

Energy Saving and Decarbonisation for All 2024 Campaign Launched (with photos)

The Environment and Ecology Bureau (EEB) and the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) launched the Energy Saving and Decarbonisation for All 2024 Campaign today (June 26) at the EMSD Headquarters Building to encourage the community to save energy, reduce carbon emissions and accelerate the low-carbon transformation of Hong Kong. Rewards were presented to winners of the Energy Saving Championship Scheme 2023 in recognition of their outstanding performance in the competitions.

Delivering a welcoming speech by video, the Under Secretary for Environment and Ecology, Miss Diane Wong, said, "The Government strives to achieve carbon neutrality before 2050 and implement multiple energy-saving policies. There are more than 50 000 buildings in Hong Kong, and the electricity consumption of buildings accounts for about 90 per cent of Hong Kong's total electricity consumption. Promoting 'Energy Saving and Green Buildings' can reduce electricity consumption and power generation demand. However, active actions by all citizens are essential in successfully combating climate change. Therefore, I appealed to all sectors of society to actively participate in the Energy Saving and Decarbonisation for All 2024 Campaign."

Jointly organised by the EEB and the EMSD, the Energy Saving and Decarbonisation for All 2024 Campaign comprises the Energy Saving Charter 2024 and the 4T Charter. The Energy Saving Charter is promoted in conjunction with the Mandatory Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme to encourage all sectors in practising energy saving when using appliances in their daily lives. This year, over 3 300 premises have signed up for the Energy Saving Charter 2024. They pledged to maintain the average indoor temperature at their premises between 24 and 26 degrees Celsius during the high summer months from June to September, switch off appliances when not in use, procure energy-efficient appliances, promote energy data transparency, share energy-saving measures and achievements, and facilitate retrofitting in existing buildings. As for the 4T Charter, over 780 premises have joined by setting an energy-saving Target with an action Timeline, ensuring the Transparency of building energy data and the reporting of energy-saving results, as well as encouraging stakeholders to work Together to achieve the target of energy saving.

At the ceremony, Legislative Council Member Dr Lo Wai-kwok; the Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services, Mr Poon Kwok-ying; and Deputy Secretary for Environment and Ecology Ms Polly Kwok presented awards to winners of the Energy Saving Championship Scheme 2023. The Competition for Household aims to promote public participation in the Energy Saving and Decarbonisation for All 2023 Campaign, and encourage them to practise energy

conservation and carbon reduction in their daily lives through creativity and the application of innovative technology. The Competition for Students seeks to inspire the creativity and imagination of youth towards achieving carbon neutrality before 2050 through energy saving and the wider adoption of renewable energy. The winners' energy-saving initiatives will be uploaded to the Energy Saving for All website www.energysaving.gov.hk. Members of the public may browse the website for more details of the Energy Saving and Decarbonisation for All 2024 Campaign.

