## INFORMATION NOTE ON MOBILE APPS DEVELOPED BY THE ENVIRONMENT BUREAU AND ENVIROMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT

## **PURPOSE**

This note informs Members on the mobiles apps developed by the Environment Bureau (ENB) and Environmental Protection Department (EPD).

## **ENB/EPD's MOBILE APPS**

- 2. In line with the Government's policy of making wider use of information technologies for better public services, the ENB/EPD has launched several free mobile apps in recent years. Apart from those designed specifically to aid particular programmes, ENB/EPD has recently launched two mobile apps designed to provide useful information to the community at large, viz. Hong Kong Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) and Waste Less. A brief description of these two apps is as follows -
  - (a) "AQHI" Mobile App It informs users of the short-term health risk due to air pollution via a simple index "AQHI". Specifically, the App provides the current and forecast AQHI for all the 18 districts and the monitoring stations as well as the corresponding precautionary actions for reducing the health risk. Also provided are air pollutant concentrations monitored by the monitoring stations. Users can set alert when the forecast or the actual AQHI is at or above their preset health risk levels.
  - (b) "Waste Less" Mobile App It applies Global Positioning System (GPS) technology to assist the user in locating nearby recyclable collection points on a map. It provides information on the locations of recyclable collection points (currently over 7 000) collecting different types of recyclables in Hong Kong, as well as the latest information about waste reduction and recycling, so as to facilitate community participation.
- 3. Members are invited to take note and make use of the above two mobile apps. They can be downloaded from the following web pages or through the respective stores of the mobile phones
  - (a) Download Air quality Health Index Mobile Applications

Android version:

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=hk.gov.epd.a qhi

iOS version:

https://itunes.apple.com/hk/app/id759560966?mt=8

(b) Download Waste Less Mobile Applications

Android version:

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=hk.com.code crafters.wsb&hl=en\_GB

iOS version:

https://itunes.apple.com/hk/app/mi-sai-ye/id826382645? mt=8

Windows 8 version:

http://www.windowsphone.com/en-hk/store/app/waste-less-%E5%92%AA%E5%98%A5%E5%98%A2/7bed069f-975c-48d5-b6a5-d9985407f6ac

4. The ENB/EPD will continue to explore the use of more mobile apps to facilitate the public to acquire information related to environmental protection.

**Environment Bureau** August 2015