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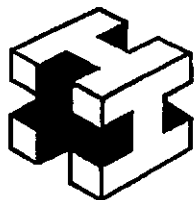
Dear Miss Yu,

Management of Municipal Solid Waste in Hong Kong

The Federation of Hong Kong Industries would like to submit the following views on the above subject for the consideration of the Legco Panel on Environmental Affairs.

1. The Federation agrees that the growing volume of municipal solid waste is a major environmental problem confronting Hong Kong that requires the immediate and full attention of the Government, the Legislative Council, the business sector and the whole community.
2. We also agree that as land is a scarce resource in Hong Kong, landfilling is not a sustainable way of dealing with the problem. A comprehensive strategy in line with the "polluter-pays-principle" is urgently needed.
3. We fully support the three-tier proposal, namely (a) waste avoidance and minimisation; (b) recovery, recycling and reuse; and (c) bulk reduction and disposal of unrecyclable waste, recommended by the Government to combat waste generation, thus reducing the need for building more landfills.
4. With regard to promoting recovery, recycling and reuse, the early establishment of the Tuen Mun Recovery Park with the participation of the private sector is a necessary step to ensure the vibrant development of the local recycling industry. The Federation is keen to join hands with representatives of industry and the community to play an active part in planning and operating this important infrastructure.

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5. For non-recoverable/recyclable waste, thermal treatment is one of the best options to reduce the volume of waste requiring final disposal at landfills. This option is worth further consideration and discussion by the related sectors.

We hope our views will be useful to the Panel in the deliberation of an effective approach to the management of municipal solid waste in Hong Kong.

Yours sincerely,



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