AIR POLLUTION:
Hong Kong’s Biggest Public Health Crisis
WHAT IS CLEAN AIR NETWORK
Clean Air Network is a NEW independent NGO

- Aiming to educate the public about the health impacts of air pollution.
- Mobilizing public support for cleaner air in Hong Kong.
- Leveraging and consolidating the efforts and reach of existing NGOs and organizations, with 60 NGOs already Friends of CAN.
Why now?

- The Government announced its intention to revise Hong Kong’s Air Quality Objectives for the first time in 20 years in July 2009.
- NOW is a precious window of opportunity to influence air quality policy.
OTHER SHOCKING FACTS ABOUT HONG KONG AIR POLLUTION
DID YOU KNOW?

Air pollution KILLS THREE PEOPLE per day.
In 2008, Hong Kong people suffered:

1,115
Avoidable deaths

81,023
Avoidable hospital days

7,250,000
Avoidable doctor visits

$2.3 billion
Avoidable direct costs

And untold coughs, sore throats, itchy eyes....
WHO IS AFFECTED?

EVERYONE.
People living in polluted areas die 2 or 3 years earlier than people living in cleaner environments.

CHILDREN, THE ELDERLY AND PEOPLE WHO ARE ALREADY SICK are most vulnerable to air pollution.

During days with high air pollution, more people with asthma, chronic lung diseases or heart diseases seek medical help or are admitted to hospitals because their conditions worsen.

Air pollution causes SEVERAL THOUSAND PREMATURE DEATHS A YEAR in HK.
In 2006, Hong Kong had just 41 days of healthy, breathable, air and just 30 days on which it was safe to do sport outdoors.
OUR AIR IS...

1.3x worse than Tokyo
1.7x worse than Singapore
3x worse than New York
While HK is affected by air pollution from elsewhere, 53% of the time, the dominant source is HK's own local pollution.
When it comes to health, the main problem is roadside pollution, not Guangdong.

40% of roadside emissions come from BUSES.
You CAN make a difference!
Things you CAN do to help us clean up the air

DONATE

COMMUNICATE OR WRITE TO POLITICIANS

EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR CLEAN AIR TO MEDIA

INVITE CAN TO EDUCATE YOUR COMPANY OR OFFICE

ASSIST TO CONDUCT PETITION SIGN-UP