SEE officiates at opening ceremony of GREEN@TSING YI (with photos)

â€< The Secretary for Environment and Ecology, Mr Tse Chin-wan, today (February 23) officiated at the opening ceremony of GREEN@TSING YI, witnessing the first GREEN@COMMUNITY Recycling Store set up in an MTR station.

Mr Tse, addressing the opening ceremony, said that the Kwai Tsing District is the smallest district, yet has the highest population density in the New Territories. In order to enable MTR passengers and those nearby residents to participate in clean recycling to prepare for the implementation of municipal solid waste charging, the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) has further extended the GREEN@COMMUNITY community recycling network to the MTR Station.

With the commencement of the operation of GREEN@TSING YI, the number of Recycling Stores under the GREEN@COMMUNITY has increased to 40, together with 11 Recycling Stations, and more than 130 Recycling Spots operating weekly at fixed times and locations in the form of kerb-side collection booths. There are also more than 180 public recyclable collection points across the territory in total. In addition, under the pilot programme for a smart recycling system, there are also more than 70 smart recycling bins installed in different application points including large housing estates, public rental housing estates, villages, shopping malls, universities and government venues by the EPD for the public's trial use. The EPD has also provided three-colour waste separation bins for about 2,700 building premises under the Source Separation of Domestic Waste programme. The department encourages members of the public to make good use of the recycling facilities and cultivate green living habits.

Mr Tse also announced at the opening ceremony that the launch of a pilot collaboration program with the EPD's GREEN\$ Electronic Participation Incentive Scheme (ePIS) and the MTR's carbon emission reduction reward platform "Carbon Wallet". Members of the GREEN\$ Mobile App can convert Green\$ points to "Carbon Wallet" points to redeem rewards including free single journey MTR tickets. Mr Tse hopes that the collaboration can introduce a synergistic effect to encourage more people to cultivate good carbon emission reduction, waste reduction as well as clean recycling habits in daily life.

For details of the GREEN\$ ePIS, please visit the EPD's Hong Kong Waste Reduction Website www.wastereduction.gov.hk/en-hk/waste-reduction-programme/green-electronic-participation-incentive-scheme.

The public can also visit the GREEN@TSING YI social media page www.facebook.com/6green.tsingyi/ to get the latest information about the recycling store.





