

**Motion on**  
**“Report of the Delegation of the Panel on Environmental Affairs**  
**on its duty visit to the Republic of Korea to study its experience**  
**on waste management”**  
**moved by Hon Cyd HO**  
**at the Council meeting of 18 December 2013**

**Progress Report**

Progress since the passage of the captioned is set out below:

**Producer Responsibility Schemes**

2. A Bills Committee of the Legislative Council is scrutinizing the Product Eco-responsibility (Amendment) Bill 2013 which seeks to extend the Environmental Levy Scheme on Plastic Shopping Bags to the whole retail sector. We will continue to work with the Bills Committee to enable the implementation of the extension at the earliest opportunity. We are also preparing the legislative proposals for the mandatory producer responsibility schemes on waste electrical and electronic equipment and glass beverage bottles.

**Municipal Solid Waste Charging**

3. Based on the positive results of the public consultation in 2012, the Government affirmed the policy direction of introducing a quantity-based waste charging system in Hong Kong. Upon invitation by the Government, the Council for Sustainable Development (“SDC”) completed on 24 January 2014 a four-month public engagement process on the implementation details. The SDC is compiling the feedback received and will draw up specific recommendations. The Government will accordingly consider the way forward.

**Recycling Fund**

4. The Chief Executive announced in Policy Address 2014 that the Government would set aside \$1 billion to set up a Recycling Fund so as to facilitate the sustainable development of the recycling industry. While the Steering Committee will draw on the experience of other regions and work out the detailed modus operandi of the Recycling Fund in consultation with stakeholders, a consultancy

study being conducted by the Hong Kong Productivity Council will also shed light on how the Fund should be designed to provide effective, equitable and sustainable support to the industry.

### **Organic Waste Treatment Facilities**

5. The Government will adopt a multi-pronged approach to avoid and reduce food waste and yard waste in the first instance. For food waste and yard waste that cannot be avoided, we will recycle and convert them into usable energy and resources. Phase 1 of the Organic Waste Treatment Facility is under tender and it will adopt the technology of anaerobic digestion and composting, which will turn organic waste into biogas and compost. Subject to funding support from LegCo in the first half of 2014, we plan to commission the first phase of OWTF at Siu Ho Wan of North Lantau with a daily capacity of 200 tonnes by 2016. For the second phase of OWTF at Sha Ling of the North District with a daily capacity of 300 tonnes, we have completed the environmental impact assessment study and we will proceed with tender preparation procedures. We shall continue to look for suitable sites for further OWTFs.

### **Community Green Stations**

6. The Chief Executive announced in the 2014 Policy Address that the Government will develop one community green station (“CGS”) in each of the 18 districts and provide funding for their operation. These CGSs aim to enhance environmental education and help collect different types of recyclables in the local community. They will be operated by non-profit-making organisations. The first CGS is in Sha Tin and will be completed in 2014.

### **“Waste Diversion Plan” for the SENT Landfill**

7. To address community concerns about odour, the proposed SENT Landfill extension will receive only construction waste. Therefore, municipal solid waste will have to be diverted to other facilities. The Waste Diversion Plan for the SENT Landfill aims to ensure that the diverted municipal solid waste can be properly handled by maximizing the utilization of refuse transfer stations. Coupled with the enhancement work on refuse collection vehicles (RCVs), the environmental performance of the waste collection system in Hong Kong will be improved. The Waste Diversion Plan

was discussed in the LegCo EA Panel on 28 October 2013 and the Advisory Council on the Environment on 11 November 2013. The legislative amendments to implement the Waste Diversion Plan, i.e. The Waste Disposal (Designated Waste Disposal Facility) (Amendment) Regulation 2013 and the Waste Disposal (Refuse Transfer Station) (Amendment) Regulation 2013, were gazetted on 29 November 2013, tabled at LegCo for negative vetting on 4 December 2013 and passed by the LegCo on 22 January 2014. The commencement dates for individual components of the legislative amendments will be appointed by notice in the Gazette later taking into account progress. EPD will continue to liaise closely with the trade in drawing up the details of the waste diversion arrangements to ensure a smooth implementation of the Waste Diversion Plan. To help the waste collection trade to meet the new equipment standards for RCVs, EPD also launched a one-off subsidy scheme for private RCV owners to retrofit their vehicles on 10 January 2014.

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