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## **HK Electric to Promote Carbon Neutrality with One-stop Initiatives under Enhanced “Smart Power Services”**

HK Electric will allocate over \$70 million for “Smart Power Services” (table 1) in 2025 to enhance the Company’s green and caring initiatives, supporting non-governmental organisations (NGOs), schools and underprivileged communities to achieve carbon neutrality. The Company will also continue to distribute cash coupons to underprivileged families and subsidise sub-divided unit (SDU) households to install tariff meters.

The enhanced “Energy-efficient Community Subsidy Programme” will offer one-stop solutions for non-profit-making NGOs and schools to improve energy efficiency and adopt renewable energy. Effective next year, each eligible building can receive up to \$3 million subsidy for projects such as installing energy-efficient electrical equipment and appliances, applying solar photovoltaic technologies and energy-saving rooftop paints. The Programme will also provide a full subsidy capped at \$400,000 for each eligible non-residential customer to install energy-efficient equipment such as electric kitchen, water heating and laundry appliances. Around 60 to 100 projects will be subsidised.

HK Electric General Manager (Customer Services) Mr. Raymond Choi said, “HK Electric has been supporting the city’s efforts in meeting sustainable development goals. In addition to ensuring a stable and reliable electricity supply, and striving to achieve net-zero electricity generation before 2050, we are also committed to supporting underprivileged communities. Next year, the ‘Smart Power Care Fund’ will enhance its support for schools and NGOs, helping them save energy and provide more resources to serve those in need.”

Tung Wah Group of Hospitals (TWGHs) Fong Shu Chuen Social Service Building (FSCSSB) in Shau Kei Wan will be one of the first beneficiaries of the Programme. HK Electric recently visited the building to understand its energy usage. Opened in 1999, the building provides comprehensive support to the community, including residential care services, home care and day care services for the elderly, etc. To meet operational needs and ensure a comfortable environment, air conditioners run 24 hours a day. However, these units together with traditional cookers used in the building in the past had had relatively low energy efficiency.

TWGHs FSCSSB plans to join the enhanced “Energy-efficient Community Subsidy Programme” to purchase and install inverter-type air conditioners, LED lights, and electric cookers to save more energy and reduce the building’s carbon footprint. Furthermore, they are motivated to install solar photovoltaic systems on the building’s rooftop to reduce energy expenses and support the development of zero-carbon energy in Hong Kong.

TWGHs District Coordinator (Hong Kong East) Ms. Angela Wong thanked HK Electric for its support. She said, “We are grateful to HK Electric for fully funding the expenses of energy-efficient appliances as well as their invaluable on-site technical advice. This will help us adopt equipment with high energy efficiency and further our carbon-reduction efforts.”

Mr. Choi added that HK Electric is also engaging with other NGOs which provide social welfare services on Hong Kong Island. Through the Programme’s one-stop services, HK Electric will assist these NGOs in evaluating the energy consumption of their facilities, and in identifying and formulating effective strategies for energy reduction and decarbonisation.

Next year, the “Smart Power Care Fund” will continue to support various green and caring programmes, including distributing cash coupons to the underprivileged. Customers under the Concessionary Tariff Scheme and households in financial need as identified by social welfare organisations or various councillors, will receive a set of cash coupons worth \$200 in 2025. Around 10,000 households are expected to benefit from this. The Concessionary Tariff Schemes, launched in partnership with the Hong Kong Council of Social Service in 1994, offer up to a 60% tariff discount to the elderly, disabled, single-parent families and unemployed HK Electric customers receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance.

NGO-run community centres on Hong Kong and Lamma islands will continue to enjoy the “NGO Catering Subsidy” in 2025, with the subsidy cap increased from \$20,000 to \$30,000 per centre for the provision of food and beverage for activities organised for the disadvantaged. Around 1,200 SDU households on Hong Kong Island will also continue to enjoy a one-off electricity charges relief of \$1,000. Eligible SDU owners and households may also apply for a one-off subsidy, with subsidy cap increased to \$20,000 per meter, for rewiring and installation of individual HK Electric tariff meters for SDUs.

Meanwhile, the “Smart Power Building Fund” provides \$25 million annually to subsidise building owners in enhancing energy efficiency of communal building services installations. Residential, commercial, industrial, and composite buildings within HK Electric’s supply territory are all covered by this programme. Besides, HK Electric offers a free energy audit service aimed to help 200 non-residential customers

each year identify energy-saving potential to improve energy efficiency at their business premises.

In the coming year, the “Smart Power Education Fund” will continue to support a range of activities and schemes promoting low-carbon living under the theme “Be Chill. Be Carbon Neutral.”. The recently-launched UNSDG Action Planner, along with the revamped Smart Power Gallery, will encourage the public to actively support and gain a deeper understanding of sustainable development.

**Photo Captions:**



HK Electric General Manager (Customer Services) Mr. Raymond Choi (right), together with TWGHs District Coordinator (Hong Kong East) Ms. Angela Wong (left), visited TWGHs Fong Shu Chuen Social Service Building. Mr. Choi said that HK Electric will set aside around \$41 million next year for “Smart Power Care Fund” to launch various programmes, including supporting NGOs and schools to install energy-efficient electrical appliances.





Mr. Choi and Ms. Wong visited one of the building's kitchens, where electric induction cookers were installed with support from HK Electric. Because of the good results after using the electric induction cookers, TWGHs planned to apply for the enhanced "Energy-efficient Community Subsidy Programme" to adopt electric cooking in other kitchen and more energy-efficient appliances in the building.



Mr. Choi said the enhanced "Energy-efficient Community Subsidy Programme" will help NGOs and schools in adopting various energy-efficient appliances, such as LED lights and motion sensors.



TWGHs Fong Shu Chuen Social Service Building in Shau Kei Wan will be one of the first beneficiaries of the enhanced “Energy-efficient Community Subsidy Programme”.

**Table 1: Smart Power Services in 2025**

<p>Energy Efficiency and Renewables</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhanced “Energy-efficient Community Subsidy Programme”, with a subsidy cap at \$3 million per eligible building, for non-profit-making NGOs and schools to improve energy efficiency and adopt renewable energy, which include but is not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ installation of energy-efficient electrical equipment and appliances;</li> <li>➤ application of solar photovoltaic technologies; and</li> <li>➤ application of energy-saving rooftop paints;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Subsidies for non-residential customers to install energy-efficient electric kitchen, water heating, laundry equipment/appliances, capped at \$400,000 per premise;</li> <li>• Free energy audit for non-residential customers;</li> <li>• Subsidies for non-residential customers to retrofit energy-efficient equipment, capped at \$150,000 per premise;</li> <li>• Subsidies for building owners to enhance energy efficiency of communal facilities, capped at \$500,000 per building.</li> </ul>
<p>Community Care</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$200 cash coupons for 10,000 underprivileged households including concessionary tariff residential customers;</li> <li>• \$1,000 electricity subsidy for each disadvantaged SDU household;</li> <li>• Subsidies for SDU households to rewire and install individual tariff meters, capped at \$20,000 per meter;</li> <li>• Subsidies for NGO-run community centres to provide food and beverage for activities organised for the disadvantaged, capped at \$30,000 per centre.</li> </ul>
<p>Education &amp; Stakeholder Engagement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding for schools to carry out energy-saving and renewable energy projects, each from \$10,000 up to \$50,000;</li> <li>• Training of students and senior citizens to be ambassadors to promote decarbonisation;</li> <li>• Promotion of energy efficiency, renewable energy and low-carbon living;</li> <li>• Spreading and sharing of green messages via Smart Power Gallery, social media, online platforms and various channels.</li> </ul>