Press Release

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WEEE community programme celebrates as 1,600 waste electrical devices are saved and provided to those in need

CLP Power and St James' Settlement (SJS) today marked a year of success in running the 'Here WEEE Go' programme. The programme collects waste electrical and electronic equipment ('WEEE'), restores it to working order, and donates it to underprivileged members of the community. Over the past year, a total of more than 1,600 appliances have been saved from landfill.

St James' Settlement has been running the scheme since 2003. For the past year, CLP Power has worked with the organisation, deploying its team of volunteers and network of corporate contacts to boost the quantity of WEEE that can be restored to benefit the community, while at the same time reducing the burden on Hong Kong's overstretched landfill sites. According to government figures, Hong Kong generates over 70,000 tonnes of WEEE each year, of which 20 per cent will end up in landfill.*

To spread the message, CLP further commissioned students of the CO1 School of Visual Arts to create more than 40 robots constructed entirely from parts of discarded appliances. These were unveiled at a ceremony today who will now serve as 'WEEE Ambassadors'. The Company has also helped boost WEEE donation through the electricity bills to its more than two million residential customers.

Commenting on the efforts of the 'Here WEEE Go' programme to improve the situation, Mrs Betty Yuen, Vice Chairman of CLP Power said, "Caring for the environment and our community have long ranked among CLP's core values. By encouraging recycle use of the electrical appliances and equipments, we are not only helping less fortunate members of our community but also contributing to greater environmental sustainability in Hong Kong. I am pleased to find that through the concerted efforts of CLP volunteer team, donations from our staff and network of property management offices, 1,600 waste electrical appliances have been collected in the past year."

CLP and St James's 'Here WEEE Go' programme is the first large scale corporate WEEE recycling partnership programme in Hong Kong. Many appliances are both bulky and highly reusable, such as refrigerators, washing machines and TVs. Once repaired, they are delivered to those in need, such as single-parent families and disabled people undergoing rehabilitation. This helps to improve the lives of those in need.
"It is very encouraging to have CLP’s support in this community waste recovery project," said Mr Michael Leung, Vice Chairman of St James’ Settlement. "Our heartfelt thanks go to the CLP volunteers who have conducted weekly caring visits to deliver over 200 refurbished appliances to more than 100 families over the past year. This programme represents a further step of CLP in support of waste management, who has also funded the Education Centre of the EcoPark WEEE Recycling Centre in Tuen Mun early this year."

At today’s ceremony, Betty Yuen and Michael Leung were joined by Anissa Wong, Permanent Secretary for the Environment and Director of Environmental Protection to unveil the five most outstanding ‘WEEE Ambassadors’. These works of art will take pride of place at the Education Centre of the EcoPark WEEE Recycling Centre, SJS service centres and a number of CLP outlets including Eco Home, Customer Service Centres and Business Centres to raise public awareness of the ‘Here WEEE Go’ campaign.

* Source: https://www.wastereduction.gov.hk/en/workplace/weee/day_intro.htm
http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201001/18/P201001180139.htm

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**About St James' Settlement**

St James’ Settlement founded in 1949 and provides diversified services, which included children, and youth services, as well as elderly services. In 1987, a multi-service community centre was opened in Wanchai so that the scope of services can further be extended. Today, there are altogether 47 service points scatter around in HK. We have about 1,100 staffs providing vast range of high quality welfare services for people of different ages and needs. SJS has been participating in various pioneering projects, especially in environmental protection and community resources utilisation. Website: http://www.sjs.org.hk
Five most outstanding 'WEEE Ambassadors' are unveiled in celebration of the successful implementation of the 'Here WEEE Go' programme, which has collected 1,600 waste electrical appliances for donation to underprivileged members of the community. Ms Anissa Wong Sean Yee, JP, Permanent Secretary for the Environment and Director of Environmental Protection (middle); Mrs Betty Yuen, Vice Chairman, CLP Power Hong Kong Limited (second from right) and Mr Michael Leung, Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee, St James’ Settlement (second from left) jointly officiate the ceremony.

Ms Anissa Wong Sean Yee (right), Mrs Betty Yuen (middle) and Mr Michael Leung (left) jointly encourage the recycled use of waste electrical appliances, which can help less fortunate members of our community and contribute to greater environmental sustainability in Hong Kong.

Ms Anissa Wong Sean Yee, Mrs Betty Yuen and Mr Michael Leung, together with CLP volunteers, students and teachers of CO1 School of Visual Arts, take a group photo with over 40 “WEEE Ambassadors” made from dismantled parts of discarded appliances, to promote the new green culture of WEEE recycling.
Students of CO1 School of Visual Arts created “WEEE Ambassadors” using dismantled parts of discarded appliances, to promote the waste recycling message in the community.

Name of CLP “WEEE Ambassadors”: 母子

Name of CLP “WEEE Ambassadors”: Little Green Angel

Name of CLP “WEEE Ambassadors”: WEEE 仔

Name of CLP “WEEE Ambassadors”: EP-100 ﹝保護始於醒覺﹞

Name of CLP “WEEE Ambassadors”: R360 環保仔
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