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### Embracing Health in the Year of the Snake

Ready to jot down those New Year's resolutions? 'Staying healthy' must be at the top of most of our lists. The good news is that Hong Kong's air quality has made notable improvements! Between 2012 and 2022, the outdoor and roadside air quality improved by 40-60%. These aren't just numbers – they mean we're all breathing with fewer health risks.

This breath of clean air is the result of the CAN team's dedication and our collaborators' support in clearing Hong Kong's skies. While these results are encouraging, we need your continued help to maintain the momentum. This New Year, why not make a resolution that helps everyone? Your donation to CAN will help create an even fresher, healthier Hong Kong for all of us to enjoy. Let's make 2025 another year of air quality progress!

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### Community Dialogue : Creating Healthy Spaces for Everyone

Join CAN for a insightful community dialogue on indoor air quality. We're bringing together stakeholders to discuss its impacts and to explore actionable strategies and policy frameworks that can transform our spaces into clean air communities.

Date: 8 February 2025 (Saturday)

Time: 1:30-5:30 p.m.

Venue: The Bridge+ Living Art Space (82-84 Apliu Street, Sham Shui Po)

Language: Cantonese

Fee: Free of charge

Registration deadline: 28 January 2025 (Tuesday)

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[2024 Air Quality Review](#)

The latest annual air quality review is available now. Every year, CAN analyses data from the Government's air quality monitoring stations for the previous year. For 2024, we found that:

- Air pollution was reduced but still incurred high health and economic costs;
- Roadside nitrogen dioxide level exceeded the WHO standard by 5.5 times;
- Roadside PM2.5 level exceeded the WHO standard by three times;
- Ozone level remained high; and
- Kwai Chung, Sham Shui Po and Yuen Long suffered most from the pollution.

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### [Joint Submission in Response to the Government's Consultation on the Regulatory Regime on Basic Housing Units](#)

CAN and Health In Action made joint submissions in response to the Government's consultation on the regulatory regime on basic housing units. Civil society research has indicated issues with indoor air quality at subdivided units, notably with carbon dioxide and PM2.5. This can put the health of subdivided unit residents at risk.

We recommend the following for the Government:

- Strengthening the enforcement of existing regulations relating to ventilation in buildings;
- Collecting data on indoor air quality at subdivided units; and
- Providing accessible, affordable and available primary healthcare services.

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### Submission to the Bills Committee on Air Pollution Control (Amendment) Bill 2024 of the Legislative Council

The Government is mandated by the Air Pollution Control Ordinance to review air quality objectives at least once every five years. It has recently tabled a bill to amend the ordinance to tighten some of the objectives. CAN made submissions to the Bills Committee of the Legislative Council last month, recommending even more stringent standards, especially for nitrogen dioxide and ozone.

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### Event Recap: Hong Kong Housing Society Climate Community Talk

CAN is delighted to be invited by the Hong Kong Housing Society to be one the speakers in last week's climate community talk, where we shared insights on green building certifications and the importance of indoor air quality. We also enjoyed an engaging presentation by Dr Cheung Tin Cheung from the Hong Kong Green Building Council.

Don't forget to join us for the exhibition in the HKHS Exhibition Centre.

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