

## LCSD to echo “District Council Election Fun Day”

In support of the "District Council (DC) Election Fun Day" to further boost the community engagement and ambience of the DC election and encourage electors to cast their votes, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will offer free admission to the Hong Kong Science Museum and the Hong Kong Space Museum (except for the Space Theatre's shows) as well as the Hong Kong Museum of Art's special exhibition "The Hong Kong Jockey Club Series: Titian and the Venetian Renaissance from the Uffizi" on December 9.

Moreover, "Fun in Sports & DC Election" will also be held at six outdoor venues of the department, namely Kung Fu Corner at Kowloon Park; Kai Tak Station Square; Hong Kong Velodrome Park; Ginza Square in Tin Shui Wai; Pak Tai Temple Playground, Cheung Chau; and Quarry Bay Park (Tai Chi Garden) that afternoon. By arranging different types of sports demonstrations, games booths, physical fitness tests and the like, members of the public of different ages are encouraged to participate in the events and raise their interest in doing exercise. They can enrol on the spot during the event day with free admission to the programmes suitable for people of all ages. Details of the events are as follows:

Venues	Time
Kung Fu Corner at Kowloon Park	2-5pm
Kai Tak Station Square	3-5pm
Hong Kong Velodrome Park	2-5pm
Ginza Square, Tin Shui Wai	2-5pm
Pak Tai Temple Playground, Cheung Chau	2-5pm
Quarry Bay Park (Tai Chi Garden)	2-5pm

A range of delightful free exhibitions are also available at the Hong Kong Museum of Art, Hong Kong Heritage Museum, Hong Kong Museum of History, Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum, Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware, Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence, Fireboat Alexander Grantham Exhibition Gallery, Law Uk Folk Museum, Lei Cheng Uk Han Tomb Museum, Sheung Yiu Folk Museum, Hong Kong Film Archive, Sam Tung Uk Museum, Hong Kong Railway Museum, Oil Street Art Space (Oi!) and Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre that day. Members of the public are welcome to visit. For details and opening hours of exhibitions, please visit the website of the respective museums and cultural spaces.

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# 2024-28 Development Plans of two power companies and 2023 Interim Review on Scheme of Control Agreements

The Chief Executive-in-Council (CE-in-Council) approved today (November 28) the Development Plans for the next five years and the 2024 Electricity Tariff Review of CLP Power Hong Kong Limited and Castle Peak Power Company Limited (collectively CLP) and The Hongkong Electric Company Limited (HKE). The CE-in-Council also took note of the consensus reached with the power companies under the interim review of the Scheme of Control Agreements (SCAs) undertaken in 2023 (2023 Interim Review). The Environment and Ecology Bureau will modify the SCAs with the power companies in accordance with the consensus. The modifications are expected to be completed and come into effect early next year.

## 2024-28 Development Plans and 2024 Electricity Tariff Adjustments

"The Government's energy policy objectives are to ensure that the public will enjoy reliable, safe and environmentally friendly electricity supply at reasonable costs. In reviewing the power companies' 2024-28 Development Plans, the Government only accepts only those capital project proposals which are considered absolutely necessary," said the Secretary for Environment and Ecology, Mr Tse Chin-wan.

The total estimated capital expenditures in the power companies' 2024-28 Development Plans are lower than those of the current 2018-23 Development Plans, with CLP at \$52.9 billion and HKE at \$22.0 billion. It is mainly due to less investment in generation projects, partly offset by higher investment in transmission and distribution (T&D) system. The generation investment will be reduced after the substantial investment in the current Development Plans for replacement of coal generation by cleaner energy. There is also a need to contain power companies' further investment in local generation for the time being when the Government is planning for more clean energy import through co-operation with the Mainland in future. The higher investment in T&D is for maintaining supply reliability and meeting the electricity demand of Hong Kong, in particular for the development of Northern Metropolis and new development areas.

The 2024 Electricity Tariff Review is approved as part of the two power companies' 2024-28 Development Plans. Owing to capital investment made and cost escalation, CLP and HKE will increase its 2024 Basic Tariff (on average by 3.1 per cent for CLP; whilst on average by 4.4 per cent for HKE). However, due to recent drop in international fuel prices, the power companies' Net Tariff in January 2024 will in fact be reduced on average by 7.4 per cent (CLP) and 16.0 per cent (HKE) respectively as compared with January 2023.

## 2025 to 2028 Projected Electricity Tariffs

The power companies' projected that the average annual increase in projected Basic Tariff from 2025 to 2028 of about 2 to 3 per cent is close to the projected trend of inflation. Assuming that fuel prices will remain stable, the average annual increase in Net Tariff will be no more than 2 per cent. The Basic Tariff during the entire 2024-28 Development Plan period is projected to increase at an average annual rate of 2.2 per cent for CLP and 3.1 per cent for HKE. The projected levels of Basic Tariff for 2025 to 2028 are only projections and the actual tariffs to be charged to consumers each year will be determined during the annual Tariff Review. The power companies can adjust the Fuel Clause Charges on a monthly basis with reference to actual fuel costs at that time.

To alleviate the impact of using greener fuel for electricity generation on electricity tariffs, the Government has been providing a monthly electricity charges relief of \$50 since 2019 for each eligible residential electricity account, and will be providing a new round of monthly relief of \$50 to each eligible residential electricity account during January 2024 to December 2025 (for 24 months).

Details of the 2024 electricity tariffs and the projected electricity tariffs from 2025 to 2028 are set out in Annex.

## 2023 Interim Review

As regards 2023 Interim Review, the Government proposed to the power companies the modifications to the SCAs on a number of areas. Upon rounds of negotiations, the two power companies have agreed to modifications in the following three areas: (a) new Special Tariff Relief Mechanism during energy crisis; (b) introducing a penalty scheme for large-scale electricity supply interruptions; and (c) enhancing transparency on information disclosure to public.

Through the 2024-28 Development Plans and 2024 Electricity Tariff Review, as well as 2023 Interim Review, the Government has achieved two aims, which are (a) advocating to the power companies for the provision of reasonably-priced, stable and reliable electricity to support high-quality development of Hong Kong; and (b) fostering the power companies to shoulder social responsibilities and ride out the difficulties together with the public in times of energy crisis.

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## **“District Council Election Fun Day” to be held on December 9**

The Government will hold the "District Council Election Fun Day" on

December 9, the day before the polling day (December 10) of the District Council Election. A variety of events will be held across various districts in Hong Kong to enhance public awareness and the atmosphere of the election, and to encourage the public to fulfil their civic responsibility by casting their votes. The public may also extend their best wishes towards the election through the events.

The activities and special offers of the "District Council Election Fun Day" on December 9 will include carnivals, sport activities, parent-child activities, mobile game stalls, concerts, drone show, free admission to museums and exhibitions. Details are as follows:

(1) A number of carnivals to be held in various districts will include:

- A pop-up event entitled "Harbourfront is One and All" will be held by the Development Bureau and the Harbourfront Commission at the Wan Chai harbourfront from 2pm to 6pm.
- The NGO HKALPS will organise a "Tri Paddling Challenge" at the Kwun Tong waterfront from 9am to 6pm.
- The Leisure and Cultural Services Department will organise "Fun in Sports & DC Election" incorporating sports and games elements at six outdoor venues, namely: Kung Fu Corner at Kowloon Park, Kai Tak Station Square, Hong Kong Velodrome Park, Ginza Square in Tin Shui Wai, Pak Tai Temple Playground, Cheung Chau and Quarry Bay Park (Tai Chi Garden). Except for Pak Tai Temple Playground on Cheung Chau, where the carnival will be held from 3pm to 5pm, events at the other five venues will all be held from 2pm to 5pm.
- The "District Council Election into the Community" exhibition will be set up at Domain Mall in Yau Tong while mobile game stalls will be set up at the Tung Chung Municipal Services Building. Three promotional vehicles will be stationed in Wong Tai Sin, Tai Po and Wan Chai to serve as mobile resource centres.
- There will be a large-scale outdoor concert. Drone show will be staged at West Kowloon Cultural District. Both will be broadcast live by the media that night.

(2) Admission to fee-charging exhibitions of the Hong Kong Science Museum, the Hong Kong Space Museum, the Hong Kong Museum of Art as well as the Hong Kong Wetland Park, will be free. Offers on visiting historic buildings and monuments will be provided.

(3) The photo exhibition "Mission", which is themed on the six disciplinary forces and two auxiliary forces of the Security Bureau, will be held at the Hong Kong Central Library. Talks and six guided tours will be arranged for students.

(4) The Environment and Ecology Bureau and the Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited (KMB) will co-host an exhibition of vintage buses and electric buses at the KMB Yuet Lun Street Depot in Lai Chi Kok. Admission is free.

(5) The Education Bureau will host a "Parent-child Fun Day" with organisations to encourage kindergartens, primary and secondary school

students and their parents to know more about their residential district through parent-child activities.

(6) Members of the public can earn 1 210 GREEN\$ points for recyclables at a minimum weight of 0.5 kilograms when they recycle via the GREEN@COMMUNITY network under the Environmental Protection Department.

Please refer to the announcements of respective organisations for details of various activities and the special offers.

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## **All tickets for variety show to mark Hong Kong's welcoming of China Manned Space delegation distributed**

Attention TV/Radio Announcers:

Please announce the following as soon as possible and repeat it at suitable intervals:

The Home Affairs Department has announced that all free tickets for a variety show to mark Hong Kong's welcoming of the China Manned Space delegation have been distributed.

The variety show will be held at 5pm tomorrow (November 29) at the Hong Kong Coliseum. Members of the public who cannot obtain a ticket may enjoy the live broadcast of this special event on TVB Jade. The show will also be re-run at 1.15pm on December 2 on TVB Jade.

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## **Queen Mary Hospital reminds members of public to stay alert to fraudulent calls**

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Queen Mary Hospital (QMH) today (November 28) reminds members of the public to stay alert to fraudulent calls.

As informed by members of the public, they received calls today claiming

to be calling from QMH. There were calls in the form of both pre-recorded messages and in person conversations, requesting the recipients to follow instructions to collect a document or come to the hospital in person. QMH has reported to the Police.

QMH reiterates that hospital staff will contact patients by phone in person and provide relevant information to verify the identity of both parties. Members of the public are advised not to disclose personal information in unidentified phone calls and to report any suspected fraudulent calls to the Police.