

**Views to be presented at the Meeting of the Panel on Environmental Affairs
On
Public Participation in Taking Forward the Framework Agreement on Hong
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I strongly support the inclusion in the Agreement of the need for taking concerted efforts to tackle air pollution, which is a major environmental issue in HK and PRD.

Hong Kong faces two air pollution issues. Photochemical smog and haze weather are two regional scale problems. Hong Kong's and overseas experience has shown that understanding their causes and developing effective control strategies are very challenging, requiring systematic research on sources of emission, atmospheric movement and fate, and trans-boundary impact of pollution. Hong Kong community should invest more resources in fundamental studies of these problems by joining efforts from the governments, universities, and relevant industries. In addition, it is critical to collaborate with Guangdong in solving these regional problems; Hong Kong can play a bigger role in setting higher emission-reduction targets and the timeline to implement the proposed control measures in the future.

Another problem in Hong Kong is roadside air pollution, which is mainly due to local vehicular emissions and Hong Kong's congested urban layout. Hong Kong should develop more aggressive vehicle emission control programme to improve its roadside air quality. This will not only benefit Hong Kong's citizens, but also set an example to other PRD cities and improve above mentioned regional pollution.