

Position Paper for the Amendment of HKWMA's Constitution

Adjustment of Annual Membership Subscription

Since the inception of the Hong Kong Waste Management Association (HKWMA) in 1994, the Association has served as a professional platform for members and stakeholders in the waste management and environmental sectors. Through technical meetings, visits, seminars, training activities and other professional exchanges, HKWMA continues to promote professional practice, knowledge sharing and collaboration within Hong Kong and with the wider community.

To support the sustainable operation of the Association and its continued delivery of member services and professional activities, the Executive Committee proposes to adjust the annual membership subscription for Individual Members and Organisation Members. As the existing fee amounts are expressly stated in Schedule A of the Constitution, the proposed fee adjustment requires approval at a General Meeting and a corresponding amendment to Schedule A. The Executive Committee therefore seeks members' support and endorsement at the 2026 Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The major proposed changes to the Constitution are as follows:

- 1) To increase the annual subscription for an Individual Member from HK\$400 to HK\$500;
- 2) To increase the annual subscription for an Organisation Member from HK\$3,000 to HK\$4,000;
- 3) To increase the annual subscription for an Institution Member from HK\$1,200 to HK\$1,500;
- 4) To maintain the annual subscription for a Student Membership as free;
- 5) To retain the existing pro-rated first-year membership fee schedule and the existing provision for free membership on a case-by-case basis; and
- 6) Subject to approval at the 2026 AGM, to make the revised annual subscriptions effective from 1 July 2027, being the start of the next full membership subscription year.

The Executive Committee's intention to make the above amendment is based on the following considerations:

- 1) To keep pace with inflation while maintaining the Association's financial capacity to organise professional activities, technical events, member communications and other services for members.
- 2) To propose a modest one-time adjustment to the annual membership subscription to appropriately align with the consideration (1) above.
- 3) To preserve accessibility for students by leaving the student member subscription fee unchanged.
- 4) To avoid retrospective charging for the membership year that commenced on 1 July 2026, the Executive Committee proposes that the revised fees take effect from 1 July 2027.

Constitutional basis

Under Chapter 5, Article 3 of the Constitution, the annual subscription is prescribed in Schedule A and may be varied at a General Meeting by majority vote. Chapter 3 provides for amendments to the Constitution to be considered at the AGM, while Chapter 7 provides that the Constitution may be amended by the majority of members voting at a General Meeting.

Accordingly, the proposed change should be presented as an AGM resolution together with the amendment to Schedule A.

Summary of proposed annual subscription

Membership Class	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Individual Member	HK\$400	HK\$500
Organisation Member	HK\$3,000	HK\$4,000
Institution Member	HK\$1,200	HK\$1,500
Student Member	Free	Free

Proposed amendment to Schedule A

It is proposed that the opening part of Schedule A be replaced with the following:

The annual subscription for:

- i. an individual member shall be HK\$500;*
- ii. an organisation member shall be HK\$4,000;*
- iii. an institution member shall be HK\$1,500; and*
- iv. a student member shall be free.*

All other provisions in Schedule A, including the pro-rated first-year membership fee schedule and the provision for free membership on a case-by-case basis, shall remain unchanged.

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Members are invited to send comments to the Honorary Secretary on or before 15 September 2026 via ray.wan@dunwellgroup.com.