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## **HK Electric Fully Supports Social Welfare Organisations to Strive for Carbon Neutrality by Enhancing Energy Efficiency in Their Buildings**

HK Electric will enhance its “Energy-efficient Community Subsidy Programme” in 2025, offering one-stop solutions to support non-profit-making non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and schools, with subsidies of up to \$3 million per eligible building, to implement measures enhancing energy efficiency and adopting renewable energy (RE).

HK Electric Managing Director, Mr. Francis C.Y. Cheng, along with Permanent Secretary for Environment and Ecology (Environment), Miss Janice Tse Siu-wa visited the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals (TWGHs) Fong Shu Chuen Social Service Building (FSCSSB) in Shau Kei Wan earlier to learn about the building’s energy conservation and carbon reduction efforts. They also visited more than a hundred elderly residents living in the nursing home inside the building and distributed green gift bags to bring them festive warmth.

The FSCSSB has been in operation since 1999, including care and attention home for the elderly, day-activity centre cum hostel, district elderly-community-centre, home-care services and day-care centre for the elderly, etc. It is one of the first batch of beneficiaries under the enhanced “Energy-efficient Community Subsidy Programme”.

Accompanied by the 4<sup>th</sup> Vice-Chairman of TWGHs, Mr. Jonathan Ng, and Chief Executive of TWGHs, Mr. Albert Su Yau-on, Mr. Cheng and Miss Tse were introduced to some of the planned projects within the building. These projects include the replacement of Grade 1 energy-label air-conditioners with both cooling and heating functions and LED lighting systems, plus installation of sensor-control devices in appropriate passages, etc. They also visited the rooftop of the building to learn about the plans for application of passive cooling paint that can reduce indoor temperature and installation of solar photovoltaic systems.

Upon the completion of all the subsidised projects, Mr. Cheng believes that the building is expected to save around 400,000 units of electricity annually. He emphasised, “HK Electric has been collaborating with the government to help the community meet sustainable development goals. We are committed to ensuring a stable and reliable electricity supply, and achieving net-zero electricity generation before 2050. We will also support organisations in need to enhance energy efficiency

and reduce carbon emissions, as well as providing resources for the underprivileged in the community.”

Miss Tse said, “We are very pleased that HK Electric has launched this enhanced programme, which not only provides adequate funding for the social welfare organisations to implement energy-efficient projects to save energy costs, but also greatly promotes the advancement of energy conservation and carbon reduction. We are also very grateful to HK Electric for taking actions by leveraging the company’s professional knowledge and skills to assist the social welfare organisations in promoting energy conservation and carbon reduction, thereby benefiting the community and taking a big step towards our common goal of achieving carbon neutrality.”

Mr. Ng said, “As NGOs have limited resources, we face many challenges in resource allocation and serving the beneficiary communities. We sincerely thank the Environment and Ecology Bureau for their full support and innovative ideas, as well as the subsidy and technical support provided by HK Electric, in promoting energy conservation and carbon reduction.”

Mr. Cheng and Miss Tse also visited “Everest Residence”, a transitional housing project on Sheung On Street in Chai Wan, managed by Society for Community Organization (SoCO). The project offers 103 units, all equipped with energy-efficient appliances including air-conditioners, electric water heaters, induction cookers, and range hoods subsidised by HK Electric’s “Energy-efficient Community Subsidy Programme”.

SoCO also obtained subsidies from HK Electric’s “Energy-efficient Community Subsidy Programme” last month for the installation of eight solar lamps and two solar-powered mosquito zappers in the garden of Everest Residence. The relevant installations do not need to be connected to the power grid, which could minimise the installation effort and cost, as they make full use of renewable energy. While improving lighting and living condition for the entire housing project, it also plays an exemplary role in promoting eco-friendly and efficient solutions for lighting and other applications.

HK Electric is reaching out to other NGOs providing social welfare services on Hong Kong Island to help them benefit from the one-stop services of the Programme, while achieving energy saving and decarbonisation, Mr. Cheng remarked.

For details of HK Electric’s “Energy-efficient Community Subsidy Programme”, please visit: [www.hkelectric.com/EECS-en](http://www.hkelectric.com/EECS-en).

**Photo Captions:**



HK Electric Managing Director, Mr. Francis C.Y. Cheng (left), and Permanent Secretary for Environment and Ecology (Environment), Miss Janice Tse Siu-wa (right), visit the transitional housing project “Everest Residence” on Sheung On Street in Chai Wan to see the modern solar lamps.



All the 103 families in “Everest Residence” quickly adapted to their new environment and get along well with their neighbours.





Miss Janice Tse Siu-wa (1<sup>st</sup> from right) and Mr. Francis C.Y. Cheng (2<sup>nd</sup> from right) distribute green gift bags to elderly residents of the nursing home in Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Fong Shu Chuen Social Service Building, to bring them festive warmth.



Guests share their holiday greetings with elderly residents.



HK Electric Managing Director, Mr. Francis C.Y. Cheng (3<sup>rd</sup> from right), Permanent Secretary for Environment and Ecology (Environment), Miss Janice Tse Siu-wa (3<sup>rd</sup> from left), the 4<sup>th</sup> Vice-Chairman of TWGHs, Mr. Jonathan Ng (4<sup>th</sup> from left), Chief Executive of TWGHs, Mr. Albert Su Yau-on (2<sup>nd</sup> from right) visit facilities in the FSCSSB. HK Electric expects to provide about \$3 million for the service building to implement measures enhancing energy efficiency and adopting renewable energy, including replacement of Grade 1 energy-label air-conditioners and LED lights.