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Can Fiscal Measures Clean Up Hong Kong?

With our air getting filthier and landfills running out of space, everyone from green groups to business organisations is clamouring for change. Cleaning up Hong Kong's environment has moved up the policy agenda to become a priority.

This seminar asks different stakeholders what they can bring to the debate. Can consumers be encouraged to use less energy and the power companies to produce electricity in a cleaner fashion? Should companies which produce and sell large consumer goods such as TVs and computers be expected to dispose of them at the end of their life? Can taxes be adopted to encourage the take-up of cleaner fuels? What impact could we expect from introducing the polluter pays principle? Will a levy on plastic bags discourage their use? Should households be billed for the volume of rubbish they throw out?

- Should the polluter pays principle be at the heart of Hong Kong's environmental policy?
- Can the electricity utilities be incentivised to use cleaner fuels?
- Is emissions trading a viable means for reducing cross-border pollution?
- Should households pay directly to have their rubbish taken away?
- Is a plastic bag tax practicable? Are plastic bags really the problem?

Keynote Speaker:

Daigee Shaw, Research Fellow, The Institute of Economics, Academia Sinica, Taipei

Confirmed speakers include:

- **Albert Lai**, Chairman, Hong Kong People's Council for Sustainable Development
- **Nien Dak Sze**, Chairman, Atmospheric and Environmental Research Inc., Lexington, USA
- **Roy Tang**, Deputy Director, Environmental Protection Department, HKSAR Government
- **Thomas Tang**, Senior Advisor, Business Environment Council
- **C. K. Lau**, Executive Editor, Policy, South China Morning Post

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