



# **Media Release**

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# Business Sustainability Insights Shared at Joint CLP, AWS and BEC Forum

Experts from the energy, technology and real estate sectors offered insights on how businesses and organisations can make their workplace environments smarter, greener and more sustainable in response to evolving health requirements at a webinar jointly hosted by the CLP Group, Amazon Web Services (AWS) and the Business Environment Council today.

More than 200 business executives, sustainability managers, academics and technologists joined the "Sustainability in the Cloud" online forum, where speakers from CLP, AWS and Sino Group discussed their strategies on business sustainability with participants.

"Many companies and organisations have risen to the challenges of protecting their people and keeping operations running as the COVID-19 situation unfolds," Austin R Bryan, Senior Director – Innovation, CLP Holdings, said at the forum. "The continuing fast pace of innovation in digital technologies have given them new tools to safeguard the health and safety of employees while creating energy-efficient and automated workplace environments that support more resilient and sustainable operations."

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic will continue to change how offices and commercial premises are designed and used, with building managers deploying new technologies to optimise access control and space utilisation, according to a new CLP-commissioned study by consultancy Guidehouse. By 2025, demand for smart building solutions integrating the latest digital technologies is estimated to more than double to over US\$1.4 billion annually in the Greater Bay Area, the report says.

In 2019, CLP launched Smart Energy Connect (SEC), a digital solutions platform for customers to access a diverse selection of energy management applications. Through harnessing the power of digital technologies including the Internet of Things and artificial intelligence, SEC aims to make energy services smarter, more flexible and less carbon-intensive.

Robert Wang, Managing Director, Hong Kong and Taiwan, AWS said, "AWS is committed to running business in the most environmentally friendly way possible. We are also seeing more and more customers around the world doing critical work in the cloud to support sustainability and contribute to the sustainable future. We look forward to continuing to work alongside and support organizations who are building innovative products and services to help companies reduce their carbon impact and operate more sustainably in the region."

# **About CLP Group**

The CLP Group is one of the largest investor-owned power businesses in Asia Pacific with investments spanning across Hong Kong, Mainland China, India, Southeast Asia, Taiwan and Australia. Hong Kong-listed CLP Holdings Limited is the holding company for the CLP Group, which has a diversified portfolio of generating assets that uses a wide range of fuels including coal, gas, nuclear and renewable sources.

Through CLP Power Hong Kong Limited, the Group operates a vertically-integrated electricity supply business that provides a highly-reliable supply of electricity to 80% of Hong Kong's population. In Mainland China, the CLP Group is one of the largest external independent power producers with a focus on low-carbon energy. CLP India, in which the Group owns 60%, is one of the country's biggest renewable energy producers with operations in power generation and transmission. In Australia, the Group's wholly-owned subsidiary EnergyAustralia is a leading integrated energy company, providing gas and electricity to about 2.43 million households and businesses.

CLP Holdings is included in the Global Dow – a 150-stock index of the world's leading blue-chips, the Dow Jones Sustainability Asia Pacific Index (DJSI Asia Pacific), the Dow Jones Sustainability Asia Pacific 40 Index (DJSI Asia Pacific 40), the Hang Seng Corporate Sustainability Index Series, the MSCI ESG Leaders Indexes and the FTSE4Good Index.

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