

# Towngas Donates HK\$3M worth of Anti-epidemic Supplies to Grassroots Families and Elderly in Need

(24 March 2022) In efforts to combat the COVID-19 epidemic in Hong Kong, the Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited (Towngas) rolled out the Credit Period Extension Scheme for the Catering Industry and sponsored the building of gas pipelines for the makeshift hospital at the Lok Ma Chau Loop area, so that all the operators from the catering industry, frontline medical workers and those who have to be isolated can be supported in different ways. Towngas also recognises the community's need for support in dealing with the epidemic and therefore has spent HK\$3 million to purchase anti-epidemic supplies so that the best help can be delivered to grassroots families and the socially and economically disadvantaged swiftly.

The dire situation caused panic buying in supermarkets and shops. The grassroots families, who have been feeling the pinch, are particularly vulnerable under such a situation. In light of this, Towngas immediately partnered with the Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS) and the Christian Family Service Centre (CFSC) to gather 20,000 soup packs and had them, along with supermarket cash coupons, sent to over 10,000 grassroots families.

Those who benefited from this initiative included subdivided flat residents, elderly living alone, families of elderly doubletons, and those unemployed or underemployed. These groups suffer the most during the epidemic and receive the least support from society. The soup packs we prepared for them have Chinese herbal medicine ingredients that help strengthen lung functionalities and thus boost their immunity.

On the other hand, the epidemic is also disrupting children's everyday lives and learning, strongly affecting their development. While all the school students are now having an unusually early summer holiday, they also are in need of support. Towngas recognised this need and swiftly prepared 1,000 "back-to-school gift packs" for children, including stationery and educational toys. We hope that with this gesture, the children will feel less lonely during this epidemic period, and at the same time, will be able to continue learning and having fun, preparing for a healthy body and mind to get back to school when the situation allows.

In gloomy times like these, humanity shines. We firmly believe that if we stand together, we shall overcome the epidemic soon, and our lives can be returned to normal. Towngas will continue to uphold our accountability to society and fulfilling our corporate responsibilities.

### **Press Photos:**

### Photo 1:



Ms Judy Chan Kar-po, General Manager - Corporate Affairs of Towngas, handed over the anti-epidemic soup packs and supermarket cash coupons to Mr Kwok Lit-tung, Chief Executive of the Christian Family Service Centre.

Photo 2:



Ms Judy Chan Kar-po, General Manager - Corporate Affairs of Towngas (left), delivered the anti-epidemic soup packs and other supplies for the grassroots families to Dr Carmen Ng Ka-man, General Manager (Elderly Services) of the Hong Kong Housing Society (right).

## Photo 3 & 4:





Mr Isaac Yeung Chung-kwan, Head of Corporate Affairs of Towngas, personally sent the anti-epidemic soup packs and his warm regards to grassroots families in Kwun Tong.

## Photo 5:



Volunteers from Towngas and the HKHS staff arranged the anti-epidemic care packs for the singleton elderly.

## Photo 6:



Many elderly go out less now because of the epidemic. Ms Judy Chan Kar-po, General Manager - Corporate Affairs of Towngas, visited some of them with anti-epidemic care packs.

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