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ENABLING GREEN FINANCE FOR A CIRCULAR ECONOMY – PERSPECTIVES FROM ASIA & EUROPE

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04/06 - Academic Day

09:00

Welcoming remarks:

Alexis Lau (ENVR), **Benjamin Steuer** (HKUST) and
Felix Papier (ESSEC Business School)

Session 1: Sustainable Green Finance

09:30 - 10:00

Quentin Moreau (HKUST)

Unlocking the potential of environmentally friendly solutions by innovative financial mechanisms: evidence from nature-based solutions

10:00 - 10:30

Sandy Wu Yuhui (HKUST)

Water resource management and green finance

10:30 - 11:00

Zoey Zhou Yiyuan (HKUST)

Biodiversity Co-Benefits in Carbon Markets

11:00 - 13:00

Lunch break

Session 2: Circular Economy Business Models

13:00 - 13:30

Felix Papier (ESSEC Business School)

The circular Building-as-Material-Bank business model to gain competitive advantage in sourcing

13:30 - 14:00

Naila Azhar (HKUST)

Circularity upgrades in Pakistan's textile industry

14:00 - 14:30

Benjamin Steuer (HKUST)

How to measure circular performance among Hong Kong's circular business models tackling single-use plastics?

14:30 - 15:00

Coffee break

04/06 - Academic Day

Session 3: Financing the Circular Transition

15:00 - 15:30

Keith Jin Deng Chan (HKUST)

The role of sustainable finance taxonomy on circular economy development

15:30 - 16:00

Lionel Wilson Mok (HKUST)

Political economy of sustainable finance taxonomies: Lessons for circular economy criteria development

16:00 - 16:30

Han Lü (HKUST)

Green Bond Regulation and Stock Market Reaction

16:30 - 17:00

Sofia Ramos (ESSEC Business School)

In labels we trust? The influence of sustainability labels on mutual fund flows

17:00

Wrap-Up

Felix Papier (ESSEC Business School) and Benjamin Steuer (HKUST)

05/06 - Decision Maker Day

Session 1: Financing Circular Start-Ups

10:00 - 12:15

Welcoming remarks:

Setting the Stage / Key Questions (Academic moderator 5')

Felix Papier (ESSEC Business School) and **Benjamin Steuer** (HKUST)

Challenges & Needs from Start-Ups (10' each)

Ceicy Wong - Vegware

Debbie Lau - TapAway

Eric Swinton - V Cycle

George Chen - EcoInno Hong Kong Ltd.

Jack Cheuk - Huaden Hong Kong Ltd.

Natasha Chawla - Muuse Hong Kong

Orwell Wan - BD8 Biodegradable plastics

Presentations are followed by a Round Table discussion among symposium participants.

12:15 - 14:00

Lunch break

Session 2: Developing Linear Shifters, Tech Firms & Finance Platforms

14:00 - 16:00

Setting the Stage / Key Questions (Academic moderator 5')

Felix Papier (ESSEC Business School) and **Benjamin Steuer** (HKUST)

Challenges & Needs from Linear Shifters, Tech Firms & Finance Platforms (10' each)

Tbd - Vitasoy International Holdings Ltd.

Karolis Navickas - Digital Climate Group

Entela Benz-Saliasi - HKUST & Intensel Ltd.

Presentations are followed by a Round Table discussion among symposium participants.

16:00 - 16:30

Panel debriefing & summary of key learnings

Felix Papier (ESSEC Business School) and **Benjamin Steuer** (HKUST)

16:30

Closing of the Day

06/06 - Conclusion Day

09:30 - 10:00	Wrap-Up breakfast
10:00 - 12:00	Learnings and open discussion
12:00	Farewell

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SEE YOU AT THE SYMPOSIUM!

