

Policies on sustainable urban development and green buildings in Hong Kong

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Abstract

A motion without legislative effect was moved and passed by Council Members unanimously in the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on 23 May, 2007. The motion suggested that the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government (HKSARG) could consider expediting its work in formulating and implementing policies on sustainable urban development and green buildings, so as to alleviate the greenhouse effect arising from imbalanced urban development and to eliminate the adverse effects of undesirable high-density building developments on weather and the environment. The HKSARG could also expedite its work on reviewing the existing legislation relating to urban planning and buildings, and introducing sustainable planning and green building principles; introducing a 'green building labelling' system to fully assess the environmental performance of buildings during the design stage and after their being put to use; and taking the lead in applying the relevant policies to both new and existing public buildings, educating the public, and offering incentives to actively promote market compliance.