

Hong Kong Waste Management Association had a busy and fruitful term over the past two years, under the leadership of our immediate past Chairman Mr Victor Li and our dedicated Executive Committee as well as our energetic Young Member Committee. I would like to thank Victor for his contribution, in particular his initiative for HKWMA to join the Asia Pacific Waste & Environment Alliance as well as spreading our message to the public through recent radio and media interview.

Hong Kong is an interesting era as waste management is no longer a topic for the profession but it affects the daily living of the general public. The landfills are reaching maximum utilization and it is a controversial topic whether we should expand our current landfill into nation park. The waste charging policy that the government is planning to roll out is an important milestone for Hong Kong which will change the behavior of public and reduce waste at source. With challenges comes opportunity and it is good to see a number of new waste recycling and waste-to-energy facilities are starting to operate, like the T Park sludge incineration plant, the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment recycling plant and the Organic Waste Treatment Facility at Siu Ho Wan.

The government is aware that landfilling cannot be our sole option for waste treatment and they are using the policy to encourage waste recycling. The 1 Billion recycling fund has injected the much needed support to the industry and we will expect NSW charging and Product's Responsibility scheme to be rolled out shortly.

In the coming two years HKWMA is committed to the following areas:

- Express our view

We will collect the view from our members for issues related to waste management and voice out to the government

- Knowledge exchange

We will host industrial visit and seminar in Hong Kong and overseas for the purpose of knowledge exchange.

- Promote sustainability

Promote Sustainable Waste Management Practice to the professional through engagement with different associations and society, as well as students through our Student Chapter and to the general public through media reporting.

Lastly I would like to thank you for your support and I look forward to working closely with you in the coming term.

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