



**Towngas collaborates with St. James' Settlement
on first Green Flame Project – Upcycling for a Greener Home
MasterCraft Volunteer Team launches service
transforming waste to treasure for underprivileged households**

(26 October 2019) The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited (Towngas) joined hands with St. James' Settlement in launching Green Flame Project – Upcycling for a Greener Home, through which waste is transformed into treasure by upcycling trash to improve the living environment of underprivileged families who live in cramped homes.

Concerned with the cramped living conditions of the underprivileged due to Hong Kong's land supply shortage, Towngas collaborated with St. James' Settlement to instil the principle of turning waste into treasure in school children, and created practical home accessories by upcycling, thereby enhancing their living space and contributing to environmental protection.

Over 20 members of our MasterCraft Volunteer Team established this year took part in today's event. Lending their strengths to the community, the volunteers partnered one on one with students in Primary 4 to Primary 6 from The Church of Christ in China Kei Tsun Primary School and Ng Wah Catholic Primary School to create small accessories such as wooden shelves, bedside pouches, and wooden wall units through upcycling. Not only were the students able to increase storage space in their home for a more comfortable living environment, but they also learned how to turn waste into treasure.

At the workshops, the MasterCraft Volunteer Team was also able to share their MasterCraft spirit with the children. As the students tried their hand at making the accessories, they learned about the standards and values of artisanal craftsmanship.

In addition to taking part in the workshops, the MasterCraft Volunteer Team also paid a visit to the children in their homes to get a sense of their living environment. In late November, the children will visit the Education Centre at the South East New Territories (SENT) Landfill in Tseung Kwan O as well as Towngas' Gas Utilisation Project. The six students who created the best accessories will also get a chance to take part in a field trip this coming April to Towngas' environmental projects at Suzhou Industrial Park. Through this collaboration between the commercial, education and social service fields, Towngas hopes that concrete action can be taken to transform waste into treasure as a part of our concerted efforts in environmental protection and giving back to society.

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Press Photos:

Photo 1:



Towngas collaborates with St. James' Settlement to launch Green Flame Project – Upcycling for a Greener Home, helping 23 underprivileged households improve their living environment, in MasterCraft Volunteer Team's first time participating in community service.

Photo 2:



A member of Towngas' MasterCraft Volunteer Team and a student from The Church of Christ in China Kei Tsun Primary School putting their heads together to create unique home accessories that will increase the storage capacity of her home.

Photo 3:



A student from Ng Wah Catholic Primary School partnering up with a member of the MasterCraft Volunteer Team as they transformed waste to treasure by upcycling materials from old clothes into a storage pouch.

Photo 4:



Through house visits, volunteers are able to get a sense of the students' family needs in order to design suitable home accessories.

Photo 5:



Members of Towngas' MasterCraft Volunteer Team used their technical skills and know-how to create accessories such as wooden shelves, bedside pouches and wall shelving to suite the various needs of the respective cramped households.

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