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CLP’s First “Sharing the Festive Joy” Lunch Celebrates Chinese New Year with the Elderly

CLP Power Hong Kong Limited (CLP Power) today organised the first “Sharing the Festive Joy” community event for 170 elders from the Tung Chung district, to mark a good start of the Chinese New Year. Joining guests for this landmark celebration were The Hon Matthew Cheung, GBS, JP, Secretary for Labour and Welfare, along with CLP Power Managing Director Mr Paul Poon, Chief Operating Officer Mr Chow Tang Fai and Chief Corporate Development Officer Ms Quince Chong, who prepared dumplings for the elders at the lunch.

Other entertainment offered at the lunch banquet included the singing performance by CLP volunteers. The lunch was co-organised with the Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions Hong Ling Society for the Well-being.

“Sharing the Festive Joy” is one of the new community care programmes launched by CLP Power this year, inviting the needy and underprivileged elders to celebrate the festivities with CLP volunteers, namely, the Chinese New Year, the Tuen Ng Festival, National Day and Senior Citizens Day.

Today’s event is not only one of HKSAR Government Commission on Poverty’s “Bless Hong Kong” programmes, but also complements its “February for the Elderly” theme, which aims to increase social cohesion, alleviate poverty and promote the spirit of mutual help.

CLP Power Managing Director Mr Paul Poon said, “CLP Power has been providing Hong Kong with a stable and reliable electricity supply for over 110 years. Over the years, caring for the community has been at the heart of everything we do. Through today’s event, we want to illustrate CLP Power’s commitment in helping the community. More importantly, we also want to encourage more people to participate in volunteering services and help spread care, warmth and social harmony.”

This year marks the 20th anniversary of CLP Volunteer Team which has been a power of good for Hong Kong’s needy and underprivileged since being set up in 1994. Today, the team comprises more than 800 employees and family members, covering a variety of volunteer services.

Speaking at today's lunch, The Hon Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, GBS, JP, Secretary for Labour and Welfare, said that the "Bless Hong Kong" Campaign was launched by the Commission on Poverty to enhance tripartite collaboration among community organisations, the business sector and the Government to broaden efforts on poverty alleviation. He thanked CLP Power and HKFTU Hong Ling Society for the Well-being for organising today's event.

The Hon Matthew Cheung said, "CLP Volunteer Team has set a shining example for enterprises to engage in community services. I am glad that the volunteers can apply their expertise during caring visits, such as by providing free re-wiring services, and distributing repaired and energy-efficient appliances to underprivileged families. CLP has been encouraging both the staff and their family members to participate in volunteer works. Such effort in conveying the spirits of love and care to the society should be well recognised."

Enjoying the lunch today, participating elders Mr Lam and Mr Chuck said the elderly received the least attention from the society. Since they are living in a remote district as Tung Chung, their children are unable to visit them frequently. "We enjoy this celebration lunch which provides us an opportunity to meet friends. It will be great if CLP can continue to stage similar activities," they said.

Over the years, CLP Power has promoted a variety of community programmes in association with non-profit making organisations to help the needy and underprivileged. One of the successful programmes has been the "Hotmeal Canteen" service partnered with the Hong Kong Council of Social Service and Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service, launched in Sham Shui Po in 2011. With CLP Power matching public donations dollar for dollar, "Hotmeal Canteen" provides nourishing, dietician-supervised meals for a nominal HK\$10 fee to low-income families and the unemployed, along with other services including job counselling and health advisory sessions to help recipients build self-confidence and establish a social network.

CLP Power also helps promote energy-saving practices for the benefit of both the needy and the environment. In the "CLP Green Volunteers for Seniors Programme", CLP volunteers will install energy-efficient and durable LED light bulbs for 3,000 underprivileged single elderly people or couples. CLP Power has also launched a HK\$10 million scheme to give out sets of four energy-efficient electrical appliances to 4,000 underprivileged families, single elderly people and other people in need. A second "Hotmeal Canteen" service is being launched this year in association with Po Leung Kuk to serve the underprivileged in Kwai Tsing district.

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Photo caption

Photo 1



Mr Paul Poon, CLP Power Managing Director says in the first “Sharing the Festive Joy” lunch that the programme aims to encourage more people to take part in volunteer services.

Photo 2



The Hon Matthew Cheung, GBS, JP, Secretary for Labour and Welfare praises the efforts of the CLP Volunteer Team as a commendable spirit of caring and respect for the elderly.

Photo 3



Mr Paul Poon, CLP Power Managing Director (fourth left) and The Hon Matthew Cheung, GBS, JP, Secretary for Labour and Welfare (middle), Mr Tam Kei Kwong, Senior Housing Manager of Housing Department (first left), Mr Daniel Chu, Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Central Western/Southern & Islands) of Social Welfare Department (second right), Ms Bonnie Man, Assistant District Officer (Islands) of Home Affairs Department (first right), together with CLP Power Deputy Managing Director Dr Albert Poon (fourth right), Chief Operating Officer Mr Chow Tang Fai (third left), Chief Corporate Development Officer Ms Quince Chong (third right) and Chairman of CLP Volunteer Team Mr C L Mak, raise a toast at the celebration lunch.

Photo 4



The Hon Matthew Cheung, GBS, JP, Secretary for Labour and Welfare (second right) along with CLP Power Managing Director Mr Paul Poon (second left), Chief Operating Officer Mr Chow Tang Fai (first left) and Chief Corporate Development Officer Ms Quince Chong cook up dumplings to serve to elderly lunch guests.

Photo 5 & 6



CLP volunteers and dance class members of Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions Tung Chung District Service Centre perform for elderly guests at the lunch.

Photo 7



170 elders participate in CLP's first "Sharing the Festive Joy" celebration lunch with CLP volunteers.

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