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Charter Scheme Pledge Ceremony cum Seminar for the Project “Strengthening Program for the Understanding and Implementation of the GB Quality Standard of Scrap Paper in Hong Kong Recycling Industry”

(12 October, 2018, Hong Kong) The Charter Scheme Pledge Ceremony cum Seminar for the Project “Strengthening Program for the Understanding and Implementation of the GB Quality Standard of Scrap Paper in Hong Kong Recycling Industry” was successfully held today at Harbour Grand Kowloon. Mr Tse Chin Wan, BBS, JP, Under Secretary for the Environment, the Government of the HKSAR, was the officiating guest at the ceremony.

Promoting Implementation of National Standard in the Scrap Paper Recycling Industry

According to Government figures, Hong Kong generated over 5.7 million tonnes of municipal solid waste in 2016, of which about 1.6 million tonnes was waste paper. About half of this was delivered to landfills, making waste paper the second largest constituent of disposed municipal solid waste, while the rest was collected for recycling purposes. At present, the recycling of collected waste paper relies heavily on export markets. The quality of scrap paper affects its export potential. Therefore, enhancing the operational performance and improving the quality of collected waste paper will help strengthen the competitive advantage of the local scrap paper recycling industry.

In response to industry needs and national policy on scrap paper recycling, Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency (HKQAA) is subsidised by the Government’s Recycling Fund to develop the “Strengthening Program for the Understanding and Implementation of the GB Quality Standard of Scrap Paper in Hong Kong Recycling Industry” Project. It aims to promote the understanding and implementation of the national standard “Environmental Protection Control Standard for Imported Solid Wastes as Raw Materials—Waste and Scrap of paper or Paperboard” in the scrap paper recycling industry, thereby enhancing its professional level, boosting the development of the industry and contributing to the circular economy.

The Project has developed a charter scheme according to the requirements of national standards and the practical environment of the recycling industry. It provides recommended practices which the industry can use to monitor and review in-and-out scrap paper, in order to meet the national standard. It also recognises local scrap paper exporters which participate in this charter scheme and provides a coaching programme to train and assist scrap paper exporters to meet the quality level. Participants are encouraged to share good practices within their organisations, so as to contribute to the industry in the long run.

Enhancing Operational Performance of the Industry

The project has received positive responses from industry. A total of 19 organisations have participated in this charter scheme and attended today’s pledge ceremony to demonstrate their commitment to improving the quality of collected scrap paper. Several industry representatives shared their good practices in meeting the national standards, and industry trends.

Ir C S Ho, Deputy Chairman of HKQAA said, “In today’s pledge ceremony, the participating organisations not only demonstrated their efforts to improve the quality of scrap paper to meet the national standard, but also served as a role model to encourage more industry practitioners to enhance their performance. Certainly, this will raise the public image of the industry as a whole. I hope that in future more organisations will join hands to make a greater contribution to Hong Kong’s circular economy.”



Mr Tse Chin Wan, BBS, JP, Under Secretary for the Environment, the Government of the HKSAR (front row, left 2), Ir C S Ho, Deputy Chairman (front row, left 1), Dr Michael Lam, Chief Executive Officer of HKQAA (front row, right 2), representatives of charter scheme participating organisations and “Big Waster” at the pledge ceremony.



Mr Tse Chin Wan, BBS, JP, Under Secretary for the Environment, the Government of the HKSAR, was the officiating guest of the ceremony.



Ir C S Ho, Deputy Chairman of HKQAA delivered a speech during the ceremony.



Ir Ho (front row, left 4) and Dr Lam (front row, left 2), Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of HKQAA, took a photo with the officiating guest, Mr Tse Chin Wan (front row, left 3); guest speakers, Dr Jacky Lau, Chairman of Hong Kong Environmental Protection and Recycle Industry Sustainable Development Association (front row, right 3), Mr Richard How, General Manager of China Inspection Company Limited (front row, right 1), Mr Chan Sik Kwn, Member of Managing Council of Hong Kong Recycle Materials & Re-production Business General Association (front row, left 1); and the representative of the supporting organizations as special guest to express gratitude to their support.

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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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Appendix 1: List of participating organisations

Charter Scheme for the Project “Strengthening program for the understanding and implementation of the GB Quality Standard of scrap paper in Hong Kong Recycling Industry”

List of participating organisations (in Chinese only)

- 文華進出口公司
- 文領有限公司
- 全興進出口公司
- 再生環保貿易有限公司
- 再生環保資源回收有限公司
- 合成環保回收有限公司
- 成發公司
- 建均有限公司
- 建迅環保回收有限公司
- 偉生廢紙五金有限公司
- 景樺環保回收有限公司
- 順和廢紙公司
- 新毅國際企業有限公司
- 綜合環保管理有限公司
- 劉財記紙業有限公司
- 廣益公司
- 德利五金紙業公司
- 瀚文環保貿易有限公司
- 瀚瑤貿易公司

(Updated on 11 October 2018, organisations are listed in no particular order)