

**The Government's latest work on promoting waste reduction
and recycling according to the targets set out in
"Hong Kong Blueprint for Sustainable Use of Resources 2013-2022"**

- (i) **MSW Charging:** we consider that quantity-based charging can create financial incentive to drive changes in the public's waste-generating behaviour, thus achieving an overall reduction in waste disposal. In December 2014, the Council for Sustainable Development has made recommendations on how to implement quantity-based charging in accordance with the views collected during the public engagement process, and follow-up actions have already started. Details were reported to the Panel on Environmental Affairs in February 2015;
- (ii) **Producer Responsibility Scheme ("PRS"):** We are now progressively implementing the PRS. The plastic shopping bag charging will be fully implemented on April 1, 2015. Our funding application for the construction of the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Treatment and Recycling Facility at EcoPark in Tuen Mun has been approved by the LegCo in February 2015, and legislation on the PRS was submitted to the LegCo for consideration last week. Regarding glass beverage bottles charging, the legislation is being drafted while the recycling network is being expanded progressively to prepare for the full implementation of the PRS;
- (iii) **Food Waste Reduction:** We will continue with the Food Wise Hong Kong Campaign to promote public awareness of the food waste problem in Hong Kong. We will also encourage behavioural changes in various sectors of the community for reduction in food waste. As at February 2015, about 400 organisations have signed the Food Wise Charter and 23 workshops have been held to provide food waste reduction training to about 1 350 Food Wise Hong Kong Ambassadors. We will continue to give support to non-government organisations and encourage them to collect from business establishments such as supermarkets, wet markets, restaurants, clubs, hotels etc., food which is surplus but edible or is approaching but not reaching the expiry date for donation to the people in need;
- (iv) **Community Recycling:** By implementing a territory-wide Source Separation of Domestic Waste as well as Commercial and Industrial Waste Programme, over 80 per cent of the Hong Kong population now have recycling bins close to where they live and work. We will enhance our collaboration with government departments, district councils, schools, housing estates, property management companies, green groups and social services organisations in setting up more community recycling points to form a wider community recycling network to help develop the habit of clean recycling. Through the Environment and Conservation Fund, the Government is also giving active support to non-profit-making organisations in their education and promotion activities relating to community recycling. Furthermore, we have launched 'Waste Less', a free mobile application, which provides information on the locations of recycling points in public places all over Hong Kong. It also provides updated information and knowledge about waste disposal as well as waste reduction and

recycling to encourage public participation in waste reduction and recycling through easier accessibility; and

- (v) **“Community Green Stations”**: Apart from developing progressively Community Green Stations (“CGSs”) in each of the 18 districts in Hong Kong, we will also appoint non-profit-making organisations through open tender to operate the project and provide financial support for their operation. With the project in place, we expect that the quality and quantity of recyclables collected will be gradually enhanced and more recyclables of different types can be recovered for local processing. Implementation of the CGS will also enhance environmental education and community participation in promoting MSW charging and other waste reduction and recycling measures.