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HKQAA Hong Kong Registration - Recycling Services Kicked off at the HKQAA Symposium 2015

(29 May 2015, Hong Kong) Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency (HKQAA)'s annual flagship event, the HKQAA Symposium 2015 was held successfully at the Langham Place Hotel. At the symposium, HKQAA announced the kickoff of its new initiative, the "HKQAA Hong Kong Registration - Recycling Services" to promote good business practices within industry and to encourage clean recycling and source separation.

Encourage good management practice in recycling industry

Every city has to face the challenge of treating waste effectively. According to statistics published in "Monitoring of Solid Waste in Hong Kong 2013" by the Environmental Protection Department, the average disposal rate of Hong Kong is 14,311 tonnes per day and the annual recyclable materials has reached a total of 2.01 million tonnes. With our landfills reaching its threshold in a few years; waste recycling is one of the major approaches to handling solid waste.

In response to industry needs, HKQAA has developed its latest initiative, the "HKQAA Hong Kong Registration - Recycling Services" with the purpose of promoting appropriate maintenance of downstream record of recyclable material during the recycling process and encouraging good practice among recycling companies. A kick-off ceremony was held during the HKQAA Symposium 2015 and **Mr Wong Kam Sing, JP, Secretary for the Environment, the Government of the HKSAR** was the officiating guest.

Promote clean recycling and source separation

This initiative encourages organisations to dispose of, collect and treat waste properly. It also aims to promote environmental protection and occupational health and safety practices within the recycling industry. *"I am pleased to announce that HKQAA is addressing the emerging trend of waste recycling," said Ir C. S. Ho, Deputy Chairman of HKQAA. "Through this initiative, we aim to enhance the industry's professional level in the long run, promote clean recycling concept, and motivate the public and business community to support source separation and the recycling of waste."*

This initiative received positive responses during the consultation stage and more than 20 industrial and professional associations, academic institutes and environmental groups have become supporting organisations of this initiative (please refer to Appendix 1 for the list of supporting organisations).

Companies in the waste collection, waste transfer and waste storage sector are eligible to register for "Collector Registration", while waste recycling companies can opt for "Recycler Registration". Other companies such as property management or facility management companies may become a

“Companion” of this initiative, to show their support for the facilitation of source separation and recycling (please refer to the HKQAA Hong Kong Registration – Recycling Services Diagram below).

Participating companies will receive a registration or companion mark for promotional use. HKQAA is currently inviting organisations to join the pilot programme of this initiative.

HKQAA Hong Kong Registration - Recycling Services Diagram



Mr Wong Kam Sing, Secretary for the Environment, the Government of the HKSAR (middle), Ir C. S. Ho, Deputy Chairman (right) and Dr Michael Lam, Chief Executive Officer (left) of HKQAA officiated the kickoff ceremony of HKQAA Hong Kong Registration – Recycling Services.



Ir C. S. Ho, Deputy Chairman of HKQAA delivered the Opening Remarks.



Dr Michael Lam, Chief Executive Officer of HKQAA (left) and one of the guest speakers, Mr Victor Lam, Acting Government Chief Information Officer, the Government of the HKSAR (right).



Mr Wilson Fung, Executive Director, Corporate Development, Airport Authority of Hong Kong was one of the guest speakers.



Panel discussion in the morning session (from left): Prof Ho Kin Chung, Dean of School of Science and Technology, Programme Leader in Environmental Studies and Applied Sciences, The Open University of Hong Kong; Mr Scott Lawson, Chief Executive Officer of SOW Asia Foundation; Ir Shirlee Algire, Executive Manager, Sustainability, Hong Kong Jockey Club; Ir Conrad Wong, Chairman of Hong Kong Green Building Council; Dr Nigel Croft, Chairman, ISO Technical Subcommittee on Quality Systems (ISO/TC176/SC2).



Panel discussion I in the afternoon session (from left): Dr Steven Yuan, Director of IT product line, Huawei Canada Research Center; Dr Toa Charm, Vice President (Professional Development) of Hong Kong Computer Society; Dr Li Rong, Chairman of Shenzhen Association for Quality.



Panel discussion II in the afternoon session (from left): Dr Nigel Croft, Chairman, ISO Technical Subcommittee on Quality Systems (ISO/TC176/SC2); Ir Allen Yeung, Chief Corporate Development Officer, Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation; Dr Michael Chan, Chairman of Café de Coral Holdings Limited, Honorary Chairman of Legacy Academy.



HKQAA Symposium 2015 drew over 700 participants from corporations, government departments, associations and academies.

Symposium attracts over 700 attendees

To assist companies in addressing global business megatrends, this year the main theme of the HKQAA Symposium was “Strategic Management of Megatrends to Achieve Sustained Success”. The Symposium invited renowned local and overseas speakers from different sectors to share their knowledge and experience on topics related to sustainability, innovation, technology, international standards and the management of inherited business. There were more than 700 participants.

More information about the Symposium is available on our website at: www.hkqaa.org/symposium2015

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HKQAA Background

A non-profit-distributing organisation established by the Hong Kong Government in 1989, Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency (HKQAA) assists industry and commerce in the development of management systems to enhance their competitive edge. As one of the leading conformity assessment bodies in the region, HKQAA provides enterprises in Hong Kong, Macau and China with professional, impartial and value-adding certification services, as well as promoting management systems and providing training. Please visit <http://www.hkqaa.org> for further information.

Appendix I - List of Supporting Organisations of the HKQAA Hong Kong Registration - Recycling Services

(In alphabetical order)

Supporting Organisations	支持機構
Association of Hong Kong Eco Park	香港環保園產業協會
CMA Testing and Certification Laboratories	廠商會檢定中心
Environmental Contractors Management Association	環保工程商會
Federation of Hong Kong Recycle	香港回收再生資源總會
Friends of the Earth (HK)	香港地球之友
Green Technology Consortium	環保科技聯盟
HK Recycling Chamber of Commerce	香港再生資源總商會
Hong Kong General Association of Re-cycling Business	香港環保回收業總商會
Hong Kong Green Strategy Alliance	香港綠色策略聯盟
Hong Kong Institute of Environmentalists	香港環境師學會
Hong Kong Recycle and Development Association	香港資源再生總會
Hong Kong Recycle Materials & Re-production Business General Association	香港環保廢料再造業總商會
Hong Kong Science & Technology Parks Corporation	香港科技園
Hong Kong Society for Quality	香港品質學會
Hong Kong Waste Disposal Industry Association Ltd	香港廢物處理業協會有限公司
Hong Kong WEEE Recycling Association	香港電器及電子設備回收協會
The Chinese University of Hong Kong	香港中文大學
The Conservancy Association	長春社
The Federation of Environmental and Hygiene Services	中港澳環衛總商會
The Hong Kong Construction Association	香港建造商會
The Hong Kong Institute Of Surveyors	香港測量師學會
The Hong Kong Waste Management Association	香港廢物管理學會