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## **CLP's Hotmeal Canteen shares joy with Sham Shui Po's needy to celebrate upcoming Dragon Boat Festival**

In celebration of the upcoming Dragon Boat Festival, CLP Power Hong Kong Limited (CLP) today hosted a 'Healthy Dumpling Programme' to share hand-made delicious festive food for participants of its Hotmeal Canteen Programme – a programme launched last September to offer nutritious meals to the underprivileged in Sham Shui Po at HK\$10 only.

In addition to offering nutritious hot dishes at fairly cheap price, the Hotmeal Canteen also provides job counselling service for the needy in the district. Among them, two shared at the event their rewarding experiences about health improvement, gaining social support as well as receiving job referral service through the programme. Ms. Chan, a single mother with two children, appreciated the warmth the hot meals that brought to her family while another participant, Sandra, who has been jobless for quite some time, thanked the programme for enabling her to get a new job.

“Last year, Sham Shui Po residents were reported as the poorest and the most underprivileged of all Hong Kongers. A released report<sup>1</sup> on rising local food prices revealed that one in every six poor local families can no longer afford even basic foods. The Hotmeal Canteen programme provides not just hot and healthy meals to the needy but also a meeting place for the participants to gather and build their network, which in turn help enrich their social life,” Mr Richard Lancaster, Managing Director of CLP Power, said at the event.

“To amplify the social impact, CLP has invited donation to support this initiative through insert to our electricity bill. The programme has received very enthusiastic support from our customers since its launch in last September. As of today, over \$1.1 m donation was collected and the Hotmeal Canteen has served over 17,000 meals benefiting close to 1,000 individuals in Sham Shui Po area since launch.” Mr. Lancaster added.

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<sup>1</sup> ‘Survey on the Impact of Soaring Food Prices on Poor Families in Hong Kong’, Oxfam Hong Kong, 2011

The CLP “Healthy Dumpling Programme” has designed special recipes for making healthy mini-rice dumplings in two flavours. Modified from the traditional recipe, the healthy mini-rice dumplings are made of brown rice, wheat germ and dried meat floss enclosed in cling wrap. Participants competed at the event to make the most appetising-looking dumplings.

Joining the donors to make and share the delicious rice dumplings also included celebrity donor Ms Charlene Tse, CLP management, volunteers and 50 programme participants. Ms Charlene Tse also shared her joy of helping others by giving out her home-made cookies to the Canteens.

### **About the programme**

The Hotmeal Canteen programme launched in September 2011, aims at addressing the risk of malnutrition among the underprivileged by providing dietician-supervised hot meals for low-income residents in Sham Shui Po. Under the Hotmeal Canteen programme, eligible participants only need to pay HK\$10 for a meal with rice, a dish and a bowl of soup. Those with financial difficulties may enjoy hot meals for free. All income collected will go into the fund to benefit more needy residents. With public donation and CLP matching donation, Hotmeal Canteen has served over 17,000 meals close to 1,000 individuals in the area since launch. At the Canteen, free job counselling service is also offered to help jobless participants.

The programme is operated by Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service, a member of HKCSS, through its social enterprise Lily House Restaurant to prepare the meals.

### **About CLP Power Hong Kong Limited**

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Photo 1:



CLP senior executives: Mr. Richard Lancaster, Managing Director (2<sup>nd</sup> from right) and Dr. Albert Poon, Deputy Managing Director (right) learn to make healthy mini-rice dumplings with donor Ms. Charlene Tse (left) following a demonstration by a rice dumpling chef.

Photo 2:



CLP senior executive Mr. Richard Lancaster, Managing Director of CLP Power (left) joins the participants of the event in a competition to create the most appetising-looking dumplings.

Photo 3:



70 Hotmeal Canteen participants, programme donors, CLP executives and volunteers celebrate this year's Dragon Boat Festival by creating and sharing healthy mini-rice dumplings at CLP Dragon Boat Festival "Healthy Dumpling Programme".

Photo 4:



Honouring a Chinese tradition, Mr. Richard Lancaster, Managing Director of CLP Power (1<sup>st</sup> from left), presents a red packet to a programme participant celebrating her successful employment (photo on left). He also presents a book voucher to another participant for the learning of her children (photo on right).

Photo 5:



With the Dragon Boat Festival fast approaching, Mr. Richard Lancaster, Managing Director of CLP Power (2<sup>nd</sup> from right), Miss Daisy Chan, Director of Public Affairs (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) and CLP volunteers visited a family of five living in Sham Shui Po earlier, and presented them some festive rice dumplings.