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CLP Community Energy Saving Fund Launches HK\$200 Million of Programmes to Support Underprivileged Households and Promote Energy Conservation

With Hong Kong emerging from the pandemic, the HKSAR Government has implemented many measures and made strategic plans to strengthen the economy and improve people's livelihoods. To support the Government's policy priorities, CLP Power Hong Kong Limited (CLP Power) today announced the allocation of over HK\$200 million from the **CLP Community Energy Saving Fund** in 2024 for a series of programmes to support underprivileged people, promote the development of renewable energy, encourage the community to save energy and reduce carbon emissions and boost the economy. As part of the initiatives, approximately HK\$70 million will be used for various programmes such as giving electricity subsidies to underprivileged households including tenants of subdivided unit (SDUs), and to improve home electrical safety for the underprivileged.

The CLP Community Energy Saving Fund provides a wide range of support to the disadvantaged groups in the community. In 2024, CLP Power is allocating HK\$50 million from the Fund to the CLP Electricity Subsidies for the Underprivileged Families Programme, which will provide electricity subsidies of HK\$600 to 50,000 single elderly people and elderly couples aged 65 or above, low-income families, and people with disabilities, as well as electricity subsidies of HK\$1,000 to 20,000 tenants of SDUs.

The Home Electrical Safety for the Elderly Programme launched by CLP Power this year was well received by the community. We will increase the funding to HK\$9.5 million and launch the **Home Electrical Safety Enhancement for the Underprivileged Programme** in 2024. We will collaborate with community partners to arrange qualified electricians to inspect and repair the electrical installations of underprivileged families for free to improve their home safety. Besides elderly households, low-income households and ethnic minorities will also be included, and a total of around 2,000 households are expected to benefit from the Programme.

The Government announced the launch of a Pilot Programme on Community Living Room in the Chief Executive's 2023 Policy Address, providing shared living space for

tenant of SDUs. CLP Power will allocate HK\$3 million to support the pilot programme, equipping Community Living Rooms with energy-efficient electrical appliances and education resources. CLP Power will also continue to conduct rewiring works for the installation of individual electricity meters to improve the home safety of tenants of SDUs referred by community partners. In addition, 2,000 families living in transitional housing will receive subsidies of HK\$2,000 each for purchasing energy-efficient electrical appliances to improve their home energy efficiency. A funding of around HK\$8 million will be allocated to support these two initiatives.

CLP Power Chief Corporate Development Officer Ms Quince Chong said, "Although Hong Kong's society has returned to normal after the pandemic, grassroots families still face great challenges. The **CLP Community Energy Saving Fund** will support underprivileged families through targeted assistance programmes, which aim to reduce their electricity bills and improve their home safety."

CLP Power will also allocate around HK\$20 million for the purchase and installation of solar energy systems in eligible schools and non-governmental organisations to encourage the development of renewable energy in Hong Kong. The initiative aims to enhance young people's understanding of renewable energy and the importance of combating climate change.

Furthermore, around HK\$58 million will be allocated to the **CLP Retail and Catering Coupons Programme**. This is the third time the programme has been launched since 2021. Coupons with a total value of HK\$100 will be distributed to each of around 580,000 customers, including residential customers with low levels of electricity consumption and elderly people who qualify for concessionary tariffs. Beneficiaries will be able to use the coupons over a six-month period in around 1,000 participating retail and catering outlets to encourage local consumption.

The **CLP Community Energy Saving Fund** will continue to fund a number of programmes to promote energy saving and decarbonisation for business and residential customers, including:

- The CLP Electrical Equipment Upgrade Scheme will provide HK\$30 million to subsidise commercial and industrial customers, in particular small and mediumsized enterprises, to install or replace more energy-efficient lighting and air conditioning systems to improve their energy efficiency and reduce their operating costs.
- The CLP Retro-Commissioning Charter Programme has received positive feedback from commercial and industrial customers since its launch in 2021. In 2024, CLP Power will allocate HK\$1.15 million to launch the CLP Retro-Commissioning and Retrofitting Training Upgrade Programme. Courses under the Programme will cover a variety of energy-saving solutions, including re-

- commissioning and building services replacement projects, encouraging businesses to retrofit and decarbonise existing buildings and reduce energy and operating costs.
- The CLP Power Connect Programme will continue to encourage residential customers to save energy year-round and earn points which can be redeemed for rewards. Different activities will also be organised for the underprivileged families under the programme.

CLP Power will allocate HK\$5.7 million to continue to run the **Students E-learning Assistance Programme**, providing 1,600 students from underprivileged families with elearning devices, including tablet computers and data SIM cards, to support online education. A competition will also be held to encourage young people to use their creativity to develop solutions to improve the energy efficiency of underprivileged families.

Please refer to the following annexes for more details about the programmes.

Annexes:

Annex 1) CLP Community Energy Saving Fund 2024 - List of Community Programmes

Annex 2) <u>Support for Underprivileged Households and Enhance their Home Electrical</u> Safety

Annex 3) Support for Tenants of Subdivided Units and Families in Transitional Housing

Annex 4) Assistance for Customers to Enhance Energy Efficiency

Annex 5) CLP Retail and Catering Coupons Programme

Annex 6) Support for Underprivileged Students and Promote Sustainability

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CLP Power Chief Corporate Development Officer Ms Quince Chong (right) and CLP Power Customer Success and Sales Director Dr Anthony Lo announce a HK\$200 million package of programmes financed by the CLP Community Energy Saving Fund in 2024 to support underprivileged people, promote the development of renewable energy, encourage the community to save energy and reduce carbon emissions and boost the economy.

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