

38th Shenzhen-Hong Kong Environmental Co-operation Forum held in Hong Kong (with photos)

The 38th Shenzhen-Hong Kong Environmental Co-operation Forum was held in Hong Kong today (December 12). It was co-chaired by the Director of Environmental Protection of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), Dr Samuel Chui, and the Director of the Ecology Environment Bureau of Shenzhen Municipality, Mr Li Shuisheng, to review this year's work progress and pass the work plan for the year ahead. They also exchanged views on the work of Shenzhen and Hong Kong in solid waste management and resource recovery, as well as co-operation in water quality management.

Dr Chui said, "On solid waste management and resource recovery, waste reduction and circular economy are part of the Greater Bay Area (GBA)'s significant development. Hong Kong will keep boosting waste reduction and recycling, including introducing a producer responsibility scheme for more products. We will also continue to promote jointly with Shenzhen and other Mainland cities of the GBA the circular economy and green transformation by strengthening collaboration in environmental technology and industries, with a view to supporting the high-quality development of the GBA."

He added that Hong Kong and Shenzhen will also strengthen studies in areas including collaboration on improving regional ozone pollution, as well as analysis of formation mechanisms and the uniqueness of regional and cross-regional ozone transportation in the GBA. Both sides will further improve the water quality management of the Deep Bay (Shenzhen Bay) to enhance the sewerage collection and treatment facilities in the area, as well as improve assessment standards suitable for the unique ecological environment quality of the Deep Bay, in order to ensure the water quality of the Deep Bay and build picturesque bays together.

Following the forum, representatives from the Shenzhen Municipal Ecology and Environment Bureau visited the Environmental Protection Department's sludge treatment facility, T·PARK, to learn about how this modern waste management facility applies waste-to-energy technology in sludge treatment and provides leisure and environmental education for the public.

The HKSAR Government and the Shenzhen Municipal Government have been in close contact, exchanging information and sharing knowledge on different environmental protection aspects such as regional air quality, water quality management and waste management, in order to align with national planning and developments. The Forum has been held twice a year since 2006 to deepen environmental co-operation between Shenzhen and Hong Kong.

