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CLP Eco Building Fund approved 83 applications Helps Residential Blocks in Green Makeovers

CLP Power Hong Kong Limited (CLP Power) today announced that a total of HK\$36 million has been approved for 83 projects since the launch of the CLP Eco Building Fund in 2014. The fund provides subsidies to residential buildings to carry out improvement works to enhance energy efficiency in communal areas and covers both single-block residential buildings and multiple-block housing estates within the CLP Power supply area.

Many housing estate managers are eager to improve energy efficiency and reduce power consumption because of heightened awareness about the need for environmental protection. The Yau Chui Court estate in Yau Tong successfully applied for a subsidy of around HK\$370,000. The energy efficiency improvement work included replacing more than 5,000 compact fluorescent lamps and T8 fluorescent lamps with LED lighting for lobbies, corridors, staircases and exit signs in the estate's four blocks. Estate management company representative Mr Wat Chun-kit said the newly installed LED lighting is expected to save about 26 per cent in annual electricity costs.

The fund also subsidises works at single-block buildings which account for 52 per cent of approved cases, more than 90 per cent of which are buildings aged 30 years or more. One example is the half-century old Cheung Hing House in Mongkok. The CLP Eco Building Fund subsidised the replacement of a lift motor which had been in operation since the building opened and was inefficient and costly to run.

The building received a 50 per cent subsidy of HK\$190,000 towards replacing the lift motor and switching it to a Variable-Voltage-Variable-Frequency control system. The renovation is estimated to save around 30 per cent of the building's annual electricity costs.

Secretary of Incorporated Owners Committee of Cheung Hing House Ms Anita Lui said the subsidy not only helped relieve the financial pressure on the building's owners, but provide a safe and comfortable ride for residents. "The lift broke down frequently and the lengthy maintenance works were very inconvenient for residents, especially the elderly," she said. "The lift is now more energy efficient and cheaper to operate."

As well as lighting and lift enhancement, the CLP Eco Building Fund supports the improvement works on electrical installations such as water pumps, air-conditioning units and escalators. CLP Power Marketing and Customer Services Senior Director Mr Eric Cheung said: "Buildings

account for about 90 per cent of the energy use in Hong Kong. Enhancing their energy efficiency helps mitigate the adverse effect caused by climate change and builds a greener future for Hong Kong. We encourage owners of eligible buildings to apply to the CLP Eco Building Fund to improve their energy efficiency and reduce energy costs.”

Launched in 2014, the CLP Eco Building Fund is funded by the shareholders to a total of HK\$70 million from the energy efficiency incentive mechanism of the Scheme of Control Agreement running from 2014 to 2018. The fund subsidises residential buildings carrying out energy efficiency improvement works. Priority is given to older single-block buildings.

Applications to the fund are processed for approval by a committee comprising representatives from different sectors of the community committed to promoting energy efficiency, including representatives from the government, district councils, academic institutions, professional groups, green groups and non-government organisations.

CLP Power offers free energy audits to applicants and explains the application procedures to owners committees. Workshops are arranged for approved cases to share their experiences with potential applicants. Building owners can find out more details at <http://www.clp.com.hk/EcoBuildingFund> or call our dedicated hotline on 2678 0322.

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Photo caption:

(Photo 1)



The lift at Cheung Hing House in Mongkok before energy efficiency improvement works subsidised by the CLP Eco Building Fund.

(Photo 2)



The lift at Cheung Hing House in Mongkok after energy efficiency improvement works subsidised by the CLP Eco Building Fund.

(Photo 3)



Subsidised by CLP Eco Building Fund, Cheung Hing House in Mongkok has replaced its lift motor with a Variable-Voltage-Variable-Frequency control system, saving 30 per cent in the building's annual electricity cost.

(Photo 4 and 5)



Yau Chui Court in Yau Tong has changed more than 5,000 Compact Fluorescent Lamps and T8 fluorescent lamps to LED lighting, saving 26 per cent electricity costs annually.

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