



Greater Bay Area forum explores key areas of growth for gas industry

(21 November 2019) Mr Alfred Chan Wing-kin, Managing Director of The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited (Towngas), shared his views on the opportunities presented by the Outline Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) to the gas industry at The 2nd China LNG Development Forum & Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area LNG Development Forum held today.

The forum was co-organised by the LNG Branch of The China Industrial Gases Industry Association, City Gas Branch Society of the China Civil Engineering Society, and China Gas Association. It provided a platform for industry experts to explore developments in the energy field of the GBA, as well as complementary ways through which LNG can share resources used by local energy sources.

At the event, Mr Chan spoke about the opportunities and challenges of LNG development in the GBA, “The Outline Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area published in 2019 demonstrates the Chinese Government’s commitment to building a green GBA through accelerating the implementation of natural gas and renewable energy applications as well as increasing the ratio of clean energy. Currently, Towngas operates 23 projects in the GBA, including six gas projects, one waterworks project, one distributed energy project, one gas-filling station, four telecommunications projects, one midstream project and nine projects in other arenas.”

As Mr Chan pointed out, the GBA enjoys a relatively plentiful gas supply for multiple reasons: the First and Second West–East Gas Pipelines; the area’s strong LNG receiving potential; Hong Kong’s first floating LNG receiving station; and support from the deep-sea oil and gas wells in South China Sea, which work together to ensure a stable future gas supply for the Greater Bay Area. Meanwhile, the area is also promoting coal-to-gas and oil-to-gas initiatives with a view to realising a transformation into clean energy, including urban village pipe reconstruction and rural gasification, and rolling out coal-to-gas projects targeting boilers, kilns and power plants.

In addition, distributed energy systems such as hydrogenic energy and waste-to-energy applications that offer greater efficiency would be the key areas of development. Challenges for the GBA gas industry lie in the

differences between energy systems of various cities and areas, as well as their developmental focus. This calls for comprehensive analysis and policy formulation that caters to regional needs.

Aside from developing its green business and promoting economic development, Towngas has also invested a great deal of effort into environmental protection. Natural gas is a stable clean energy supply; taking into account the current policy, resources and demand, Towngas shall endeavour to do its part in contributing towards the development of the GBA through enhancing both professional techniques and the efficiency of its management mechanism.

In the past two years, the Chinese government has launched multiple policies related to issues such as the monitoring of gas rates and the opening up of pipe network facilities. The establishment of national pipe network companies and LNG terminal opening periods have become the focal points of the industry. In the face of the complexities of the current dynamic international environment, regional coordinated development has garnered the attention and collective understanding of members of the industry.

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Press Photos:

Photo 1



Caption: Mr Alfred Chan Wing-kin (7th from left), Towngas Managing Director, at the launch ceremony of the Greater Bay Area LNG ecosphere

Photos 2 & 3



Caption: Mr Alfred Chan Wing-kin, Towngas Managing Director, speaking at The 2nd China LNG Development Forum & Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area LNG Development Forum

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