

**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"> <li>As at August 2008, 945 housing estates have signed up for the programme (representing 1 146 000 households and a population of 3.4 million). The Environment and Conservation Fund (ECF) has also approved \$4.14 million for 98 projects on source separation of domestic waste.</li> <li>The Building (Refuse Storage and Material Recovery Chambers and Refuse Chutes) (Amendment) Regulation 2008 was passed by the Legislative Council on 12 July 2008. 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 source separation of domestic waste in new buildings.</li> </ul>
Producer Responsibility Schemes (PRS's)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Product Eco-responsibility Ordinance (Cap.603) was enacted by LegCo in July 2008. The Ordinance provides a legal framework for implementing PRS's, and the environmental levy on plastic shopping bags is the first scheme under the Ordinance.</li> <li>We are preparing the Product Eco-responsibility (Plastic Shopping Bags) Regulation in consultation with the retail trade.</li> <li>A rechargeable battery recycling programme funded by 42 major rechargeable battery and electronic equipment producers and importers was launched in April 2005. About 143 tonnes (780 000 pieces) of rechargeable batteries have been collected and shipped to an overseas treatment facility for recycling so far.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A computer recycling programme funded by 20 major manufacturers and suppliers was launched in January 2008. 15 public collection points have been set up. Over 630 housing estates and commercial and industrial buildings have signed up to join the programme.</li> <li>• A fluorescent lamp recycling programme funded by 15 major suppliers was launched in March 2008. 52 public collection points have been set up. Over 570 housing estates have signed up to join the programme.</li> </ul>
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Charging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As agreed by the Subcommittee, a consultant shall be engaged to conduct a baseline study to collect key information on waste generation pattern and waste management practices.</li> </ul>
Short Term Tenancy (STT) Sites for the Recycling Trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are currently 35 STT sites for the recycling trade, with a total area of 7.0 ha.</li> </ul>
EcoPark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are six lots in Phase I of the EcoPark. Four lots in Phase I have been awarded for recycling of waste wood, used cooking oil, computers, and waste plastics. Three tenants are working on their building plan submissions with a view to commencing recycling operations in end 2008. The tenant, who was recently awarded the lot for plastics recycling, is liaising with their architect for the plant design and building plan submissions. The Government is proceeding with the preparatory work for the tendering of the remaining two lots.</li> <li>• The Government will continue to provide various support and advisory services to the tenants for setting up their plants. These include liaison with government departments, assistance in license applications, sourcing of waste materials and promotion of collaboration among tenants.</li> <li>• With the experience gained in previous tender exercises and the feedback from the tenants, the Government is reviewing the tenancy requirements for Phase II lots in order to make</li> </ul>

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	the terms of the EcoPark more attractive.
Green Procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A consultancy study was commissioned in July 2008 to update the existing “green” specifications and develop “green” specifications for more items commonly used within the Government. The study is expected to be completed in mid 2009.</li> <li>• 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 were held in December 2007 and April 2008 under the Charter.</li> </ul>
Funding for Recycling Technology Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is an on-going initiative.</li> </ul>
Landfill Disposal Bans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landfill disposal bans will tie in with PRS’s and IWMF.</li> </ul>
IWMF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The result of the site search exercise concludes that the sites at Shek Kwu Chau and Tsang Tsui Ash Lagoons are suitable for consideration as potential sites for developing the first phase of the IWMF. We will commence detailed engineering and EIA studies for both sites in December 2008 to ascertain their ultimate suitability.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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 the IWMF in mid-2010’s.</li> </ul>
Landfill Extensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The EIA reports for the NENT and SENT Landfill Extension Projects have been approved under EIAO,</li> </ul>

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	<p>following their exhibition for public inspection and consideration by ACE. The Environmental Permits for the two Extension Projects have also been issued by the EIA Authority.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The EIA and engineering feasibility studies for the WENT Landfill Extension Project are in progress. A continuous public involvement (CPI) approach will be adopted throughout the EIA process.</li> </ul>
Public Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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".</li> <li>• To promote the World Environment Day 2008, a TV Announcement in Public Interest (TV API) on Road Show and a series of bus shelter advertisement, which promoted green lifestyle with emphasis on waste reduction and eco-friendly consumption, were launched from mid June 2008 to mid July 2008. Recently, the Information Services Department has allocated TV airtime, tentatively in the end of September, for broadcasting the aforesaid TV API after the Olympics 2008.</li> <li>• To tie in with the enactment of the Product Eco-responsibility Ordinance, a new TV API has been broadcasted since April 2008 to promote reduction, recovery and recycling of plastic shopping bags.</li> <li>• The Little Green Ambassador Scheme 2008, which was jointly organised with the Dairy Farm Group, was completed on 12 June 2008. Based on the number of stickers on their Green Passports, a total of 11,184 gold awards, 1,032 silver awards and 1,082 bronze awards together with certificates were presented to pre-schools students.</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>

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	specific goals. As of mid August 2008, over 1,000 companies/organizations have participated in the "Wastewi\$e Label".

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