

Press Release

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STC Awarded "EcoPartner" of "BOCHK Corporate Environmental Leadership Awards Programme"

[Hong Kong, 3 September 2021] The certification presentation and photo-taking ceremony of the <u>"BOCHK Corporate Environmental Leadership Awards Programme"</u> (the Program), organized by the <u>Federation of Hong Kong Industries (FHKI)</u> and sponsored by <u>Bank of China (Hong Kong)</u> (BOCHK), was held during 2-3 September 2021. Granted the "EcoPartner" award in the services sector, STC (Hong Kong Standards and Testing Centre) was represented by Dr. Franki Lee, Director of Business Development & Compliance, to accept the award certificate this afternoon.

The Program aims to promote active participation in environmentally conscious practices among the manufacturing and services enterprises in Hong Kong and the Pan-Pearl River Delta region to further reduce environmental footprints in these communities. Enterprises are required to accomplish at least one environmental project, of which there are nine projects in total, to attain any of the awards. To support environmental protection, STC has accomplished the project "Green Innovation" through a series of measures, such as the adoption of wind energy, establishment of smart energy-saving lighting zone, as well as reusing and recycling paper. The presentation of the award is a testimony of STC's continued contribution to environmental protection, which is pledged by STC as part of our corporate social responsibility commitment.

Environmental protection has always been a concern for STC, of which the subsidiary <u>Hong Kong Certification Centre (HKCC)</u> has launched Biodegradable Products Certification Scheme (the Scheme) and Hong Kong Eco Mark (Eco Mark) to facilitate consumers' easy identification of qualified "green" products. The Scheme ensures products in test are biodegradable with testing that includes food packing materials, cups, bowls, stationery, cosmetics, hair care products and more. Through the certification, consumers are encouraged to use a variety of biodegradable products which can then alleviate the saturation problem of the landfills. Eco Mark evaluates the process from product design, use of substances and materials through to manufacturing process to confirm that the production conforms with environmentally conscious practices. The scope of the evaluation covers most of furniture and other consumer goods, consumers are then guaranteed truly "green" products.

About STC

Established in 1963, STC (Hong Kong Standards and Testing Centre) is Hong Kong's first independent, not-for-profit testing, inspection and certification organization. STC offers a wide range of conformity assessment services on products covering Toys, Children's products, Textile, Apparel, Footwear, Furniture, Electrical and Electronic Products, Medical Devices, Food as well as Chemical and Pharmaceutical products. In order to meet the global demand for testing and certification services, not only has STC set up testing facilities and customer service offices in China's major cities such as Dongguan, Shanghai, Changzhou, Guangxi and Heilongjiang, but it also has branches in countries like Vietnam, Japan, USA and Germany.

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