

# Renewable Energy Initiatives from Towngas

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# Corporate Profile



Founded in 1862,  
provided public  
lighting in Central, 1<sup>st</sup>  
public utility in HK.



**1860s – 1960s**  
Our services  
expanded to  
heating and  
cooking business

**1990s – 2000s**  
Business took off on  
mainland China

**Now**  
Hong Kong Business  
Mainland Business  
New Energy Business

## As at the end of 2018

- Underground pipeline  
> 3,650 km in HK  
> 106,500 km in mainland China
- Projects in China and overseas  
255 nos.

- No. of customers  
> 1.9 M in HK  
> 27.5 M in China
- No. of employees  
Total > 52,000 (~2,400 in HK)

Aspire to be  
Greenest HK Based  
Company

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Towngas

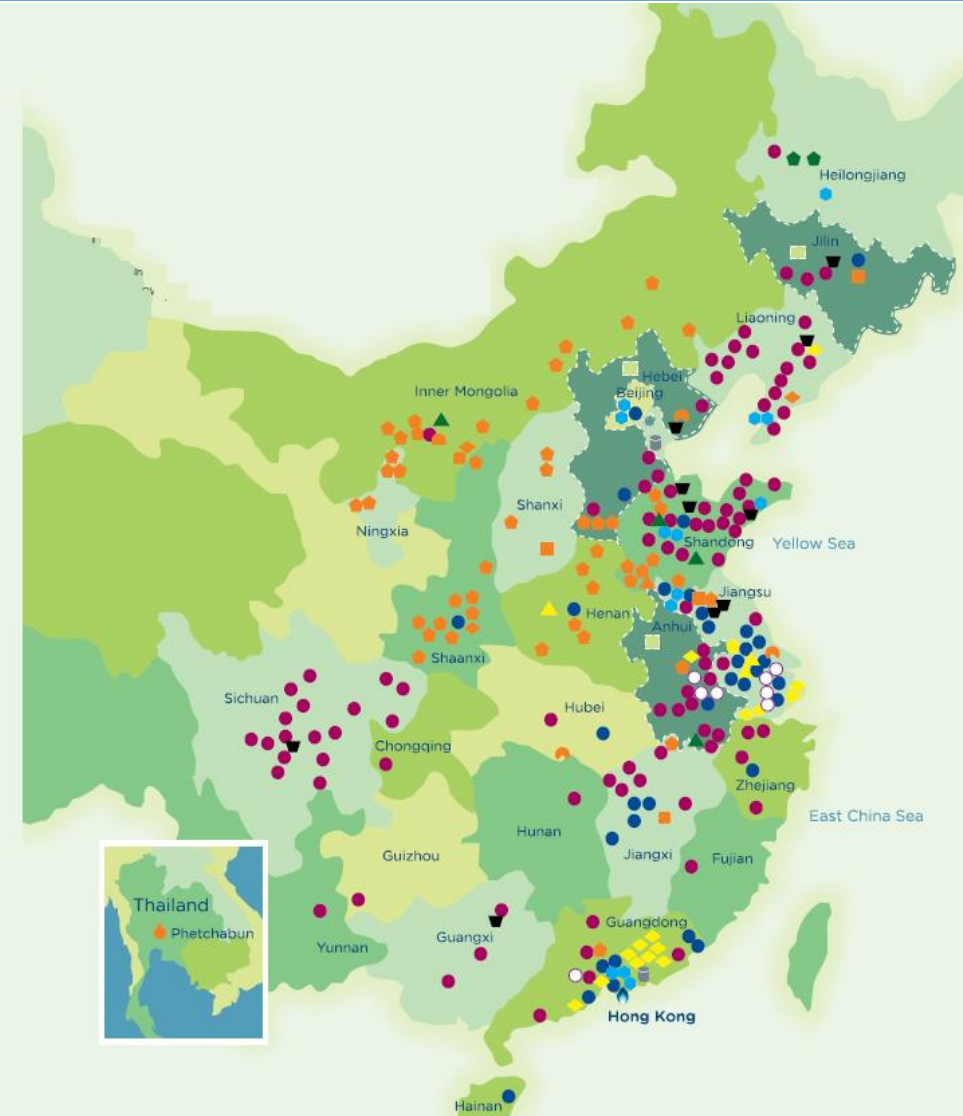


# Vision and Mission



- Major businesses include gas supply & associated services and telecom services
- Business took off to mainland China in 90s
- As at 31 Dec 2018, there are **255 projects** in **26 provinces** in China

- Towngas Group Hong Kong headquarters
- Piped city-gas projects (Towngas)
- Piped city-gas projects (Towngas China)
- Liquefied natural gas receiving station
- Provincial natural gas pipeline network
- City high pressure pipeline network / Underground gas storage (Towngas)
- City high pressure pipeline network (Towngas China)
- Distributed Energy System
- LNG refilling stations (Towngas)
- CNG refilling stations (Towngas China)
- Water / Waste treatment projects
- Telecommunication projects
- Coal mining
- Coal-based chemical processing
- Upstream projects
- Coal logistic project
- CNG / LNG refilling stations (Towngas)
- Biomass
- Other projects (New Energy)
- Oilfield project
- Other projects





# Emerging risk – Climate Change

A Environmental - General Disclosure

New aspects: Climate Change

Climate change disclosures:

- a) Policies on measures to **identify and mitigate the significant climate-related issues** which have impacted, and those which may impact the issuer
- b) Description of the **significant climate-related issues** which have impacted, and those which may impact the issuer, and the actions taken to manage them

- Earth's temperatures in recent years were **warmest** since modern recordkeeping began in 1880.
- Climate change could have a domino effect on key infrastructures and utilities e.g. **Hurricane Sandy** (2012).
- **Climate change is largest challenge of our time** and local utilities must take leading role and active steps on adapting to climate change risk.



# 1st Climate-change Bankruptcy



- Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)
  - California largest utility
  - 20K employees; 5.4 m electricity customer; 4.3m gas customers
  - provide 40% of power
  - Filed for bankruptcy
    - potential liabilities > \$30b from large wildfires
      - “November Camp Fire” in 2018
      - killed 86 persons
      - burned 14,000 houses
      - caused \$7b damages
- Largest utility bankruptcy in US history.
- Extreme drought and hot weather that lead to more frequent and intense fires
- A spark from damaged electric pole and powerline may be ignition source.
- PG&E was not well prepared for climate change risk (too little too late ).



Source: WSJ and Bloomberg

**First Climate-change Bankruptcy, But it won't be the Last**

# Landslide @ Keelung, Taiwan

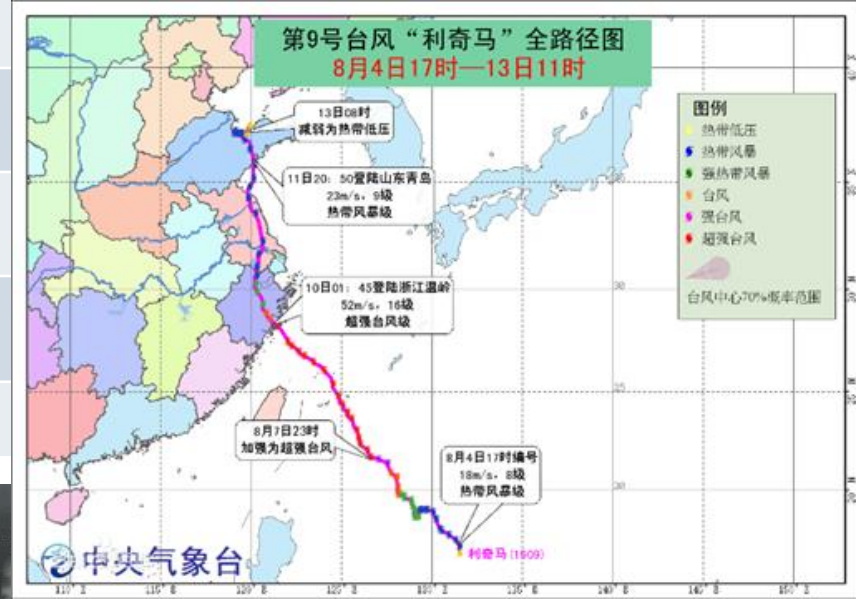


# Super Typhoon Lekima



Major affected provinces	Hebei, Liaoning, Jilin, Shanghai, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Anhui, Fujian, Shandong
Number of people affected	140 million
Number of people died /missing	56 people died, 14 people missing
Population transfer/ resettlement	21 million
Housing damage	16,000 houses collapsed 134,000 houses suffered from varying degrees of damage
Direct economic loss	RMB 54 billion

Source: 中国天气官网及新京报网 (2019.8.14)



Hangzhou Bay Bridge



Port of Ningbo-Zhoushan



Wenling, Zhejiang Province



Taizhou, Zhejiang Province



# Super Typhoon Mangkhut

- Typhoon signal No. 10
- Wind Speed = 256 km/h  
(Max. gust peak speed from HKO)
- Severe Storm Surge
- **Estimated physical damage of HK\$4b**

## Towngas was well prepared

- Minor damage to several facilities
- No gas leakages or personal injuries

<u>Fatalities</u>	Hato	Mangkhut
Mainland	11	4
Macau	12	0
Hong Kong	0	0



Power outage to 20,000 households at Macau



Flooding in Heng Fa Chuen



Damage in Whampoa

Recent estimation from HKO that such super typhoon may occur every year



# Green Bond



**Q** What is Towngas doing to limit the rise in global temperatures to 1.5 degrees Celsius by 2050?

**A** The development of Hong Kong's green bond market has accelerated as a result of its continuous promotion by the Hong Kong government. As the issuer of the first energy-related green bond in Hong Kong, Towngas is delighted to help with the development of green finance in Hong Kong, which in turn will finance projects that meet the challenges of climate change.

**John Ho Hon-ming**  
Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary

- ❖ Bond proceeds to invest in **waste-to-energy projects**
- ❖ Milestone for **Towngas' financial and environmental strategies**

The screenshot shows an article from the ESG Forum. The title is "Towngas prices maiden green bonds". The date is 15 Nov 2017. The author is Chito Santiago. The article text states: "THE Hong Kong and China Gas Company (Towngas) on November 14 announced the issuance of its inaugural green bonds in dual-currency amounting to HK\$600 million (US\$76.90 million) and 2 billion yen (US\$17.60 million). This represents the first green bond from a Hong Kong energy utility company. The deals attracted a strong investor demand and the Hong Kong dollar tranche was upsized from the original amount of HK\$500 million. The bonds are issued under Towngas' US\$2 billion medium-term note programme and its new green bond framework, which is in line with the Green Bond Principles 2017."



**Towngas is the first energy utility in Hong Kong to issue Green Bond**

# Green Bond



- ❖ Towngas issued its inaugural Green Bond in 2017
  - HK\$600 million
  - ¥2 billion

Strong investor response

- ❖ Obtained **post-issuance stage certification** from the HKQAA under its Green Finance Certification Scheme

Responsible to our Stakeholders



## Green Bond waste-to-energy projects



### In Operation

#### Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil



Upgrade inedible waste oil in Zhangjiagang

#### South East New Territories Landfill



Landfill Gas Utilisation

### Trial Operation

#### Natural gas

#### Oil products and solid fuel

#### Fertilisers



Food waste processing and utilisation in Suzhou

### Under Development

#### Green chemicals such as furfural and paper pulp

Convert agricultural waste



# Clean Energy for Gas Production



70s

Replacing Coal & Heavy Oil by using **high quality Naphtha**

1999

Landfill gas from **Shuen Wan Landfill** site was utilized for town gas production

2006

**Natural gas** was introduced as production feedstock of town gas

2007

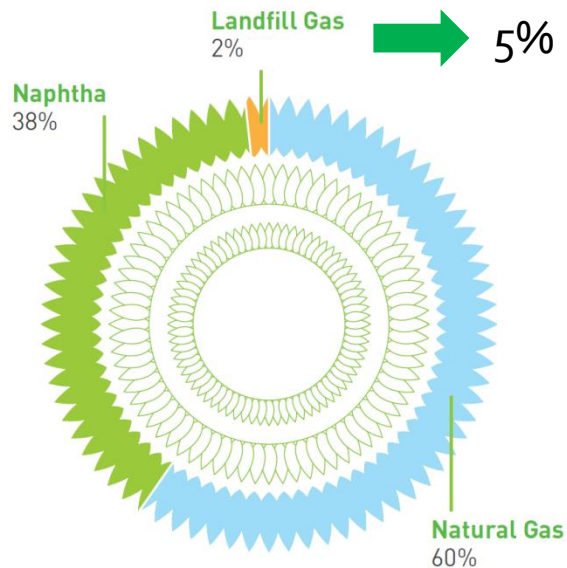
Landfill gas from **NENT** was utilized

2017 onwards

*Utilisation of Landfill gas from **SENT***

*Exploring Biogas from **ORRC***

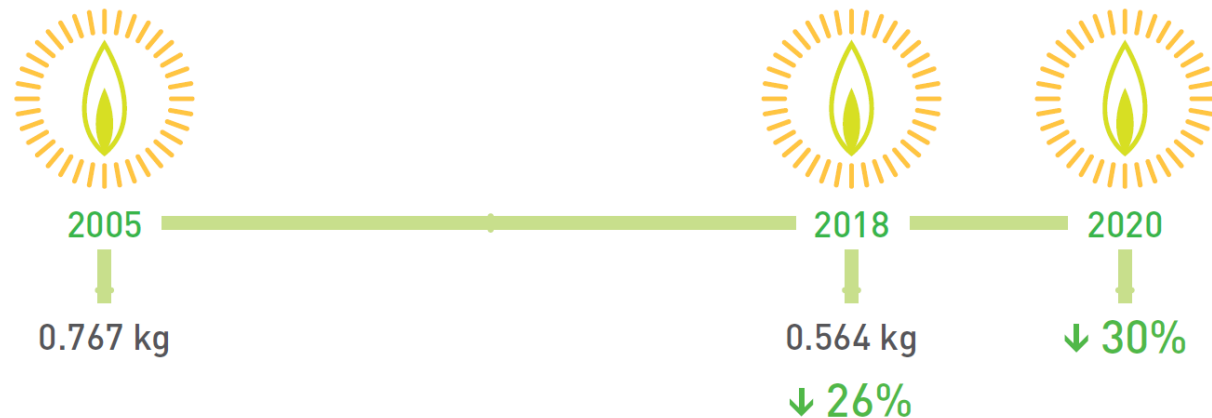
## 2017 Fuel Mix for Town Gas Production



In 2018, our avoided carbon emissions from our landfill gas utilisation projects were more than our carbon emissions from our gas supply related operations in Hong Kong



## Carbon Intensity (for Gas Production)



# LFG CHP in Nethersole Hospital



Landfill gas utilization at Tai Po Nethersole Hospital since 2016

**1<sup>st</sup> Commercially Viable CHP Project in HK and one of lowest carbon project among the world**



- Extend 650m U/G pipe
- CHP system with landfill gas generator, Waste Heat Steam Boiler
- Generate Electricity, Produce Steam and Hot Water



Energy efficiency can reach to

**~87%**



Reduce carbon emission  
**~ 4,500** tCO<sub>2</sub>e annually

# Waste-to-Energy from SENT



- ⦿ Avoid energy waste and carbon emission by directly being flared in the landfill
- ⦿ Operate at Nov, 2017
- ⦿ Largest landfill gas conversion facility of its kind in Asia
- ⦿ 20 year contract with SENT contractor from Dec, 2014
- ⦿ An investment of approximately HK\$350 million.



**Tseung Kwan O South East New Territories (SENT) Landfill Gas Utilisation Project**

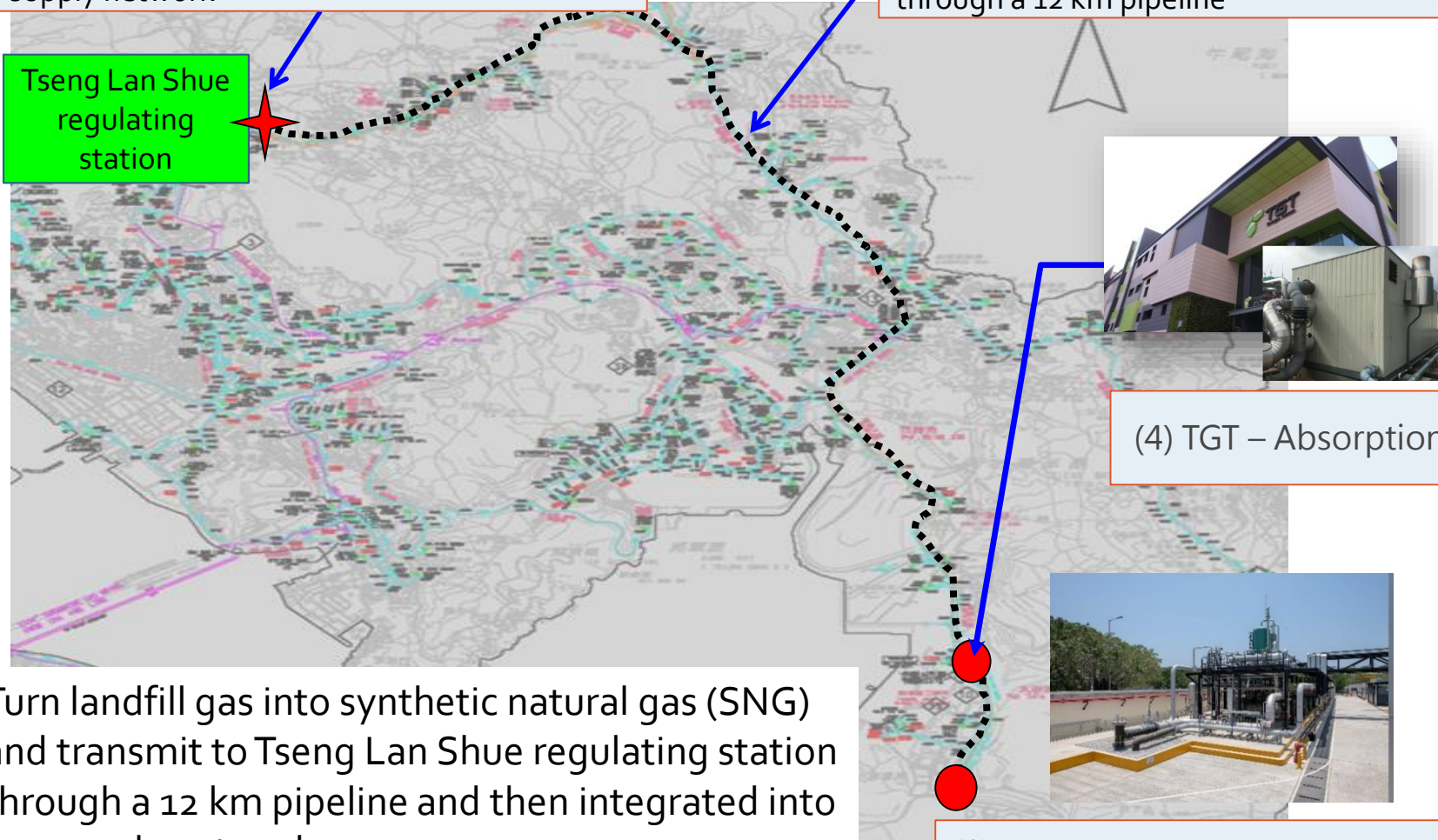
# Tseung Kwan O South East New Territories (SENT) Landfill Gas Utilisation Project



(3) Synthetic natural gas integrated into gas supply network

(2) Transmitted to Tseng Lan Shue regulating station through a 12 km pipeline

Tseng Lan Shue regulating station



(4) TGT – Absorption Chiller



(1) Turn landfill gas into synthetic natural gas



Estimated GHG Emission Reduction  
~ 56,000 tonnes per year  
(Equivalent to 2.4 million trees' CO<sub>2</sub> absorption per year)

Turn landfill gas into synthetic natural gas (SNG) and transmit to Tseng Lan Shue regulating station through a 12 km pipeline and then integrated into gas supply network.



# Innovative Renewable Energy Solutions



## ECO Environmental Investments Limited

- ❖ Founded in 2000
  - ❖ New energy business
- Waste and Low-value Feedstock → High Value Clean Fuels, Chemicals & Materials



Clean Coal Chemical Business



Natural Gas/CBM Business



Industrial and Bio Grease Business



Agricultural Waste Business

Opportunity → Innovation → Sustainable Business

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Biodiesel (HVO) Project

Waste and Residues in Palm Oil Mills



100% waste and residues



Hydrotreating (Technological Innovations)



End User



- ❖ Innovative Green Technology
- ❖ Biofuels promote a closed system of carbon to reduce carbon emission
- ❖ Market and recognition from all countries



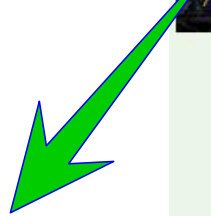
# 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Bio-diesel (HVO)



To turn high-value products from low-grade feedstock

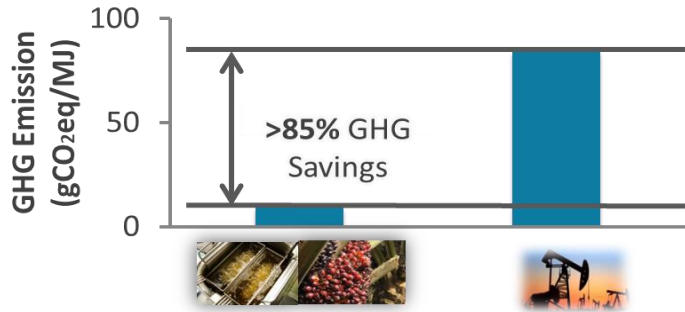


vs.



1<sup>st</sup> Generation Biodiesel:  
7%

HVO:  
100%



## In Operation



**Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil**  
*Upgrade inedible waste oil in Zhangjiagang*

**Ethylene Glycol**



*Clean coal chemical plant in Inner Mongolia*

**Methanol**

**Liquefied Natural Gas**

*Convert coalbed methane in Shanxi province*



## Trial Operation

Natural gas

Oil products and solid fuel

Fertilisers

*Food waste processing and utilisation in Suzhou*

## Under Development

High-quality activated carbon

Meso-carbon micro-bead

*Extracted from the bitumen part of high-temperature coal tar oil in Inner Mongolia*

Green chemicals such as furfural and paper pulp

*Convert agricultural waste*

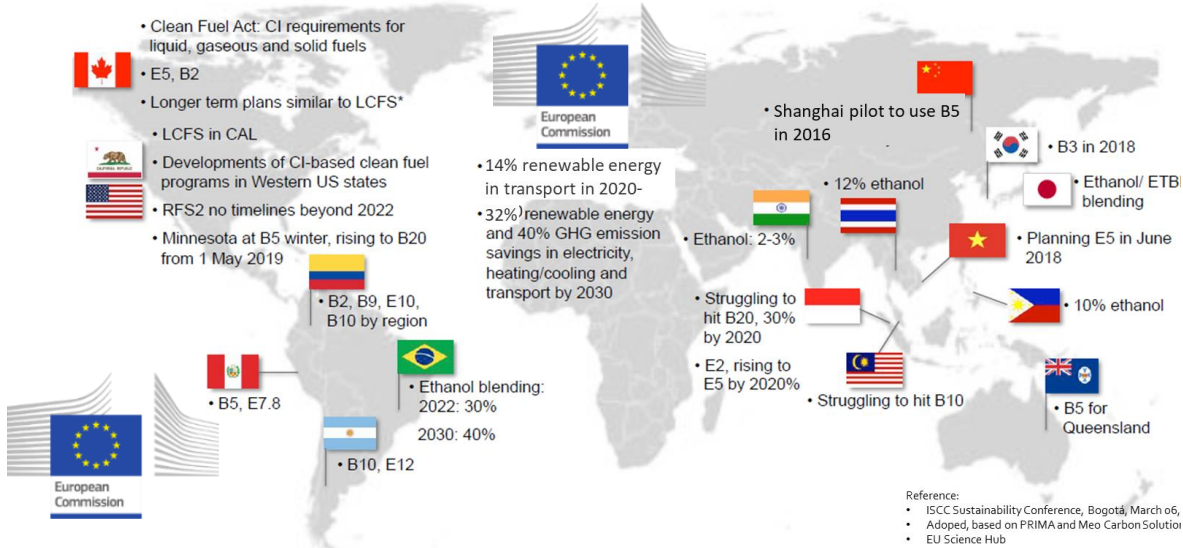






# Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) Plant

## Biofuel Mandates in the World



- **Min. 14%** in transportation, whereas **3.5%** is **advanced biofuels**

	Fossil Diesel	1 <sup>st</sup> Gen	Towngas HVO
Cetane Number	≥51	≥51	>70 ✓
Energy Value (MJ/kg)	42	38	44 ✓
Sulphur Content (ppm)	≤10	10	5 ✓

1<sup>st</sup> gen. biodiesel FAME



VS

2<sup>nd</sup> gen. biodiesel HVO



## Biodiesel Production Plant in China



**Production Capacity**  
**120,000 ton/yr**

**Patent Design**



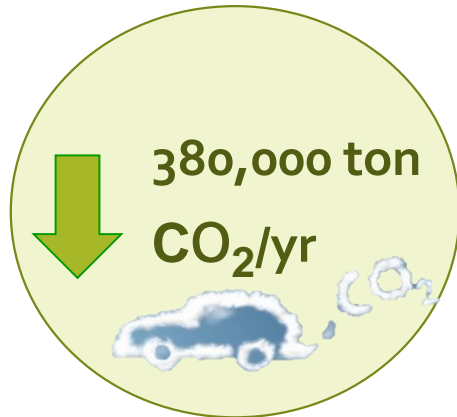
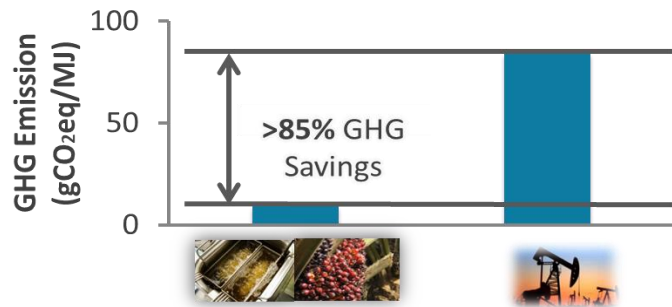
# Much lower Carbon Emission than Diesel

## Carbon Emission



Holland Market 

Dutch Double Counting



## Air Pollutants

\*B100<sub>HVO</sub> VS Diesel

- CO ~40%
- HC ~30%

	1 <sup>st</sup> Gen. Biodiesel	2 <sup>nd</sup> Gen. Biodiesel
NO <sub>x</sub>	↑ 9%	↓ 6-16%

## Feasibility Study in HK



## Long-term Decarbonization Strategy

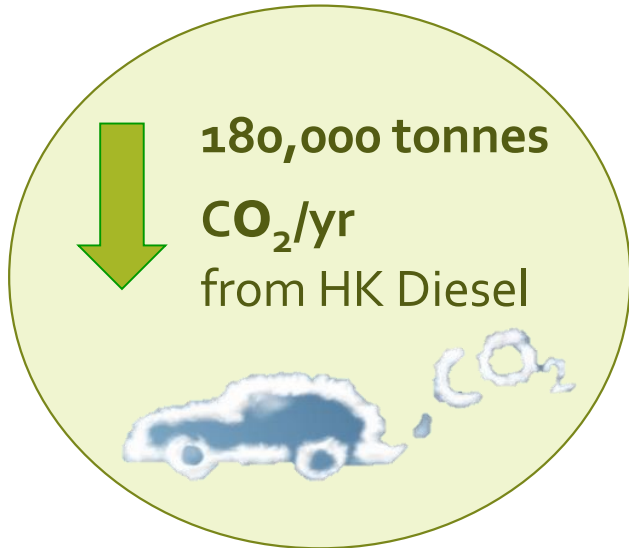




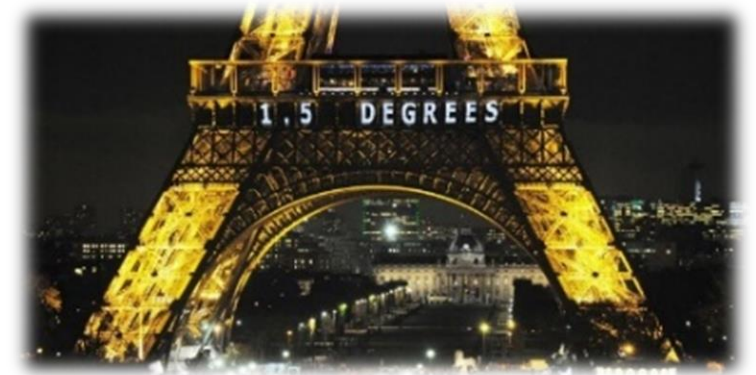
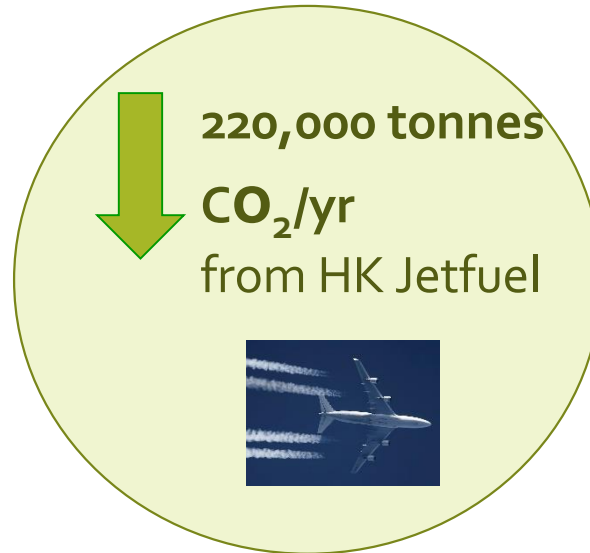
# Proposed Adaptation in HK

## GHG Saving (Feedstock, Production & Transportation )

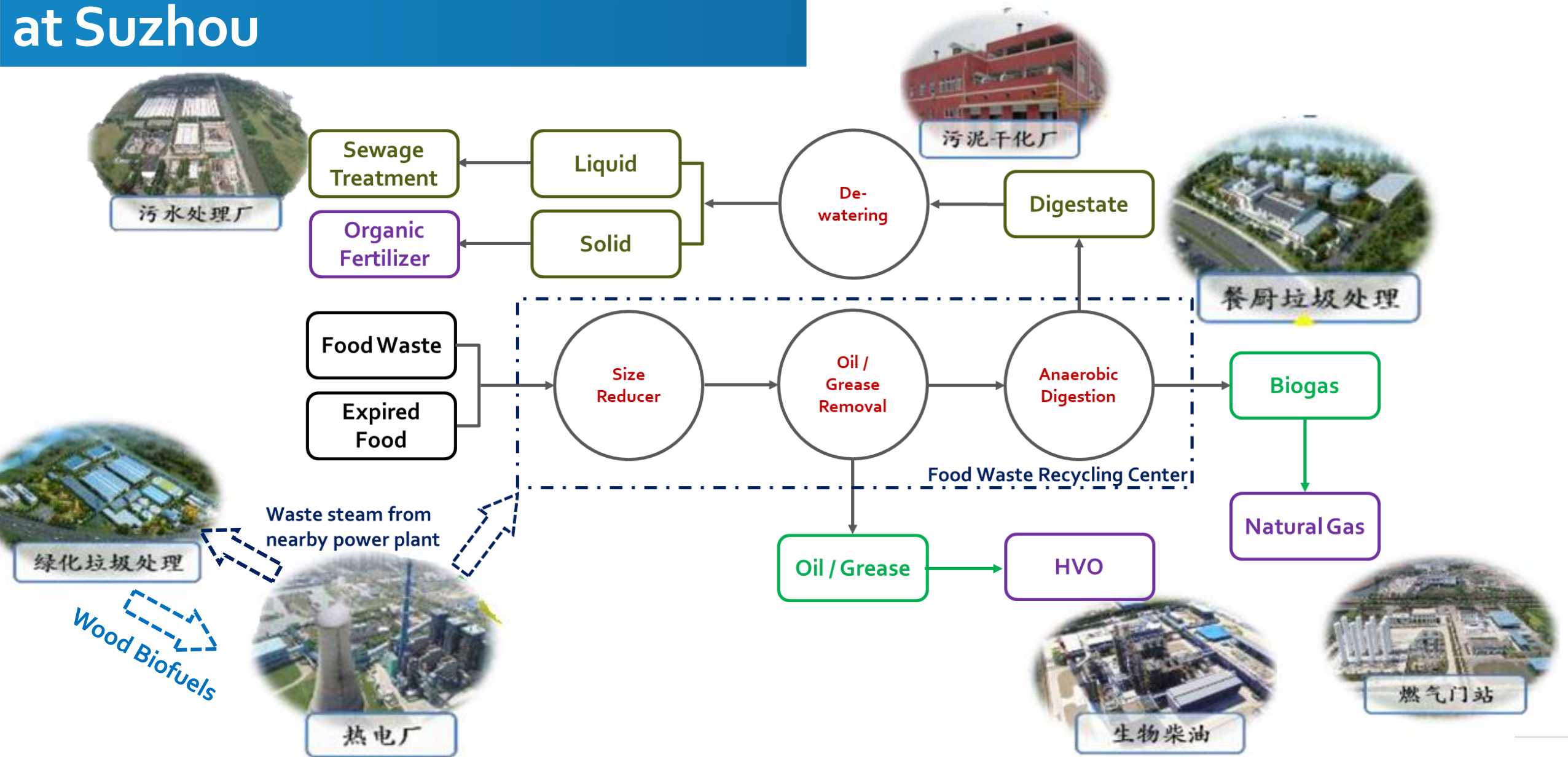
*\*Proposed Mandate 5% Advanced Biodiesel (B5)*



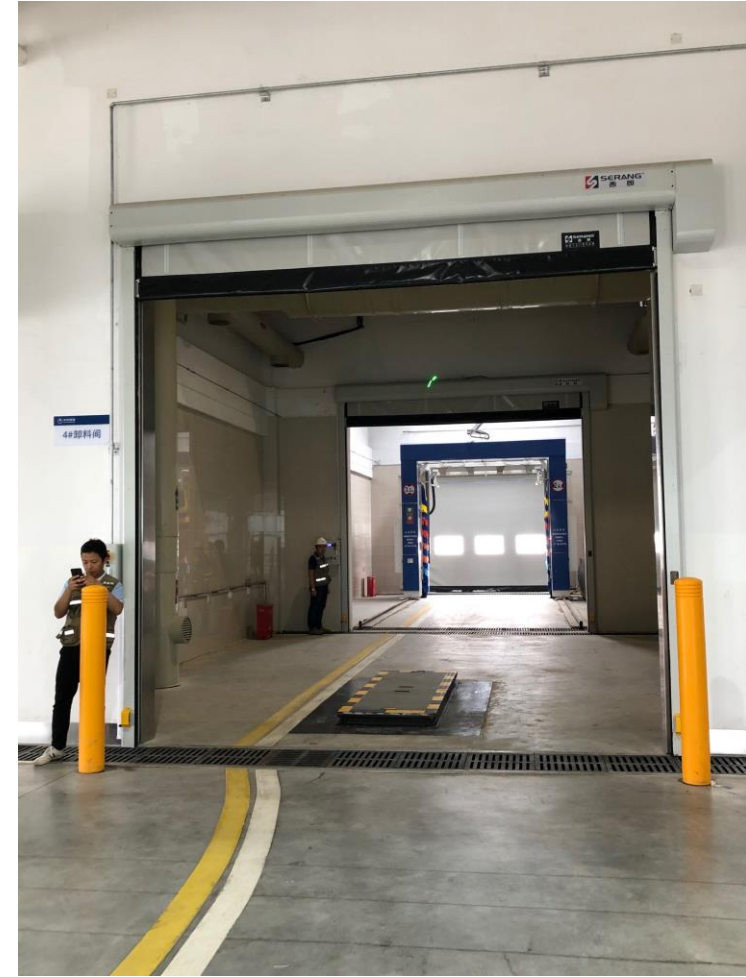
*\*Proposed Mandate 1% Bio-jet fuel*



# Food Waste Recycling Center at Suzhou



# Food Waste Recycling Center at Suzhou Industrial Park



# Waste to Energy



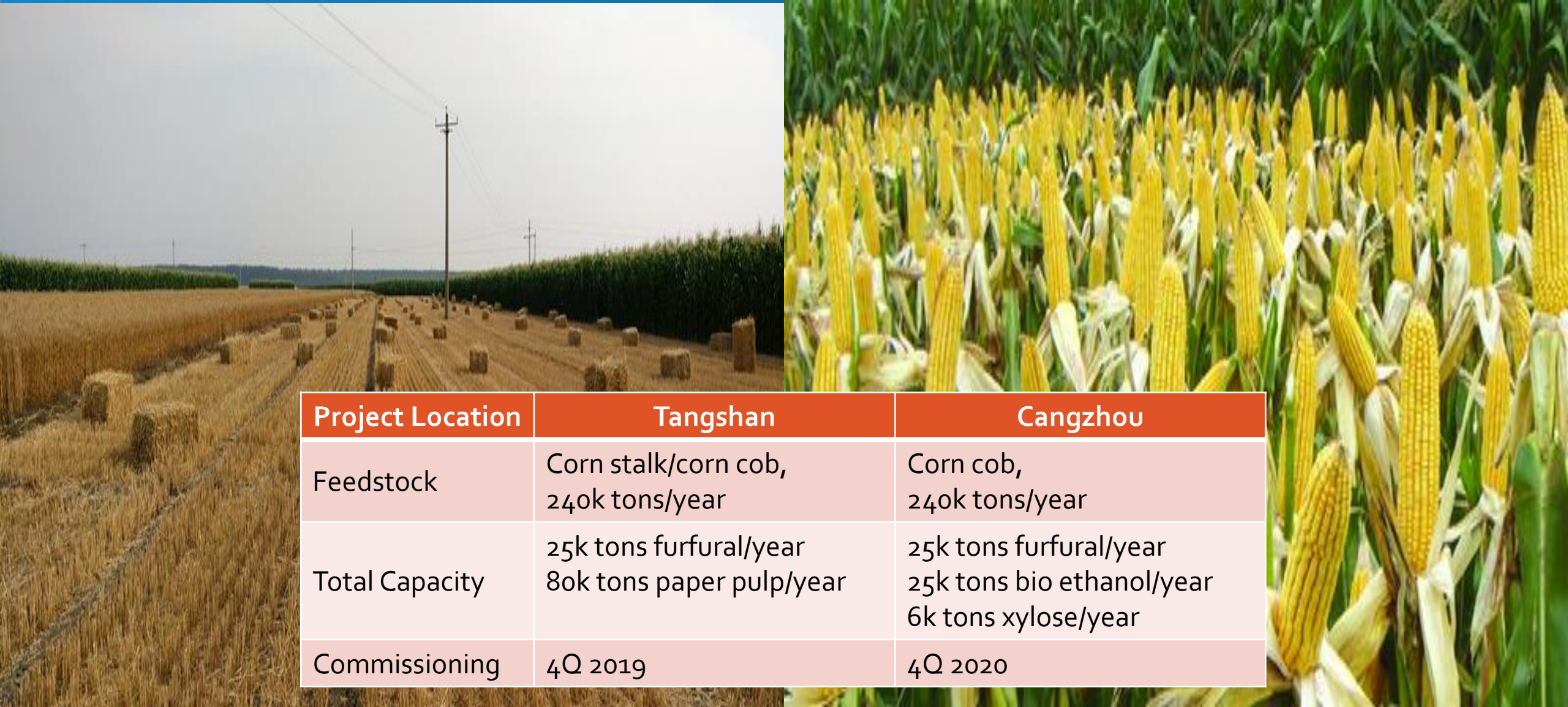
- Bio-methane from food waste plant help L' Oreal factory to achieve carbon neutral in June 2019
- Use bio-methane as fuel source for CHP system to generate steam and electricity
- Earn Carbon Credits thro' national carbon emission trading system
- Yard waste to fuel sources for furnaces

L'ORÉAL  
PARIS





# Agricultural Waste Utilization Projects



Project Location	Tangshan	Cangzhou
Feedstock	Corn stalk/corn cob, 240k tons/year	Corn cob, 240k tons/year
Total Capacity	25k tons furfural/year 80k tons paper pulp/year	25k tons furfural/year 25k tons bio ethanol/year 6k tons xylose/year
Commissioning	4Q 2019	4Q 2020



# Solar Power Generation Project

## Renewable Energy Feed-in Tariff

Capacity of the renewable energy system	FIT rate (per kwh)
$\leq 10$ kW	\$5
$> 10$ kW - $\leq 200$ kW	\$4
$> 200$ kW - $\leq 1$ MW	\$3

## PV Installation at Our Premises

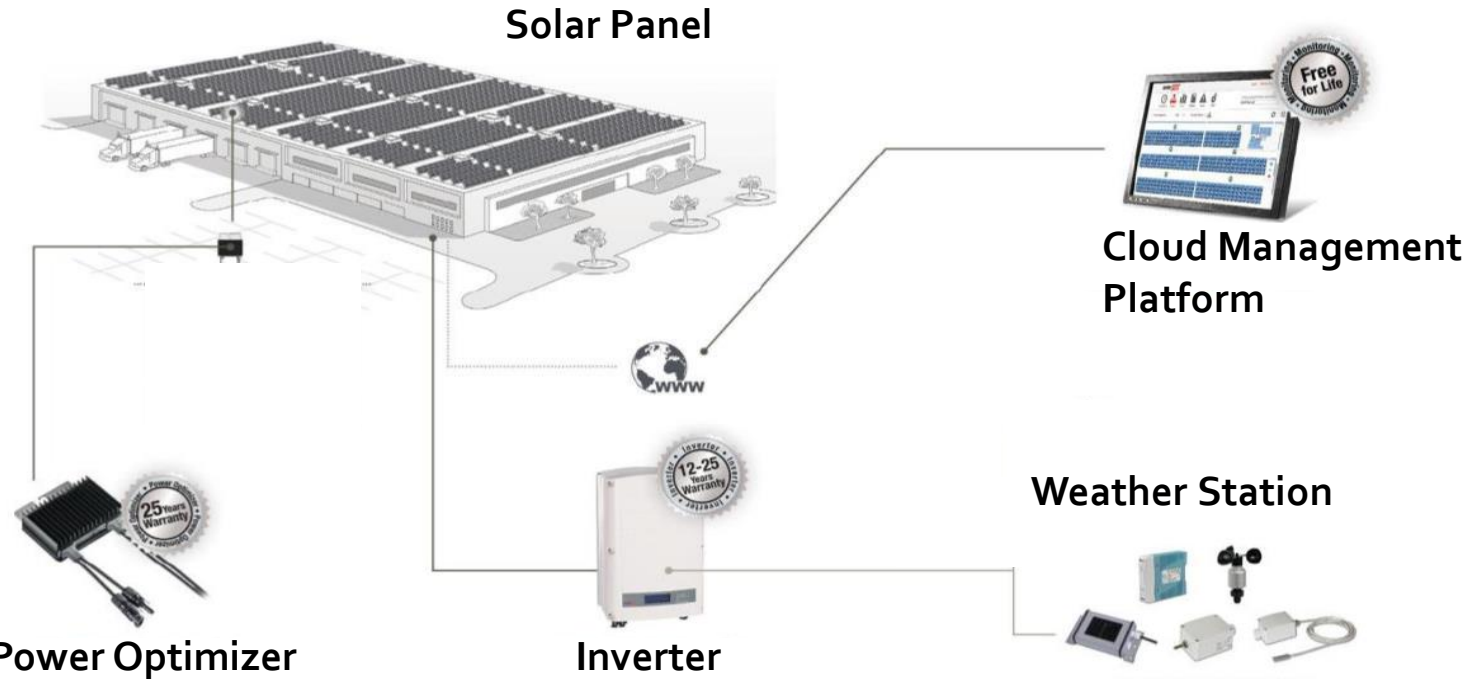
NPB Headquarter



Tai Po Plant



Offtakes & Piggling Stations



Expected Annual Energy Yield  
 ~ 300,000 kWh





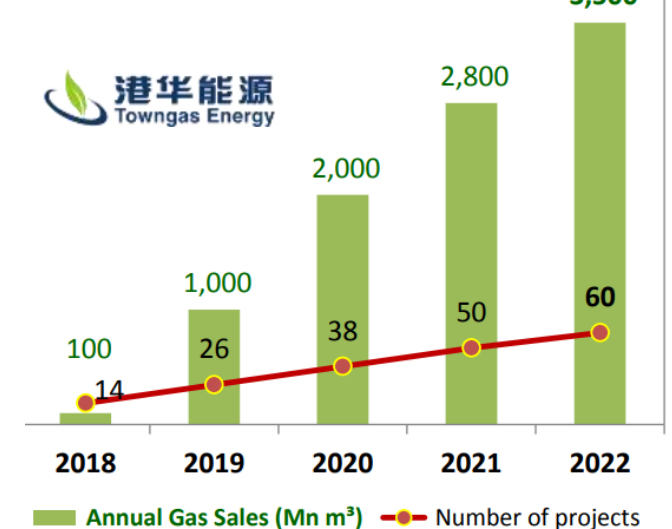
# Distributed Energy System (DES) Strategies

- Green Energy Integrated Services
- Reduce energy costs
- Enhance energy efficiency
- Reduction carbon emission
- Projects
  - Central space heating
  - Central steam supply for industrial parks
  - Air-conditioning
  - Electricity
- Pipelines for steam supply from existing power plants
  - Boost up efficiency from 50% to >70%
- Target: one project per JV



DES Project at Tangshan (space heating)

Green Energy Integrated Services Business Growth





# Promote Voluntary Carbon Trading in HK

## Hong Kong's FIRST Carbon Trading Platform

- 🔥 Blockchained Technology
- 🔥 Target launch in coming months
- 🔥 Eligible projects:
  - 🔥 Type 1: Hong Kong Special Projects (verified by HKQAA / SGS)
  - 🔥 Type 2: Hong Kong Designated Projects (verified by REA)
    - 🔥 Motors / Chillers / Boilers / Lifts replacement
  - 🔥 Type 3: Outside Hong Kong Projects (verified by HKQAA / SGS)

## Towngas Role

- 🔥 Co-founder
- 🔥 (First Seller) of Local Carbon Credits in Hong Kong
- ~30,000 tonnes per year

## Guide to Hong Kong Blockchained Carbon Trading Platform (BCTP)

Co-founder





# Preparing for The Future

## Cultivating Existing Gas Market



Distributed energy

Coal/oil to gas conversion



## Extended Business

Telecommunication



Manufacturing Business



Gas appliances & Kitchen solutions

## Waste-to-Energy Projects



Other Biogas Opportunities  
e.g. ORRC in Hong Kong



Bio ethanol products from  
agri-wastes in Hubei

## In-house technology development



Research institute  
“Bringing Green  
Technology to Reality”

**Continue to be Asia's leading clean energy supplier and quality service provider**



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