EPD announces results of Design Idea Competition for Wan Chai Community Green Station

The award ceremony of the Design Idea Competition for Wan Chai Community Green Station organised by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) was held today (May 28) at Leighton Hill Community Hall in Wan Chai. The competition received a total of more than 70 design concept entries for the professional and open groups. The jury panel selected the winning, commendation and finalist entries from each group.

Speaking at the ceremony, the Secretary for the Environment, Mr Wong Kam-sing, said the entries were of high quality and the designs both practicable and innovative. They could also bring out the green image of the community green station (CGS) in supporting community recycling and environmental education. In addition, the designs could integrate the CGS into the surrounding environment, and facilitate the development of a green culture.

The Wan Chai CGS will be located at Wan Shing Street near Hung Hing Road in Wan Chai, in the vicinity of the Wan Chai promenade. The winner of the first prize in the professional group will be invited to collaborate with the Architectural Services Department to implement the design of the Wan Chai CGS (please see the Annex for the design). All entries of the competition will be exhibited from May 30 to June 8 at the Queensway Government Offices and members of the public are welcome to visit the exhibition. For information about the competition and exhibition, please visit the competition website at www.CGSdesign.competition.hk.

Mr Wong also announced that Yan Oi Tong and the New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association had been appointed through open tender to operate the Tuen Mun CGS and the Kwai Tsing CGS respectively. The contracts are of a term of three years and both CGSs are expected to commence operation in the second half of this year. According to the operation contracts, Yan Oi Tong and the New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association will provide the local communities with collection services for different recyclables, such as waste paper, waste plastics, waste metals, electrical appliances, glass containers, compact fluorescent lamps and tubes and rechargeable batteries. The operators are also expected to organise a wide range of environmental education programmes to promote the messages of "Use Less, Waste Less" and "Clean Recycling", and to instil a green living culture in the community.

Yan Oi Tong has its roots in Tuen Mun and has long-term community service experience in the district, while the New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association has an extensive community service network in Kwai Tsing. Both operators possess the ability and experience required to enable the Tuen Mun CGS and the Kwai Tsing CGS to provide recycling support and

environmental education programmes at the community level.

The Tuen Mun CGS is located at 9 Tuen Yi Street in Tuen Mun, while the Kwai Tsing CGS is located at 12 Tam Kon Shan Road in Tsing Yi. In addition, there are five CGSs in operation, namely the Sha Tin CGS, the Eastern CGS, the Kwun Tong CGS, the Yuen Long CGS and the Sham Shui Po CGS. With more CGSs coming into operation, the relevant communities will be better able to establish a recycling and environmental education network for the promotion and implementation of various waste reduction initiatives. For information about CGSs and their latest developments, please visit the EPD's website at www.wastereduction.gov.hk/en/community/cgs intro.htm.