

Applications for EV-charging at Home Subsidy Scheme to close on December 31

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) said today (November 30) that the funding earmarked for the applications received under the EV-charging at Home Subsidy Scheme (EHSS) is approaching the \$3.5 billion funding ceiling, and the application period for the EHSS will close on December 31.

An EPD spokesperson said, in a press release issued on July 28, the EPD announced that the applications for EHSS will soon come to a close, calling on private residential buildings and housing estates interested in participating in the scheme to submit applications as soon as possible. Since the launch of the EHSS in October 2020, the EPD has received 750 applications which cover 148 000 parking spaces. It is anticipated that by the end of the 2027-28 financial year, the EHSS will be able to achieve the target of completing the installation of EV charging-enabling infrastructure (EVCEI) for some 140 000 parking spaces in car parks of existing private residential buildings and housing estates, enabling owners of parking spaces to install the required chargers for charging of their electric vehicles at home.

From now till the end of the application period, the received applications will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis until the subsidy earmarked for the applications received reaches the \$3.5 billion funding ceiling. Applications which cannot be covered by the allotted funding will be placed on a waiting list and processed following the order of applications received when there is remaining funding under the EHSS later on. The EPD will individually notify applicants on the waiting list of the relevant arrangements.

The spokesperson said, "The EHSS has successfully promoted the installation of EVCEI in car parks of many private residential buildings and housing estates, while stimulating the market demand for charging facilities for electric private cars. In the future, the provision of charging facilities for car parks in private residential buildings and housing estates will be driven by the market and provided by the relevant stakeholders to further enhance the charging network for electric private cars."