

Chinachem Group

Sustainability Conference 2024

Integrating Sustainability Solutions towards a Resilient Future



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Summary

Opening Remarks

- Mr David LAM expressed his gratitude to the organisers of the Chinachem Group Sustainability Conference 2024, highlighting its significance in fostering dialogue on sustainability.
- He introduced the conference theme, “Integrating Sustainable Solutions towards a Resilient Future,” emphasising the importance of sustainability and resilience in addressing environmental challenges.
- Mr LAM discussed the increasing flooding risks in Hong Kong due to extreme weather events linked to climate change, which have tested the city’s resilience.
- He cited notable incidents, including super typhoons and record rainfall, that have caused significant disruptions and damage to infrastructure.
- Mr LAM underscored the vulnerabilities of Hong Kong as a compact, coastal city facing rising sea levels and more intense storms, stressing the urgent need for effective flood management strategies.
- He assured that the Hong Kong government is committed to enhancing flood prevention measures, including substantial improvements to the stormwater drainage system.
- Mr LAM outlined completed projects, such as the construction of drainage tunnels and stormwater storage tanks, which have significantly reduced flooding incidents.
- He mentioned ongoing projects aimed at improving drainage systems, with substantial financial commitments from the government to enhance urban resilience.
- He emphasised the dual focus on infrastructure and ecological sustainability, promoting blue-green infrastructure as a key element of the city’s resilience strategy.
- Mr LAM highlighted innovative projects like the Anderson Road development, Tung Chung New Town Extension and Northern Metropolis, which incorporates artificial flood lakes, river park, revitalised river or drainage channels and green spaces to enhance both ecology and urban design.
- He discussed the integration of advanced technology in flood management, including flood monitoring systems and robotic inspections to improve operational efficiency.
- Mr LAM stressed the importance of community engagement and public awareness in building resilience against extreme weather, encouraging collaboration with various sectors.
- He noted Hong Kong’s active participation in international collaborations to share knowledge and best practices for climate resilience.
- In conclusion, Mr LAM expressed optimism that with collective efforts, Hong Kong can overcome the challenges posed by climate change, ensuring a sustainable and resilient future.
- He wished the conference success, urging participants to showcase their commitment to combating extreme weather.

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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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- 林智文先生感謝「華懋集團可持續發展論壇 2024」的主辦及合辦單位，並強調論壇在促進可持續發展的重要性。
- 他介紹論壇主題「多元可持續發展方案 應對未來挑戰」，強調可持續發展和韌性在應對環境挑戰的重要性。
- 林先生討論了香港因氣候變化而導致極端天氣，因而增加水浸的風險，這些事件考驗城市的韌性。
- 他引用一些事件，包括超級颱風和破紀錄的降雨量，這些事件均對基礎設施構成重大干擾和損害。
- 林先生強調香港作為一個沿海城市，面臨海平面上升和更強烈風暴的威脅，的確迫切需要有效的洪水管理策略。
- 他保證香港政府致力加強防洪措施，包括對雨水排放系統進行重大改善工程。
- 林先生概述了已完成的項目，如排水隧道和雨水儲存池的建設，這些項目已顯著減少了水浸事件的發生。
- 他提到正在進行的項目，旨在改善排水系統，並指出政府已作出財務承擔，以增強城市韌性。
- 他強調基礎建設與生態可持續發展的兩個重點，推廣藍綠基建作為城市韌性策略的關鍵元素。
- 林先生提及一些創新項目，如安達臣道發展計劃、東涌新市鎮擴展及北部都會區，融合了人工湖、河畔公園、活化河／渠道和綠化空間，以增強生態和城市設計。
- 他討論了在防洪管理中整合先進技術的做法，包括防洪監測系統和機械人檢查，以提高運營效率。
- 林先生強調社區參與和公眾意識在應對極端天氣中建立韌性的重要性，鼓勵不同界別的共同協作。
- 他指出香港積極參與國際合作，以分享氣候韌性的知識和最佳實踐案例。
- 最後，林先生表達了樂觀的態度，認為通過共同努力，香港能夠克服氣候變化所帶來的挑戰，以邁向可持續和具韌性的未來。
- 他祝願論壇成功，並敦促參與者展示他們對應對極端天氣的承諾。

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