

## Minutes of 125<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Environmental Campaign Committee

**Date** : 22 November 2011 (Tuesday)

**Time** : 2:30 pm

**Venue** : Conference Room, 33/F, Revenue Tower, 5 Gloucester Road, Hong Kong

### **Present**

Professor LUNG Ping-ye, David, SBS, JP (Chairman)

Mr. HUI Yung-chung, BBS, JP

Mr. MA Ching-hang, Patrick, BBS, JP

Dr. MA Hok-ka, Carol

Dr. NG Cho-nam, BBS, JP

Ms NG Chui-yiu, Jennifer

Dr. Elizabeth QUAT, JP

Professor SHEN Xu-hui, Simon

Dr. TANG Shuk-ming, Winnie, JP

Mr. WONG Mau-chung, Max

Ms WONG Sau-ying

Dr. YIP Chee-hang, Eric

Dr. YU Yuen-ping, William

Mr. Benny WONG, JP

Dr. CHEUNG Wing-hung

Dr. WONG Pik-wa, Carrie

Miss Eunice CHAN

Environmental Protection Department (EPD)

Education Bureau (EDB)

Department of Health (DH)

EPD (Secretary)

### **In attendance**

Ms Emily LI

EPD

Ms Wynne LAM

EPD

Miss Brenda LAM

EPD

Miss Veronna HO

EPD

Mr. CHEUNG Ka-yu

EPD

### **Absent with apologies**

Professor WONG Woon-chung, Jonathan, MH (Vice-Chairman)

Mr. CHAN Wing-hong, Cary

Dr. LEUNG Man-fuk, Edward

Mr. LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth, MH, JP

Ms Bernadette TSUI

Ms KWAN Sau-mei, Viola

Mr. WONG Pak-ho

Information Services Department (ISD)

Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)

**Vote of Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed all Members to the meeting.

**I. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting**

2. The minutes of the 124<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 23 August 2011 were confirmed without amendments.

**II. Progress Report of the Working Groups/Sub-committees**

**(a) Awards Committee on the Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence (ACHKAEE) (ECC Paper No. 19/2011)**

3. Ms Emily LI briefed Members on the work progress of the ACHKAEE as outlined in the ECC Paper No. 19/2011. She added that the final adjudicating panels for Sectoral Awards and Green Innovations Awards were being convened under the chairmanship of Prof. Tsui Lap-chee, Vice-chancellor and President of the University of Hong Kong, and the adjudication would complete by end of November 2011.

4. A member thanked Prof. Tsui and Members for taking the time to sit on the adjudicating panels. He remarked that the panel of the Restaurants sector noted that the green measures implemented by those restaurants under the same holding company were more or less the same and the entrants' performance was relatively less impressive than that of the other sectors. In this regard, no finalists were recommended for the Gold or Silver Award. The ACHKAEE would ask the technical consultant to review the eligibility and assessment criteria for the coming year.

5. The Chairman also mentioned that he had attended a meeting with the Secretary for the Environment and Yan Oi Tong. To support Yan Oi Tong in its plastics recycling programmes, the Chairman suggested Yan Oi Tong be invited to set up a booth at the HKAAEE awards presentation ceremony for promoting its plastic resources recycling centre.

**(b) Education Working Group (EWG) (ECC Paper No. 20/2011)**

6. Ms Emily LI briefed Members on the work progress of the EWG as outlined in the ECC Paper No. 20/2011.

7. Noting that many Student Environmental Protection Ambassadors (SEPAs) had been trained under the Student Environmental Protection Ambassador Scheme annually, the Chairman invited Members' views on forming a SEPAs Alumni. A member quoted Hong Kong Outstanding Students' Association as an example and responded that, at the initial stage, different activities could be arranged for SEPAs alumni, and the alumni might initiate to run their own projects after a few years. A member suggested that the ECC might consider collaborating with other organizations in providing training for SEPAs alumni to nurture them to develop career in environmental-related fields. A member said that Agency for Voluntary Service had the experience in administering volunteer campaigns and the ECC might approach the organization for collaboration opportunities. A member mentioned that in designing programmes for SEPAs alumni, the ECC might make reference to the Hong Kong Young Ambassador Scheme. A member said that World Wide Fund (WWF) had been working with a local university on maintaining a group of "WWF climateers" for service provision or community engagement programmes, and he might share the experience later.

8. For the thematic website for schools, a member remarked that the Secretariat might seek assistance of the Hong Kong Education City to promote the thematic website. A member also suggested the thematic website to link up with the "Healthy City" website of 18 districts.

**(c) Environmental Education and Community Action Projects Vetting Sub-committee (EE&CAPVSC) (ECC Paper No.21/2011)**

9. Ms Emily LI briefed Members on the work progress of the EE&CAPVSC as outlined in the ECC Paper No. 21/2011. In reply to the enquiry of the Chairman, Miss Eunice CHAN said that the recipient organizations of the EE&CA Projects were required to submit progress reports, completion reports, audited statements of accounts, and survey results on the participants' feedback, etc., to the Secretariat. The completion reports with all relevant information would be circulated to Members of the Vetting Sub-committee for endorsement. For the minor works projects, the Kadoorie Institute (KI) had recently conducted a consultancy study to identify the impact and effectiveness of projects in raising environmental awareness and education value. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to provide more information on project monitoring in future reports.

**(d) Publicity Working Group (PWG) (ECC Paper No.22/2011)**

10. Ms Emily LI briefed Members on the work progress of the PWG as outlined in the ECC Paper No. 22/2011.

11. The Chairman remarked that the survey on the Promotion Programme of Source Separation of Waste had revealed that the various campaigns successfully enhanced the awareness of the public in source separation and reduction of waste. A member shared the same view and highlighted that issues of waste reduction and combating climate change could be an annual focus of the ECC. A member commented on the need to understand more on the treatment and eventually outlet of the recyclables collected.

12. Mr. Benny WONG thanked Members for their valuable suggestions on the issue of waste reduction and source separation. Mr. WONG supplemented that EPD had been implementing a territory-wide recycling network and he would seek an opportunity to invite EPD colleagues to give more details to Members. Mr. WONG also highlighted that the work of the ECC in education and promotion of waste reduction and recycling was remarkable over the years.

13. Regarding the proposal of partnering with EPD and Housing Authority in the pilot project of source separation of glass bottles, a member welcomed the initiative and said that issues like the transportation cost of waste glass bottles and the promotion of use of the products made of recycled glass should be addressed. A member agreed with her and suggested that the use of building blocks made of recycled glass should be further promoted. Mr. Benny WONG supplemented that EPD had been launching some pilot programmes for collecting waste glass bottles such as the “Green Glass Green” programme organized by the Hong Kong Dumper Truck Drivers' Association. Mr. WONG further mentioned that different parties had also been exploring other initiatives to further promote the use of construction materials made of waste glass bottles.

### **III. Report and Financial Statements of ECC in FY2010-11**

14. Ms. Emily LI presented to the Meeting the Independent Auditor’s Report and Financial Statement of the ECC for the Financial Year 2010-2011 prepared by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu. Members noted that the expenditure items were all within the budget. The Report and Statements were endorsed by the Committee.

### **IV. Any Other Business**

15. Ms. Emily LI informed Members of the schedule of ECC Meetings in 2012 as follows:

- (i) 21 February 2012 (Tuesday) 2:30 p.m.**
- (ii) 22 May 2012 (Tuesday) 2:30 p.m.**
- (iii) 21 August 2011 (Tuesday) 2:30 p.m.**

**(iv) 20 November 2011 (Tuesday) 2:30 p.m.**

**V. Date of Next Meeting**

16. The next ECC meeting had been scheduled for 21 February 2012 (Tuesday) at 2:30 p.m. Members would be informed of the details in due course.

17. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

*ECC Secretariat  
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