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Dear Mrs. Tang,

4 April 2001

Annual Review of Waste Reduction Framework Plan & Waste Reduction Committee's Newsletter

With the launch of a variety of waste reduction programmes under the Waste Reduction Framework Plan (WRFP), much progress has been made to address the pressing needs of waste reduction and to increase community awareness.

I have pleasure in sending you 60 copies of the report of the Waste Reduction Committee (WRC) - An Annual Review of the Waste Reduction Framework Plan (2000) which summarised the work and achievements of the WRC and the Government in collaboration with the private sector on waste reduction initiatives in the year 2000.

Besides, the same numbers of copies of the WRC's newsletter Issue 4 are attached. From this issue, you can learn about the Demonstration Scheme (DEMOS), as a new type of project eligible for the Environment & Conservation Fund (ECF) and Woo Wheelock Green Fund was launched by the ECF Secretariat on 31 December 2000. This Scheme encourages the adoption of new technologies on waste minimisation and recycling which could be introduced and demonstrated to the relevant sectors in Hong Kong. You will also learn about the "Testing Guideline on the Degradability and Food Safety of Containers & Bags" and the associated registration scheme. The public could soon make an informed choice of products that meet the required criteria.

I would be most grateful if you could distribute the Annual Report and the newsletter of the WRC to the members of the Legislative Council for their reference. Both documents could also be browsed through the website: http://www.info.gov.hk/wrc.

If you have any queries or require more copies of either documents, please feel free to contact me at 2872 1705.

Yours sincerely,

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