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## **CLP kicks off plans to plant 1,000,000 trees to reduce carbon footprint**

Three hundred people picked up their shovels at Fu Tei in Tuen Mun today (26 April) to kick-start CLP's Five Year Tree Planting Plan as part of the company's initiatives to manage the challenges of climate change. CLP pledges, through this plan, to plant one million trees in the communities in which CLP has operations across the Asia Pacific region. The total area of the resulting woodland areas would be equivalent to about 140 football pitches.

The kick-off event, called, "Plant a Tree, Love the Earth," involved 80 primary and secondary students, 100 CLP staff and their families, and members of the community who came together to plant 1,500 trees in an area devastated by hill fire one year ago. A total of 50,000 trees will be planted this year in the area in total to form the secondary woodland.

The event was officiated by the Chief Executive Officer of CLP Holdings Limited, Mr Andrew Brandler; Executive Director – Strategy of CLP Holdings Limited, Mr Peter Greenwood; Chairman of Tuen Mun District Council; Mr Lau Wong Fat, GBM, GBS, JP; Chairman of Tuen Mun District Fire Safety Committee, Mr Kenneth Lau, MH, JP; Tuen Mun District Officer Mr Eddie K C Cheung, JP; Tuen Mun District Lands Officer Mr Alan K L Lo and Ms Christine Loh, the Chief Executive Officer of Civic Exchange.

Professional horticulturist Mr Cheng Mau Wo and reforestation practitioner Mr Shum Chi Kwong were on site to share their expertise in reforestation in Hong Kong with guests and participants, enabling them to gain firsthand experience in planting seedlings and to learn about the process of restoring and recreating woodland areas to improve ecosystems.

CLP has planted 260,000 trees through communal activities in Tuen Mun, Tai Lam, Yuen Long and South Lantau over the past decade, and has successfully implemented a number of tree caring and greening programmes, on a voluntary basis, such as the Sky Woodland project in Shum Mong Substation, tree photo competition and coal ash planting. CLP's vegetation management, in particular, is a notable initiative adopted effectively to safeguard the wellbeing of trees around its power lines and enhance the reliability of its power supply.

"Tree planting has been a centrepiece of CLP's environmental work at the community level. I am pleased that we have stepped up our efforts with this five-year tree planting

programme, which further underscores CLP's commitment to playing our part in the collective response needed to tackle the threat of climate change. It is a small step on our environmental journey, but it contributes meaningfully to a much bigger mission of CLP's Climate Vision 2050. We hope everyone will join us in this movement of protecting our earth and reducing our carbon footprint in both our business and our personal lives," said Mr Brandler.

Last year, CLP successfully met the target of 5% of its generating capacity from renewable energy sources by 2010, three years ahead of schedule. The company also announced its climate manifesto – "CLP's Climate Vision 2050", which set out a target of reducing the carbon emissions intensity of its generating portfolio by 75% by 2050, including a target to meet 20% of its capacity from non-carbon emitting sources by 2020.

### **About CLP Group**

CLP Holdings Limited, a company listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, is the holding company for the CLP Group, which is one of the largest investor-owned power businesses in Asia. Through CLP Power Hong Kong, it operates a vertically integrated electricity supply business in Hong Kong, and provides a highly reliable supply of electricity and excellent customer services to over 5.5 million people in its supply area. The CLP Group also invests in energy businesses outside Hong Kong. It is the largest external investor in the Chinese mainland electricity industry, and a leading international private sector power company in the Asia-Pacific region with an integrated energy business in Australia and interests in generating assets in India, Taiwan and Thailand. Achieving its first renewable energy target in end 2007, three years ahead of schedule, CLP is committed to an interim target of having 20% of its generating capacity from non-carbon emitting sources by 2020, and is actively investing in renewable energy projects in China, Australia and India, focusing mainly on wind, small hydro, biomass and solar.



(Back row from left to right) Tuen Mun District Lands Officer Mr Alan K L Lo; Chief Executive Officer of Civic Exchange Ms Christine Loh; Chairman of Tuen Mun District Fire Safety Committee, Mr Kenneth Lau, MH, JP; Chief Executive Officer of CLP Holdings Limited, Mr Andrew Brandler; Chairman of Tuen Mun District Council, Mr Lau Wong Fat, GBM, GBS,

JP; Tuen Mun District Officer Mr Eddie K C Cheung, JP; and Executive Director – Strategy of CLP Holdings Limited, Mr Peter Greenwood, together with eight students in traditional costumes representing the locations where CLP's five-year regional tree-planting campaign will be extending, join hands to call for public support in limiting their carbon footprint.



Mr Andrew Brandler, Chief Executive Officer of CLP Holdings (right) and Mr Lau Wong Fat, GBM, GBS, JP, Chairman of Tuen Mun District Council plant the first seedlings, marking the official kick-off of CLP's Five Year Tree Planting Plan.



Members of the community came together to plant 1,500 trees in Fu Tei, an area devastated by hill fire one year ago, contributing their efforts in improving the ecosystems. A total of 20,000 trees will be planted in the area in 2008.

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