

32nd batch of applications approved for trials of green innovative transport technologies under New Energy Transport Fund

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) today (June 30) announced its approval of the 32nd batch of applications for the trials of green innovative transport technologies under the New Energy Transport Fund (the Fund).

The 20 newly approved applications are for the trials of 10 electric light goods vehicles, two electric medium goods vehicles (tractor), nine single-deck electric buses and six electric motorcycles, involving a total subsidy of about \$25.3 million. The applications are from:

1606 Travel Limited
Allied Grand Development Limited
Birdland (Hong Kong) Limited
Brother's Travelling Investment Limited
CN Logistics Limited
Decency Living HK Limited
Golden Harbour International Travel Agency Limited
Hanison Construction Company Limited
Hotex (H.K.) Company Limited
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Limited
Kerry Cargo Centre Limited
King Wing Engineering Company
Noble Gainer Limited
N-Power Investment Company Limited
Royal Classy Company Limited
Super Land International Limited
Thunder Motor Company Limited
Tin Sum Bus Company Limited
Wa Sing Gas Engineering Company
Wang Tat Automotive Engineering Limited

The latest approval brings the total number of trials being pursued under the Fund to 227 for testing 159 electric light goods vehicles, 23 single-deck electric buses, five double-deck electric buses, three electric light buses, three electric taxis, five electric medium goods vehicles (tractor), six electric motorcycles, 47 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 \$190 million.

At present, 147 approved trials under the Fund are already on trial. One hundred and fourteen of them have completed the trials, involving 62 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 wide use of green innovative transport technologies to 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.