfect**, however we shouldn't wait any longer to derive a perfect scheme of which will never exist. We should believe and have confidence in Hong Kong people, Hong Kong commercial & industrial stakeholders that we do have the wisdom to cope with changes, handle challenges and embrace potential difficulties if any.

We should target to **conduct continuous reviews so that we can always seek for improvement** in such a scheme. As a matter of fact, after implementing the scheme say in 1-2 years then Hong Kong government & other stakeholders will be able to capture more real data, more practical experience, so as to conduct a comprehensive study or to review additional measures to further improve the scheme.