

[Guidance Notes for Solar Photovoltaic System Installation launched today](#)

To combat climate change, the Government is actively promoting the development of renewable energy (RE). It has also introduced the Feed-in Tariff (FiT) to provide incentives for individuals and non-Government bodies to encourage them to invest in RE. To assist the public in understanding issues related to solar photovoltaic (PV) system installations and the FiT application procedures, the Government launched the Guidance Notes for Solar Photovoltaic System Installation today (October 15). The Guidance Notes cover the detailed requirements for the installation of solar PV systems on the rooftops of New Territories Exempted Houses (also known as village houses).

A Government spokesman said the Chief Executive had announced in the 2018 Policy Address and Policy Agenda that further support and facilitation would be provided for individuals and organisations participating in RE development, including suitably relaxing the restrictions on installation of solar PV systems on the rooftops of village houses. Subject to the fulfilment of specified conditions, PV systems including the supporting structure not greater than 2.5 metres in height may be installed on the rooftops of village houses such that residents may continue to use their roofs for legal purposes while combating climate change. The Government will also consider making appropriate relaxations for rooftops of other private buildings, in particular low-rise ones.

The spokesman said, "The two power companies have introduced/will introduce their respective FiT Schemes in October this year and January next year and have been receiving applications for the schemes. The initial response from the community has been positive, with around 500 applications received by the two power companies by the end of September. We believe that the Guidance Notes will provide members of the public who are interested in installing solar PV panels at their premises and the trade with handy guidelines. The Government will also lead by example by developing RE at suitable premises and buildings, and will continue to launch various facilitation measures to encourage the community to join hands in fostering RE development."

The Guidance Notes have been uploaded to the website of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) (re.emsd.gov.hk/english/fit/useful_links/files/PVGuidanceNotes.pdf) for reference by the public. For more information on the installation of solar PV panels, please visit the Hong Kong Renewable Energy Net (HK RE Net) (re.emsd.gov.hk) or call the EMSD's hotline (6395 2930) during office hours.