<u>Appointments to Green Tech Fund</u> <u>Assessment Committee</u>

The Government today (December 31) announced the appointment of two new members, Ms Zoe Gao and Professor Dennis Leung, and the reappointment of 11 members, to the third term of the Green Tech Fund Assessment Committee (GTFAC) for a two-year term starting from January 1, 2025.

"The GTFAC, chaired by the Permanent Secretary for Environment and Ecology (Environment), comprises members from different sectors including academia, industrial and environmental practitioners. It is responsible for assessing applications for the Green Tech Fund (GTF) and monitoring the progress of approved projects. We are grateful to the members for their agreement to serve on the GTFAC to work with the Government in promoting the development of low-carbon and green technologies," a spokesman for the Environment and Ecology Bureau said.

The membership of the third term of the GTFAC is as follows:

Chairperson: Permanent Secretary for Environment and Ecology (Environment)

Members: Dr Lawrence Cheung Mr Jude Chow Ms Natalie Chung Ms Ada Fung Ms Zoe Gao Ms Samantha Kong Mr Stephen Law Professor Dennis Leung Ms Angie Li Mr Tsang Kam-lam Professor Jonathan Wong Dr William Yu Dr Shelley Zhou

The Government set up the GTF in December 2020 to provide better and more focused funding support to research and development projects that help Hong Kong decarbonise and enhance environmental protection. A total of \$400 million has been allocated to the fund to support projects in priority areas such as net-zero electricity generation, energy saving and green buildings, green transport and waste reduction. Thirty-three projects from local universities, designated public research institutes and private enterprises have been approved, involving a total grant of around \$147 million. The latest approved research and development projects involved technologies of turning incineration ash into artificial aggregates for application in construction projects, turning construction waste into self-healing concrete for application in marine and coastal engineering, and turning waste into hydrogen.