

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

Key Initiatives	Latest Progress
Source Separation of Domestic Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As at November 2007, 739 housing estates have signed up for the programme (representing 937,000 households and a population of 2.8 million). The ECF has also approved \$2.93M for 75 projects on source separation of domestic waste.
Producer Responsibility Schemes (PRS's)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2007-08 Policy Address has committed to proceed with the Product Eco-responsibility Bill so as to provide a legal framework for implementing producer responsibility schemes in Hong Kong, with the environmental levy on plastic shopping bags as the first scheme under the Bill. We are working on the draft Bill, with a view to introducing it into the LegCo in the 2007/08 legislative session. The PRSs on vehicle tyres and WEEE are being developed. A computer recycling programme funded by 20 major manufacturers and suppliers will be launched in January 2008. Over 400 housing estates have also signed up as collection points for the programme. A fluorescent lamp recycling programme is under discussion with the trade, and will be launched in the first half of 2008.
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Charging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are examining the issues identified through the trial scheme and organizing a territory-wide baseline survey as agreed at the last Subcommittee's meeting.
Short Term Tenancy (STT) Sites for the Recycling Trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are currently 36 STT sites for the 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. The second batch of lots in Phase I will be awarded by end 2007, with focuses on the recycling of waste electronic and electrical equipment, waste plastics and organic waste.

Key Initiatives	Latest Progress
Green Procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are developing mandatory “green” specifications for more items commonly used within the Government. • The Hong Kong Green Purchasing Charter (HKGPC) funded by the Public Education Programme of the “Policy Framework” was launched in October 2007. The first experience-sharing seminar will be held in December 2007.
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 IW MF.
IW MF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are finalizing the IW MF site search exercise. Engagement of relevant stakeholders and detailed feasibility studies will follow. • We plan to organize a public seminar on IW MF in early March 2008. The objectives of the seminar are to present the need for IW MF, introduce the latest waste treatment technologies, and share experience on potential concerns of IW MF development.
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 has recently undergone public inspection and ACE’s consideration. The EIA report for the SENT Extension Project will be available for public inspection by end 2007.

Key Initiatives	Latest Progress
Public Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three projects have been approved under the Public Education Programme of the “Policy Framework”. The 2nd round of funding applications will be considered by the Subcommittee on 3 December. • The ECF Committee has approved \$5M for the ECC to implement a campaign promoting domestic waste recycling. Tendering process is ongoing for design, production and delivery of a new type of recycling bins for housing estates. • A new series of TV APIs on “Green Lifestyle” which promote messages such as waste separation and simple packaging have been broadcast since November 2007. • In 2007/08, the themes of the Student Environmental Protection Ambassador Scheme include waste avoidance and reduction. Student environmental protection ambassadors are invited to enroll in seminars featuring waste avoidance and reduction and field visits to local waste management facilities

Environmental Protection Department
November 2007