

Press Release  
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## **HK Electric 135th Anniversary Engineering Conference Shaping Innovation & Sustainability in Hong Kong with Industry Leaders**

HK Electric today (16 October) hosted a 135th Anniversary Engineering Conference to celebrate 135 years of powering Hong Kong, marking another significant milestone in the Company's history. Themed "When Tradition Meets Technology," the Conference brought together over 100 industry leaders and partners from the political, business, engineering, and academic sectors to explore the future of innovation, energy transition, and sustainable development.

The Conference was officiated by Dr. Lam Ching-choi, Member of the Executive Council of the HKSAR Government and Chairman of the Council for Carbon Neutrality and Sustainable Development; Mr. Tse Chin-wan, Secretary for Environment and Ecology; Mr. Poon Kwok-ying, Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services; and Mr. Francis C.Y. Cheng, HK Electric Managing Director. The event featured three thematic panel discussions: "A Century of Commitment – Lighting Up Hong Kong", "Innovating Together – Building a Resilient Future", and "Facing Climate Change – Advancing Sustainability".

In his welcoming address, Mr. Cheng stated: "The story of HK Electric is one of walking hand-in-hand with Hong Kong. We drive transformation through innovation, protect the environment through action, and illuminate every step of the city's journey with a sense of responsibility. This is not merely a corporate commitment, but a shared belief in building a sustainable future together with Hong Kong society."

Dr. Lam Ching-choi remarked: "Hong Kong's path to carbon neutrality hinges on the power of innovation and cross-sector collaboration. HK Electric has long played a key role in driving energy transitions, developing smart grids, and promoting carbon neutrality, while encouraging the industry to advance green infrastructure for a more sustainable living environment for future generations."

Speaking at the occasion, Mr. Tse Chin-wan said: "HK Electric has played a vital role in powering Hong Kong's growth over the past 135 years. The

Company also contributes significantly to the city's low-carbon transition, making strides in replacing coal with gas, developing solar power, and promoting renewable energy. Looking ahead, I noted HK Electric's plans to further phase out coal-fired units and support the Government's efforts to introduce zero-carbon electricity through regional collaboration. I look forward to working closely together with HK Electric towards a net-zero future."

Also attending the event, Mr. Poon Kwok-ying said: "The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department has been actively promoting the adoption of innovative technologies across the E&M sector. We are pleased to see HK Electric not only maintaining a stable and reliable power supply, but also driving innovations and continuously pursuing cleaner generation, advanced power supply technologies, and empowering energy saving and decarbonisation of consumers".

The Conference garnered the support from several prominent organisations integral to Hong Kong's development, including, the Airport Authority Hong Kong, Civil Engineering and Development Department of the HKSAR Government, MTR Corporation, Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Limited, Swire Properties and Towngas. These organisations shared insights and experiences across three key topics: "Sustaining Hong Kong's Economic Development", "Innovations for System Enhancement and Operational Reliability," and "Combatting Climate Change."

Since lighting up the first batch of electric streetlamps in Central in 1890, HK Electric has grown into a reputable electricity provider, delivering stable and reliable electricity to over 590,000 customers, with supply reliability reaching a world-class level of >99.9999%. Over decades, HK Electric has consistently embraced innovation, with recent efforts focused on developing a smart grid, advancing cable monitoring and maintenance technologies, and implementing low-voltage cable monitoring systems. The Company has also pioneered the use of natural gas for power generation and is exploring green hydrogen and energy storage solutions, in support of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government's goal of achieving carbon neutrality before 2050.

In his closing remarks, Mr. Cheng reaffirmed HK Electric's commitment to innovation and collaboration: "HK Electric will continue to uphold its founding mission, innovate alongside the community, and rise to every challenge, powering Hong Kong's future and driving the city towards a more resilient and sustainable tomorrow."

To mark the Company's 135-year legacy and foster industry exchange, HK Electric has published *HK Electric – The Endeavour Behind High Supply*

*Reliability.* This commemorative publication highlights the Company's rich expertise in the design, operation and maintenance of electricity distribution systems, serving as a valuable reference for the sector and underscoring HK Electric's professionalism and dedication to technology and knowledge succession.

Also unveiled today was the HK Electric 135th Anniversary Historical Corner, located at the lobby of HK Electric Centre at 44 Kennedy Road. Through five interactive panels representing HK Electric's core values — "Igniting Our Rise", "Powering Every Home", "Prioritising Customer Needs", "Embracing Care and Sustainability", and "Pioneering Tomorrow"— the exhibition features over 100 historical photos, videos, and documents. These include company registration records, minutes from the first board meeting over a century ago, and initial public offering (IPO) advertisements, offering visitors a deeper understanding of HK Electric's journey.

The exhibition also displays a range of historically significant artefacts, including electricity meters and bills from various eras, a 1940s electric streetlamp, and a commemorative plaque honouring HK Electric staff who sacrificed their lives in bravely defending the North Point Power Station during World War II, testaments to the Company's enduring bond with Hong Kong.

## Photo captions:

Photo1:



Dr. Lam Ching-choi, Member of the Executive Council of the HKSAR Government and Chairman of the Council for Carbon Neutrality and Sustainable Development (7th right, 3rd row) ; Mr. Tse Chin-wan, Secretary for Environment and Ecology (9th left, 3rd row); Mr. Poon Kwok-ying, Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services (6th right, 3rd row); Mr. Liu Xiaoming, Director-General of the Department of General Affairs of the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the HKSAR (8th left, 3rd row), and Mr. Francis C.Y. Cheng, HK Electric Managing Director (8th right, 3rd row) and other guests pose for a group photo at the 135th Anniversary Engineering Conference, celebrating HK Electric's long-standing commitment to powering Hong Kong.

Photo 2 and 3:



Over 100 industry leaders and partners from the political, business, engineering, and academic sectors, attend HK Electric 135th Anniversary Engineering Conference to explore future directions in innovation, energy transition, and sustainable development.

Photo 4:



Dr. Lam Ching-choi, Member of the Executive Council of the HKSAR Government and Chairman of the Council for Carbon Neutrality and Sustainable Development (2nd right); Mr. Tse Chin-wan, Secretary for Environment and Ecology (1st right); and Mr. Poon Kwok-ying, Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services (1st left), and Mr. Francis C.Y. Cheng, HK Electric Managing Director (2nd left), officiate the unveiling ceremony of the HK Electric 135th Anniversary Historical Corner.

Photo 5:



HK Electric 135th Anniversary Historical Corner showcases more than a hundred precious historical photos, videos, and documents through five interactive panels, each representing one of the Company's core values.

Photo 6:



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