

22nd batch of applications approved under Pilot Green Transport Fund

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) today (May 16) announced its approval of the 22nd batch of applications for the trials of green innovative transport technologies under the Pilot Green Transport Fund.

The six newly approved applications are for the trials of one electric medium goods vehicle (tractor), two electric light goods vehicles (van type) and four hybrid light goods vehicles (non-van type), involving a total subsidy of about \$3.8 million. The applications were from:

Elephant Motors Company Limited
P & J Logistics Limited
P & J Logistics (Hong Kong) Limited
Regal Transportation Services (Asia) Limited
Shing Wah Trading (Hong Kong) Limited
Yee Hop Lung

The latest approval brings the total number of trials being pursued under the Fund to 124 for testing three electric taxis, three electric light buses, 21 single-deck electric buses, 56 electric light goods vehicles (van type), one electric medium goods vehicle (tractor), 48 hybrid light goods vehicles (non-van type), 28 hybrid medium goods vehicles, 11 hybrid public light buses, two single-deck hybrid buses, one solar air-conditioning system for a bus, four electric inverter air-conditioning systems for buses, three diesel-electric propulsion systems for ferries and one seawater scrubber for a ferry, amounting to a total subsidy of about \$135 million.

At present, 96 approvals under the Fund are already on trial. Sixty-four of them have completed their trials, involving three electric taxis, eight single-deck electric buses, 41 electric light goods vehicles (van type), 23 hybrid light goods vehicles (non-van type), 13 hybrid medium goods vehicles, five hybrid public light buses, one solar air-conditioning system for a bus, one electric inverter air-conditioning system for a bus, one diesel-electric propulsion system for a ferry and one seawater scrubber for a ferry. The EPD will continue to upload the interim and final reports once completed to the Fund's website for public information.

The Government put in place the \$300 million Fund in March 2011 to subsidise the testing of green innovative transport technologies. The Fund is open for applications from public transport operators, charitable and non-profit-making organisations providing services to clients, and goods vehicle operators. The technologies for trial include alternative-fueled vehicles, conversion of in-use conventional vehicles to alternative-fueled vehicles, and after-treatment emission reduction devices or fuel-saving devices related to transport activities. Transport operators may apply for the Fund to try out different green innovative products subject to a maximum subsidy of \$9 million for each application and \$12 million in total.

For more information on the Fund and the approved applications, please visit the EPD website (www.epd.gov.hk) or call the enquiry hotline on 2824 0022.