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Bills Committee on Waste Disposal (Charging for Municipal Solid Waste)
(Amendment) Bill 2018
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Chairman and Committee Members,

Submission to Bills Committee on Waste Disposal
(Charging for Municipal Solid Waste) (Amendment) Bill 2018
Views from the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals Limited

The Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals Limited (“HKIQEP”) supports the Government’s introduction of a bill on 14 November 2018 to implement a charging scheme for the purpose of reducing MSW. We believe that such a charging scheme is an integral component of Hong Kong’s waste management strategy that will be instrumental in bringing about the public behavioral changes needed for reducing the amount of waste we generate in Hong Kong.

It is encouraging to note that the Government recognises the importance of allocating the necessary resources to support the development of a more robust local recycling industry and so plans to invest the fees collected to fund waste minimisation and recycling services and infrastructure is very much welcomed. It is this kind of green investment that will help move Hong Kong towards a more sustainable circular economy.

Hong Kong’s waste generated per capita is currently higher than a number of cities in the region and seems to be on an upward trend and so it is imperative that Hong Kong move forward in implementing the MSW Charging Scheme as soon as possible. HKIQEP looks forward to working with the Government in bringing the MSW Charging Scheme to life, as well as supporting Hong Kong to meet its 2022 targets under its Blueprint for Sustainable Use of Resources to allow Hong Kong to retain its reputation and competitiveness as a sustainable world class city.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jeanne C. Ng', written in a cursive style.

Jeanne C. Ng
Chairman
Hong Kong Institute of Qualified
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