

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

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Source Separation of Domestic Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As at April 2008, 885 housing estates have signed up for the programme (representing 1,088,000 households and a population of 3.3 million). The Environment and Conservation Fund (ECF) has also approved \$3.98 million for 94 projects on source separation of domestic waste. • The Building (Refuse Storage and Material Recovery Chambers and Refuse Chutes) (Amendment) Regulation 2008 has been gazetted on 16 May 2008. Subject to approval by the Legislative Council (LegCo), the Amendment Regulation will impose a mandatory requirement for provision of a refuse storage and material recovery room on every floor of new domestic buildings and the domestic part of new composite buildings from 1 December 2008. The new requirement aims at providing sufficient space on every floor to facilitate implementation of the programme on source separation of domestic waste in new buildings.
Producer Responsibility Schemes (PRS's)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Product Eco-responsibility Bill has been introduced into the LegCo in January 2008. The Bill would provide a legal framework for implementing PRS's, and the environmental levy on plastic shopping bags would be the first scheme under the Bill. • The Bill is now being scrutinized by a Bills Committee at the LegCo. It is our plan to get the Bill passed by the LegCo within this legislative session. • A rechargeable battery recycling programme funded by 39 major rechargeable battery and electronic equipment producers and importers was launched in April 2005. About 140 tonnes (750,000 pieces) of rechargeable batteries have been collected and shipped to an overseas treatment facility for recycling so far. • A computer recycling programme funded by 20 major

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	<p>manufacturers and suppliers was launched in January 2008. 15 public collection points have been set up. Over 600 housing estates and commercial and industrial buildings have signed up to join the programme. About 10,000 pieces of computer equipment items have been collected so far.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fluorescent lamp recycling programme funded by 15 major suppliers was launched in March 2008. 52 public collection points have been set up and over 500 housing estates have signed up to join the programme. • Statutory PRS's are being explored and developed in parallel, in consultation with the relevant trades.
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Charging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As agreed by the Subcommittee, a consultant shall be engaged to conduct a study to collect baseline data on the waste generation pattern and the waste management practices of various buildings and trades.
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"> • While two tenancies have been terminated due to non-compliance, the EcoPark is making progress in the right direction. Three of the six lots in Phase I were leased in 2007 for recycling of waste wood, used cooking oil and computers, and we are providing support to these tenants in setting up their operations at the EcoPark. The tenders for another two lots were invited in February 2008 and the tenancies will be awarded in mid 2008. The last lot in Phase I will be tendered as soon as possible thereafter. Planning for development of the Phase II lots will commence towards the end of 2008.

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Green Procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A consultancy study will soon be commissioned to update the existing “green” specifications and develop “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. Two experience-sharing seminars in Dec 2007 and April 2008 under the Charter had been held.
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"> • The result of our comprehensive site search exercise concludes that the sites at Shek Kwu Chau and Tsang Tsui Ash Lagoons are suitable for consideration as potential sites for its development. We will commence detailed engineering and EIA studies for both sites in 2008 to ascertain their ultimate suitability. • We are continuing with the public engagement work and the close liaison with the relevant District Councils, local community and other stakeholders to deliberate matters of concern. • Subject to the study findings, we aim to make a final decision on the choice of site and to commence construction as soon as possible with a view to commissioning in mid-2010’s.

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Landfill Extensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EIA reports for the NENT and SENT Landfill Extension Projects have been approved under EIAO, following their exhibition for public inspection and consideration by ACE. • The EIA and engineering feasibility studies of WENT Landfill Extension Project are in progress. A continuous public involvement (CPI) approach will be adopted throughout the EIA process.
Public Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six projects with a total budget of \$3 million have been approved by the ECF Committee under the Public Education Programme of the "Policy Framework" • The ECF Committee has approved \$5 million for the Environmental Campaign Committee 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. • "Waste Reduction" is the local theme of World Environment Day 2008. A series of activities, including TV API and bus shelter advertisements, will be launched in June to publicize waste reduction and eco-friendly consumption. • Plastic bag reduction is promoted through the Little Green Ambassador Scheme 2008 for pre-schools organized with the Dairy Farm Group. Participating students/parents will receive a sticker in each purchase at the Group's retail stores for declining plastic bags. • The public is encouraged to practise waste reduction and recycling through the newly launched 2008 Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence under which the Class of Good/Class of Excellence "Wastewi\$e Label" will be presented to companies/organizations that have attained specific goals. • To increase the public awareness and promote the practice of 3R's of plastic shopping bags, a new series of TV and radio API's was launched in April.

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