Government sells site at Kowloon East for electric vehicles charging station purpose and announces ceiling price and adjustment mechanism for charging of electric taxis and public light buses at designated charging stations

The Government announced today (March 1) the sale of New Kowloon Inland Lot 6639 (i.e. No. 8 Kai Fuk Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon) for converting into a quick charging station (QCS) through public tendering. The tender invitation will close on May 10. The Government also announced the price ceiling and its adjustment mechanism for the charging of electric taxis (e-taxis) and electric public light buses (e-PLBs) at designated QCSs.

A spokesperson for the Environment and Ecology Bureau said, "To promote green transformation of vehicles and to achieve zero vehicular emissions and carbon neutrality by 2050, the Government announced that there will be no new registration of fuel-propelled private cars (including hybrid vehicles) in 2035 or earlier. To cope with the rapid demand of charging facilities with the increase of electric vehicles (EV), the Government has expedited the expansion of the charging network for different types of EVs (including commercial EVs). The Government has also completed the feasibility study of converting two petrol filling stations into QCSs and will invite tenders in stages for the sale of government lands at Kowloon East and New Territories East."

New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 6639 has a site area of about 1 127 square metres and is designated for QCS purpose. Land sale documents including the forms of tender, tender notice, Conditions of Sale and sale plan of the lot are now available on the Lands Department (LandsD) website (www.landsd.gov.hk) for download. The sale plan is available for inspection by the public from today until close of the tender. The sale plan in hard copy form may also be purchased from today till close of the tender at the Survey and Mapping Office of the LandsD, 6/F, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong. The particulars of the tender have also been gazetted today.

The spokesperson continued, "In order to encourage owners of taxis and PLBs to expedite the adoption of e-taxis and e-PLBs, and by reference to the current arrangement of dedicated liquefied petroleum gas filling stations, a charging ceiling price mechanism will be established for e-taxis and e-PLBs at designated QCSs. The operators of designated QCSs cannot charge a price that is higher than the ceiling price to be announced by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) on a monthly basis. The charging price for other

EVs will be determined by the market."

Details of the charging ceiling price will be announced regularly on the EPD website (<a href="www.epd.gov.hk">www.epd.gov.hk</a>) and the "EV-Charging Easy" app when the designated QCSs are in operation. In addition, the charging ceiling price will be posted at each QCS to enable the trade practitioners to monitor the changes in charging prices.