

Government sells site at New Territories East for electric vehicles quick charging station purpose

Following the issue of an open tender invitation for a site at Kowloon East for electric vehicles quick charging station (QCS) purpose on March 1, the Government announced today (March 22) the sale of another site located at Shan Mei Street, Fo Tan, Sha Tin, New Territories (Sha Tin Town Lot 646) for converting into a QCS through public tendering. The tender invitation will close on May 31.

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 for 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)."

Sha Tin Town Lot 646 has a site area of 369.9 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 public light buses to expedite the adoption of electric taxis (e-taxis) and electric public light buses (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 (www.epd.gov.hk) 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.