

Annex 1

**Community Participation Programme in
Environmental Protection 2019/20
(Theme: Dump Less, Save More, Recycle Right)
(English translation)**

Purpose

This paper serves to brief Members on the details of the Programme 2019/20, and invite all District Councils (DCs) to make early arrangement for planning related activities, so as to identify collaboration partners in the 2nd quarter of 2019 to organise various environmental activities.

Background information

Summary of the Promotion Activities for 2018/19

2. The theme of the Programme 2018/19 was “Dump Less, Save More, Recycle Right (搵少啲、慳多啲、識回收)”. Environmental Protection Department (EPD) provided a funding of \$200,000 through Home Affairs Department (HAD) to each of the DCs for organising various environmental promotional activities.

3. In 2018/19, the 18 DCs invited different partners, including local non-governmental organisations (NGOs), green groups, owners’ committees and schools, to co-organise promotional activities in various types, including education, promotion, waste reduction at source and encouraging clean recycling. The activities were in wide range of formats, such as recycling activities, exchange activities, workshops for various topics, roving exhibitions, drama and visits.

**Theme of Community Participation Programme in
Environmental Protection 2019/20**

4. In view of the experience in the past seven years and active participation of the public, we propose to continue implementing the Programme in 2019/20 and use the same promotional theme “**Dump Less, Save More, Recycle Right (搵少啲、慳多啲、識回收)**” in organising different activities. The Programme aims to further expand the scope of community mobilization and instil a “Use Less, Waste Less and Clean Recycling” value in the public, at the same time complement the future implementation of the municipal solid waste (MSW)

charging so as to encourage them to practise green living. The annual budget for the Programme in 2019/20 is \$3.6 million in total (i.e. \$200,000 per DC). EPD will provide the funding to the 18 DCs later through HAD in accordance with the established allocation mechanism for supporting the implementation of the Programme.

Importance of MSW charging, waste reduction and recycling

5. In recent years, the per capita disposal rate of MSW of Hong Kong has been increasing and it is imperative to promote resources saving as well as waste reduction and recycling in order to reduce carbon emissions and facilitate a transformation to low-carbon living.

6. Sitting at the centre of our overall waste reduction strategy is the implementation of MSW charging, which will provide the necessary financial incentives to drive behavioural and cultural changes, and to encourage different sectors of the community to cherish resources and proactively practise waste reduction at source as well as clean recycling, thus reducing overall waste disposal. To this end, the Government has introduced the Waste Disposal (Charging for Municipal Solid Waste) (Amendment) Bill 2018 into the Legislative Council in November 2018, proposing to implement MSW charging based on the “polluter-pays” principle and the existing waste collection system. A preparatory period of 12-18 months is proposed to be put in place after the passage of the Amendment Bill to provide appropriate time to prepare and support various stakeholders and the community for its implementation. We estimate that MSW charging could be implemented by end 2020 at the earliest.

7. In order to enhance community participation in waste reduction and recycling and to gather support from all sectors of the community, the Government has been implementing district-based waste reduction at source and recycling promotion activities in collaboration with the DCs. The 18 DCs, HAD, EPD and Environmental Campaign Committee (ECC) have been in cooperation and implementation of the Programme to jointly promote waste reduction and recycling in the districts and encourage the public to continuously adopt resources saving and waste reduction in their daily lives. To complement the future implementation of the MSW charging, the charging scheme will be an important element of related promotional activities of the Programme in 2019/20, so as to help the society to strengthen the awareness to relevant policy and to get prepared for MSW charging.

Arrangement of Community Participation Programme in Environmental Protection 2019/20

8. On implementation of the Programme, we suggest that each DC may continue to entrust this year's programme to the committee or working group that organised the promotional activities last year, or appoint a new committee or working group to take up this year's programme. NGOs / non-profit-making organisations (NPOs) will be identified in the districts to organise suitable promotional activities in environmental protection related to waste reduction, recycling and MSW charging according to the proposed theme of this year, as well as the actual situation and needs of the districts. The DCs may refer to our suggestions in **Appendix 1** in planning their activities.

9. To enhance environmental performance when organising activities under the Programme, we request the organisers to make reference to the "Environmental Tips" in **Appendix 1** before planning the activities. To provide further assistance to the NGOs / NPOs in meeting the latest environmental protection requirements, a list of measures applicable to this Programme is provided in **Appendix 2**. All NGOs / NPOs are required to implement these green measures when organising events under the Programme, including avoidance of distribution of plastic bottle water and minimising distribution of souvenirs.

10. In the meantime, the EPD is continuing to take forward the Community Green Stations (CGSs) projects to strengthen the support for waste reduction and recycling as well as environmental education at the district level, instilling a green living culture in the community. So far, 7 CGSs have been in operation, namely the Sha Tin CGS, the Eastern CGS, the Kwun Tong CGS, the Yuen Long CGS, the Sham Shui Po CGS which commenced operation between 2015 to 2017, and the Tuen Mun CGS and the Kwai Tsing CGS which commenced operation in 2018. Open tendering for appointment of operators for the Tai Po CGS and the Islands CGS is in progress, and commencement of operation of the above two CGSs is expected in 2019. We suggest that the DCs should consider cooperating with the operators of the CGSs in the respective district when planning activities.

11. We request the DC secretariats to require the NGOs / NPOs to submit the completed **Appendix 2** together with their proposals so as to ensure that they understand and agree to implement these green measures before organising the activities.

12. We also request the DC secretariats to provide EPD the "progress report" as soon as possible when the activity proposals are accepted by the relevant committee or working group, so as to keep EPD informed of the activity schedule in each district. After the completion of the activities, the activity organisers should submit "completion report" on or before February 2020.

13. The DCs may also continue to utilise the “Waste Less” mobile application to promote various activities, so that more residents will be aware of the details, time and location of the promotional activities and more people will be mobilised to take part. EPD will continue to provide professional advice and technical support to the respective DCs so as to help them draw up the relevant promotional activities.

14. The proposed implementation schedule for the Programme 2019/20 is as follows:

Action item	Date
Engagement of the committees or the working groups concerned by the DCs to prepare for the promotional programmes and activities	2nd quarter of 2019
Identification of NGOs / NPOs by the respective DC committees or working groups to prepare for the promotional programmes and activities	2nd quarter of 2019
Briefing by EPD on the proposed theme of this year to representatives of the respective DC committees as appropriate, and providing views to facilitate planning and formulation of the promotional programme and the activity proposal	2nd quarter of 2019
Providing “Progress Report” by DC secretariats	Jun to Jul 2019
Implementation of the green activities by the DCs	May 2019 to Aug 2019
Implementation of the green activities by NGOs/ NPOs	May 2019 to Dec 2019
Providing “Completion Report” by activity organisers	On or before Feb 2020

Conclusion

15. DC members are cordially invited to join the relevant committees or working groups and continue to work together to encourage community participation in environmental protection activities, instil the “Use Less, Waste Less and Clean Recycling” value in the public, complement the future

implementation of MSW charging, foster a behavioural change in the community and integrate and eco-culture into daily life so as to realize the vision of “Dump Less, Save More, Recycle Right and treasure the Earth’s resources”.

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Proposed Promotion Theme and Activities for 2019/20

The promotion theme for 2019/20 will be “**Dump Less, Save More, Recycle Right** (搵少啲、慳多啲、識回收)”. To further bring home the message of “use less, waste less and clean recycling”, remind members of the public of the importance of clean recycling and complement the future implementation of municipal solid waste (MSW) charging, we propose the following activities and recommendations as a reference for the 2019/20 programme:

2. **Education and Promotional Activities**: To enhance the environmental awareness of the public, promote “clean recycling” and complement the future implementation of MSW charging, we propose to organise publicity and education activities, such as publicity stalls; sharing sessions, drama shows and workshops, etc. to be held in collaboration with social service agencies; as well as study visits to local recycling facilities (e.g. community recycling centres) or green recycling facilities (e.g. EcoPark), etc.

3. **Waste Reduction and Recycling Activities**: Action-based, on-going promotional activities, such as a waste recycling pilot scheme, can be launched to encourage public participation in waste reduction and recycling and prepare for the implementation of MSW charging. Collaboration can also be made with local recycling facilities, e.g. Community Green Stations, community recycling centres and NGO Collection Points under the “Community Recycling Network”, to set up collection points and promote recycling in the community, such as by organising second-hand exchange activities.

4. **District Roving Exhibitions**: District roving exhibitions featuring environmental protection and recycling knowledge, information about “clean recycling” or local information on environmental protection and recycling and details of the upcoming MSW charging can be organised in order to bring home environmental messages to the community, enhance public awareness of the issues of waste reduction, reuse, clean recycling, and recycling, etc., and further instil a “use less, waste less and clean recycling” value in the public.

5. **Tips for Organising Promotional Activities**: Please refer to the following tips to the DCs to make the promotional activities more environmentally friendly while conveying positive green messages:

- (a) Resources should be utilised in the aspect of planning and organising various promotional activities. The production of excessive souvenir (e.g. Non-woven bags, commonly known as environmental bags) and printing of excessive publicity materials for distribution (e.g. pamphlets, leaflets) should be avoided;
- (b) For one-off ceremonies/activities, different types of promotional activities can be combined such as clean recycling and publicity stalls with the ceremonies to enhance the education and publicity effects of the ceremonies;
- (c) The use of one-off disposable utensils such as plastic bottles and paper plates should be avoided in the activities; If necessary, the organisers can use the “Reusable Tableware Lending Service for Large-scale event organisers” launched by the ECC and the EPD for free. Please refer to the following website:

https://www.ecc.org.hk/english/publicity/tableware_lending_programme.html

- (d) The use of publicity materials which are reusable or made from recyclable materials, such as the use of recyclable materials for venue decoration, should be encouraged to reduce the use of resources on earth;
- (e) The use of environmentally friendly souvenirs, such as small perennial potted plants, or products with recycling content, such as souvenirs produced from recyclable materials, are suggested to match with this year's theme of promotion;
- (f) DCs should assist NGOs / NPOs in understanding the latest environmental protection policies of the government and remind them adopting the environmental protection measures in **Appendix 2** when organising promotional activities;
- (g) For the waste reduction initiatives for exhibitions and publicity campaigns, please refer to the following website (Chinese only):
https://www.wastereduction.gov.hk/tc/green_event_tips.htm
- (h) For relatively large scale events, please refer to the following "A Waste Reduction Guidebook for Large Scale Event Organisers" of EPD:
https://www.wastereduction.gov.hk/sites/default/files/GreenEvent_Guidebook_Eng_201801.pdf
- (i) For information on MSW charging, please refer to the following dedicated website of EPD for MSW charging: <https://www.mswcharging.gov.hk/>
For further information on MSW charging, please contact Waste Management (Special Duties) Division of EPD.

Appendix 2 (Chinese Only)

2019/20 年度社區參與環境保護活動計劃

申請機構/團體承諾書

本人 _____ (姓名) 謹代表 _____ (申請機構/團體名稱) 申請參加「2019/20 年度社區參與環境保護活動計劃」。為令活動更合乎環保原則以傳達正面環保訊息,本機構/團體在籌辦相關活動時會參考環境保護署推出的《大型活動減廢指南》¹,制訂廢物管理措施,實踐減廢和推動乾淨回收,以提升活動環保水平;並承諾履行和遵守以下條款(請在適當的方格內劃上“✓”號):

- 本機構/團體會避免製作過多用作派發的紀念物品(例如毛巾及環保袋等)或印刷過多用作派發的宣傳物品(例如海報、小冊子及活動單張等)。如無可避免地要印製宣傳海報或單張等,將會利用政府呼籲集中回收的三類紙品(即報紙、紙皮和辦公室用紙),以免造成濫印及無謂的棄置;
(如未能承諾履行此項細則,請列明原因: _____)
- 如需提供紀念品,本機構/團體會使用符合環保原則的紀念品,例如多年生的小盆栽,或是含有再造成份的產品,例如以回收物料製作的紀念品;
(如未能承諾履行此項細則,請列明原因: _____)
- 本機構/團體會避免使用過多的裝飾佈置,例如橫額及旗幟。如須為個別活動設計場地裝飾,會選用可以多次使用或含再生物料的裝飾。而裝飾的設計和內容應便利於將來其他活動中重用;
(如未能承諾履行此項細則,請列明原因: _____)
- 本機構/團體會避免使用一次性的即棄物品例如即棄式容器及餐具(包括塑膠/紙碗碟、塑膠/紙杯、塑膠刀叉、塑膠飲管、軟木筷子等),並且不會派發樽裝水;
(如未能承諾履行此項細則,請列明原因: _____)
- 本機構/團體會鼓勵參加者自備飲用水及水樽,例如在宣傳物品加上有關提醒字句。如需於活動中提供飲用水,本機構/團體會在活動現場設置「斟水站」,並提供可重用水杯或鼓勵參加者自備水樽以盛載飲用水;

¹ 有關《大型活動減廢指南》可參考以下連結:
https://www.wastereduction.gov.hk/sites/default/files/GreenEvent_Guidebook_Chi_201801.pdf

(如未能承諾履行此項細則，請列明原因：

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- 如活動中需提供膳食安排，本機構/團體會妥善安排膳食份量，並鼓勵參加者珍惜食物，減少廚餘，例如在宣傳物品加上提醒參加者「自攜容器，把吃剩的食物帶走」的字句，及/或安排剩食捐贈或廚餘回收；

(如未能承諾履行此項細則，請列明原因：

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- 活動後會盡力把留下的剩餘物資作適當分類、回收、重用或轉贈，以實踐環保減廢，讓資源可循環再用；

(如未能承諾履行此項細則，請列明原因：

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本人明白區議會將會在撥款申請的審批程序中一併考慮此承諾書內的資料。本人亦明白如未能承諾履行以上任何條款而未能提供合理原因，有關活動將有可能因此不獲考慮參與本年度的社區參與環境保護活動計劃。

申請機構/團體代表簽署：

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