

31st batch of applications approved for trials of green innovative transport technologies under New Energy Transport Fund

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) today (March 29) announced its approval of the 31st batch of applications for the trials of green innovative transport technologies under the New Energy Transport Fund (the Fund).

The 16 newly approved applications are for the trials of 17 electric light goods vehicles, two electric medium goods vehicles (tractor) and one double-deck electric bus, involving a total subsidy of about \$13.3 million. The applications are from:

Aplus Engineering Limited
Ascent Up Motors Limited
Chi Shing Machinery Company Limited
Cola Design
Fish Marketing Organization
Hang Fai Engineering Company
Lee Tung Company
Mango Telecommunications Limited
Modern Farming (H.K.) Company Limited
Modern Terminals Limited
MTR Corporation Limited
Regal Transportation Services (Asia) Limited
SATS HK Limited
Success Trading (HK) Company Limited
Woon Kee
Xinyi Automobile Glass Company Limited

The latest approval brings the total number of trials being pursued under the Fund to 210 for testing 151 electric light goods vehicles, 14 single-deck electric buses, five double-deck electric buses, three electric light buses, three electric taxis, three electric medium goods vehicles (tractor), 48 hybrid light goods vehicles, 27 hybrid medium goods vehicles, 26 hybrid 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 \$166 million.

At present, 141 approved trials under the Fund are already on trial. One hundred and eight of them have completed the trials, involving 52 electric light goods vehicles, nine single-deck electric buses, three electric taxis,

three electric light buses, 47 hybrid light goods vehicles, 27 hybrid medium goods vehicles, 10 hybrid light buses, two single-deck hybrid buses, one solar air-conditioning system for a bus, four electric inverter air-conditioning systems for buses, one diesel-electric propulsion system for a ferry and one seawater scrubber for a ferry. The EPD will continue to upload the trial reports, once completed, to the Fund's website for public information.

The Government has put in place the Fund since March 2011 to subsidise the testing and encourage more widely the use of green innovative transport technologies for a variety of commercial transport tools including goods vehicles (including special purpose vehicles), taxis, light buses, buses, vessels, motorcycles, non-road vehicles (applicable to vehicle models approved by the Transport Department or the Airport Authority Hong Kong), or the aforesaid transport tools of charitable/non-profit making organisations providing services to their clients.

The Fund is open for applications from transport operators and charitable/non-profit making organisations providing transport services to clients. The technologies to be subsidised include new energy vehicles or vessels, conversion of in-use conventional vehicles or vessels to new energy vehicles or vessels, and after-treatment emission reduction devices or fuel saving devices applicable to vehicles and vessels. Transport operators and charitable/non-profit making organisations may apply for trying out different green innovative technology products subject to a maximum subsidy of \$10 million for each application and a total of \$12 million for each applicant.

For more information on the Fund and the approved applications, please visit the website of the Fund

(www.epd.gov.hk/epd/english/environmentinhk/air/prob_solutions/new-energy-transport-fund.html) or call the enquiry hotline on 2824 0022.