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New CLP Power Academy Launched to Nurture Talent for Hong Kong's Energy Industry

CLP Power Hong Kong Limited ("CLP Power") today (17 October) inaugurates the new CLP Power Academy, offering accredited professional programmes for electrical and mechanical tradespeople and individuals aspiring to a career in the power industry.

The academy's first course also begins today, a Professional Diploma in Power Engineering which has been accredited as a Qualifications Framework Level 4 programme. The course received more than 170 applications for the 40 available places.

Chief Secretary for Administration of the Government of the HKSAR Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung joined CLP Power Chairman Mr William Mocatta, CLP Holdings Chief Executive Officer Mr Richard Lancaster, CLP Power Vice Chairman Mrs Betty Yuen, and CLP Power Academy Vice Chancellor Mr Paul Poon at the inaugural ceremony for the new CLP Power Academy and the diploma course at the CLP Shatin Centre.

Speaking at the ceremony, Mr Mocatta said the power industry depended upon expertise, innovation, and the ability to nurture talented individuals who could drive the industry forward and help it keep pace with a rapidly-changing world. CLP Power is acutely aware of the value of people development and technical skill succession and set up its first training school in 1966. It has since trained thousands of engineering professionals who have gone on to play important roles in Hong Kong's economic and social development.

"We believe it is time to bring our training regime to the next level by expanding our expertise to benefit the wider industry workforce," Mr Mocatta said. "By providing young people and working adults alike without post-secondary qualifications with power engineering knowledge and practical skills, we hope the academy will not only help individuals advance their careers but also keep CLP competitive in the international arena and help make Hong Kong a smarter, greener city."

Mr Matthew Cheung said that vocational and professional education and training integrates education and employment, thereby nurturing the talent we need for Hong Kong's development and at the same time offering flexible multiple pathways for our young people. This is pivotal to the progress of our society. CLP has been committed to investing in staff training and professional development to groom talent for the power industry of Hong Kong. Setting up its CLP Power Academy this year to provide professional education and nurture talent is certainly an opportune move for CLP to capitalise on the upcoming opportunities in Hong Kong.

CLP Power Academy Vice Chancellor Mr Paul Poon said: "The academy will be the leading vocational-based training institution for power engineering, bridging the gap between career training and higher education. We hope the academy will be the preferred institution for both tradespeople in the electrical and mechanical engineering industry and new joiners, offering the best possible training to help them to advance their careers. The programmes offered by the academy will provide young people and working adults alike without post-secondary qualifications with power engineering knowledge and practical skills at an early stage of their careers."

Today's ceremony also marked the start of the academy's first part-time course, a Professional Diploma in Power Engineering, which was heavily subscribed with applications from people who want to pursue a career in the power industry. Mr Chung Yau Sam, one of the 40 students joining the course, is currently an overhead line tradesman. He said: "I have tried many different types of work and eventually I choose come back to the power industry. I hope this course will help my future career path and give me the opportunity to become a technician."

Ms Cheung Nim Kwan, who is currently an assistant engineer, said: "I majored in Environmental Science which is not related to electrical engineering. However, I became very interested in this field once I started working at a power station. Through this course, I hope to enhance my knowledge and skills in electrical engineering to help me in my work."

The course can be completed within a minimum period of one year. Launched jointly by CLP Power and the Vocational Training Council, it is accredited by the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ) as a Qualifications Framework Level 4 and is equivalent to a Higher Diploma programme.

Students with a Grade B or Grade C Registered Electrical Worker (REW) certificate can register as Grade H REW after completing the course. The diploma course is also recognised by the industry with the support of other public utility companies and the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department.

Looking ahead, the academy plans to launch more diploma and degree programmes in 2018 to nurture more talent for the industry. The academy will also provide full-

time and part-time Continuing Professional Development (CPD) courses for trade practitioners to refresh and advance their knowledge.

Appendix: [Fact Sheet on the CLP Power Academy](#)

About CLP Power Hong Kong Limited

CLP Power Hong Kong Limited ("CLP Power") is the Hong Kong utility subsidiary wholly owned by CLP Holdings Limited, a company listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and one of the largest investor-owned power businesses in Asia. CLP Power operates a vertically integrated electricity supply business in Hong Kong, and provides a highly reliable supply of electricity and excellent customer services to 6 million people in its supply area.

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Chief Secretary for Administration Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung (second left) joins CLP Power Chairman Mr William Mocatta (third right), CLP Holdings Chief Executive Officer Mr Richard Lancaster (first left), CLP Power Vice Chairman Mrs Betty Yuen (second right), and CLP Power Academy Vice Chancellor Mr Paul Poon (first right) to unveil a plaque at the inaugural ceremony for the new CLP Power Academy.

Photo 2



Chief Secretary for Administration Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung and CLP Power Academy Vice Chancellor Mr Paul Poon (first left) chat with three students of the new Professional Diploma in Power Engineering and encourage them to study hard.

Photos 3 and 4



CLP Power Chairman Mr William Mocatta (photo 3) and CLP Holdings Chief Executive Officer Mr Richard Lancaster (photo 4) present Certificates of Admission to students of the Professional Diploma in the Power Engineering Programme.

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