EMAHK PRE – AGM TALK THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE QUALIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONAL (HKIQEP): Qualification & Registration Process





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Founded in 2015, the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP) was established to promote, develop and maintain a qualification system for environmental professionals, as well as promote continuous professional development of environmental professionals in Hong Kong.

According to Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC), the value added of Hong Kong's environmental protection industry grew by 5.2% year-on-year to HK\$7.1 billion in 2013. Employment by the industry amounted to 40,650 persons in the year, accounting for 1.1% of the total employment in Hong Kong. Today, over 200 environmental consulting companies are registered in Hong Kong and it has been estimated that corporates will be recruiting more staff to conduct environment-related work in the future, particularly when the Hong Kong Stock Exchange upgrades its ESG reporting requirements to comply or explain. Around 20 environmental-related degree programs have been established to encourage more youths to join the industry. As more infrastructure and environmental-related initiatives need to be implemented in Hong Kong and in the Pearl River Delta Region (PRD) within the next decade, it seems important to address the question of whether we have the volume of quality skills and expertise to deliver on them.

The HKIQEP aims not only to address this challenge, but to turn this into an opportunity for Hong Kong. Through a more holistic approach, this proposal aims to transform Hong Kong into a center of excellence in professional environmental services that is aligned with and supportive of developing the environmental services industry as one of the pillar industries of Hong Kong. It can help to create more quality jobs for the younger generations and further Hong Kong's longstanding strength in professional industries.

This year, HKIQEP will launch the first local qualification process and registry of qualified environmental professionals. **Environmental Management Association of Hong Kong (EMAHK)**, as one of the Institutional Partners, has the pleasure to invite Dr. Jeanne Ng the chairman of HKIQEP, to give our members a very first opportunity to learn about this qualification process.

Speaker

Dr. Ng is responsible for CLP Group's sustainability matters, including sustainability-related strategy, reporting and communications. She joined CLP upon the establishment of the Group Environmental Affairs department in 2003 and was previously Director – Group Environmental Affairs responsible for the development and roll-out of corporate environmental policy and strategy across the CLP Group. Dr. Ng holds a BSc in Toxicology from the University of Toronto and a PhD in Environmental Management from the University of Hong Kong. Dr. Ng is currently a member of the Working Group of the International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC), as well as the Advisory Council of the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board. She is a frequent guest lecturer on environmental and sustainable development issues at various Hong Kong universities and is currently a Member of the Advisory Committee of the School of Energy & Environment at City University of Hong Kong, the Advisory Committee on Environmental Science at the Chinese University of Hong Kong and the Local Advisory Committee of the Division of Environment at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.