

# Electrical and Mechanical Services Department conducted meeting with CLP Power Hong Kong Limited on power supply incidents in Tsing Yi

The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) is very concerned about CLP Power Hong Kong Limited (CLP)'s two recent power supply incidents, which were not caused by external factors such as adverse weather, happened in Tsing Yi within a short period of time (January 1 and 7). The incidents affected the daily life and aroused concern of the public. The EMSD conducted a meeting with CLP today (January 8) in which CLP reported to EMSD the preliminary investigation findings on the incidents. The incident on January 1 was caused by a fault occurred at the cable termination point of an outdoor cable installed at CLP's Nga Ying Chau Street Substation, causing damage to the cable termination point of the cable and leading to smoke. As regards the incident on January 7, a fault occurred at the 11kV underground cable joint at On Mei House, Cheung On Estate, leading to partial power supply interruption at 9.38am at On Mei House, affecting about 388 customers. The power supply was subsequently fully restored by CLP at 11.04am. No one was injured in the incident. CLP completed the repair of the relevant cable at 7.18pm on the night of the incident.

During the meeting, the EMSD requested CLP to immediately strengthen inspections on the power supply system in the concerned district, targeting to complete this month, and review maintenance arrangements of the territory-wide transmission and distribution system to prevent recurrence of similar incidents. In accordance with the Electricity Ordinance (Cap. 406), the EMSD monitors the operation of the power companies to ensure a safe and reliable supply of electricity in Hong Kong. The EMSD has instructed CLP to submit detailed reports on the incidents as soon as possible, and will continue to closely follow up with CLP and monitor CLP's appropriate follow-up and improvement measures.

Subsequent to the incidents, the EMSD has immediately sent staff to the site to conduct investigation, followed up with CLP on the development of the incidents, and monitored the progress of repair work. In view of the recent power incidents, the EMSD will step up inspections of the facilities and operations of the power companies to monitor their technical and electrical safety performance.