

CESL ASIA CEO

Further resources needed to develop water-recycling projects

CELEBRATING its 25th anniversary, Macau-based company CESL Asia is committed to meeting the deadline in supplying water-recycling services over the next several years, including its wastewater treatment plant. However, the group's CEO, António Trindade, has admitted that there is still a lack of resources that are essential for water-recycling projects in Macau.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the anniversary event, held yesterday, he stated that "what is lacking is resources (...) we are talking about public infrastructure, water capacity and the development of conditions to recycle water and be able to consume it."

Trindade emphasized that his company – which provides environmental infrastructure, facility management and consultancy services – is studying different



Edmund Ho and António Trindade

solutions with several entities regarding water-recycling methods. The company is consulting with both Macau-based and China-based entities.

Trindade commented that "there is no doubt that Macau needs water," stressing that the territory "does not have any water that was previously used." Therefore, he believes that "water recycling is clearly an important area

to be developed – helping Macau to deal with water shortages."

As consumption continues to grow, Macau will continue to require more water. Due to this, CESL Asia's CEO believes that "it is necessary to establish this capacity of water recycling [in Macau]." Admitting that it is an "extremely complex and highly sophisticated process", both in technology and construction de-

mands, he stressed that the issue is on the public agenda.

"I have been hearing people in the government (...) for instance, Mr. Edmund Ho, who is here today... he is not in government anymore, but he was telling us that this matters and that [water recycling] is on the government's agenda."

Moreover, Trindade is confident that it is possible to develop water-recycling projects within the established time frame [three years]. "I don't see why not...I think the government will also demand that from us."

Looking to the future, the group's CEO is confident that the enterprise still has space to grow, but recognizes that challenges also lie ahead. "Macau is growing and the challenge we face is to work on our capacity to cope and follow changes taking place in Macau," he said.

Asked if the company needs

more employees, Trindade stressed the need to give priority to local workers: "a company providing services needs local workers. Eighty percent of our staff are from Macau and we will try to find solutions within Macau."

Furthermore, focusing on technology services is one of the company's goals in the coming years. "It is in the plans for the coming 10 to 25 years. We wish to develop an area of technology investment." Solar energy is one of the areas that the company is committed to, with power plant projects in development in Portugal.

The company is responsible for running the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Macau.

The 25th anniversary ceremony was held yesterday at the Macau Science Center. Former Chief Executive Edmund Ho attended the event, among other government officials and Macau personalities. **Staff reporter**