

# Progressive marketisation of EV charging services in government car parks

Environmental Protection Department (EPD) today (December 15) announced that in order to promote market participation in providing electric vehicle (EV) charging services, the Government will progressively marketise the EV charging services in existing government car parks starting from the end of this year, and the operators will charge the users of the EV charging services. The first phase of implementation will be in the Kwai Fong and Kennedy Town Car Parks.

The free EV charging services in the Kwai Fong and Kennedy Town Car Parks will end on December 28 and 29, 2023 respectively, and the operators will immediately proceed with the upgrading of the EV chargers for the payment system. The details of the implementation schedule of fee-paying EV charging services is set out below:

Government car park (No. of EV medium chargers)	Address	Date and time for termination of free EV charging services	Date and time for implementation of fee-paying EV charging services	EV charging fee
Kwai Fong Car Park (Total: 94)	19 Kwai Yi Road, Kwai Chung	December 28, 2023 8am	December 28, 2023 starting from 8pm	\$19/hour
Kennedy Town Car Park (Total: 59)	12 Rock Hill Street, Kennedy Town	December 29, 2023 8am	December 29, 2023 starting from 8pm	\$21/hour

An EPD spokesperson stated that the marketisation of charging services will help expedite the expansion of the EV charging network and better cater for market needs. Under the principle of marketisation, the EV charging fees approved by the EPD in the above car parks are to be determined by the awarded operators, taking into account the prevailing market rates of EV medium charging services in the same district. The fee-charging services for the some 1 400 EV medium chargers located in the remaining 72 government car parks will be implemented progressively. It is anticipated that the marketisation of the EV charging services will be completed by mid-2024.

Regarding the implementation schedule and fee level of the EV charging services in the respective government car parks mentioned above, the EPD will release the latest information to the public in a timely manner through different channels, including the EPD's webpage on Promotion of EV ([www.epd.gov.hk/epd/english/environmentinhk/air/promotion\\_ev/promotion\\_ev.html](http://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/english/environmentinhk/air/promotion_ev/promotion_ev.html)), the "EV-Charging Easy" mobile application and notices posted at the

relevant car parks.

The spokesperson added, "The Government announced the Hong Kong Roadmap on Popularisation of Electric Vehicles in March 2021, planning to have EV charging fees imposed in government public car parks starting from 2025 so as to marketise the EV charging services and promote their sustainable development in the long run. To expedite the pace of marketisation, the Government has advanced the marketisation of the EV charging services in government car parks progressively starting from the end of 2023. The Government will continue to actively promote the expansion of the EV charging network with the aim of increasing the number of public and private parking spaces with charging infrastructure to about 200 000 by mid-2027."