



Towngas and CUHK co-organise the Towngas Co•Uni Inclusion Programme to promote social harmony and inclusion through diversified activities

(18 July 2022) The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited (Towngas) and the Diversity and Inclusion Office of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) co-organised the Towngas Co•Uni Inclusion Programme (the Programme) to promote social harmony and inclusion through a range of activities. Towngas has always attached great importance to Environment, Social and Governance (ESG), and is particularly active in shouldering social responsibilities. It therefore launched the Programme with CUHK to provide a series of cultural experience activities for Towngas colleagues and CUHK students, with an aim to deepen their understanding of and stimulate their interests in different cultures while appreciating the needs of ethnic minorities and disadvantaged groups, so as to promote social harmony, inclusion and the spirit of mutual help, and ultimately bringing positive impacts to the society.

The programme offers three major activities, namely the cooking activity "Cooking with Inclusion" for experiencing diverse food cultures; the "Experiencing Audio Description" for enhancing the understanding of the life and challenges of the visually impaired; and the "Sustainable Beer Workshop" in which participants learn sustainable beer concepts, the brewing process, and the experience of ethnic minority students who started their own businesses in Hong Kong.

The Programme held its launch ceremony at Towngas Cooking Centre earlier. Mr Isaac Yeung, Head of Corporate ESG / Head of Corporate Affairs, Towngas, said at the ceremony, "This year marks the 160th anniversary of Towngas. We have so far been actively promoting and realising sustainable development. We often promote social inclusion through activities like preparing glutinous rice dumplings with the visually impaired, organising cooking competition with the hearing impaired, and celebrating traditional festivals with the ethnic minority groups etc. Through a series of activities, the Programme targets to facilitate participants to experience 'a different life', and to then share the knowledge and feelings generated with friends, family members, and colleagues, thus conveying inclusion and acceptance while promoting equality and love."

Ms Dora Dai, Director, Diversity and Inclusion Office, CUHK said, "Diversity and inclusion are especially important to our students and even the whole society. By the Programme, CUHK joins hands with enterprises that actively fulfill their social responsibilities to enhance the understanding of ESG, diversity and inclusion among CUHK students and working professionals. We are delighted to collaborate with Towngas and receive their generous sponsorship in co-organising a series of inclusive experience activities to bring to CUHK students a unique learning experience."

The first activity of the Programme, "Cooking with Inclusion", was held immediately after the launch ceremony. With Ms Joanne Poon, Cooking Programme Executive & Operation Manager, Towngas Cooking Centre, being the instructor, dishes of Southeast

Asian cuisine were taught. These included Malay Kapitan Chicken / Vegetable Curry and Paratha. "The activity not only helps us learn cookery, but also deepens our understanding of the food culture of other ethnic groups," said Mr Tang, a Towngas employee. Ms Ng, a CUHK student, said the atmosphere during the activity was good. "We had excellent interaction and sharing with other participants during the cooking process that enhances mutual understanding." Nayab, a member of the ethnic minorities from WEDO GLOBAL, also expressed that "It is a meaningful activity. Indian pancakes are one of my favourite dishes. The Programme enables more people in Hong Kong to appreciate Southeast Asian cuisines, which is invaluable."

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Press photos:

Photo 1:



Mr Isaac Yeung, Head of Corporate ESG / Head of Corporate Affairs, Towngas (fifth from left in the middle row), and Ms Dora Dai, Director, Diversity and Inclusion Office, CUHK (sixth from left in the middle row) officiate at the launch ceremony of the Towngas Co•Uni Inclusion Programme.

Photo 2:



Ms Dora Dai, Director, Diversity and Inclusion Office, CUHK (left) presents a souvenir to Mr Isaac Yeung, Head of Corporate ESG / Head of Corporate Affairs, Towngas.

Photo 3:



WEDO GLOBAL, a social enterprise that promotes interactive cultural experiences, is invited to share insights on diversity and social inclusion at the launch ceremony.

Photo 4 & 5:



Ms Joanne Poon, Cooking Programme Executive & Operation Manager, Towngas Cooking Centre, demonstrates dishes of Southeast Asian cuisines while the participants learn with high enthusiasm.

Photo 6:



Participants from different cultural backgrounds say the communication at the activity help enhance their understanding of each other's cultural background. They include: (from right) Towngas employee Mr Tang, CUHK student Ms Ng, and an ethnic minority member from WEDO GLOBAL Nayab.

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