

Chinachem Group Sustainability Conference 2024

Integrating Sustainability Solutions towards a Resilient Future



Panel Discussion

“A Three-way Dialogue: Catalysing Systematic Change through Cross-sector Collaborations for a Resilient Future”

Summary

Mr Simon NG, Chief Executive Officer, Business Environment Council

- Mr NG extended gratitude to participants for their engagement and explained the purpose of the session as a three-way dialogue.
- He encouraged audience participation through a live poll to gauge confidence in implementing learnings from the conference. The result showed that most attendees felt moderately to very confident about implementing what they learned at the conference in their work or organisations, emphasising the importance of “collaboration” and “people” as key focuses for fostering a resilient future.
- He expressed optimism about the poll results, which showed confidence in resilience and sustainability efforts.
- Mr NG also highlighted the importance of collaboration and engagement in shaping a resilient future.
- He mentioned BEC aims to facilitate environmental excellence and net zero across all sectors, highlighting the importance of resource management and promoting a circular economy.
- BEC organises events to foster collaboration among members, the corporate world, and the government, facilitating experience sharing to overcome challenges and develop effective solutions.
- He reiterated the importance of continuing efforts toward carbon neutrality and sustainable development despite current progress.

Dr The Honourable Ching-choi LAM, SBS, JP, Chairman, Council for Carbon Neutrality and Sustainable Development

- Dr LAM emphasised the link between climate change and mental health, noting the rise of “climate change anxiety disorder” among young people.
- He shared concerns about the emotional impact of climate change on youth, especially frustration with political and government inaction.
- He emphasised the need for public education to alleviate anxiety about climate issues.
- Dr LAM pointed out that Hong Kong is on the right track with clear roadmaps, strategies, and milestones towards carbon neutrality and sustainable development.
- He discussed the importance of collaboration across sectors to implement effective climate strategies.
- Dr LAM acknowledged the limitations of Hong Kong’s urban environment in climate action but stressed the city’s strong will and commitment.
- He expressed confidence in Hong Kong’s ability to tackle sustainability challenges despite being a densely urbanised city.

Dr Tin-cheung CHEUNG, SBS, Chairman, Hong Kong Green Building Council

- Dr CHEUNG focused on the importance of cross-sector collaboration to promote sustainability and decarbonisation, particularly in the building sector.
- He highlighted the three focal areas of HKGBC: Network, Knowledge, and System Development.
- He mentioned initiatives like widening HKGBC membership from developers and construction sectors to financial institutions and material suppliers, encouraging collective action and cross-sector impact.
- Dr CHEUNG discussed the publication of guidebooks and tools, such as the “HKGBC Climate Change Framework For Built Environment,” “HKGBC Retrofitting Guidebook” and BEAM Plus, to help building practitioners measure and improve sustainability.
- He stressed the importance of making sustainability efforts measurable and recognised through certifications like the Zero-Carbon-Ready Building Certification and the Green Building Award.
- Dr CHEUNG expressed the hope that HKGBC’s efforts will inspire confidence and determination in Hong Kong’s green building initiatives.

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重點

商界環保協會行政總裁吳家穎先生

- 吳先生感謝論壇參加者的積極參與，並解釋展開此三方對談的目的。
- 他鼓勵觀眾參與現場投票，以評估他們將在論壇中所學應用於實際工作的信心。結果顯示，大部分參加者對在工作或機構中落實所學內容感到中度至十分有信心，適強調「協作」(Collaboration)和「人」(People)作為促進韌性未來的關鍵重點。
- 他對投票結果表示樂觀，顯示出大家對韌性和可持續發展努力的信心。
- 吳先生並強調協作和參與在塑造韌性未來中的重要性。
- 他提到商界環保協會致力促進各界的環境卓越和淨零排放，強調資源管理的重要性，並推動循環經濟。
- 商界環保協會舉辦活動以促進會員、商界和政府之間的合作，透過經驗分享，以克服挑戰，並開發有效的解決方案。
- 他重申，儘管目前已有所進展，但仍需持續努力才能實現碳中和及可持續發展的目標。

碳中和及可持續發展委員會主席林正財醫生，銀紫荊星章，太平紳士

- 林醫生強調氣候變化與心理健康之間的聯繫，指出年輕人中出現「氣候變化焦慮症」的增長趨勢。
- 他就氣候變化對年輕人的情緒影響表示擔憂，尤其是他們對政治和政府不作為的挫折感。
- 他強調需要透過公眾教育，以減輕大眾對氣候問題的焦慮。
- 林醫生指出香港在實現碳中和和可持續發展方面走在正軌，並擁有明確的路線圖、策略和里程碑。
- 他討論了跨界別合作的重要性，以落實有效的氣候策略。
- 林醫生承認香港在氣候行動上的城市環境有限制，但強調香港在此方面的堅定意志和承諾。
- 他有信心，儘管香港是一個高度城市化的地方，也有能力應對可持續發展的挑戰。

香港綠色建築議會主席張天祥博士，銀紫荊星章

- 張博士指出跨界別合作的重要性，以促進可持續發展和減碳，特別是在建築行業。
- 他強調香港綠色建築議會的三個重點領域：網絡、知識和系統發展。
- 他提及一些舉措，如擴展香港綠色建築議會的會員基礎，由發展商及建築領域，以至吸納金融機構和材料供應商，藉此鼓勵共同協作及跨界別的影響力。
- 張博士討論了出版指引和制定相關工具，例如《香港綠色建築議會建築環境氣候變化框架》、《香港綠色建築議會建築物節能改造指南》和「綠建環評」，以幫助建築界從業員衡量和改善可持續發展。
- 他強調量度並認可就可持續發展所付出的努力之重要性，例子包括「零碳就緒建築認證」和「環保建築大獎」。
- 張博士希望香港綠色建築議會的努力能激發業界對香港綠色建築倡議的信心和決心。

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