

Recruitment for nearly half of posts under ENB's Green Employment Scheme commenced

A spokesman for the Environment Bureau (ENB) said today (July 20) the subsidy programme for graduates under the Green Employment Scheme (GES) has received dozens of applications covering around 120 jobs, representing more than half of the some 200 jobs covered by the programme. The ENB calls on the relevant trades to apply for the programme before its deadline on August 28, so as to support enterprises and safeguard jobs while fighting the virus together. Meanwhile, among the over 500 time-limited jobs created under the GES, recruitment for more than 200 jobs commenced in late May and that for the remaining vacancies will gradually commence from next month.

The spokesman noted that the subsidy programme will be implemented from 2020-21 to subsidise private companies to employ fresh graduates working in areas related to environmental protection, ecological conservation, green energy and energy conservation, climate change, sustainable development and more. Application for the programme has been open since June 26. The programme is expected to cover more than 200 jobs and will provide employers of eligible graduates with a monthly subsidy of \$5,610 to form part of the monthly salary paid to each eligible graduate for a period of 18 months. Graduates under the programme will be provided with environment-related professional training by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) in collaboration with various professional societies and organisations to help the employed graduates become better equipped in different areas of expertise in the field. Details and the application form of the programme are available on the EPD website at www.epd.gov.hk/epd/tc_chi/graduates_subsidy_programme.html. The application deadline is August 28. For more information, please call 2835 1870 or email graduates_subsidy@epd.gov.hk.

Among the over 500 time-limited jobs created under the GES covering three categories of environmental protection work, recruitment for more than 200 jobs has commenced, including the 30 Project Co-ordinator (electric vehicles) positions under "Electric Vehicles Popularisation", 30 posts of Project Assistant (Waste Reduction and Recycling) and 40 waste reduction and recycling green ambassadors (food waste) under "Use Less, Waste Less", as well as dozens of jobs offered by Community Green Stations through their operators and dozens of green ambassador and cleaning worker positions created for further promoting the "Leave No Trace at Mountain and Sea" outing concept. Recruitment for the 100 ambassadors to participate in coastal cleaning and publicity work under the "Leave No Trace at Mountain and Sea" outing concept will gradually commence from next month.