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Re : Submission of Views on Refuse Collection and Resource Recovery Policies

Apart from various efforts the Hong Kong Government (HKG) and non-profit-making organizations (NPOs) have been conducting, there's still much rooms for effective synergy effects to be performed by different entities in order to achieve the goal for executing the Refuse Collection and Resource Recovery Policies precisely.

May I hereby, sharing some of our view points for the Subcommittee's kind perusal.

4 M is to be properly planned and executed interactively with one another, which consist of :

Mandatory Legislation

Monitoring

Motivation

Monetary Subsidy

[**Mandatory Legislation**]

Mandatory Legislation is necessary for executing the policy. This should be applied not only to the public who's being the waste creator but also for the refuse collector and resource recovering entity in order to ensure the eventual goal of reducing the waste and increasing the recyclable usage of refuse can be properly achieved.

So, following arrangements are suggested to be taken into concern :

1. **License Scheme** is to be arranged for all entities who involved in the Refuse Collection and Resource Recovery process such as :
 - i. Management Companies
 - ii. Constructor and Renovating Companies
 - iii. Waste Collection Companies
 - iv. Resource Recovery and Recycling Companies
2. Each Licensee should work closely with their previous and subsequent processors in order to handle the refuse properly, e.g. :



- i. When Constructor and Renovating Companies performing a job, it's necessary for them to appoint a licensed Waste Collection Company to be responsible for collecting the waste involved in their job.
 - ii. Waste Collection Company should dispose the waste to legal waste collection point or licensed Resource Recovery and Recycling Companies.
3. In case of violation of related performance, **License will be withdrawn by the HKG**. To further ensure the conformity by various entities, the License fee can be set at a higher range with deposit value to act as quality performance guarantee.

To execute the policy effectively and successfully, interactive executions listed below are the core factors.

[Monitoring]

Effective prosecution grants the policy being better conformed by the public. Hence, proper Monitoring Scheme is crucial to be formed and widely spread the influence over the public. Some of the effective Monitoring Schemes are suggested below :

1. Self-Monitoring – Neighbor monitoring is the most effective approach. However, certain self-interest conflict catalyst e.g. the charge for unknown oriented wastage handling fee will be shared by all residents on the same floor and proper reporting channel are to be formed in order to promote this self-monitoring and reporting activities but minimize the harmful effect being made to the neighborhood relationship.
2. Management companies should take the key role to monitor and execute the wastage charge to be allocated per resident.
3. For residential and commercial buildings without management office, apart from FEHD's inspectors and CCTV can help avoiding and charging public from and for refusing the waste illegally in public area, FEHD's Cleansing Service Contractors can also play a key role to monitor and report for any cases found. It's also advisable for empowering the Cleansing Service Contractors to provide additional headcount for executing the charging action once public dumping wastage illegally is caught on site.
4. For individual houses in rural area, apart from FEHD and Cleansing Service Contractors' inspectors, it's advisable for forming volunteer teams amongst the local residents to conduct monitoring and even charging action.

[Motivation]

Waste refusal can be reduced by a certain degree with mandatory refuse charging policy. However, to drive the waste reduction result achieving better result, following Motivation is to be executed :



1. Motivate public to separate different types of recyclable waste by means of e.g. the waste refuse charge can be counted based on different types of waste.
2. Separated recyclable waste are properly collected and transferred to licensee for handling the recyclable process.
3. The recyclable result and figures are to be published to the public regularly so that the achievement will be shared amongst all public citizens which will further motivate public to separate the recyclable waste for recovery purpose.

[Monetary Subsidy]

Further Motivation to drive each entities to achieve their utmost best effort in participating in the entire Refuse Collection and Resource Recovery process should be considered by the HKG. Throughout the processes, certain monetary subsidies from the HKG must be involved but it can be partially off set from the waste refuse charges and penalty to be executed in the coming policy to be worked out.

1. “Green Center” is highly recommended to be formed in different areas where public can bring their recyclable materials to redeem useful materials in return. For the better logistic purpose, public can bring their recyclable materials to their management office and redeem Green Points via IC Cards and then redeem useful materials from Green Center with IC Cards’ redeemable Green Points’ record.
2. In comparison to the current APP FEHD applying, a more interactive and interesting APP should be created for driving public to participate the “Green Center” activities. The successful logic of Pokemon APP is a good example to be learnt from.
3. Subsidies must be granted for Waste Collectors to collect different separated recyclable materials by different vehicles / method so as to transfer the materials to related Resource Recovery Entities to process the recycle arrangement.
4. Privilege conditions and subsidies must be granted for Resource Recovery Entities to run their recycle process in fairly profitable base.
5. Certain kinds of recycled products produced by the Resource Recovery Entities can be supplied to Green Center for the public to redeem for usage.
6. HKG should take the lead of investigating the feasibility of making use of different kinds of recycled products in the city in safety and environmentally friendly manner.

Let’s join arms together to build an even better environment for our future generations in Hong Kong.