

EPD participates in International Water Conference and shares Hong Kong's water quality management strategies in Sri Lanka (with photos)

Deputy Director of Environmental Protection Dr Vanessa Au led a delegation of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) to participate in the International Water Conference, the 50th Anniversary Commemoration of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board of Sri Lanka and the 10th Anniversary of China-Sri Lanka Water Technology Cooperation and the World Water Day event in Sri Lanka. The delegation engaged in exchanges with representatives from various regions with a view to jointly achieving the goal of high-quality green and sustainable development under the Belt and Road (B&R) initiative.

The Conference, organised by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board of Sri Lanka, took place in Colombo, the capital of Sri Lanka, on March 19 and 20. It was aimed at fostering international co-operation and technical exchanges between Sri Lanka and the international community in advancing climate resilience and sustainable management of the water environment. Dr Au and the EPD delegation attended the Conference yesterday (March 19). The Conference was also attended by representatives including those from the Research Center for Eco-Environmental Sciences of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Sri Lanka's Central Environmental Authority (CEA), the Ministry of Urban Development, Construction and Housing, and the Department of National Community Water Supply, as well as research institutes and universities from the B&R countries and other regions.

Dr Au attended an exchange meeting with Sri Lanka's CEA today (March 20), where she introduced Hong Kong's management strategies for improving air quality and shared the city's successful experiences in setting up an air quality monitoring network.

The EPD delegation will attend the 50th Anniversary Commemoration of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board of Sri Lanka and the 10th Anniversary of China-Sri Lanka Water Technology Cooperation and the World Water Day event tomorrow (March 21). On March 22, the delegation will visit Kandy to attend the International Water Conference on Climate Change and Environmental Pollution: Challenges and Solutions for Food Security and Public Health organised by the China-Sri Lanka Joint Research and Demonstration Centre for Water Technology. The delegation will also visit the University of Peradeniya in Sri Lanka to learn about its latest green technology developments and hold technical exchanges with local researchers.

