

## [APEC holds Workshop cum Training on Retro-commissioning in Hong Kong via video conferencing \(with photos\)](#)

The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Workshop cum Training on Retro-commissioning (RCx) is being held in Hong Kong via video conference from today (January 20) to January 21.

Delivering the opening remarks, the Secretary for the Environment, Mr Wong Kam-sing, said Hong Kong would strive to achieve carbon neutrality before 2050. The Government published the "Hong Kong's Climate Action Plan 2050" last year, which outlined Hong Kong's decarbonisation strategies and targets.

He added that RCx is a cost-effective tool for reducing the overall electricity consumption of buildings, and bolstering the promotion of RCx is one of the tactics in accelerating low-carbon transition. Hong Kong is honoured to host the online APEC workshop cum training to foster the wider adoption of RCx, which can help drive member economies towards APEC's energy intensity reduction goal.

More than 100 experts and delegates from 11 APEC member economies are attending the workshop cum training to exchange knowledge on RCx. This initiative serves as a timely check on the energy performance of an existing building to identify energy saving potential for operational improvements. Through tuning and adjusting building services systems and equipment, optimal operation efficiency can be achieved, thus saving energy and reducing carbon emissions. The event is part of the APEC-funded project proposed by Hong Kong. The project aims to promote the importance of RCx by improving energy efficiency, which can help accelerate APEC's goal to reduce energy intensity by at least 45 per cent by 2035, with 2005 as the baseline year.

In his remarks, the Deputy Director (Regulatory Services) of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, Mr Raymond Poon, emphasised that Hong Kong would continue to play an important role in the promotion of RCx application and collaboration, as well as in the facilitation of energy efficiency enhancement using innovative and intelligent technologies. He invited all APEC member economies to work together to enhance the energy performance of buildings in contributing to APEC's energy intensity reduction goal.

The "Energy Saving Plan for Hong Kong's Built Environment 2015~2025+" promulgated by the Government in 2015 has set a target of reducing energy intensity by 40 per cent by 2025. So far, the energy intensity in Hong Kong has decreased by over 30 per cent. Hong Kong is one of the best performers in terms of reduction in energy intensity among APEC member economies. The Government has also set aggressive energy saving targets in the "Hong Kong's

Climate Action Plan 2050" published in 2021.

