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The Honourable Tanya Chan
Chairman for the Panel on Environmental Affairs
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road, Central

Dear Ms Chan,

Response to the Implementation of the Producer Responsibility Scheme on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment

Hong Kong Green Strategy Alliance (HKGSA) is a non-profit making organization founded in 2012 by a group of professionals and stakeholders who are visionary and wish to undertake the responsibility on the issues of environmental protection and sustainable development. Through active participation, discussions and exchange of views in green issues, projects and technologies etc., HKGSA would offer our professional opinions and solutions to tackle green issues in Hong Kong and neighboring region.

HKGSA would like to submit views related to the Implementation of the Producer Responsibility Scheme on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment. Please find enclosed our submission in Appendix for your perusal.

Should you have any queries, please feel free to contact me at (agmail.com) or our Honorary Secretary Ir Kenny Wong at (agmail.com).



Yours sincerely,

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Chairman, Hong Kong Green Strategy Alliance

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Response to the Implementation of the Producer Responsibility Scheme on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment

- 1. The Hong Kong Green Strategy Alliance (HKGSA) agrees the reliance on export in handling locally generated Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) may not be sustainable in the long run because demand for such second-hand products in markets outside Hong Kong may decline over time with progressive economic development and tightening of import control over WEEE in other jurisdictions. In such, HKGSA strongly supports the implementation of the Producer Responsibility Scheme (PRS) for proper collection and recycling of WEEE generated in Hong Kong.
- 2. From the experience gained from the implementation of PRS on plastic shopping bags, HKGSA believes this PRS on WEEE would be another important milestone for Hong Kong to drive behavioral change.
- 3. Upon the completion of the WEEE treatment and recycling facility (WEEETRF) later this year, HKGSA expects the WEEETRF would not just properly recycle the regulated WEEE, but also take the lead to collect those regulated WEEE from the community. HKGSA suggests the Government to monitor the performance of the WEEETRF to ensure those collected WEEE will be properly recycled.
- 4. HKGSA suggests the Government to work closely with relevant stakeholders and to conduct timely awareness promotion to the public for conducting proper source separation and collection, so that the proposed PRS on WEEE could maximize its effectiveness.
- 5. When the proposed PRS on WEEE is put in place, the Government should start to plan ahead for including the remaining 15% of other WEEE, especially the small WEEE.