

Towngas Rice Dumplings for the Community
A New Guinness Record as Gift for the 10th Anniversary of HKSAR
Hong Kong Citizens Spread Their Love and Raise Fund by Rice Dumplings

(10 June 2007) In celebration of the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited (Towngas) and The Community Chest of Hong Kong (The Chest) jointly organise “Towngas Rice Dumplings for the Community” at Hong Kong International Trade & Exhibition Centre, Kowloon Bay. 34,056 rice dumplings were wrapped in this charity event, while breaking the Guinness World Record, HKD\$760,000 was also raised for The Chest.

This is the eight consecutive year Towngas and The Chest jointly organise the annual charitable programme “Towngas Rice Dumplings for the Community”. Over 1,000 people from schools, business sector, district groups, general public, as well as Legislative Councilors and District Councilors participated. The President of the Legislative Council, Hon Rita Fan Hsu Lai-tai, GBS, JP officiated the record-breaking ceremony. Also present were Legislative Councilors Hon Tam Heung-man, Hon Frederick Fung Kin-kee, Hon Alan Leong Kah-kit and Hon Leung Kwok-hung witnessing the record-breaking moment. Towngas pledged at the ceremony to donate \$10 for each rice dumpling wrapped on the day. In total, HK\$760,000 was raised for the Community Chest.

“It is our honor to organise ‘Towngas Rice Dumplings for the Community’ for the eighth consecutive year. This year is also the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR. We are determined to set a new Guinness World Record, wrapping 25,000 rice dumplings. We are overwhelmed by the support from all sectors showered on us, and I hope we would raise more fund for the Community Chest of Hong Kong” said Mr James Kwan Yuk-choi, JP, Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of Towngas, during the event.

Towngas invited Ms Katie White, representative of Guinness World Record, to the event to validate the record in the presence of all participants and presented certificate to Towngas. Honorable guests and 1,000 kindhearted participants witness the remarkable moment.

The event gained the full support from the Commercial Radio. Caring Commander-in-Chief Ms Miriam Yeung Chin-wah led Caring Captain Mr Hins Cheung King-hin, Ms Stephanie Cheng Yung, Ms Jill Vidal and Mr Eric Suen Yiu-wai to keep the 1,000 participants entertained. Caring Leader Ms Cha Siu-yan formed a Caring Team to wrap rice dumplings.

In breaking the Guinness World Record, 1,500kg of glutinous rice, 250kg of red beans, 250kg of mung beans, 250kg of black-eyed peas, 250kg of split mung beans, 125,000 pieces of bamboo sheets & 500,000 straws have been used to wrap the 25,000 rice dumplings. Participants later helped take the rice dumplings home to share with their friends and families.

“Towngas Rice Dumplings for the Community” campaign covered a period of three months, the first “Rice Dumpling Workshop” was held in April. Towngas sponsored ingredients to about 80 secondary schools, showing students as how to wrap rice dumplings. Through the event, the tradition of wrapping rice dumplings passed from one generation to another.

This year, Towngas together with Legislative and District Councilors wrapped more than 120,000 rice dumplings, sharing love and care to those in elderly homes, community centers and live-alone seniors.

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