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LegCo Panel on Environmental Affairs continues its duty visit
in Europe (with photos)

The Legislative Council ("LegCo") Panel on Environmental Affairs departed for Amsterdam, the Netherlands today (5 March), to continue the duty visit in Europe.

On the second day of the visit in the United Kingdom ("the UK") yesterday (4 March), the delegation received a briefing by representatives of the Teesside Gasification Plant and met with the Institution of Mechanical Engineers ("IMechE"), and the UK Without Incineration Network ("UKWIN"), a green group advocating against waste incineration, to better understand thermal waste treatment in the UK from different perspectives as well as the concerns of the local communities.

The delegation then had a meeting with the Mayor of London's Office and Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in the afternoon, and learned that after the UK Government has substantially raised the landfill tax, there is strong economic incentive for the growth of the recycling industry. The delegation also received a briefing by the Lakeside Energy from Waste Plant. The Plant won the "Best Designed Renewable Energy Facility" and "Energy from Waste Facility of the Year" under the "Renewable Energy Infrastructure Award". A small amount of generated electricity is used to power the Plant itself while the vast majority is exported to the National Grid which is enough to meet the domestic needs of 50,000 homes.

Members of the delegation then departed from London to Amsterdam, the Netherlands, where they will visit the Afval Energie Bedrijf Waste Fired Power Plant and meet with the Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment of the Netherlands.

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The delegation receives a briefing by the Institution of Mechanical Engineers on thermal waste treatment in the United Kingdom.



The delegation takes a photo with representatives of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. Attending Members include: (front row from right) Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, Hon James TO Kun-sun, Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan, Hon WONG Ting-kwong (front row, second from left), Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok (back row, second from right), (back row, fourth from left) Hon TANG Ka-piu, Hon Kenneth LEUNG and Hon Dennis KWOK.



Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan, the delegation leader, presents a souvenir to Mr Tim HILL, Director of the United Kingdom Without Incineration Network, which is a green group.



Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan (fourth from left), the delegation leader, together with Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok (first from left), Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun (third from left), (from right) Hon Dennis KWOK, Hon WONG Ting-kwong and Hon TANG Ka-piu take a group photo with Mr Jeffrey LOCKETT (fourth from right) of the Teesside Gasification Plant.



The delegation exchanges views with officials of the Mayor of London's Office and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on the Mayor's waste disposal targets for London and on waste management infrastructure and policy of the United Kingdom respectively.



Members of the delegation receive a briefing by Mr Danny COULSTON, Director of Operations, Lakeside Energy from Waste Plant, on the operation of the Plant.