Hong Kong students vie for the top honour of CLP's Young Power Programme with creative low-carbon living solutions

The final round of CLP Young Power Programme 2010 Project Competition was successfully concluded today when ten shortlisted teams of secondary students presented their achievements of promoting low carbon living to compete for the top honour of “Young Power Award”.

CLP Young Power Programme is a youth leadership development programme jointly organised by CLP and Junior Achievement Hong Kong (JA), offering students an opportunity to understand the power industry and how they can contribute to a better and sustainable future. The Programme received an overwhelming response this year with 42 participating teams. The best ten were selected to go through a series of activity-based thematic learning in the past four weeks, which included student mentorship and leadership-training activities, developing their creativity, teamwork, leadership skills, and sense of social responsibility.

Mr Richard Lancaster, Managing Director– CLP Power of CLP Power Hong Kong, remarked at today’s event, “CLP is pleased to offer an exceptional experience for young leaders to understand how a responsible power company can contribute to sustainable development. I hope all participants will put this knowledge to good use and lead us towards a low carbon future.”

Building on this year’s theme – “Towards a Low Carbon Future”, the shortlisted teams also have to interpret what they have learnt into creative ideas to engage the community in low carbon living. In today’s grand finale of the CLP Young Power 2010 project competition, they reported on their project achievements through display booths and presentations, competing for “Best Booth in the Eyes of the Audience” and Young Power Awards.

The winning teams of Young Power Programme 2010 are:
- Young Power Award Champion: St Catharine's School For Girls, Kwun Tong
- Young Power Award First runner-up: Valtorta College
- Young Power Award Second runner-up: SALEM–Immanuel Lutheran College
- Best Booth in the Eyes of the Audience: St Stephen's Girls' College
Ms Vivian Lau, Chief Executive Officer of Junior Achievement Hong Kong said, “Some ideas put forward by the student teams are inspiring and have actually called out to people to live a low carbon life. Junior Achievement Hong Kong is honored to partner with CLP for the seventh consecutive year in developing future green leaders.”

Since 2009, CLP’s Young Power Programme has extended its reach to Chinese Mainland and India to nurture more local young leaders in the areas where CLP operates. The Young Power Awards champion teams from both locations will join the Hong Kong champion team for a 10–day cultural and learning experiences during which they will be visiting CLP’s biomass and wind farm facilities in Shandong. They will also be engaged with students from the Tsinghua University in academic exchange on low-carbon future of the power sector.

To find out more about the CLP Young Power Programme this year, please visit www.clpyoungpower.com.

About CLP Young Power Programme (YPP)
CLP has been organising the YPP every summer since 1999. In 2009, the programme was extended from its Hong Kong base to India and the Chinese mainland to nurture local young leaders. The leadership development programme provides a unique exposure for high school students to gain hands-on experience in the power industry and to understand the importance of sustainable development.

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 Pacific. 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 5.7 million people in Kowloon and the New Territories.

Outside Hong Kong, CLP holds a diversified portfolio of power generation investments that includes gas, coal, renewable and nuclear in the Chinese Mainland, Australia, India and Southeast Asia.

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), the Dow Jones Sustainability Asia Pacific 40 Index (DJSI Asia Pacific 40) and Hang Seng Corporate Sustainability Index Series.

About Junior Achievement Hong Kong (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 their work readiness, entrepreneurship, financial literacy and life-wide values essential for their future success.

Since its establishment in 2001, JA has engaged the support of over 8,000 business volunteers to serve over 100,000 students. The Junior Achievement worldwide network now serves over 9.7 million students a year in over 120 countries. Please visit www.jahk.org for more information.

The winning teams and the judging panel of CLP Young Power Programme 2010. (From left to right in the first row: Dr William Yu, Head, Climate Programme, World Wild Fund; Ms Jane Lau, Director – Group Public Affairs, CLP Holdings; Dr Dorothy Chan, Member, Advisory Council on the Environment; Mr Richard Lancaster, Managing Director – CLP Power, CLP Power Hong Kong; Ms Vivian Lau, Chief Executive Officer – Junior Achievement Hong Kong; Mr Paul Poon, Chief Operating Officer – CLP Power Hong Kong and Mr Edmund Leung, SBS, JP, Chairman of Energy Advisory Committee)

Mr Richard Lancaster, Managing Director – CLP Power of CLP Power Hong Kong, presented the Champion Award to St Catharine’s School For Girls, Kwun Tong.
Students creatively presented their ideas to promote low-carbon living to the judging panel.

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