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The European Chamber of Commerce Hong Kong welcomes the Hong Kong Governments initiatives in tackling the rather pressing issue of how to deal with municipal solid waste in the SAR. The Secretary for the Environment has issued a blue print with quantifiable targets and a time frame on objectives such as overall waste reduction, a higher rate of waste recovery, a waste charging scheme and methods of waste treatment. This is a step in the right direction and it is crucial that all members of the Hong Kong society become part of the solution. All EU countries have rich experience in dealing with environmental protection issues, from stakeholder engagement to policy formulation to technical solutions and one of the most important lessons learned is: dealing with municipal solid waste is a community effort.

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