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The Hon Chan Hak-kan, JP
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Legislative Council
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Hak-kan,
Dear ~~Mr~~ Chan,

Re: Extension of the Cleaner Production Partnership Programme

I write, on behalf of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, to support the extension proposal of the Cleaner Production Partnership Programme ("CPPP").

There is no doubt that the first and second CPPP phases have achieved the stated objectives of raising awareness of cleaner production, and encouraging Hong Kong-owned factories in the Pearl River Delta region to adopt new technologies to reduce emissions through various initiatives. Being one of the supporting organizations, the Chamber strongly supports the continuation of the scheme for another five years, so as to help reinforce Hong Kong-Guangdong cooperation efforts in improving regional air quality. We believe that the injection of new subsidies of HK\$150 million proposed in the 2015 Policy Address will enhance the continued capacity building among manufacturers towards green production and promote business opportunities for the environmental sector.

We agree that the extension programme should build upon the general awareness of cleaner production to strengthen technology transfer through promotional activities, and the subsidy levels of key initiatives, i.e. on-site assessment and demonstration projects, should be adjusted to meet the cost increases over the past years. Our views have also been incorporated into the proposed framework prepared by the CPPP Secretariat.

Regards,


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c.c. The Hon Jeffrey Lam