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CLP Plants 50,000 More Trees at the Fire-devastated Tuen Mun Hillside under Its 5-Year Regional Tree Planting Programme

CLP today kicked off the second year of its 5-Year Regional Tree Planting Programme and pledged to plant another 50,000 trees in the fire-devastated Fu Tei, Tuen Mun in 2009. Last year, CLP planted the same number of trees in the vicinity. The company plans to plant a total of 250,000 trees in Hong Kong by 2012. Approximately 260 participants including CLP volunteers, government officials as well as students from the Tuen Mun community took part in the CLP tree planting day.

To manifest the benefit of tree planting to the community and to further foster volunteerism among its employees, CLP undertakes an initiative this year to donate HK\$50 to The Community Chest of Hong Kong for every seedling planted by its employees and their family members with a cap of HK\$150,000.

Addressing the ceremony, Mr. Andrew Brandler, Chief Executive Officer of CLP Holdings Limited said, "CLP launched the 5-Year Regional Tree Planting Programme in support of our Climate Vision 2050 and it provides opportunities to engage the community with a range of hands-on experiences. Entering into the second year of this programme, we are hoping that more people from the community will join us to address the issue of climate change."

For the second year, CLP staged its Hong Kong chapter at Tuen Mun to restore the landscape destroyed by hill fire in 2007. Apart from serving as one of the means to reduce carbon emission, the programme was launched as a conduit to unite local authorities and communities to gain and share experience on tree planting.

In addition to the tree planting programme in Hong Kong, CLP also continues its tree planting efforts in Heyuan, Guangdong, the area around Dongjiang River which is the source of 70% of Hong Kong's fresh water supply. This year CLP plans to plant another 70,000 trees there further to the 110,000 trees planted last year.

CLP launched the Five-Year Regional Tree Planting Programme in April 2008 following its release of CLP's Climate Vision 2050, which sets out a target of reducing the carbon emissions intensity of its generating portfolio by 75% by 2050.

This Programme is a regional effort that aims to plant 1 million trees by 2012 across CLP's operating areas in the Asia Pacific region. In collaboration with local forestry or agricultural authorities, CLP reached its 2008 target of planting over 250,000 trees in different locations in the first year with a good survival rate.

About CLP

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.

Outside Hong Kong, CLP also invests in energy businesses in mainland China, Australia, India and Southeast Asia. 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 a diversified portfolio of power generation from gas, coal, renewables and nuclear.

CLP is listed in the Global Dow – a 150-stock index of the world's leading blue-chips, the Dow Jones Sustainability Asia Pacific Index (DJSI Asia Pacific), and the Dow Jones Sustainability Asia Pacific 40 Index (DJSI Asia Pacific 40).



(Fourth from right) Chief Executive Officer of CLP Holdings Limited, Mr Andrew Brandler; and (fourth from left) Chairman of Tuen Mun District Fire Safety Committee, Mr Kenneth Lau, MH, JP; together with other officiating guests, join hands to kick start the second year of CLP's Five-Year Regional Tree Planting Programme. The company pledges to plant a total of 250,000 trees by 2012 at Tuen Mun to restore the landscape destroyed by hill fire.



For the second time, a total of 260 members of the community, students and CLP staff pick up their shovels to plant trees in Fu Tei, an area devastated by hill fire in 2007. Further to the 50,000 trees planted last year, CLP pledges to plant another 50,000 trees at Tuen Mun, continuing their commitment to improving the environment.



Mr Andrew Brandler 's son, Luke, the youngest participant of the day, is having fun at the tree planting day.



After planting trees, participants actively take part in the stall games which aim to arouse people's awareness on the issue of climate change in an interactive way. They spend an enjoyable time at the game booths and return home with big smiles on their faces.

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