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Environmental Infrastructure Projects

- (a) 5163DR: Northeast New Territories landfill extension**
- (b) 5164DR: Southeast New Territories landfill extension**
- (c) 5165DR: West New Territories landfill extension**
- (d) 5177DR: Integrated Waste Management Facilities Phase 1**

Government's strategy on "Prevention, Reuse, Recycling, Recovery" and charging scheme to minimise the production of municipal wastes are commendable. But habits die hard. It took Taipei more than 10 years to reduce its per capita wastes from 1.4 kg/day to 0.4 kg/day; and similar length of time for South Korea to reduce from 0.8 kg/day to 0.4 kg/day

Considering the anti-institution mindset of some Hong Kong people and the low efficiency of consultation and legislative processes, reduction of per capita solid wastes in Hong Kong would most likely take longer time than Taipei and South Korea.

While the landfill sites are fast reaching its current capacities, Government must take quick action to expand the NENT, SENT and WENT landfill sites, while proceeding with full steam ahead to construct the Integrated Waste Management Facilities (IWWF).

We therefore give Paper No. CB(1)931/13-14(01) our support.

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