



**Celebrating 160 years of achievements
Towngas leads the way to a bright & sustainable future with smart energy**

(12 August 2022) The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited (Towngas) held its 160th Anniversary Celebration today, with Mr John Lee Ka-chiu, the Chief Executive of HKSAR, as the officiating guest. Mr Lee was joined by the representatives of Towngas, including Dr Lee Ka-kit and Dr Lee Ka-shing, the Joint Chairmen, Dr Colin Lam Ko-yin, the Non-executive Director, Mr Peter Wong Wai-yee, the Managing Director, and Mr John Ho Hon-ming, the Executive Director, Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary, in kicking off the Celebration. The event brought a number of political and business heavyweights together to celebrate Towngas' 160 years of service in Hong Kong.

In his speech, Mr John Lee Ka-chiu praised Towngas for its 160 years of service in providing safe and quality gas services to the people of Hong Kong, "Towngas is one of the participating organisations in our Carbon Neutral Partnership. By actively setting carbon reduction targets and timetables and taking the lead in deepening and accelerating low-carbon transformation, Towngas serves as a role model for the community. Towngas has been utilising landfill gas in gas production since 1999 and has recently launched the first landfill-gas-driven Combined Heat and Power Generating System in Hong Kong with Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital. Starting in 2006, Towngas also introduced natural gas as a feedstock for gas production, bringing a cleaner energy source to our city."

Mr Lee added, "In addition to gas supply, Towngas also makes a contribution to green transportation by actively studying the extraction of a certain amount of hydrogen from the gas mix, fueling the hydrogen fuel cell bus pilot project for local bus companies, offering a safe and efficient energy option for green transportation in Hong Kong. Rooted in Hong Kong, Towngas also cares about the development of our country. The Company operates Towngas Smart Energy on the Chinese mainland to deliver energy services to various cities, and is engaged in launching photovoltaic and energy storage projects to promote the country's green and low-carbon transformation." At the end of his speech, Mr Lee expressed his good wishes and high hopes for Towngas, "I wish Towngas every success in its business, and hope that you will continue to contribute to the long-term development, prosperity and stability of Hong Kong from the energy sector."

Dr Lee Ka-shing, the Chairman of Towngas, said, "In 1862, Towngas opened its doors with only £35,000 of capital. And now, in addition to providing safe and high-quality gas services to 2 million customers in Hong Kong, we have acquired more than 550 projects in 28 provincial regions on the Chinese mainland, with over 40 million customers. Our business scope covers natural gas, green energy,

smart energy, water supply and municipal waste treatment, making us the leading group in the Greater China energy industry.”

Expressing his gratitude, Dr Lee Ka-kit, the Chairman of Towngas, said, “The Group will actively respond to the HKSAR Government’s ‘Climate Action Plan 2050’ decarbonisation strategy and the country’s ‘30-60 dual carbon’ goals. Towngas has pioneered the use of landfill gas for waste-to-energy conversion and natural gas as a raw material for gas production in the early years. Today, we are actively exploring the feasibility of extracting hydrogen, which accounts for 49% of our gas mix, to provide Hong Kong with safe, efficient and low-cost hydrogen energy with our over 3,600 km of gas pipelines throughout the city, contributing to our target of achieving carbon neutrality by 2050.”

At the same time, Dr Lee Ka-kit announced that the second edition of the TERA-Award Smart Energy Innovation Competition, jointly organised by Towngas and State Power Investment Company Limited, is officially launched and open for registration until 31 October 2022. The inaugural competition was a great success, with 208 project submissions from 23 countries and regions received, fully reflecting the trend of zero-carbon technology innovation. This year, Towngas will carry on from last year’s theme of “Exploring Zero-Carbon Innovations for the Future”, focusing on five new scopes and identifying more innovative technologies and solutions from the global smart energy field, with an aim to promote the realisation of the country’s “dual carbon” goals and sustainable development.

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Press photos

Photo 1:



Mr John Lee Ka-chiu, Chief Executive of the HKSAR (3rd from right), Dr Lee Ka-kit (3rd from left) and Dr Lee Ka-shing (2nd from right), Joint Chairmen of Towngas, Dr Colin Lam Ko-yin (2nd from left), Non-executive Director, Mr Peter Wong Wai-yee (1st from right), Managing Director, Mr John Ho Hon-ming (1st from left), Executive Director, Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary, officiated at the launching ceremony of the Towngas 160th Anniversary Celebration. The officiating guests placed the energy balls, representing the Five Elements and infinity, onto the receiver, injecting multifaceted energy into Towngas.

Photo 2:



Mr John Lee Ka-chiu, Chief Executive of the HKSAR (3rd from right, front row), Dr Lee Ka-kit (3rd from left, front row) and Dr Lee Ka-shing (2nd from right, front row), Joint Chairmen of Towngas, Dr Colin Lam Ko-yin (2nd from left, front row), Non-executive Director, Mr Peter Wong Wai-yee (1st from right, front row), Managing Director, Mr John Ho Hon-ming (1st from left, front row), Executive Director, Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary, Dr the Hon Sir David Li Kwok-po (5th from left, back row) Independent Non-executive Director, Prof Poon Chung-kwong (4th from left, back row), Independent Non-executive Director, Dr the Hon Moses Cheng Mo-chi (4th from right, back row), Independent Non-executive Director, Mr Andrew Fung Hau-chung (3rd from right, back row), Non-executive Director, Mr Brian David Li Man-bun (3rd from left, back row), Independent Non-executive Director of Towngas Smart Energy Company Limited, Mr James Kwan Yuk-choi (2nd from left, back row), Independent Non-executive Director, Prof Christine Loh Kung-wai (2nd from right, back row), Independent Non-executive Director, Mr Martin Kee Wai-ngai (1st from left, back row), Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer – Gas Business and Dr John Qiu Jian-hang (1st from right, back row), Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer – Renewable Business joined together to congratulate the 160th Anniversary of Towngas.

Photo 3:



Dr Lee Ka-kit, Chairman of Towngas, announced the official launch of the second TERA-Award Smart Energy Innovation Competition and welcomed applications for the competition.

Photo 4:



Dr Lee Ka-shing, Chairman of Towngas, said the Company would continue to provide customers with safe, reliable gas supply and quality services while “igniting” a sustainable future with our smart innovation.

Photo 5:



Mr John Lee Ka-chiu, Chief Executive of the HKSAR, spoke highly of the contribution of Towngas to Hong Kong in the past 160 years and its active involvement in the development of green transportation for the city.

Photo 6:



Mr John Lee Ka-chiu (centre), Chief Executive of HKSAR, Dr Lee Ka-kit (2nd from left) and Dr Lee Ka-shing (2nd from right), Mr Peter Wong Wai-yee (1st from right), Managing Director, and Mr John Ho Hon-ming (1st from left), Executive Director, Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary walked through the “time tunnel” and recounted the development of Towngas over the past 160 years.

Photo 7:



Mr Andrew Leung Kwan-yuen (centre), President of the Legislative Council, Dr Sunny Chai Ngai-chiu (right), Chairman of the Federation of Hong Kong Industries, and Mr Daniel Fung Man-kit (left), Head of Strategy & Innovation and Commercial - HK Utilities of Towngas, posed for a photo at the 160th Anniversary Celebration.

Photo 8:



Mrs Regina Ip Lau Suk-yea, Convenor of the Executive Council and Legislative Council Member, attended the Towngas 160th Anniversary Celebration.

Photo 9:



Ms Starry Lee Wai-king (right), Member of the Legislative Council, posed for a photo with Mr Peter Wong Wai-ye (left), Managing Director of Towngas.

Photo 10:



Mr Tommy Cheung Yu-yan (2nd from left), Member of the Executive Council and the Legislative Council, Mr Peter Shiu Ka-fai (2nd from right), Member of the Legislative Council, Mr Suen Kwok-lam (1st from right), Executive Director of Henderson Land Development, and Mr John Ho Hon-ming (1st from left), Executive Director, Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary, at the Celebration.

Photo 11:



Mr Chiang Tung-keung (left), Managing Director of CLP Power, and Mr Wan Chi-tin (right), Managing Director of HK Electric, came to congratulate Towngas on its 160th anniversary, and posed for a photo with Mr Peter Wong Wai-ye (centre), Managing Director of Towngas.

Photo 12:



James Chan Yum-min (centre), Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of the Hong Kong Housing Society, Mr Daniel Fung Man-kit (right), Head of Strategy & Innovation and Commercial - HK Utilities of Towngas, and Mr Melvin Wong Chi-keung (left), Assistant General Manager – Project Marketing & Sales, posed for a photo at the Celebration.

Scan the QR code below to watch the brand new rendition of the Towngas theme song - “Sunshine Air”, performed by Chantel Yiu and Aska Cheung from the “STARS Academy”. Coinciding with the 160th Anniversary of Towngas, the new rendition was rearranged to bring a youthful energy to the classic, signifying our commitment to continuous innovation and showcasing our commitment to a greener environment.



Scan the QR code below to join the online briefing session of the second TERA-Award Competition and learn more about the entry details.



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