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EPD and HKIQEP Joint Symposium at Eco Expo Asia 2025 highlights the Green Economy through Innovation and Regional Collaboration

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) and the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP) today co-hosted the Joint Symposium on “Advancing the Green Economy through Innovation and Collaboration” at the Eco Expo Asia 2025, held at AsiaWorld-Expo, Hong Kong.

Bringing together policymakers, industry leaders, academics, and professionals, the Symposium served as a key platform to drive dialogue and partnerships for a more sustainable Hong Kong, aligning with the HKSAR Government’s vision to develop the city into a Demonstration Base for Green Technology.

The event commenced with welcome remarks by Mr. Freeman Cheung, President of HKIQEP, officially opening the symposium. Mr. Cheung stated: *"As professionals committed to environmental excellence, we at HKIQEP firmly believe that technology and collaboration are the key drivers of sustainable development. From improving environmental assessments to advancing smart city initiatives and fostering cooperation within the Greater Bay Area, all our efforts aim to create a cleaner, smarter, and more sustainable Hong Kong."*

Dr. Chui Ho Kwong, Samuel, JP, Director of Environmental Protection, served as Guest of Honour. In his speech, he noted that this symposium aligns with the vision set out in the 2025 Policy Address, which seeks to transform Hong Kong into a green technology showcase. He also emphasized the importance of collaboration among the public and private sectors, academia, and professional institutions.

A major highlight of the Symposium was the official signing of two Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs):

1. Between HKIQEP and the Greater Bay Area (GBA) Eco-Environmental Science Centre, fostering regional collaboration in environmental science, research, and policy development.
2. Between HKIQEP and the Capacity-building Alliance of Sustainable Investment (CASI), to promote professional capacity building and green economy advancement across the region.

The Symposium also featured keynote speeches and two thematic sessions:

- Session 1 – Green Innovations for Sustainable Development:
Showcased cutting-edge approaches to environmental management, including smart EIA processes, biodiversity technology, and building a green start-up ecosystem in the Greater Bay Area.
- Session 2 – Environmental Excellence to Advance the Green Economy:
Explored Hong Kong’s Green Taxonomy, the mobilisation of green finance, and pathways for supply chain decarbonisation, featuring insights from the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA), Hong Kong Green Finance Association (HKGFA), and leading corporate representatives.

Through these discussions, participants reaffirmed the critical role of cross-sector collaboration, innovation, and professional excellence in achieving Hong Kong's climate and sustainability goals.

About HKIQEP

The **Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP)** is a professional body committed to promoting excellence, integrity, and innovation in environmental practice. It certifies and supports environmental professionals, advances knowledge, and influences policy to foster a sustainable and resilient future.

About Eco Expo Asia

Eco Expo Asia is a premier international trade fair showcasing eco-friendly products, echnologies, and services. It serves as a key platform for collaboration and business development within the environmental industry across Asia and beyond.

About the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Center for Eco-environmental Sciences

The **Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Center for Eco-environmental Sciences** is a strategic scientific platform jointly established by the Ministry of Ecology and Environment and the People's Government of Guangdong Province under the Framework Agreement on Jointly Building an International First-Class Beautiful Bay Area. The center is organized by the Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences and jointly developed by the Academy together with the Guangdong Provincial Department of Ecology and Environment (Guangdong Environmental Science Research Institute).

About the Capacity-building Alliance of Sustainable Investment (CASI)

The **Capacity-building Alliance of Sustainable Investment (CASI)** is a charitable organization registered under Section 88 of the Hong Kong Inland Revenue Ordinance. It is dedicated to promoting green finance and sustainable investment.

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For programme details and registration, please visit: <https://hkiqep.org/eco-expo-asia-2025-symposium/>

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Welcome remarks by Mr. Freeman Cheung, President of HKIQEP



Guest of Honour: Dr. Chui Ho Kwong, Samuel, JP, Director of Environmental Protection



MOU signed between HKIQEP and the GBA Science Centre

(From left to right) Director of Environmental Protection Dr. Chui Ho Kwong, Samuel, JP; HKIQEP President Mr. Freeman Cheung; GBA Science Centre representative Dr. Tian Zhiyong; Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences Vice Dean Quan Zhanjun



MOU signed between HKIQEP and CASI

(From left to right) Director of Environmental Protection Dr. CHUI Ho Kwong, Samuel, JP; HKIQEP President Mr. Freeman Cheung; Dr. Ma Jun, Chairman and President of Hong Kong Green Finance Association; Ms. Tracy Wong HARRIS, Board Member and Strategic Advisor, Ms. SHU Chang, Secretary-General of the Board of Directors, the Sprinkles Charity Foundation.