

Question on mega incinerator at Shek Kwu Chau
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We have been actively engaging the public on the development of the project for more than ten years. Previous consultations and discussions at the LegCo regarding the project since 2008 are summarized in Annex A. Since February 2011, we had met with over 2 500 concerned people and about 60 groups/ organizations and attended 70 meetings to explain the need for the project and to address their queries on various aspects of the project, including air quality and health, air pollution control technology, ecology, water quality and fisheries.

In the past two years, we had consulted the Panel on Environmental Affairs (EAP) of the LegCo on 24 February 2014. After hearing views of the public/organizations at the special meetings on 22 and 28 March, the EAP gave support to bring forward the proposal to the Public Works Sub-committee of the LegCo (PWSC) for endorsement. After several rounds of discussions on 16 April, 7, 13, 21 and 27 May 2014, the PWSC endorsed the project on 27 May 2014. As from October 2014, the Finance Committee of the LegCo had 10 rounds of thorough debate and eventually approved the funding of the proposal on 9 January 2015. We will kick-start the prequalification exercise in early 2015. Provided the contract is awarded in year 2016/17, we anticipate construction works could commence in mid-2017, with a view to commissioning the facilities in year 2022/23.

At District Council (DC) level, we briefed the Islands District Council (IsDC) on 21 February 2011 at which some DC members raised objection to the Administration's preference for SKC as the site for the first IWMF. We had further responded to members' enquiries at IsDC meeting on 20 February 2012, at which IsDC agreed to follow up the project by setting up a dedicated working group under the DC.

Following the release of the Hong Kong Blueprint for Sustainable Use of Resources 2013-2022 (the Action Blueprint) in May 2013, we organized two visits to the Macao Refuse Incineration Plant on 7 December 2013 and 4 January 2014 for IsDC members and the local community to experience in person the waste-to-energy

facility and the development of waste management facilities in Macau. We presented the Action Blueprint and the latest progress of the first IWMP project at IsDC's working group meeting on 27 November 2013, and at IsDC's meeting on 16 December 2013. Members acknowledged the imminent challenges brought by the waste problems in Hong Kong and the need for the IWMP.

As funding had already been approved for the IWMP project, prequalification exercise and tendering process will commence soon. We are committed to implementing the project accordingly for timely commissioning of these essential waste management facilities. We are aware of public concerns on this project and will continue to address them through district liaison groups with representatives from the District Councils, local community and other stakeholders.

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**Integrated Waste Management Facilities Phase 1
Summary of Public Consultation Events**

The public engagement activities that the EPD have undertaken with the various stakeholders since February 2008-

<u>Date</u>	<u>Consultees</u>
29 Jan 2008	Advisory Council on the Environment (ACE)
25 Feb 2008	The Panel on Environmental Affairs of LegCo
28 Feb 2008	Tuen Mun District Council (TM DC)
6 Mar 2008	Briefing cum site visit for Shenzhen Nanshan residents and TMDC member
7 Mar 2008	Public Seminar on Thermal Waste Treatment
9 Mar 2008	City Forum on IW MF
10 Apr 2008	Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Committee of Secondary Schools Principals and Committee of Primary Schools Principals in Tuen Mun
11 Apr 2008	The Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers (SARDA)
14 Apr 2008	Islands District Council (Islands DC)
17 Apr 2008	Cheung Chau Rural Committee
18 Apr 2008	LegCo Members and representatives from Cheung Chau and Tuen Mun
22 Apr 2008	Site meeting with Tuen Mun DC members
28 Apr 2008	Cheung Chau representatives
29 Apr 2008	Site meeting with Tuen Mun DC members
8 May 2008	Open forum organized by Cheung Chau Rural Committee.
21 May 2008	A concern group on incinerators from Tuen Mun
26 May 2008	Working Group on Development and Planning of TM District
28-30 May 2008	International Conference organized by HKIE
20 Jun 2008	Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
21 Jul 2008	Tuen Mun North East Area Committee
7 Aug 2008	Tuen Mun South East Area Committee
7 Aug 2008	Tuen Mun South West Area Committee
8 Aug 2008	Tuen Mun North West Area Committee
20 Aug 2008	Tai Hing & Shan King Area Committee
27 Oct 2008	SARDA

15 Nov 2008	Public Forum at Tuen Mun
27 Mar 2009	Tuen Mun Liaison Committee Meeting
4 May 2009	Focus Group - Professional bodies
5 May 2009	Focus Group meeting – Green Groups
8 May 2009	Focus Group meeting – trade bodies
25 Jun 2009	Focus Group meeting – academia
14-17 Sep 2009	Islands and Tuen Mun DCs’ technical visit to Japan (26 members attended)
12 Nov 2009	SARDA
14 Dec 2009	ACE
26 Jan 2010	ACE Waste Management SubCommittee
15 Nov 2010	Tourism, Agriculture, Fisheries and Environmental Hygiene Committee (TAFEHC) of Islands DC
27 Nov 2010	City Speak at Fringe Club
24 Jan 2011	The Civil Engineering Society, HKUSU
15 Feb 2011	SARDA
21 Feb 2011	Islands DC
25 Feb 2011	Town Planning Board
28 Feb 2011	SARDA
01 Mar 2011	Tuen Mun DC
05 Mar 2011	Public Forum at Chinese University of Hong Kong
08 Mar 2011	Cheung Chau Rural Committee
10 Mar 2011	Residents of Cheung Chau
10 Mar 2011	Hong Kong Fishery Alliance
10 Mar 2011	Public Forum at Admiralty by Hong Kong Ideas Center
15 Mar 2011	Public Forum at Hong Kong Baptist University
16 Mar 2011	Joint Technical Forum organized by five professionals
21 Mar 2011	TAFEHC of Islands DC
21 Mar 2011	ACE EIA Sub-committee
08 Apr 2011	Town Planning Board
11 Apr 2011	ACE
11 Apr 2011	Students of Cheung Chau Government Secondary School
12 Apr 2011	Ten fishermen associations
13 Apr 2011	HK General Chamber of Commerce
14 Apr 2011	Five Kai Fong Organizations and five village communities in Cheung Chau
13 May 2011	South Lantao Rural Committee
14 May 2011	Central Policy Unit
31 May 2011	World Wild Fund

04 Aug 2011	LegCo Case Conference
11 Aug 2011	Mui Wo Rural Committee
11 Aug 2011	Living Islands Movement
14 Sept 2011	Hong Kong Bird Watching Society
26 Sept 2011	Hong Kong Bird Watching Society
18 Nov 2011	Forum by Project Chambers
25 Nov 2011	Residents at South Lantau objecting under FS(R)O
28 Nov 2011	Residents at Cheung Chau objecting under FS(R)O
2 Dec 2011	Residents at Cheung Chau
5 Dec 2011	Hong Kong Islands District Association
5 Dec.2011	EIA Subcommittee of the ACE
14 Dec 2011	World Wide Fund
23 Dec 2011	Residents and Fishermen of Cheung Chau
29 Dec 2011	Fishermen associations of Cheung Chau
30 Dec 2011	ACE
12 Jan 2012	SARDA
17 Jan 2012	Town Planning Board
20 Jan 2012	Fishermen associations of Cheung Chau
8 Feb 2012	Peng Chau Rural Committee
20 Feb 2012	Islands DC
15 Mar 2012	Islands DC Working Group
7 May 2013	Forum by the Hong Kong Baptist University
22 Nov 2013	Forum by the Green Strategy Alliance
26 Nov 2013	Islands DC Working Group
7 Dec 2013	Islands District delegation (Islands DC members and local organizations)'s visit to Macao Refuse Incineration Plant (31 representatives attended)
12 Dec 2013	Students of Cheung Chau secondary schools
13 Dec 2013	Public Forum at Cheung Chau
16 Dec 2013	Islands DC
4 Jan 2014	South Lantau Rural Committee's visit to Macao Refuse Incineration Plant (26 representatives attended)
6 Jan 2014	SARDA
12 Jan 2014	Public Forum at Discovery Bay