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### HKQAA Hong Kong Registration – Food Waste Recycling Presentation Ceremony cum Seminar

*(5 June, 2018, Hong Kong) The HKQAA Hong Kong Registration – Food Waste Recycling Presentation Ceremony cum Seminar was successfully held today at Chiang Chen Studio Theatre, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Mr Tse Chin Wan, BBS, JP, Under Secretary for the Environment, the Government of the HKSAR, and Mr Jimmy Kwok, BBS, MH, JP, Chairperson of the Recycling Fund Advisory Committee, were the officiating guest and special guest of the ceremony.*

#### Encouraging Good Practice in Food Waste Management

In recent years, the global population explosion and urbanisation have worsened the problem of food wastage. Hong Kong is no exception to this trend. According to the Environmental Protection Department, Hong Kong people throw away about 0.5 kg of food waste every day, accounting for over 30% of Municipal Solid Waste in landfills. The problem is that the landfills will be full in ten years and will be unable to manage this organic waste in the long run. Apart from avoiding leftovers in every meal, food waste recycling is one of the approaches to minimising food waste disposal.

During the ceremony, Ir Dr Hon Lo Wai Kwok, SBS, MH, JP, Chairman of HKQAA, said “In line with the government’s strategies on environmental protection, and to suit the needs of the industry, Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency (HKQAA) has been subsidised by the Recycling Fund of the Government to develop ‘HKQAA Hong Kong Registration – Food Waste Recycling’, which aims at promoting good practices in food waste recycling to the industry, and helping enhance its performance. It also encourages the business sector and the community to support food waste reduction at source, as well as recycling, thereby increasing the amount of food waste which is recycled.”

HKQAA developed the scheme with reference to international standards and regulations, and conducted on-site visits and interviews to understand the needs of stakeholders such as food waste collectors and recyclers, restaurants, property management companies, recycling and catering associations, green groups and the Government. All this useful information has been consolidated into a registration handbook and an electronic copy of this will be uploaded to the website for industry members, other stakeholders and the public to encourage implementation.

#### Positive Support from Industry for Environmental Protection

There has been a positive response from industry since the launch of the “HKQAA Hong Kong Registration – Food Waste Recycling”. A total of 20 organisations which participate in food waste collection and source separation have joined the pilot scheme as Companions, including supermarkets, the catering industry, hotels, property management companies and food recycling centres. Seven organisations have become Registered Food Waste Collectors and seven Registered Food Waste Recyclers. During the ceremony, HKQAA recognised these organisations for participating in the pilot scheme. Industry representatives also shared their good practices and the latest developments in food waste recycling.

Dr Michael Lam, Chief Executive Officer of HKQAA, said “Through HKQAA Hong Kong Registration – Food Waste Recycling, we hope to encourage more local organisations and the public to support source separation, adopt food waste recycling and reduce organic waste in the long run. This will also support Hong Kong moving towards a circular economy. Although the environmental issues cannot be resolved overnight, I believe, with the concerted effort of the industry, stakeholders, the general public and the Government, we can build a sustainable future.”



Mr Tse Chin Wan, BBS, JP, Under Secretary for the Environment, the Government of the HKSAR (Left 4), Mr Jimmy Kwok, BBS, MH, JP, Chairperson of the Recycling Fund Advisory Committee (Right 4), Ir Dr Hon Lo Wai Kwok, SBS, MH, JP, Chairman (Left 3), Dr Michael Lam, Chief Executive Officer (Right 3), Mr Simon Wong Ka Wo, BBS, JP, Governing Council Member of HKQAA (Left 2), Mr Ronald Lau, Chairman of the HKQAA Enhancement Programme for Recycling Industry Steering Committee (Right 2) and guest speakers.



Mr Tse Chin Wan, BBS, JP, Under Secretary for the Environment, the Government of the HKSAR, delivered the keynote remarks in the ceremony.



Mr Jimmy Kwok, BBS, MH, JP, Chairperson of the Recycling Fund Advisory Committee gave the remarks in the ceremony.



Ir Dr Hon Lo Wai Kwok, SBS, MH, JP, Chairman of HKQAA (Right) recognised the pilot scheme participating organisations.



Dr Michael Lam, Chief Executive Officer of HKQAA (Right) recognised the pilot scheme participating organisations.



Guests, representatives of the “HKQAA Hong Kong Registration – Food Waste Recycling” pilot scheme participating organisations and “Big Waster”.

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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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