



## BIR programme includes Hong Kong insights

Trade group's May event also includes updates on paper and plastic markets.

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The Brussels-based Bureau of International Recycling (BIR) has announced that at its May 2017 World Recycling Convention in Hong Kong, a government official from that city will provide a presentation on recycling efforts there. Hon-Meng Wong, assistant director (Waste Reduction & Recycling) of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Environment Protection Department, has been invited to speak at the BIR International Trade Council meeting taking place Monday, 22 May, at 14:30.

Also, Gary Tam, who is a senior environmental protection officer in the Environmental Compliance Division of Hong Kong's Environmental Protection Department, will take the floor during the plenary meeting of the International Environment Council Wednesday, 24 May, at 13:30.

Tam has been scheduled to make a presentation on "Hong Kong's current import/export controls on the scrap trade, with a focus on the e-waste trade and the WEEE control scheme rolled out later [in 2017]," according to the BIR.

In addition to updates on the ferrous and nonferrous metals and stainless steel markets at its division and committee meetings, the BIR will offer sessions focusing on the paper and plastic recycling markets.

At the Paper Division meeting, which is Tuesday, 23 May, at 16:30, Nobuyuki Shiose, CEO of Osaka, Japan-based Daiwa-Shiryo Co. Ltd., will take the floor to speak about "The Future of the Japanese Recovered Paper Industry against the Background of Worldwide Recovered Paper Streams."

That presentation will be followed by a panel discussion moderated by Martijn Reintjes, chief editor of *Recycling International* magazine, on the topic "Sea Freight Increases, Quality Issues, Growth in Demand, Unstable Prices – What is the Future that Lies Ahead?" Panelists include Shiose, Dominique Maguin of Paris-based La Compagnie Des Matières Premières, Ranjit Singh Baxi of London-based J&H Sales International Ltd. and Brian Taylor, who works from Hong Kong for the United States-based Recycling Today Media Group.

The Paper Division meeting also will include market reports from recyclers based in Asia and Europe.

The Plastics Committee meeting Wednesday, 24 May, at 10:30 is scheduled to include firsthand information on plastics recycling in Hong Kong via a presentation from Nigel Mattravers, director and general manager of ALBA Integrated Waste Solutions (Hong Kong) Ltd. The joint venture affiliated with Germany's ALBA Group has been awarded the contract by the Hong Kong government to develop an integrated electronic scrap management service in Hong Kong.

Also, a joint presentation will be given on "Challenges Across Inbound Logistics ex Europe / U.S.A. to Asia." The presenters include Deepak Saxena, executive director of Global Ocean IIF, and a representative from Hong Kong-based Kerry Logistics.