

Chinachem Group

Sustainability Conference 2024

Integrating Sustainability Solutions towards a Resilient Future



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Summary

Keynote Speech

- Mr Joseph CHAN expressed gratitude to the Chinachem Group for hosting the Sustainability Conference for the fifth consecutive year.
- He highlighted the conference theme, “Integrating Sustainability Solutions towards a Resilient Future,” and its role in fostering collaboration to address climate change, sustainable financing, and impact investment.
- Mr CHAN noted Hong Kong’s unique advantages under the “one country, two systems” principle, positioning it as a “super connector” between China and international markets.
- He emphasised Hong Kong’s status as Asia’s leading international financial center, and Hong Kong is leading on various league tables in the region, including as the largest centre for arranging green and sustainable bond issuances in Asia for consecutive years, accounting for 37 per cent of the Asia market last year.
- The Hong Kong SAR Government has issued nearly US\$28 billion in green bonds since 2019, demonstrating leadership in developing the green bond market.
- Mr CHAN pointed out that in May this year, the Government expanded the scope of the Government Green Bond Programme and renamed it as the Government Sustainable Bond Programme to cover sustainable projects.
- He highlighted the growth of ESG funds in Hong Kong, with 233 ESG funds authorised by SFC in Hong Kong, with total AUM of US\$169.3 billion, as of end-June this year.
- Mr CHAN pointed out Hong Kong’s pioneering role in developing new green financial products, including the first Asian Green Bond ETF issued in Hong Kong and Hong Kong is the first government in the world that issued a tokenised government green bond.
- He discussed initiatives like the Green and Sustainable Fintech Proof-of-Concept Funding Support Scheme, aimed at fostering innovation in green fintech solutions.
- Acknowledging the rapid development of green finance, Mr CHAN stressed the importance of talent, mentioning the Pilot Green and Sustainable Finance Capacity Building Support Scheme to support professionals and students in the field.
- He concluded by reaffirming the Government’s commitment to promoting green finance and strengthening Hong Kong’s position as a leading international financial center, encouraging collaboration across markets for a sustainable future.

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可持續發展論壇 2024

多元可持續發展方案 應對未來挑戰



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重點

主題演講

- 陳浩濂先生感謝華懋集團連續五年舉辦可持續發展論壇。
- 他強調論壇主題「多元可持續發展方案 應對未來挑戰」，以及其在促進合作以應對氣候變化、可持續融資和創效投資中的作用。
- 陳先生提及香港在「一國兩制」下的獨特優勢，發揮作為內地和國際之間「超級聯繫人」角色。
- 他強調香港作為亞洲領先的國際金融中心的地位，其中，在香港安排發行的綠色和可持續債券總額居於亞洲區市場的首位，佔市場總額大約百分之三十七。
- 自2019年以來，香港特別行政區政府在政府綠色債券計劃下發行合共約280億美元等值的政府綠色債券，展現了在發展綠色債券市場方面的領導力。
- 陳先生指出今年五月，政府擴大了綠債計劃的範疇，以涵蓋可持續項目，計劃亦重新命名為政府可持續債券計劃。
- 他提到香港ESG基金的增長，截至今年六月底，證監會認可的ESG基金有233隻，管理資產總值為1,693億美元。
- 陳先生指出香港在發展創新綠色金融產品方面的先鋒角色，包括全球首隻投資於亞洲地區綠色債券的交易所買賣基金(ETF)、全球首批政府代幣化綠色債券。
- 他討論了如綠色及可持續金融概念驗證資助計劃等倡議，旨在促進綠色金融科技解決方案的創新。
- 陳先生指出綠色金融的快速發展，強調人才的重要性，並提到「綠色和可持續金融培訓先導計劃」，資助本地合資格從業員及有志從事綠色和可持續金融相關工作的人士參與綠色和可持續金融相關培訓。
- 他總結時重申政府對推動可持續金融的承諾，並強調香港作為領先國際金融中心的地位，鼓勵各市場之間的合作以實現可持續發展的未來。

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