CLP Power Launches Community Energy Saving Fund to Champion Low-Carbon Living and Help People in Need

CLP Power Hong Kong Limited (CLP Power) today announced the launch of a new **CLP Community Energy Saving Fund** with around HK$70 million in the first year to carry out a territory-wide energy efficient and conservation campaign, encouraging residential customers to live low-carbon lifestyles, subsidising business customers to replace electrical equipment with more energy efficient models, and at the same time supporting the underprivileged. Around HK$10 million of the fund will be used to help people living in subdivided units.

Speaking at the launch ceremony, CLP Power Managing Director Mr TK Chiang said: “Hong Kong experienced a record-breaking May with 15 consecutive days when the daily maximum temperature was above 33 degrees Celsius. Climate change is a growing concern for the whole community. CLP Power is working tirelessly to meet the Government’s environmental policy and carbon reduction target of increasing use of natural gas for power generation to 50% of the fuel mix by 2020, as well as the new target set out in Climate Action 2030+. We hope the new **CLP Community Energy Saving Fund** will give the public the opportunity to change their consumption habits, improve energy efficiency, and work together to combat climate change.”

The Secretary for the Environment of the HKSARG Mr Wong Kam-sing said that CLP Power’s initiatives showed it cares for not only the environment but also the community. “The **CLP Community Energy Saving Fund** will promote energy saving in all sectors of society and work with non-governmental organisations to provide assistance for the disadvantaged.” he said.

The new Scheme of Control Agreement (SCA) will come into effect in October. Under the SCA, 65% of the incentives earned by CLP Power by helping customers save energy will be allocated to the **CLP Community Energy Saving Fund**, which will begin operations in 2019. The fund, which will be around HK$70 million in its first year, will support the following key initiatives:

1. **CLP Power Connect**
   This programme will encourage residential customers to save energy. Registered residential customers may earn rewards by saving energy and can choose the disadvantaged group they want to support. In partnership with NGOs, CLP Power will offer financial assistance to around 30,000 households a year. Each household will receive HK$500 to offset against their electricity expenses.
2. **CLP Electrical Equipment Upgrade Scheme**
   This scheme will provide subsidies to commercial and industrial customers, in particular small and medium-sized enterprises, to replace or upgrade their electrical equipment to more energy-efficient models, such as LED light bulbs and LED light tubes, air-conditioners with a Grade 1 energy efficiency rating, and more energy efficient air-conditioning systems.

3. **Support for Subdivided Units Household Scheme**
   Approximately HK$10 million of the fund will be used to give direct assistance to people living in subdivided units. Working with NGOs, CLP Power will provide subsidies for the landlords of subdivided units for the rewiring work needed for the installation of individual electricity meters. It will also provide HK$500 in financial assistance to eligible tenants to alleviate their electricity expenses. Around 10,000 households will benefit each year. Energy efficient electrical appliances will also be given to residents who live in the Hong Kong Council of Social Services community houses to lower their electricity consumption.

Mr TK Chiang said: “As a responsible energy provider, CLP Power will continue to take a leading role in working with our customers to drive energy saving and conservation. This fund allows us to put even more effort into engaging the community in energy saving and supporting disadvantaged people in society. It is our belief that by working together with the whole community, we can have more blue skies for Hong Kong.”

CLP Power will work closely with stakeholders, in particular NGOs, over the implementation of the three new initiatives. Details of how to apply will be announced on the CLP Power website in the fourth quarter of 2018. A review of the initiatives will be conducted after one year to consider possible improvements and to achieve optimal results.

Supplementary Information:
1. **CLP Power Connect** Fact Sheet
2. **CLP Electrical Equipment Upgrade Scheme** Fact Sheet
3. **Support for Subdivided Units Household Scheme** Fact Sheet
4. **CLP Community Energy Saving Fund** Programme Photo

**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.
Photo Captions:

Photo 1

The Secretary for the Environment of the HKSARG Mr Wong Kam-sing (Left) and CLP Power Managing Director Mr TK Chiang (Right) officiate at the launch ceremony of CLP Community Energy Saving Fund to rally community-wide support in reducing emissions and energy saving.

Photo 2

CLP Power Managing Director Mr TK Chiang hopes the CLP Community Energy Saving Fund will bring the whole community together to work towards more blue skies for Hong Kong.
The Secretary for the Environment of the HKSARG Mr Wong Kam-sing supports CLP Power for offering assistance to people living in subdivided units and showing care for the community.

(From left to right) CLP Power Chief Corporate Development Officer Ms Quince Chong, the Legislative Councillor Mr Michael Luk, the Secretary for the Environment of the HKSARG Mr Wong Kam-sing, CLP Power Managing Director Mr TK Chiang, Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services Mr Alfred Sit, The Hong Kong Council of Social Service Chief Executive Mr Chua Hoi-wai and CLP Power Chief Operating Officer Mr Rick Truscott.
Photo 5

The Secretary for the Environment of the HKSARG Mr Wong Kam-sing, CLP Power Managing Director Mr TK Chiang, CLP Power Chief Corporate Development Officer Ms Quince Chong, and CLP Power Chief Operating Officer Mr Rick Truscott take photo with guests.

Photo 6

CLP Power Managing Director Mr TK Chiang (second right) and CLP Power Chief Corporate Development Officer Ms Quince Chong (first right), together with The Hong Kong Council of Social Service Chief Executive Mr Chua Hoi-wai (third right), visit a household under the Community Housing Movement and give out energy efficient electrical appliances.
CLP Power Managing Director Mr TK Chiang (second right) and CLP Power Chief Corporate Development Officer Ms Quince Chong (first right) visit a tenant of a subdivided unit.

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CLP Power Connect
Fact Sheet

Background

This programme encourages residential customers to save energy. Registered residential customers may earn rewards if they save energy over a set period compared with the same period in the previous year. They can also choose the disadvantaged group they want to support. CLP Power will offer HK$500 in financial assistance from the CLP Community Energy Saving Fund to people in need nominated by non-government organisations (NGOs). Around 30,000 households a year will benefit through lower electricity expenses.

Eligibility

• Residential customers in the CLP Power supply area with active electricity accounts and consumption data of 2018 for comparison.

• Registered residential customers can have their energy saving evaluated in three ways and sign up for one of the following categories:
  1. Saving energy compared with consumption during the same period in the previous year.
  2. Saving energy over the course of the summer compared with the same period in the previous year.
  3. Saving energy over the course of the whole year compared with the previous year.

• Participating customers may earn rewards if they can reduce their home energy consumption compared with the same period in the previous year. Rewards include Eco Points under the CLP Eco Rewards Scheme, energy-saving electrical appliances, and smart gadgets.

• Residential customers interested in joining the programme can enroll from 1 January 2019. Customers who enroll between 30 June and 31 December of each year will not be eligible for the categories of energy consumption comparison covering the summer or the whole year. Application details will be announced in the fourth quarter of 2018.

Beneficiaries

Elderly people, low income families, and disabled people. Beneficiary households must be referred by NGOs and verified by CLP Power. Around 30,000 households a year will benefit.

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CLP Electrical Equipment Upgrade Scheme
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Background

This scheme will provide subsidies to commercial and industrial customers to replace or upgrade their electrical equipment to more energy efficient models in an initiative aimed at enhancing effectiveness of energy saving in the business sector. Subsidies will be credited to customers’ electricity accounts and offset against their electricity bills.

Eligibility

• Commercial and industrial customers in the CLP Power supply area with active electricity accounts. Temporary power supply account customers and Government account holders are not eligible.

• Eligible energy efficient appliances including LED light bulbs, LED light tubes, air-conditioners with a Grade 1 energy label, and more energy efficient air conditioning systems.

• Appliances must be purchased between 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2023 and installed at the registered address of the applicant’s electricity account. They must be used as new installations or replacements for conventional light bulbs and tubes or less energy efficient air conditioners and air conditioning systems.

• Applicants must provide a valid proof of purchase of the appliances, such as a copy of the invoice or receipt, to complete the application process.

• The holder of each electricity account can apply more than once within the scheme period and up to a subsidy ceiling for each account.

• Applications will be dealt with on a first-come, first-served basis while funding lasts. The scheme will end earlier if funding is used up before the deadline for applications.

Application Period

Applications will be taken from 1 January 2019 and will be valid until 31 December 2023. Application details will be announced in the fourth quarter of 2018.

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Support for Subdivided Units Household Scheme
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Background

CLP Power is launching a new support programme for people living in subdivided units. In partnership with non-government organisations (NGOs), CLP Power will provide subsidies for the landlords of subdivided units to carry out the rewiring work needed to install individual electricity meters, and offer financial assistance to around 10,000 households a year to lower their electricity expenses. CLP Power will also give energy efficient electrical appliances to households under the Community Housing Movement programme run by the Hong Kong Council of Social Services. Around HK$10 million of the CLP Community Energy Saving Fund will go directly towards this initiative in 2019.

Eligibility

- Subsidies for electricity expenses
  - Households living in subdivided units in the CLP Power supply area. Beneficiary households must be referred by NGOs.
  - Eligible households of subdivided units will receive HK$500 to help with their electricity expenses. Each household can apply once a year. Around 10,000 households will benefit in 2019.

- Rewiring work for subdivided units
  - The landlords of subdivided units with their own separate entrances in the CLP Power supply area. The landlord making an application must be referred by an NGO and must obtain the consent of building management. Holders of electricity accounts can apply only once for each registered address.
  - CLP Power will appoint registered electrical contractors to handle the rewiring work and electrical installation inspection.

- Donation of energy efficient appliances
  - Tenants who live in community houses in the CLP Power supply area.
  - CLP Power will run the programme with the Hong Kong Council of Social Services and NGOs. Each eligible household nominated by an NGO will be given energy saving appliances, such as induction cooker, electric fan, rice cooker and LED light bulb to lower their household electricity consumption.

Community Partner

A list of NGO partners will be published on the CLP Power website in the fourth quarter of 2018.

Registration Period

1 January 2019 onwards. Application details will be announced in the fourth quarter of 2018.

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