

**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 early November 2008, 977 housing estates have signed up for the programme (representing 1.2 million households and some 3.5 million people). The Environment and Conservation Fund (ECF) has also approved \$4.2 million for 100 projects on source separation of domestic waste. Amendment of the Building (Refuse Storage and Material Recovery Chambers and Refuse Chutes) Regulations was made in the 2007-08 legislative session. Commencing from 1 December 2008, all new domestic buildings and the domestic part of new composite buildings will be required to provide a refuse storage and materials recovery room on every building floor to facilitate residents to participate in waste recovery.
Producer Responsibility Schemes (PRS's)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. We are preparing the Product Eco-responsibility (Plastic Shopping Bags) Regulation, which would set out the implementation details of the environmental levy scheme, in consultation with the retail trade. Subject to the approval of the Legislative Council, we are working towards implementing the environmental levy scheme in 2009. 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

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	<p>batteries have been collected and shipped to an overseas treatment facility for recycling so far.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 640 housing estates and commercial and industrial buildings have signed up to join the programme. • A fluorescent lamp recycling programme funded by 15 major suppliers was launched in March 2008. 52 public collection points have been set up. Over 590 housing estates have signed up to join the programme. • A glass container recycling programme funded by 11 major hotels was launched in November 2008, and the collected used containers will be sent to a local recycler to produce paving blocks. • We are examining the possibility of introducing a mandatory PRS through legislation to ensure proper recovery and recycling of WEEE.
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Charging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Baseline Study to collect key information on waste generation pattern and waste management practices on commercial and industrial establishments has been commissioned in late November 2008.
Short Term Tenancy (STT) Sites for the Recycling Trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are currently 35 STT sites for the recycling trade, with a total area of 7.0 ha.
EcoPark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 construction in end 2008. The tenant, who was awarded the lot for plastics recycling, is liaising with their architect for the plant design and building plan submissions. Tender assessment of another lot for metal recycling is in progress. The remaining lot will be

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	<p>tendered before end of December 2008. Phase II construction will also start in December 2008.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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 the terms of the EcoPark more attractive.
Green Procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • The Hong Kong Green Purchasing Charter (HKGPC) funded by the Public Education Programme of the “Policy Framework” was launched in October 2007. Three experience-sharing seminars were held in December 2007, April 2008 and June 2008 under the Charter.
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’s and IWMF.
IWMF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 have commenced detailed engineering and EIA studies for both sites in mid November 2008 to ascertain their ultimate suitability.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 the IWMF in mid-2010's.
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 Environmental Permits for the two Extension Projects have also been issued by the EIA Authority. Land rezoning and land resumption processes for NENT Landfill Extension are in progress. • 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.
Public Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seven projects with a total budget of \$3.4 million have been approved by the Environment and Conservation Fund Committee under the Public Education Programme of the "Policy Framework". • 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. The TV API has been broadcasted on television since late September 2008. • A new TV API has been broadcasted since April 2008 to promote reduction, recovery and recycling of plastic shopping bags. To tie in with the API, a plastic shopping bags recycling campaign is being conducted by a green group at Link Reit's major shopping malls.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="472 237 1447 450">• The Promotion Programme on Source Separation of Waste has been recently launched to provide metal and plastic recycling bins to residential, commercial and industrial buildings. The first batch of bins is expected to be ready for distribution by the end of 2008. <li data-bbox="472 495 1447 920">• Under the Waste Separation and Recycling Scheme in Schools, all primary and secondary schools have been invited to apply for new plastic recycling bins. A six-month feasibility study will also be conducted on the implementation of waste separation at sources on floor basis in schools. Participating schools will be required to place one set of metal recycling bins on each floor for collecting recyclables. They will also be required to provide all relevant monthly data, and to complete a questionnaire at the end of the study. <li data-bbox="472 965 1447 1301">• The public is encouraged to practise waste reduction and recycling through the 2008 Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence under which the Wastewi\$e Label of the Class of Good/Class of Excellence will be presented to companies/organizations that have attained specific goals. As of mid November 2008, 1,126 companies/organizations have participated in the "Wastewi\$e Label" Scheme.

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