CLP Power Brings Electricity to Remote Hakka Villages to Support Eco-Tourism and Sustainable Rural Development

CLP Power Hong Kong Limited ("CLP Power") is committed to providing a safe and reliable power supply to all customers and to meet the needs of every Hong Kong community. To support rural revitalisation and eco-tourism development in the Lai Chi Wo area of the northeastern New Territories, CLP Power has completed a power supply for the remote Hakka villages of Mui Tsz Lam and Kap Tong and held a power-on ceremony today (28 May). The ceremony was attended by villagers and guests including Secretary for the Environment Mr Wong Kam-sing and Chairman of Sha Tau Kok District Rural Committee Mr Lee Koon-hung, who celebrated the arrival of the electricity supply and its potential to support the sustainable development of the two villages.

Mui Tsz Lam and Kap Tong are walled villages with long and rich histories. Access to electricity was limited when electricity was first brought to the villages years ago. Thanks to the installation of pole-mounted transformers and the laying of approximately five kilometres of underground cables, the two villages now enjoy a dependable electricity supply that presents new opportunities to promote eco-tourism and preserve the area’s Hakka culture. CLP Power has also installed smart meters in homes so engineers can better monitor the new power supply and villagers can understand their consumption patterns and manage their electricity use to save energy.

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**Photo 1**

Secretary for the Environment Mr Wong Kam-sing (fifth right), Chairman of Sha Tau Kok District Rural Committee Mr Lee Koon-hung (fourth right), Assistant Director (Nature Conservation) of Environmental Protection Ms Daisy Lo (third right), Assistant District Officer (North) Ms Maggie Kwong (first left), Sergeant of the Police Community Relations Office of Border District of Hong Kong Police Force Mr Tam Yiu-ming (second right), Chairman of The Hong Kong Countryside Foundation Mr Lam Chiu-ying (third left), Vice-chairman of Sha Tau Kok District Rural Committee and Mui Tsz Lam village representative Mr Tsang Yuk-on (first right), and Kap Tong village representative Mr Fan Ching-yau (fourth left) join CLP Power Senior Director – Power Systems Mr Eric Cheung (fifth left) and Director - North Region Mr Keith Chan (second left) at the power-on ceremony for the Hakka villages of Mui Tsz Lam and Kap Tong.

**Photos 2 and 3**

CLP Power Senior Director – Power Systems Mr Eric Cheung (first left) and the project team explain to Secretary for the Environment Mr Wong Kam-sing and Chairman of Sha Tau Kok District Rural Committee Mr Lee Koon-hung (first right in photo 3) the planning process and describe the challenges of bringing electricity to the remote villages.
CLP Power Senior Director – Power Systems Mr Eric Cheung describes how the arrival of a safe and reliable electricity supply will support the revitalisation of Mui Tsz Lam and Kap Tong, creating new possibilities for eco-tourism and the preservation of the area’s Hakka culture.

CLP Power management and guests visit Mui Tsz Lam and Kap Tong after the ceremony to see renovation works, including the restoration of a well in Mui Tsz Lam which was carried out with a subsidy from the Kadoorie family, and a tree planting in Kap Tong to signify the passing on of traditions and customs in the two Hakka villages.

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