

Submission to Legco for 26 March 2012 Panel Debutation

- 1) Waste is created by each and every individual, you and me, and it takes every individual to act and efforts to reduce waste.
- 2) We started clothes collection for recycling as early as 1999, and since then have conducted action based collection, education and campaigns for housing estates in the HK Territory wide region, and including far reaching rural areas from Lamma to Sha Tau Kok.
- 3) We are in the front line of plastic and bottle recycle collection, while the collection is 3 times more than we expected, about 300 kg/day, showing the enthusiastic support and awareness of the people, there are still a massive amount of waste that goes to landfill sites. Planning for future waste handling infrastructure is imminent.
- 4) The present recycling rate of 52% is a good result of the community and the gov't, it will still need some time, and a lot of efforts to further increase it significantly. Even then, there will still be a significant amount of waste that need to be landfilled or incinerated.
- 5) The way forward must be multi-directional, and infrastructure projects, such as suitable landfills and incinerators must be planned and prepared to serve the community in the coming years.
- 6) We are carrying out composting for community and villages, together with the planned 300 tonnes composting plant, experience will be gained and expanded.
- 7) As more education, campaigns, and action-related awareness building are implemented, people will understand it is one's own responsibility to take care of the waste one produces. While the government will need to plan ahead with landfills and incinerators to properly treat the remaining waste.
- 8) There is no such thing as waste, only wasted resources, classified by the wrong attitude, at the wrong place, at the wrong time.