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Members of Advisory Committee on Recycling Fund visited Guangzhou on 16 Dec, 2016 in order to understand and make reference to the recycling industries in other jurisdictions.



# Background

#### Purpose

- In order to understand and make reference to the recycling industries in other jurisdictions, the Recycling Fund Secretariat organised a study mission to Guangzhou, China on 16 December 2016.
- Visit to 3 community green station and recycling facilities

#### Participants

- RFAC Members
  (2 members Jimmy Kwok, Yip Hing Kwok)
- Representative from Recycling trade and NGOs
- 50 participants





## 越秀區餐廚垃圾生物處理示範站

- The government collect and transport the food waste to the treatment facilities, the treatment and handling of end products are handled by enterprise, which share the burden of government
- The cleaners collect
  the food waste
  separated by the
  residents for further
  sorting, the
  enterprise then
  purchase the clearly
  separated food
  waste with the rate
  of ¥5/bin





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- The machine can handle
  10 tonnes/day (i.e. 3,600
  tonnes/year), and they
  mainly collect household
  food waste instead of from
  commercial sectors
- The facility can save up to ¥600,000 landfill handling fee
- The fee has turned into the food waste recycling operation cost for the enterprise







- The separation center located under the bridge in the city center
- Total 4 similar separation centers in the district, and also 24 wood and 21 glass collection points
- The site will only process lowvalue recyclables, i.e. food waste, wood, glass, furniture etc
- Monitor by government, operate by enterprise
- The recyclables collected will be sold to other enterprise







#### Food waste:

The initially separated food waste by the residents will be gone through another round of detail separation







#### 😘 Glass:

- The worker separate the glass bottle according to their color
- Glass bottle collection amount: 300 tonnes/month
- Market price for the glass:
   ¥180 320 (depends on the bottle color)

#### Wood:

- Wood collection amount: 600 tonnes/month
- Market price for the wood:  $\frac{4}{5}$ 250
- Wood will be sold to the incinerator operator as fuel for generation of electricity





#### Harmful waste:

- Around 585 harmful waste collection point in the district
- Harmful waste including medicine, pesticide / lubricant / solvent packing, thermometer, batteries and florescent light bulbs etc
- At least 1 collection point within 1000 household

The harmful waste from each collection point will transport to each

separation site





#### Effect:

- Food waste reduction by 10%, glass and wood reduction by 2%
- More than 3000 tonnes of glass and 4000 tonnes of wood being collected and recycled in a year
- Over 3 million dollars can be received by selling wood and glass to the enterprise
- $\bullet$  Each collection point with net balance of  $\text{\forall}10,000-20,000$





- Project executed since April 2014
- Consist of 3 parts:
  - "Smart bin"
  - Green community platform
  - "Big data" monitoring system
- No. of users: 200 − 400
  - Mainly elderly, mobile residents and students
- Waste separated into 4 categories:
  - Food waste
  - Recyclables
  - Harmful waste
  - Other waste





- "Smart bin"
- Weighing scale
- Card reader
  - Resident has to swipe the card before throwing the trash
  - 10 points for throwing the trash, another 60 points for throwing them into the right bin
- Cleaners will cross check the data for authentication





- Green community platform
- The card record the points of each users
- Users can use the points to exchange daily commodities, i.e. toilet paper, food, tooth pick etc
- For the student version green platform, students can even use the points in exchange of bread or mobile phone rental service







- "Big data" monitoring system
- The central station to trace back all the "trash related" activities in the neighborhood
- Analysis the data of participating rate, rubbish bin capacity, points accumulated of each resident etc



### **Lessons Learnt**

- Well use of space under fly-over for recycling related activities.
- Good reference IT system for waste charging scheme.
- "Redemption point" is a good incentive for encouraging proper recycling.

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