





Environmental Conflict Resolution

HONG KONG'S WASTE MANAGEMENT CRISIS

Wednesday, 5th June 2013 2:00 – 5:00 pm Hong Kong Stock Exchange Auditorium Free of Charge

Please join us for the second in a series of Environmental Conflict Resolution Forums aimed at bringing about fresh thinking and creating solutions between stakeholders on issues that are important to Hong Kong. The topic for this forum is "Hong Kong's Waste Management Crisis."

- Hong Kong's waste generation per capita is one of the highest in the world (e.g. 1.36kg/day
 for domestic waste), yet our recovery and recycling rates are below average, with no
 integrated or developed infrastructure to support such options.
- As a result, Hong Kong is currently disposing of approximately 9,000 tons of municipal solid waste per day. Currently, this waste is landfilled, a concept which is being abandoned by many developed countries, both due to land constraints as well as the implementation of technologies to utilize these resources. Hong Kong's three landfill sites will reach capacity within the next six years, and as a result, these factors are rapidly leading Hong Kong into a waste management crisis.
- What would happen if we treated waste as a resource? What are the best, most optimal ways to use these resources, so that they are not being wasted? If not all of it can be used, why not? The Environmental Bureau's new blueprint on waste has several ideas, but can we expand or improve on those? How do we implement these solutions successfully to avert a large scale community problem?

This event will take the form of a collaborative public dialogue, which demonstrates how it is possible to involve a group of stakeholders and experts moderated by a team from the HK University's LLM in Arbitration and Dispute Resolution Program – Director, Katherine Lynch, and Dr. Shahla Ali.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS:

- Donald Johnston, Executive Director, Green Island Cement (Holdings) Limited
- Allard Nooy, Managing Director at Markland Infrastructure Asia (Formerly President Asia Pacific at Covanta Energy)
- Steve Rochlin, Senior Partner from IO Sustainability (US)
- David Sneddon, CEO, New Energy Corporation (Australia)
- Christine Fong, District Counselor, Sai Kung

This is the second in a series of "Environmental Conflict Resolution" events jointly organized by the HKU LL.M. in Arbitration & Dispute Resolution Program and Ocean Recovery Alliance. This event is timed to coordinate with the Plasticity Forum, to be held on June 6th at the Asia Society. – For more information, please see http://www.plasticityforum.com.

Please register online at <u>www.hku.hk/law</u> (Select 'Seminars and Conferences') or email Phelane Tsang at <u>phelane@hku.hk</u> to reserve a place.