



Towngas counters pandemic blues with community care for Chinese New Year

(25 February 2021) In spite of the pandemic, The Hong Kong and China Company Limited (Towngas) remains committed to community care, distributing 10,000 bottles of nutritious soup before Chinese New Year. The Company also made effective use of technology and held its first virtual Chinese New Year celebration on 20 February, sharing festive joy with 400 seniors.

Towngas Volunteer Service Team (TVST) collaborated with Multi-disciplinary Outreaching Support Teams for the Elderly from Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui last Saturday (20 February) to connect with 11 elderly homes online to usher in the Year of the Ox. Although unable to celebrate physically in person with the elderly, TVST still gave an exciting performance, including greetings from the God of Wealth, singing and prize games for a fun and warm afternoon.

Prior to this, with the help of Social Welfare Department, TVST distributed 10,000 bottles of soup to seniors across Hong Kong in January and February to share the warmth with the community.

Mr Isaac Yeung Chung-kwan, Towngas Head of Corporate Affairs, remarked, “Affected by anti-pandemic social-distancing measures, many community care volunteering activities could not be held. Yet, this has not kept us from carrying out our commitment to ‘Spreading Warmth with Towngas and Serving the Community’. Making creative use of different channels and technology, we are able to continue caring for those in need through innovative means. This helps bring us closer together, thereby promoting an inclusive community and sustainable social development.”

Established in 1999, TVST has distributed over 670,000 bottles of soup in its 21 years of service to the elderly and people in need through various activities. The relevant events were cancelled last year in a bid to avoid crowds gathering during the pandemic. Thanks to the help of Social Welfare Department, Towngas was able to get in touch with a number of public

welfare organisations, through whom TVST was able to share a gift pack containing soup and festive greeting banners designed by children with the elderly to spread the joy.

Press Photos:



Photo 1 & 2: In preparation for Chinese New Year, Towngas Volunteer Service Team distributed 10,000 bottles of soup and festive greeting banners to the elderly across Hong Kong to counter the pandemic blues with blessings and warmth.



Photo 3: Towngas Volunteer Service Team distributed 10,000 gift packs to the elderly in need through various public welfare organisations.



Photo 4: Towngas Volunteer Service Team held its first online Chinese New Year celebration during the pandemic, offering an experience on par with that in person for 400 seniors as a result of extensive preparations.



Photo 5: Though unable to celebrate face-to-face, Towngas Volunteer Service Team connected with 400 elderly members from 11 nursing homes for a convivial party.



Photo 6: Two celebrity volunteers (Mr Lau Shek-yin and Ms Tam Suk-ying) sang and danced at the event in addition to offering their best wishes to the elderly.



Photo 7 & 8: Towngas Volunteer Service Team held their first online activity with the elderly, ushering in the Year of the Ox with 400 seniors.

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