

Sustainable Development Strategy Bulletin No. 1

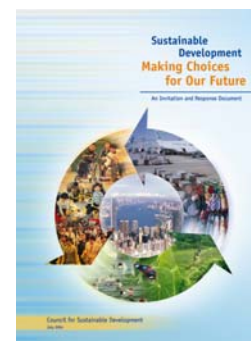
Welcome to the first issue of the SD Strategy Bulletin.



Through this regular bulletin, the Council for Sustainable Development aims to keep you informed of progress with the engagement process for formulating a Sustainable Development (SD) Strategy. It will also provide a reminder of upcoming events that you can take part in with a view to contributing to Hong Kong becoming a sustainable city.

We hope that you will find this bulletin useful and informative. We would be glad to receive your views and contributions.

Launch of IR document: On 15 July, the Council for Sustainable Development issued its first "Invitation and Response" document. Entitled: *Sustainable Development - Making Choices for Our Future*, the document is the result of the work of stakeholders on the Council's Strategy Sub-committee and its three Support Groups on the Pilot Areas of: Solid Waste Management, Renewable Energy and Urban Living Space. The document outlines issues on which the Council for SD would like to receive your feedback, so that we can prepare recommendations to the Government on our SD Strategy in the three Pilot Areas.



The IR document can be viewed on-line at the SD Strategy website: www.susdev.org.hk. Although we would encourage you to read the on-line version for obvious environmental reasons, we have also published a small number of hard copies of the document. These are available from eight major post offices (Central, Causeway Bay, Tsim Sha Tsui, Yau Ma Tei, Shatin, Tsuen Wan, Tuen Mun and Yuen Long) and the Public Enquiry Centres of District Offices.



SD Strategy Website: Also on 15 July, the Council launched the SD Strategy website, at www.susdev.org.hk. The website will provide supplementary information on the Pilot Areas and on sustainable development generally. It also features an interactive discussion forum, and in the near future we will invite Council for SD and

Support Group members, government officials and other stakeholders to engage in "live" discussion on-line. We will keep you informed of the details of these "live" on-line sessions. If you have suggestions for topics or Internet links that could be posted on the website to provide more information on sustainability issues, please do not hesitate to contact us.

First SD Strategy Forum:

We are grateful to the speakers and participants from various backgrounds who helped to animate the first public forum on the SD Strategy on Saturday 17 July. The panel speakers included: **Ms Lister Cheung** of the Conservancy Association and **Mr James Tam** of Swire SITA, who spoke on Solid Waste Management; **Mr Edwin Lau** of Friends



of the Earth (HK) and **Mr CC Ngan** of the China Light and Power Research Institute, who gave presentations on Renewable Energy issues; and **Ms Christine Loh** of Civic Exchange and **Prof Bernard Lim** of the Chinese University of HK, who shared some thoughts on Urban Living Space. Some 170 people from District Councils, NGOs, academic institutions, professional bodies and government departments attended the Forum, which was held in partnership with the HK People's Council on Sustainable Development. Our thanks go to **Ms Kay Ku** of the People's Council for her skilful moderation of the event.

Further details of the event, including a record of the proceedings, will be posted on the SD Strategy website.

Response Update: The Council for SD has already started receiving written feedback both by post and by e-mail. However, the most enthusiastic response has come through the on-line discussion forum at the SD Strategy website - see www.susdev.org.hk/en/forum/index.asp. So far, we have received more than 180 postings on this bilingual forum, with topic "threads" on solar energy, landfills and New Territories development so far proving the most popular.

Coming Events...

Roving Exhibition: From late August onwards you will be able to gather information from our roving exhibition that will visit popular shopping malls, public transport interchanges and other public venues. We welcome you to take part in interactive demonstrations and to give your feedback direct to Council and Support Group Members and our Partners in the exhibition, namely: the Business Environment Council, Friends of the Earth (HK), the Hong Kong Council of Social Service and the HK People's Council for Sustainable Development. You can also give your views by pitching in to our SD Strategy "wishing wells".

We will let you know the specific venues and dates for the exhibition in our next bulletin. These will also be posted on the SD Strategy website.

Focus Groups, Hearings, Workshops: We are currently finalizing a programme of events for Broad Focus Groups to engage in direct response to the IR document through public hearings and workshops. We will provide details of upcoming events through the website and in the next edition of this bulletin (due out on 5 August).

Youth Summit: SD is largely about ensuring that future generations will enjoy a prosperous and healthy planet. When talking about the future, it is essential to engage young people in the debate. We will organize a Youth Summit towards the end of the year to provide a platform for young people to share their views on the SD Strategy and put forward their vision for a sustainable Hong Kong.

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