

**Advisory Council on the Environment
Waste Management Subcommittee**

Notes of the 33rd Meeting held on 13 May 2015

Present

Prof Jonathan WONG	(Chairman)
Prof FUNG Tung	
Dr HUNG Wing-tat	
Ir Prof Irene LO	
Ir MA Lee-tak	
Miss Yolanda NG	
Dr Carrie WILLIS	
Mr Luther WONG	
Mr Stanley WONG	
Ms Pansy YAU	
Ms Libera CHENG	(Secretary)

Absent with Apologies

Mr Anthony LOCK
Ir Conrad WONG

In Attendance

Mr Howard CHAN	Deputy Director of Environmental Protection
Mr Samson LAI	Assistant Director of Environmental Protection (Waste Management Policy)
Mr WONG Hon-meng	Assistant Director of Environmental Protection (Waste Reduction and Recycling)
Dr Calvin LAU	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Waste Reduction and Recycling)
Mr George NG	Senior Statistician
Mr Rupert YUEN	Environmental Protection Officer (Waste Management Policy Group)

Action

Agenda Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

1. The minutes of the 32nd meeting held on 12 November 2014 was confirmed as circulated without amendment.

Agenda Item 2: Matters Arising

2. In response to members' request at the last meeting, EPD had sent the Powerpoint presentations materials on "Enhancing the Collection of Waste Data for Municipal Solid Waste Recovery Rate" and "Latest Development of EcoPark" to members for information.

**Agenda Item 3: 2013 Waste Statistics
(Paper WMSC 01/2015)**

3. Upon the Chairman's invitation, Mr George NG gave a Powerpoint presentation on "2013 Waste Statistics".
4. The meeting noted the increase in the amount of food waste and Members opined that the increase might be attributed to the increasing number of visitors to Hong Kong. A Member said that more dedicated publicity work should be done for tourists and his view was echoed by other Members.
5. The Chairman and a Member complimented that the Food Wise campaign was useful in raising the awareness of the members of the public on the food waste problem. A Member opined that more data are needed to ascertain the sources of waste so that the Government could devise targeted actions and publicity. Members echoed the view.
6. In response, Mr George NG explained that the effect of

visitors and other factors had already been discounted. Mr Howard CHAN supplemented that the Government were pursuing the various waste reduction measures contained in the Blueprint for Sustainable Use of Resources 2013-2022, and the effect on waste reduction would be more obvious when all measures were implemented.

7. The meeting also noted that the amount of construction waste was also on the increase. A Member suggested that there should be separate analysis on the construction waste from private and public sectors; a Member inquired if the charging level for construction waste would be raised. Mr Howard CHAN advised that the Government would engage the trade and review the charging level, and aimed to report the outcome of the review to the Legislative Council within 2015. Mr WONG Hon-meng supplemented that the Government had taken active roles in the management of construction waste, and works department would include a waste disposal plan on the handling and reuse of construction waste when they submitted the environmental impact assessment.
8. After some deliberation, the Chairman concluded the item. He said that there must be both publicity and mandatory measures in order to achieve effective waste reduction. It would also be useful to have more data to facilitate tailored measures targeting at the problem source.

Agenda Item 4: Government Green Procurement (Paper WMSC 02/2015)

9. Upon invitation by the Chairman, Mr WONG Hon-meng gave a presentation on “Green Procurement in the Government”.
10. A Member inquired how the Government promoted green procurement internally. A Member also inquired about the situation on the use and promotion of

biodiesel in Hong Kong.

11. A Member opined that the Government should promote or even mandate the use of those goods with green specifications so as to boost demand for them, and he also inquired on the usage of electric vehicle (EV) within the Government. A Member commented that more promotion and campaigns should be made targeting manufacturers for their support.
12. Mr Wong Hon-meng agreed that it was important to publicize the green procurement list to members of the public. He further advised that the Government had mandated the use of most categories of products on the green procurement list in house, and would further promote the use of EV by gradually replacing the fleet with more EVs where suitable. He further explained that the amount of locally generated waste edible oil was sufficient in producing enough biodiesel for local consumption.
13. After some deliberation, the Chairman concluded that the Government should continue to take the lead in promoting green procurement, and might consider using policy tools to further promote the use.

Agenda Item 5: Any Other Business

14. There was no other business.

[Post-meeting Notes: In response to the request from members, the Powerpoint presentation on item 4 with hyperlink to Government Green Procurement website was sent to members for information.]

Agenda Item 6: Date of Next Meeting

15. The Secretariat would contact individual members to arrange the next meeting.

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