

**Progress of Key Initiatives in the
“Policy Framework for the Management of Municipal Solid Waste (2005-2014)”**

Key Initiatives	Latest Progress
Territory-wide Source Separation of Domestic Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As at 21 June 2007, 598 housing estates have signed up for the programme (representing 791,000 households and a population of 2.4 million). The ECF has also approved \$1.63M for 46 projects on source separation of domestic waste.
Producer Responsibility Schemes (PRS's)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Administration has tabled a proposal on an environmental levy on plastic shopping bags for a 2-month public consultation. Subject to public support, the relevant legislation, namely the Product Eco-responsibility Bill, will be prepared. The PRSs on vehicle tyres and WEEE are being developed, in consultation with stakeholders.
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Charging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 3-month trial scheme in 20 housing estates was completed. The findings of the trial scheme and the views from the participants are presented to the Subcommittee (Paper WMSC 5/07). Follow-up study will be conducted to examine the critical issues identified and develop practicable options for MSW charging.
Short Term Tenancy (STT) Sites for the Recycling Trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As at 21 June 2007, there are 36 STT sites for recycling trade, with a total area of 7.4 ha.
EcoPark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first batch of lots in Phase I was awarded in April 2007. Tenders for the second batch of lots will be invited in mid-2007.
Green Procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are working with GLD to develop more mandatory “green” specifications for commonly used items, such as office equipment.

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Funding for Recycling Technology Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is an on-going initiative.
Landfill Disposal Bans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landfill disposal bans will tie in with PRS and IWMF.
IWMF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A site search is being conducted on the basis of the scale and the technologies endorsed by the Subcommittee. Detailed feasibility and EIA studies will follow. • We are organizing a public seminar on IWMF. The objectives of the seminar are to present the need for IWMF, introduce the latest waste treatment technologies, identify public concerns and share experiences on how such concerns could be addressed.
Landfill Extensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EIA and engineering feasibility studies of individual landfill extension project are in progress. • A continuous public involvement (CPI) approach has been adopted throughout the EIA process. • The EIA report for the NENT Extension Project will be available for public inspection in late June 2007.

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Public Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ECF Committee has supported the three applications under the Public Education Programme under the “Policy Framework”. Subject to further refinements on the budgets, the applications will be formally endorsed. • A new TV API on the source separation of domestic waste has been broadcasted since May 2007. • A new TV API’s on the proposal on an environmental levy on plastic shopping bas has been broadcasted since May 2007. • Environmental Shopping Bags Design Competition under the 6th Hong Kong Green School Award has received more than 2,000 entries. • Green Lunch Campaign has been organised under the 6th Hong Kong Green School Award. A video promo on green lunch was launched by SETW on 11 May 2007 and seminar with sharing session was organized to promote the campaign.

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