

# Professional Training on Smart and Green Logistics Scheme and Logistics Promotion Funding Scheme to be launched and open for application from January 8, 2024

The Transport and Logistics Bureau today (December 29) announced that two logistics-related funding schemes, namely the Professional Training on Smart and Green Logistics Scheme and the Logistics Promotion Funding Scheme, under the Maritime and Aviation Training Fund (MATF) will be officially launched and open for application from January 8 next year.

"As outlined in the Action Plan on Modern Logistics Development promulgated on October 31, our target is to accelerate the high-quality development of logistics industry and develop Hong Kong into a sustainable international smart logistics hub. The launch of the new training and funding schemes, making use of the new injection of \$200 million to the MATF, provides more dedicated funding support to strengthen manpower development and promotional efforts of the logistics industry, thereby promoting its sustainable development," a spokesman for the Transport and Logistics Bureau said.

The Professional Training on Smart and Green Logistics Scheme aims to subsidise eligible logistics associations and training/education institutions to organise local training courses on modern, smart and green logistics with a view to supporting in-service practitioners to equip themselves with up-to-date knowledge of smart and green logistics. The scheme will provide subsidies up to 80 per cent of the course fees for each participant, subject to a cap of \$6,500.

The Logistics Promotion Funding Scheme, on the other hand, will provide sponsorship up to 100 per cent of the total project costs for local promotional campaigns and activities organised by eligible logistics-related organisations and professional bodies. The scheme provides support to rebrand the modern logistics industry as "Smart, Innovative, High-end" in order to attract more young people to join the industry, as well as promoting the strengths of Hong Kong as an international premier logistics hub to both local and overseas companies.

The Subcommittee on Industry Development and the Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Promotion under the Hong Kong Logistics Development Council will assess and approve applications as well as monitoring and reviewing the implementation of the schemes. The Government will regularly review the use of the funding and the effectiveness of the schemes to ensure that they can keep abreast of the development in the industry.

The schemes will accept applications all year round and details of the schemes are available on the dedicated websites. Interested organisations may contact the Hong Kong Productivity Council, the Implementation Partner of the schemes.

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