

ENB and waste paper exporters hold work exchange meeting with Ministry of Ecology and Environment

A Government spokesman said today (May 16) that the Under Secretary for the Environment, Mr Tse Chin-wan, led a team of Environmental Protection Department (EPD) officers, together with the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Recycling Fund, Mr Jimmy Kwok, and the Chairman of the Hong Kong Productivity Council, Mr Willy Lin, as well as representatives of the China Inspection Company Limited and waste paper exporters, to join a work exchange meeting with the Ministry of Ecology and Environment in Beijing yesterday (May 15) to exchange views on imports of recyclables to the Mainland. The meeting was also attended by representatives of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council and the General Administration of Customs.

During the meeting, the Ministry gave an introduction on relevant policies and implementation of solid waste imports' management in the Mainland. The EPD briefed the attendees on the tendering progress of recycled paper products or related production lines of the EcoPark. Participants also exchanged views on the recent trends of the recyclables trade in Hong Kong; the support of the Recycling Fund to the industry; the work done by waste paper exporters to fulfil the tightened requirements on importing recyclables to the Mainland, including waste paper; and the industry's long-term development and value-added needs.

The Under Secretary for the Environment, EPD officers and waste paper exporters visited the customs district at Huangpu in Guangzhou today to observe the inspection work carried out by the General Administration of Customs on importing recyclables from Hong Kong, including waste paper, in order to have a thorough understanding on the testing procedures and purity requirements for recyclables, including waste paper, by the Mainland. The delegation returned to Hong Kong after the visit.