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CLP Power Supports Initiatives to Promote New Energy Transport Industry and Expand Vocational Talent Pool Announced in Policy Address

CLP Power Hong Kong Limited (CLP Power) welcomes and supports the initiatives announced by the Chief Executive the Honourable John KC Lee in the 2023 Policy Address today (25 October) to promote the new energy transport industry, which include taking forward the preparatory work, including technical studies and installations, on providing liquefied natural gas (LNG) bunkering for ocean-going vessels; to formulate a citywide green transformation roadmap and timetable for public buses and taxis in the first half of 2024 with a view of achieving zero vehicular emissions by 2050 and to provide support to realise the goal of introducing about 700 electric buses and about 3,000 electric taxis by end-2027.

It was also mentioned in the Policy Address there would be expansion of vocational talent pool, promotion of STEAM education, establishment of universities of applied sciences to upgrade vocational and professional education and training to university level and enhancement of cross-boundary mutual recognition of qualifications to provide an alternative path to success for young people aspiring to pursue a career in technical professions.

CLP Power Managing Director Mr Joseph Law said, “CLP Power and 14 businesses and organisations launched a cross-sector partnership called the eMobility Network in mid-October 2023 to promote the wider use of electric commercial vehicles (ECVs) in Hong Kong. The network, which includes ECV manufacturers and operators, charging service providers, and a bank offering green finance services, will encourage technology exchange and accelerate the popularisation of ECVs and support the Government’s policies in promoting the new energy transport industry. On the other hand, the Hong Kong offshore LNG terminal has gone into operation in July 2023. In addition to supporting local low-carbon electricity generation, it is our hope that the offshore LNG terminal can assist other industries to decarbonise. We believe LNG bunkering can help drive the development of green port with a view to consolidating the city’s position as an international maritime hub. CLP Power will render our full support to the Government to take forward the preparatory work for providing LNG bunkering for ocean-going vessels to develop Hong Kong into a green maritime fuel bunkering centre.”

He added, “CLP Power has been actively supporting youth development. We launch various initiatives to stimulate the youngsters' interest in power engineering along their education journey. To support the sustainable development of Hong Kong and to meet the growing demand for power expertise, CLP Power Academy was established in 2017 to provide alternative pathways to youngsters to join the power engineering industry. Various part-time accredited programmes are also offered to industry practitioners to enhance their career development and professional expertise. These initiatives help ensure an adequate supply of engineering professionals for the local power industry. CLP Power Academy and the Guangzhou Industry and Trade Technician College jointly organised the first Guangzhou – Hong Kong electrical engineering course earlier to nurture more engineering talents, enabling them to grasp career opportunities in the Greater Bay Area by participating in large-scale infrastructure and engineering projects.”

CLP Power will continue to leverage its power expertise to support the Government's efforts in promoting green transformation and to groom professionals in the power industry to facilitate Hong Kong's development into a low-carbon smart city and achievement of carbon neutrality goal by 2050.

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