

ENB subsidy programme for graduates under Green Employment Scheme opens for application

A subsidy programme for graduates under the Green Employment Scheme of the Environment Bureau (ENB) is open for applications from today (June 26). The programme aims to subsidise private companies and suitable organisations to employ 2019 or 2020 graduates working in areas related to environmental protection, ecological conservation, green energy and energy conservation, climate change, sustainable development and more, with a view to providing job opportunities for graduates interested in environment-related fields and to nurturing talents for meeting needs on various environmental fronts.

The subsidy programme, which is expected to cover more than 200 jobs, will be implemented from 2020-21. It will provide employers of eligible graduates with a monthly subsidy of \$5,610 to form part of the monthly salary paid to each eligible graduate for a period of 18 months.

The Environmental Academy of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) will collaborate with various professional societies and organisations (including the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals Limited as well as other societies and organisations) to provide graduates under the programme with environment-related professional training to help the employed graduates become better equipped with different areas of expertise in the field.

The EPD has commissioned the Hong Kong Productivity Council to implement the subsidy programme. Details about the subsidy programme are available at the EPD website (www.epd.gov.hk) and the application form can also be downloaded from the website. Eligible companies and organisations wishing to apply for the subsidy should submit their applications from June 26 to August 28. For more information, please call 2835 1870 or email graduates_subsidy@epd.gov.hk.