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CLP Power Donates 100 Second-Hand Notebooks and Arranges Computer Workshops to Help Underprivileged Students

Schoolchildren in Hong Kong have got used to a combination of e-learning and face-to-face lessons as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to disrupt normal life. CLP Power Hong Kong Limited (CLP Power) has therefore collected 100 second-hand notebooks in good condition and donated them to underprivileged families through the **Hong Kong Single Parents Association** and the **Hong Kong Computer Society**. In addition, CLP volunteers also provided computer training for parents and children caught on the wrong side of the digital divide.

The digital divide is caused by less well-off families being unable to provide online learning equipment for their children, and by parents lacking the computer skills to support them. To address the issue, CLP Power has donated 50 second-hand notebooks to members of **Hong Kong Single Parents Association**. Also, to strengthen parent-child relationships, CLP Power volunteers have invited parents and children who received donated notebooks to take part in computer workshops. The participants learnt about basic computer skills and the use of online resources, so that parents can help their children access online classes and education materials.

In addition, CLP Power has also donated another 50 second-hand notebooks to the **Hong Kong Computer Society's** computer donation programme in partnership with Caritas Computer Workshop. The programme collects used computers from members and donates them to support the e-learning and daily needs of people in need during and beyond the pandemic.

CLP Power Chief Corporate Development Officer Ms Quince Chong said: "Although schools have resumed face-to-face classes, a combination of face-to-face lessons and e-learning has become a new normal. CLP has grown with Hong Kong for more than 120 years. We are committed to caring for the community and keep up with social needs. We are concerned that so many underprivileged families still lack e-learning equipment, and I hope the donated computer equipment and workshops will help."

Ms Zeng Xu-yun, a participating parent, said: “I’m so happy and relieved that my child has received a computer for online classes and no longer has to rely on a mobile phone. I also really appreciate the guidance of CLP volunteers who taught me how to make good use of online resources. The key word search was really useful, and I now have much more confidence to play a part in e-learning of my child.”

The CLP Volunteer Team was set up in 1994. It has since grown into a team of more than 1,800 current and former employees along with family members and friends, and is one of the largest corporate volunteer teams in Hong Kong. Services provided by the team include rewiring, power safety and energy-saving workshops, computer workshops, caring visits, beach clean-up activities, and the distribution of hot meals to people in need. Volunteers direct their efforts towards single elderly people and elderly couples, dementia patients, disabled people, newly-arrived migrant teenagers, and low-income families.

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 six million people in its supply area. In 2021, CLP celebrates the 120th anniversary of its founding in Hong Kong with a commitment to continue to move forward with the community based on a shared vision of a better tomorrow.

Photo Captions:

Photo 1 and 2



CLP Power Chief Corporate Development Officer Ms Quince Chong (left, photo 1) and Senior Director for Information Technology Mr Andre Blumberg (right, photo 1) join Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Single Parents Association Ms Jessie Yu (middle, photo 1) as they donate 50 second-hand computers to parents and children who are members of the association to support e-learning needs.

Photo 3



CLP Power Senior Director for Information Technology Mr Andre Blumberg (left) hands 50 second-hand notebooks to Hong Kong Computer Society Vice President (Social Engagement) Mr Kelvin Har (right) and Executive Director Ms Grace Lo (middle) in support of the "HKCS Computer Donation to People in Need" programme.

Photo 4



CLP volunteers are holding workshops for parents and children who are members of Hong Kong Single Parents Association, teaching them basic computer knowledge and how to make good use of online resources to bridge the digital divide.

Photo 5



Ms Zeng Xu-yun (middle) and her child are delighted to receive a computer donated by CLP Power. Ms Zeng says she appreciates the guidance of CLP volunteers at a workshop which has given her the confidence to play a part in e-learning of her child.

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