

News

[Climate Dialogue: Low Carbon Cities for High Quality Living](#)

Together with the Environmental Campaign Committee and C40 Cities Leadership Group, Civic Exchange is organizing a four-day international conference called *Climate Dialogue: Low Carbon Cities for High Quality Living* to be held in Hong Kong from 3 to 6 November, 2010.

Bringing together stakeholders in the public and private sectors to exchange views on how to expedite the trajectory to tackle climate change, this conference will also include a C40 workshop to provide a platform for policy-makers and experts from cities from around the world to share experience on policies and technologies to achieve low carbon living.

Confirmed international guests include:

Hafid Abbas	Karan Grover	T. Michael Moseley
Rae Kwon Chung	James E. Hansen	John Mroz
Robert Corell	Hu Tao	Jiahua Pan
Jan Eliasson	Gabriel Ngar-Cheung Lau	Johan Rockstrom
Jose Maria Figueres-Olsen	Martin Lees	Will Steffen
Barbara Finamore	Li Shaoyi	Robert Swan
Nicky Gavron	John D Liu	Steven Sitao Xu

If you would like to join our Climate Dialogue mailing list, please [click here](#) and enter your name and e-mail.

Please visit our conference website for more information:

<http://climate.dialogue.org.hk/>

[Get it Green - A low carbon creativity competition for youth in Hong Kong](#)

Co-organised by the Environmental Campaign Committee and Civic Exchange, Get it Green (GIG) is an exciting initiative for young people in Hong Kong to learn more about climate change and building a low carbon world. GIG features a low carbon competition open to all young people up to 25 years of age living in Hong Kong, with finalists showcased and judged at the GIG Summit on 7 November, 2010.

Prizes include an eco-expedition to Antarctica, a place on a week-long climate camp in China and an eco-excursion for 30 primary students, plus book vouchers, free travel cards and much more. Other than the competition, young people can also take the quiz challenge, called "The GIG Challenge", on the GIG Facebook site to demonstrate how green they are.

For more information about "The GIG Challenge" and details of the competition, visit:

<http://www.facebook.com/getitgreen>

Event Highlights

In case you missed our events, check out our event reports for highlights.

[Press Conference: Fixing Roadside Pollution: Matching Problems with Solutions](#)

22 June, 2010 Civic Exchange hosted a press conference to announce the findings of a study on roadside air pollution covering all 18 districts in Hong Kong. The study reveals the key factors that determine roadside pollution levels and identifies that shipping emissions from the port can be an important source of roadside pollutants.

The survey, which was conducted by Professor Chak Chan and his team at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, using the Mobile real-time Air-monitoring Platform (MAP), a specially designed van equipped with sophisticated equipment for making air quality measurements as it travels, showed that high roadside pollution levels are not restricted to Central, Mong Kok and Causeway Bay, but are found throughout Hong Kong. To download the press release:

http://civic-exchange.org/en/live/upload/files/20100622_MAP.pdf (English)

http://civic-exchange.org/en/live/upload/files/20100622_MAPc.pdf (Chinese)

[Book Talk: *Electing Hong Kong's Chief Executive*](#)

21 June, 2010 Commissioned by Civic Exchange, Professor Richard Cullen and Simon Young conducted an in-depth research on the Chief Executive and Election Committee elections. The research has been published into a book, entitled *Electing Hong Kong's Chief Executive*, by the Hong Kong University Press in June 2010. A book launch was held on 21 June 2010.

This book reviews the history and development of the Election Committee (and its predecessor), discusses its ties to legislative assemblies in Hong Kong and the Mainland, and reflects on the future of the system.

To order your copy, please visit:

<http://www.hkupress.org/book/9789888028399.htm>

Publications

[Carrots & Sticks: Accelerating the Replacement of Diesel Vehicles](#)

May, 2010 Civic Exchange released a research report on *Carrots & Sticks: Accelerating the Replacement of Diesel Vehicles* in May 2010. This report look at combining incentives and disincentives to present a full range of measures in the most accessible manner to drive the replacement of polluting diesel vehicles to improve air quality.

Download the full report at:

<http://civic-exchange.org/en/live/upload/files/201005CarrotStick.pdf>

[Hong Kong Economic Journal](#)

19 June, 2010 *Hong Kong Economic Journal* published an article written by Christine Loh on her observations concerning the LegCo vote on the constitutional reform package on Wednesday, 21 June 2010.

Please read the full article on P11 of the *Hong Kong Economic Journal*. (Chinese only)

Newspaper Columns

[South China Morning Post](#)

- 4 June, 2010 - Rallying cry

- 18 June, 2010 - Lost mandate

Hong Kong Economic Times

- 11 June, 2010 - Integrated Reporting
- 21 June, 2010 - Oil spill

Please visit the Hong Kong Economic Times website to read the articles. (Chinese only)

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