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CLP Power Announces Plan of a Trial Network of Charging Stations to Support Electric Vehicle Drivers in the Territory

Aiming at complementing the Government's commitment to promoting electric vehicles (EVs) in Hong Kong, CLP Power today announced its plan to help EV drivers to "Plug and Drive" with its plan of setting up a trial network of charging station for EVs in its supply areas in the territory. This new initiative aims to demonstrate to the driving community how easy it is to charge an EV and hence, promoting a wider adoption of EV. The plan was kicked start with a memorandum of understanding (MOU) established between CLP Power and two major organisations:

• The Link Management Limited • Wilson Parking (Holdings) Limited (In alphabetical order)

This sees the creation of a pioneer charging network by the private sector.

Under the memorandum, CLP Power will design and put in place the charging infrastructure while the two partners will make the service available in selected car parks and other premises under their management. The plan aims to launch at least 10 charging locations within next 12 months as an initial start. It also looks to expand charging locations covering property estates at a later stage.

"Charging facilities for EV has always been perceived as complicated and involving infrastructural change in power systems," said CLP Power Managing Director, Mrs Betty Yuen who is also a member of the Steering Committee on Promotion of Electric Vehicles, which maps out strategies and specific measures to promote development of EVs.

"It just takes one simple step – plug the socket and EV drivers can be rest assured that CLP will be there to make the supply point available. We hope to demonstrate the ease and simplicity of the system to the driving community in Hong Kong," continued Mrs Yuen.

"We are pleased to be entering into this collaboration as we all share the same vision in facilitating the wider adoption of this environmentally friendly vehicle. We want to be

ready for the users of EVs by providing reliable, convenient and widely available power supply." said Mrs Yuen.

Use of electric vehicles fits CLP's vision in addressing the threat of climate change, and facilitating development of charging networks is one of the many initiatives that CLP is doing to help reduce Hong Kong's carbon footprint.

Meanwhile, CLP Power has commissioned The Hong Kong Polytechnic University to design an EV charging station to support the pilot programme, helping the development of a full-scale charging network later.

A mock-up of a charging station was unveiled during a ceremony to celebrate the signing of the MOU. Guests officiating at the ceremony included Mr Edward Yau Tang-wah, JP, Secretary for the Environment, Mr Nicholas Sallnow-Smith, Chairman of The Link Management Limited and Mr Gary Koch, Vice Chairman & Executive Director of Wilson Group Limited and Mrs Betty Yuen, Managing Director of CLP Power.

About CLP Power

CLP Power Hong Kong Limited is the largest electric utility in Hong Kong serving the business and domestic community in Kowloon, the New Territories, Lantau and most of the outlying islands. Operating a vertically integrated electricity generation, transmission and distribution business, CLP Power provides a highly reliable supply of electricity and excellent customer services to over two million customers in its supply area.



(From the right) Mr Edward Yau Tang-wah, JP, Secretary for the Environment, Mrs Betty Yuen, CLP Power Managing Director, Mr Nicholas Sallnow-Smith,

Chairman of The Link Management Limited and Mr Gary Koch, Vice Chairman & Executive Director of Wilson Group Limited unveiled the mock-up of a charging station to celebrate the signing of the MOU.



A trial network of charging stations was kicked start with a MOU established between CLP Power and two major organisations.

(From the left) Mr Gary Koch, Vice Chairman & Executive Director of Wilson Group Limited, Mrs Betty Yuen, CLP Power Managing Director and Mr Nicholas Sallnow-Smith, Chairman of The Link Management Limited.

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