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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
PANEL ON ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

**C40 workshop
to be held in Hong Kong in 2010**

PURPOSE

This paper sets out the arrangement for a C40 workshop on low carbon living and climate change to be held in Hong Kong on 5 – 6 November 2010.

BACKGROUND

2. The C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group (C40) is a voluntary group of the world's largest cities that pledged to take action on climate change, and it has organised various activities to, inter alia, share best practice and technologies, and discuss issues of common interest. London, Tokyo, New York, Sydney, Seoul, Beijing and Shanghai are amongst the C40 participating cities (see Appendix for a full list of member cities). Hong Kong joined C40 as a member in October 2007.

3. The HKSARG has been participating in various C40 events and initiatives since joining the organisation, including attending the C40 Seoul Summit in May 2009. At the invitation of C40, Hong Kong joined its Steering Committee on Electric Vehicles (EVs) to help chart the strategy for accelerating the use of EVs among C40 cities.

C40 HONG KONG WORKSHOP

4. The upcoming C40 workshop in Hong Kong is organised by the Environmental Campaign Committee (ECC) and Civic Exchange with the support of the Environment Bureau. The workshop, held between the C40 Seoul Summit in May 2009 and the next one in Sao Paulo in 2011, provides a platform for experience sharing and exchanges among C40

cities in two key strategic measures for combating climate change, namely:-

- (a) built environment, including new buildings (design, construction, operation, and decommissioning for low carbon outcomes) and retrofitting of existing buildings for higher energy efficiency; and
- (b) transportation and EVs.

5. Locally, the workshop will also help to raise awareness and promote discussion on the topic of climate change. It will provide a forum for discussion amongst stakeholders from the local community and the C40 cities to exchange information and experience on the latest developments on low carbon living and electric vehicles implementation.

6. The ECC and Civic Exchange have secured a funding support of \$5.42 M from the Environment and Conservation Fund to organise the workshop. A Steering Committee has been set up to oversee the planning of the programme and to ensure smooth implementation of the events. The Steering Committee will be chaired by Chairman of ECC and include representatives from the organisers and supporting organisation including the C40 and Civic Exchange.

7. The C40 workshop is designed for approximately 350 – 450 participants. Participants include officials from city administrations, property developers, professionals in the fields of built environment, finance, law, academia, transportation, energy/power; as well as businessmen and non-government organisations.

RELATED EVENTS

8. The C40 workshop is part of the climate change related events to be held in Hong Kong in early November 2010. On its own, the workshop will provide a platform for policy-makers and experts from cities to share experience on the policies and technologies for combating climate change. It will also encourage public-private sector collaboration to bring about low carbon living. Separately, in order to engage the business sector in the efforts to combat climate change, the Administration is working with Hong Kong Trade Development Council on the 5th Eco Expo Asia, which will be held in the first week of November 2010, to

bring together environmental services and technology suppliers from Hong Kong, the Mainland, and overseas to offer a business solution to climate change.

9. Members may also wish to note that Civic Exchange also plans to organise another two to three day of complimentary events to promote awareness on low carbon living and related climate change themes (i.e. on 3rd – 4th and possibly on 7th November 2010). We understand that Civic Exchange has obtained funding support for the project.

ADVICE SOUGHT

10. Members are invited to note the plan to organise the C40 workshop in Hong Kong in November 2010.

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Appendix

C40 CITIES

North America – 7

Chicago
Houston
Los Angeles
Mexico City
New York
Philadelphia
Toronto

South America – 6

Bogota
Buenos Aires
Caracas
Lima
Rio de Janeiro
Sao Paulo

Europe – 8

Athens
Berlin
London
Madrid
Moscow
Paris
Rome
Warsaw

Middle East – 2

Cairo
Istanbul

Africa – 3

Johannesburg
Addis Ababa
Lagos

Asia – 12

Bangkok
Beijing
Dhaka
Hanoi
Hong Kong
Jakarta
Karachi
Mumbai
Delhi
Seoul
Shanghai
Tokyo

Australia – 2

Melbourne
Sydney