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HKQAA Enhancement Programme for Recycling Industry Recognition Ceremony

***Around 200 Trainees Complete Training Courses
Recycling Operation Guidelines Officially Published***

(23 June, 2017, Hong Kong) The HKQAA Enhancement Programme for Recycling Industry by Development of Practice Note and Training Recognition Ceremony was successfully held at Harbour Grand Kowloon today. During the event, HKQAA announced the official publication of the Guidelines for Hong Kong Recycling Industry Operations, which is subsidised by the Recycling Fund. Mrs Vicki Kwok Wong Wing-ki, Deputy Director of Environmental Protection, Environmental Protection Department, the Government of the HKSAR, is the officiating guest of the ceremony.

Develop Practice Note to Enhance Industry Development

To coordinate with the Government on environment protection development, and to suit the needs of the community and industry, Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency (HKQAA) recently launched the HKQAA Enhancement Programme for Recycling Industry by Development of Practice Note and Training, which is subsidised by the Government's Recycling Fund. It aims at strengthening the knowledge of recycling industry practitioners, and enhancing their performance and public image, thus boosting the long term development of the industry.

This Programme has developed a Practice Note on the recycling of food waste, waste cooking oil, textiles, rubber, tyres and wood. The Practice Note references international standards as well as the experience and practices of the overseas recycling industry. It also records industry good practices and collects different views from stakeholders through on-site visits and interviews, in order to give a balanced picture of various issues.

Strengthen Knowledge to Promote Good Recycling Practices

Training has been provided to the local recycling industry, with a subsidy from the Recycling Fund, to encourage practitioners to implement good practices. The training courses cover a number of modules, including the background of the Hong Kong recycling industry, the sorting and maintenance of operational records, environmental management, and occupational health and safety management. It enables industry practitioners to have a better understanding of the Practice Note, encouraging them to improve their performance in environmental, occupational health and safety management, as well as promoting the appropriate maintenance of downstream records of recyclable materials.

Mr Ronald Lau, Chairman of the HKQAA Enhancement Programme for Recycling Industry Steering Committee, said "HKQAA intends the training courses to be 'Train-the-Trainer' courses. Apart from self-improvement, trainees will pass on their knowledge and contribute to the industry in the long run. I hope this Programme can sow the seeds of good recycling practices."

There has been an overwhelming response from industry since the launch of the training. A total of 1,200 trainees have joined the training courses and around 200 trainees have successfully completed all modules. In addition to recognising the trainees in today's ceremony, several industry representatives also shared their experience in environmental protection and anticipated industry trends.

Free Distribution to Encourage Implementation

Today HKQAA announced that, with the subsidy of the Recycling Fund, the Guidelines for Hong Kong Recycling Industry Operations is officially published and distributed to the local recycling industry at no charge. An electronic copy will also be uploaded to the website for industry members, other stakeholders and the public to encourage implementation.

Dr Michael Lam, Chief Executive Officer of HKQAA, said "I hope that the Programme and the Guidelines for Hong Kong Recycling Industry Operations can promote good practices, enhance the industry's operational performance and facilitate long-term development. In this way, every organisation and every practitioner can maximise their social function, and create greater value for the environment and the society."



Mrs Vicki Kwok Wong Wing-ki, Deputy Director of Environmental Protection, Environmental Protection Department (front row, left 5), Mr Jimmy Kwok, BBS, MH, JP, Chairperson of the Recycling Fund Advisory Committee (front row, right 4), Mr Wong Hon Ming, Assistant Director of Environmental Protection Department (front row, right 2), Dr Michael Lam, Chief Executive Officer of HKQAA (front row, left 4), Mr Ronald Lau, Chairman of the HKQAA Enhancement Programme for Recycling Industry Steering Committee (front row, right 3) and Steering Committee members, Recycling Fund Advisory Committee members and guest speakers.



Mrs Vicki Kwok, Deputy Director of Environmental Protection, Environmental Protection Department, delivered the keynote remarks in the ceremony.



Mr Ronald Lau, Chairman of the HKQAA Enhancement Programme for Recycling Industry Steering Committee (front row, middle), and Steering Committee members, Miss Joanne Lee (front row, left 3) and Mr Ken K Y So (front row, right 3), recognised the trainees.



Guests, trainees, participants and “Big Waster” witnessed the official publication of the Guidelines for Hong Kong Recycling Industry Operations.

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HKQAA Background

Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency (HKQAA) is a non-profit organisation established by Hong Kong Government in 1989. As one of the leading conformity organisations in the Asia-Pacific region, HKQAA is committed to providing certification and assessment services. Through knowledge sharing and technology transfer, HKQAA helps enterprises enhance management performance and competitiveness. Apart from introducing world-class management systems to Hong Kong, HKQAA has also developed a wide range of innovative services to cope with increasingly diversified market demands and the growing need for sustainable development, bringing benefits to the community. Please visit <http://www.hkqaa.org> for further information.

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