HONG KONG GREEN ORGANISATION CERTIFICATION

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1. INTRODUCTION

Hong Kong is committed to building a sustainable future and ensuring that our future generations can continue to thrive in a sustainable environment. More and more companies / organisations incorporate environmental practices in their operations to reduce waste, energy, air emission, noise impact and carbon footprint, so as to reduce their impact to the environment and improve the quality of our lives.

The **Hong Kong Green Organisation Certification (HKGOC)** aims to benchmark green organisations with substantial achievements in green management, to encourage participants to adopt environmental practices in different aspects and to recognise their efforts and commitments to the environment. It is a prestigious certification scheme with high credibility. It also encourages participants to strive for self-improvement in specific environmental aspects. The recognised green organisations will be granted the title of **Hong Kong Green Organisation (HKGO)** for their achievements in multiple environmental aspects.

2. OVERVIEW OF HKGOC

The HKGOC is led by the Environmental Campaign Committee (ECC) alongside the Environment and Ecology Bureau and in conjunction with nine organisations, in alphabetical order, the Advisory Council on the Environment, the Business Environment Council, the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong, the Federation of Hong Kong Industries, the Hong Kong Chinese Importers' & Exporters' Association, the Hong Kong Council of Social Service, the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce and the Hong Kong Productivity Council.

Starting from 2020, HKGOC consists of four Certificates, namely "**Wastewi$e Certificate**", "**Energywi$e Certificate**", "**IAQwi$e Certificate***" and "**Carbon Reduction Certificate****". Information of these Certificates is summarised in Section 3, whereas full details can be found in individual Guidebooks.

* The IAQwi$e Certificate Scheme under the Hong Kong Green Organisation Certification (HKGOC) has been suspended starting from 1 April 2026.

** The Carbon Reduction Certificate (CRC) scheme under the Hong Kong Green Organisation Certification (HKGOC) has been suspended starting from 1 September 2025.

Hong Kong Green Organisation Certification



2.1 Benefits of being a HKGO

The HKGO presents companies / organisations with the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to improve their environmental performance in different aspects. By joining and fulfilling the requirements, HKGOs can enjoy many benefits, such as -

Use of the title of HKGO

The title of **HKGO** is synonymous with demonstrating exceptional leadership within the environmental arena and can be used for showcasing members' commitment to green management. Apart from being granted a certificate, the certificate holders would be entitled to use the logo icons for their promotional and publicity purposes within the validity period.

"**Hong Kong Green Organisation**" stickers will also be granted to the certificate holders, for displaying at the glass doors / windows / other prominent places of their premises, showing to the public or clients their high level of commitment and performance to environmental protection.

Recognition and Publicity of Environmental Achievements

Becoming a **HKGO** means going green together with the Government to achieve common environmental objectives. The ECC may commend the HKGOs for their efforts through publicity and marketing activities that will make their environmental achievements and contribution known to the public. They may be invited to seminars, events and exhibitions to share their implementation experience and outcomes to the public.



Under suitable opportunities, there may be media coverage arranged for the certificate holders. Such promotional and publicity opportunities are valuable and good means to enhance their corporate image and demonstrate their commitment to the public about their social corporate responsibility.

Enhancing Competitiveness

Environmental practices in different aspects help streamline companies / organisations' operations and thereby increase business competitiveness. Furthermore, companies / organisations can also attract those customers who value conducting business with companies that are committed to improving environmental quality, as well as to enhance corporate image.

Contributing to Environmental Protection

Everyone strives to live a comfortable and enjoyable life. Adopting environmental practices in different aspects can help create a better quality of life for all. Voluntary environmental agreements/charters also provide a means for organisations to support the development of best environmental practices.

Participating in HKAEE

Certificate holders can also achieve relevant bonus points in the Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence (HKAEE), which is an annual award led by the ECC, aiming to recognise the overall environmental achievements of an organisation. Details of the HKAEE are in the HKAEE Programme Booklet on the HKAEE official website (http://www.hkaee.gov.hk).

香港環境卓越大獎
Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence

Recognition by Other Environmental Protection Award Programmes and Schemes[1]

BOCHK Corporate Low-Carbon Environmental Leadership Awards Programme

HKGOs will be given 1 bonus point on top of the full marks of the "BOCHK Corporate Low-Carbon Environmental Leadership Awards". For the details, please visit the Programme's website at https://bocawards.industryhk.org/en.

Caring Company Scheme

HKGOs will be eligible to earn designated points in the Environmental Sustainability section of Form B under the Caring Company Scheme. For the details, please visit the Caring Company's website at http://www.caringcompany.org.hk.

Green Office Awards Labelling Scheme (GOALS)

HKGOs will be recognised as having fulfilled five Green Office Best Practice Criteria under the GOALS. For the details, please visit the WGO's website at http://thewgo.org/website/eng/goals-green-office.

CLP Smart Energy Award

HKGOs will receive five bonus points in the "CLP Smart Energy Award". For the detail details, please visit the CLP's website at https://www.clp.com.hk/en/business/smart-energy-award.

[1] Subject to the endorsement of the respective Scheme Organisers.

- **Enjoy Discount on Other Green Mark and Label Schemes[1]**

  - **Hong Kong Green Mark Certification Scheme**
    HKGOs will enjoy discount offers on application fee and quarterly surveillance fee for each first application for "Green Mark" certification. For the details, please visit the FHKI's website at http://www.qmark.org.hk.

  - **Hong Kong Green Label Scheme**
    HKGOs will enjoy discount offers on application fee for each first application for "Hong Kong Green Label" certification. For the details, please visit the Green Council's website at https://www.greencouncil.org/hkgls.

2.2 Eligibility of HKGO

All local companies and organisations as well as their individual functional units that primarily operate within Hong Kong.

2.3 Route to HKGO

The applications for HKGOC, including HKGO and the certificates under, are accepted all year round. All applications are **free of charge**.

In particular, participants can obtain the certificate of the **HKGO** by demonstrating their environmental practices in multiple aspects through the following three routes –

Route 1: Winners of the HKAEE

The HKAEE winners (i.e. Gold Award, Silver Award, Bronze Award and Certificates of Merit winners) will automatically be granted the title of **HKGO**.

Route 2: Criteria (1) + (2) + (3)

Organisations / functional units should meet *criteria 1, 2* and *3* shown in Table 1 below simultaneously.

Route 3: Criterion (4) + Charter launched / supported by the Government + Certificate under the HKGOC

Organisations / functional units meeting *criterion 4 (either (4a), or (4b))* in Table 1 below will be eligible to be granted the title of **HKGO** if they have simultaneously signed any one of the environment-related charters[1] launched / supported by the Hong Kong SAR Government and possessed a valid certificate of any one of the Certificates under the HKGOC.

Table 1: Criteria for obtaining the title of "Hong Kong Green Organisation"

Criterion 1	Possesses a valid Wastewi$e Certificate at the time of application.
Criterion 2	Possesses any one of the following at the time of application: (2a) A valid Energywi$e Certificate; or (2b) A valid Carbon Reduction Certificate.
Criterion 3	Achieved any one of the following requirements: (3a) Possesses a valid IAQwi$e Certificate at the time of application; or (3b) Possesses a valid IAQ Certificate under the IAQ Certification Scheme by Environmental Protection Department; or (3c) Possesses a Participation Certificate of the HKAEE at the time of application; or (3d) Completed the Stage of Detailed Assessment of the Hong Kong Green Innovations Awards at the time of application; or (3e) Having signed any of the environment-related charters[2] launched / supported by the Hong Kong SAR Government at the time of application.
Criterion 4	(4a) Possesses a valid ISO 14001 / ISO 20121 certificate at the time of application; or (4b) Having been awarded with the commendation "Hong Kong – Guangdong Cleaner Production Partners (Manufacturing)" of the Hong Kong – Guangdong Cleaner Production Partners Recognition Scheme at the time of application.
** Links of relevant schemes and charters are provided in Appendix I.*	

Applicants using **Route 2** and **Route 3** to obtain the **HKGO** shall complete and submit the Assessment and Reporting Form through the Online Application System (https://aas.hkgoc.gov.hk/login) . Application should be supported by documents for verifications. The Organisers will vet, endorse and grant the title of **HKGO** to successful applicants on a quarterly basis.

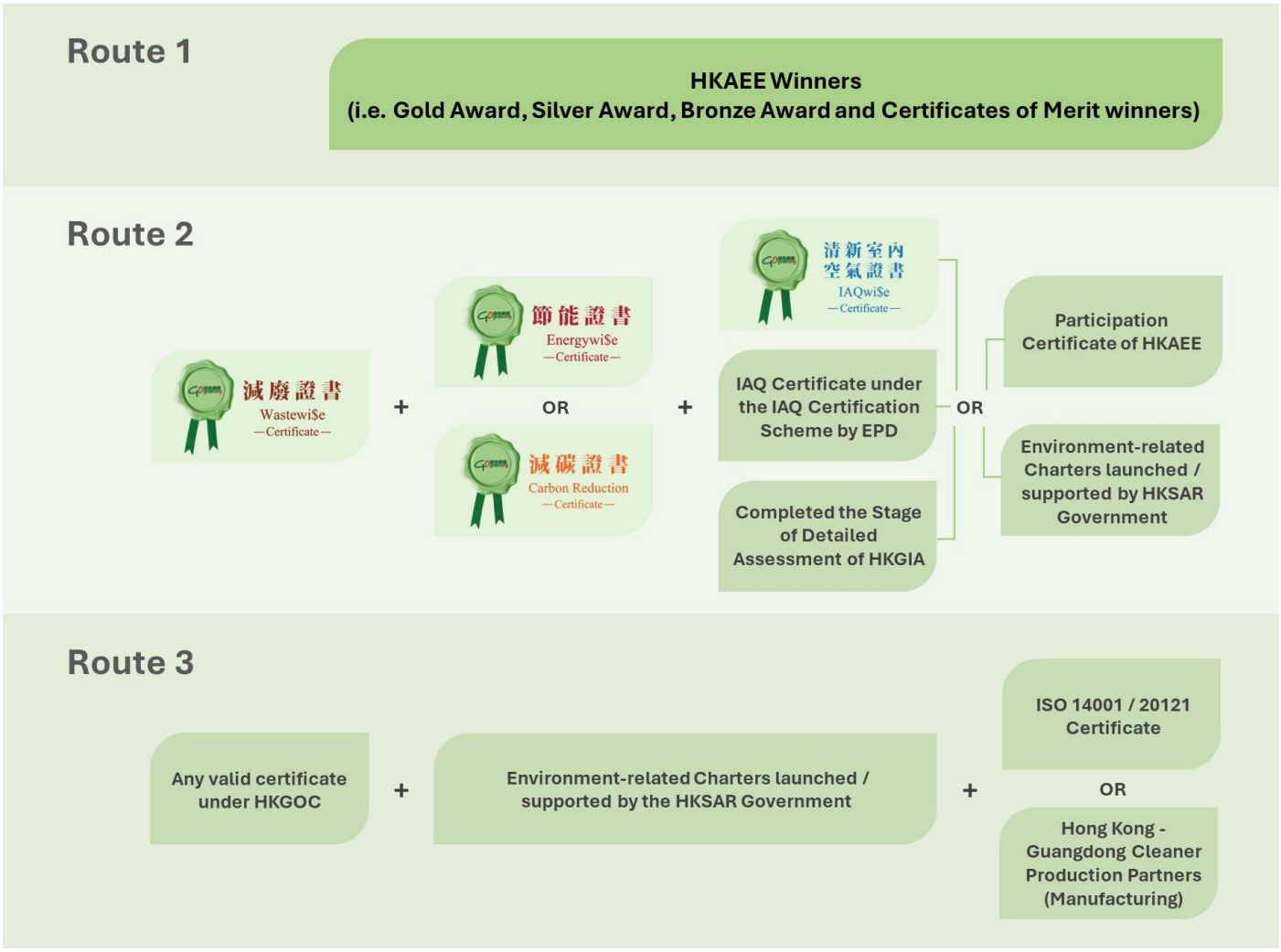
Organisations will automatically be granted the title of **HKGO** through **Route 1**. Organisations that have not received the notification are encouraged to contact the HKGOC Technical Consultant to ensure that the recognition is granted in an orderly and timely manner.

Applicants that have submitted the Assessment and Reporting Form but have not yet received an acknowledgement message from the HKGOC Technical Consultant within 7 working days should also contact the HKGOC Technical Consultant to verify if applicable requirements have been met.

[2] Examples of environment-related charters launched and/or supported by the Hong Kong SAR Government include the "Carbon Neutrality (Waste Reduction) Charter", "Food Wise Charter", "Glass Container Recycling Charter", "Waste Reduction and Recycling Charter", "Energy Saving Charter", "4T Charter", "Charter on External Lighting", "Packaging Reduction Charter", "Bye Bye Microbeads Charter", or any charters accepted by the Organisers.

Figure 1 below summarises possible routes for becoming a **HKGO.**

Figure 1: Possible Routes for Becoming a HKGO



2.4 Validity and Use of HKGO Title

The title of **HKGO** is valid for two years and can be renewed if the organisations meet the requirements as specified in Section 2.3. Within the validity period, the title holders are entitled to use the title, logo and stickers of **HKGO**, according to the instruction by ECC and the ***Guidelines for the Use of "Hong Kong Green Organisation" Title***.

3. CERTIFICATES OF HKGOC

Organisations can obtain the title of "**HKGO**" through participating in the Certificate(s) under HKGOC. These Certificates aim to encourage, benchmark and recognise the efforts of organisations in different aspects of environmental initiatives. Table 2 below illustrates their basic features –

Table 2: Certificates under HKGOC

減廢證書 Wastewi$e —Certificate—	節能證書 Energywi$e — Certificate —
Purposes	
▪ To recognise organisations for attaining a prescribed level and number of environmental initiatives in specified environmental aspects; and ▪ To encourage continuous self-improvement.	
Certificate Category	
  	
There is no prescribed limit on the number of Certificates to be issued.	
Expiry Date	
2 years	

3.1 Eligibility of Certificates

The eligibility of the Certificates are given below –

Certificates	Requirements
減廢證書 Wastewi$e —Certificate—	All local companies and organisations as well as their individual functional units that primarily operate within Hong Kong.
節能證書 Energywi$e —Certificate—	



3.2 Certification Criteria of the Certificates

3.2.1 Wastewi$e Certificate

減廢證書
Wastewi$e
—Certificate—

Levels	Requirements	Certificate Validity
	Successfully implemented **all** applicable Mandatory Measures listed in Part I of Assessment and Reporting Form (WW/03R3)[3] ; and Successfully implemented **at least 40%** of applicable non-Mandatory Measures listed in Part II of Assessment and Reporting Form (WW/03R3).	2 years[4]
	Successfully implemented **all** applicable Mandatory Measures listed in Part I of Assessment and Reporting Form (WW/03R3); and Successfully implemented **at least 60%** of applicable Non-Mandatory Measures listed in Part II of Assessment and Reporting Form (WW/03R3).	
	Successfully implemented **all** applicable Mandatory Measures listed in Part I of Assessment and Reporting Form (WW/03R3); and Successfully implemented **at least 80%** of applicable Non-Mandatory Measures listed in Part II of Assessment and Reporting Form (WW/03R3).	

[3] Details of Reporting and Assessment Form for Wastewi$e Certificate (WW/03R3) can be referred to the Wastewi$e Certificate Guidebook.

[4] For renewal, participants can consider to renew in the same awarded level of requirements or pursue other levels of Certificate according to the requirements listed in Section 3.2.1.

3.2.2 Energywi$e Certificate

節能證書
Energywi$e
— Certificate —

Levels	Requirements	Certificate Validity
	❦ Successfully implemented **all** applicable Mandatory Measures listed in Part I of Assessment and Reporting Form (EW/03R3)[5] ; and ❦ Successfully implemented **at least 40%** of applicable non-Mandatory Measures listed in Part II of Assessment and Reporting Form (EW/03R3).	2 years[6]
	❦ Successfully implemented **all** applicable Mandatory Measures listed in Part I of Assessment and Reporting Form (EW/03R3); and ❦ Successfully implemented **at least 60%** of applicable Non-Mandatory Measures listed in Part II of Assessment and Reporting Form (EW/03R3).	
	❦ Successfully implemented **all** applicable Mandatory Measures listed in Part I of Assessment and Reporting Form (EW/03R3) with the relevant achievements reported (if applicable) ; and ❦ Successfully implemented **at least 80%** of applicable Non-Mandatory Measures listed in Part II of Assessment and Reporting Form (EW/03R3).	

5 Details of Assessment and Reporting Form for Energywi$e Certificate (EW/03R3) can be referred to the Energywi$e Certificate Guidebook.

6 For renewal, participants can consider to renew in the same awarded level of requirements or pursue other levels of Certificate according to the requirements listed in Section 3.2.2.

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hkpc 生產力局
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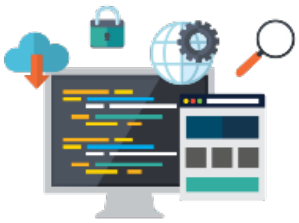
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Appendix I : Useful Links



Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence (HKAEE)

For details of the HKAEE, please visit the official website at
https://www.hkaee.gov.hk/

Hong Kong Green Innovations Awards (HKGIA)

For details of the HKGIA, please visit the official website at
https://www.hkaee.gov.hk/schemes.php#scheme2

Carbon Neutrality (Waste Reduction) Charter

For details of the Carbon Neutrality (Waste Reduction) Charter, please visit the official website at
https://www.fspphk.org/index.php?lang=en

Food Wise Charter

For details of the Food Wise Charter, please visit the Food Wise Hong Kong Campaign website at
https://www.wastereduction.gov.hk/en-hk/waste-reduction-programme/food-wise-hong-kong-campaign

Glass Container Recycling Charter

For details of the Glass Container Recycling Charter, please visit the official website at
https://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/english/environmentinhk/waste/pro_responsibility/gprs_charter.html

Waste Reduction and Recycling Charter

For details of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Charter, please visit the official website at
https://www.wastereduction.gov.hk/en-hk/waste-reduction-programme/waste-reduction-and-recycling-charter

Energy Saving Charter & 4T Charter

For details of the Energy Saving Charter & 4T Charter, please visit the official website at
https://www.energysaving.gov.hk/en/home/index.html

Charter on External Lighting

For details of the Charter on External Lighting, please visit the official website at
https://www.charteronexternallighting.gov.hk/en/index.html

Packaging Reduction Charter

For details of the Packaging Reduction Charter, please visit the official website at
https://www.lesspackaging.hk/en

Bye Bye Microbeads Charter

For details of the Bye Bye Microbeads Charter, please visit the official website at
https://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/clean_shorelines/byebyemicrobeads/en/

Hong Kong – Guangdong Cleaner Production Partners Recognition Scheme

For details of the Hong Kong – Guangdong Cleaner Production Partners Recognition Scheme, please visit the official website at
http://www.cleanerproduction.hk/en_index.asp