CLP Young Power 2009 Starts Nurture Young Leaders across Asia Pacific Region

(15th July Hong Kong) Forty students from eight secondary schools and sixteen CLP young engineers gather at the Science Park today to kick off the 11th CLP Young Power programme – Hong Kong Chapter, a youth leadership development programme jointly organized by CLP and Junior Achievement Hong Kong (JA).

To tie in with the theme “The World is in Our Hands”, participating students unleashed their creativity and paint their environmental vision on two electric vehicles car body. The electric vehicles with new look were displayed at the ceremony to compete for the Best Design.

Mrs. Betty Yuen, Managing Director of CLP Power, said at the ceremony, “CLP Young Power has been providing a unique exposure for students in Hong Kong to gain hands-on experience of the power industry and understand the importance of sustainable development over the last decade. We are pleased to extend its reach to Chinese mainland and India this year to nurture more local young leaders in the areas where we have operations.”

Ms. Vivian Lau, Chief Executive Officer of Junior Achievement Hong Kong, expressed that, “Through CLP Young Power, we have delivered the most proven and popular JA programs and have established an integrated learning platform for our younger generation to develop their leadership skills and sense of social responsibility. We are honoured to be partnering with CLP in these six years, to inspire and prepare our young people to succeed in the global economy.”

Under the guidance of CLP volunteer mentors, participants in Hong Kong, Nanning in Guangxi and the two cities Bharuch and Vadodara in India will enter into a three weeks programme with an array of activities such as workshops, visitations and job shadowing which help them develop their career aspirations, creativity, teamwork, leadership skills, business acumen, sense of social responsibility, and also knowledge in the power industry, engineering profession and environmental issues.
Students will also put their learning into practice by contesting in a project competition toward the end of the three week thematic learning programme. The champion teams from three locations will come together in Hong Kong and take part in an eight day Cultural Exchange Programme to further their learning. The group will have a chance to visit the Guandong Daya Bay Nuclear Power Station and the Guangdong Huaiji Hydro Power Station.

This group of students is selected from the first round on-line project competition launched earlier in June. Over fifty creative solutions on tackling climate change were received from more than thirty schools across the region. Public are welcome to check out their projects and find out more about the programme at www.clpyoungpower.com.

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.

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About JA
JA is a registered charitable organisation which is dedicated to inspiring and preparing young people to succeed in a global economy. In partnership with the business and education communities, JA encourages young people to participate in a range of activity-based education programmes, designed to help them understand the world of work and develop the work readiness, entrepreneurial thinking, financial literacy and life-wide values essential for their future success.
The Junior Achievement worldwide network now serves over nine million students a year in over 110 countries. Since its establishment in 2001, JA has engaged the support of over 6,300 business volunteers to serve over 72,000 students. Please visit www.jahk.org for more information.

(Second row from the left) Mr T F Chow, Director – Marketing and Customer Services – CLP Power; Ms Jane Lau, Director – Group Public Affairs, CLP Holdings; Mrs Betty Yuen, Managing Director – CLP Power; Ms Vivian Lau, CEO – Junior Achievement (JA) Hong Kong and Mr Paul Poon, Director – Power Systems – CLP Power officiate the kick off ceremony of CLP Young Power 2009 – Hong Kong Chapter.

CLP Young Power participants introduce themselves to the audience in a creative way.
Students paint their environmental vision on two electric vehicles car body. Mrs. Betty Yuen, Managing Director of CLP Power votes for the Best Design.

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