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(By Email : bc_01_20@legco.gov.hk)

The Hon Frankie Yick Chi-ming
Chairman, The Bills Committee on Waste Disposal
(Charging for Municipal Solid Waste)
Legislative Council

Dear Hon Yick,

Support to Quantity-based Municipal Solid Waste Charging in Hong Kong

The Hong Kong Green Strategy Alliance (HKGSA) is a non-profit making organization founded in 2012 by a group of professionals and stakeholders who are visionary and wish to undertake the responsibility on the issues of environmental protection and sustainable development. Through active participation, discussions and exchange of views in green issues, projects and technologies etc., HKGSA would offer our professional opinions and solutions to tackle green issues in Hong Kong and neighbouring region.

Through multi-rounds of public and stakeholders consultation conducted by the Government and the Council for Sustainable Development, quantity-based municipal solid waste (MSW) charging has gained wide acceptance by our community. It is one of the most effective tools to drive (and accelerate) behavioral change to achieve waste reduction and enhance recycling. HKGSA strongly support to implement quantity-based MSW charging in Hong Kong. While deliberations may still be challenging in view of the foreseeable economic downturn, HKGSA suggests the Government may commit to commence the charging scheme with sufficient preparation time, such that both the Government and public (including commercial, industrial and domestic sectors) can well prepare for its implementation. At the same time more MSW charging trials can continue to run in the territory to let more stakeholders to experience its pros and cons. When the real charge is in place (say in around 3 years' time), hopefully the community can regain its economic momentum and be ready for it.



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There shall be little dispute that waste charging is for the betterment of Hong Kong and our future generations in the long run, but unfortunately the subject has been under discussion for decades and is too long. Positive and constructive actions need to be taken now. There is clearly no advantage of stalling and delaying further. It's time to act!

Should you need any further information, please feel free to contact our Honorary Secretary Ir Kenny Wong at 9482 3227 (irkennywong@gmail.com).

Yours sincerely,

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