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The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited

Press Release

Towngas Donates \$1.5 Million to Launch Hong Kong's First Warmth and Care Fresh Food Aid Programme to Single-Parent Families

(12 January 2013) The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited (Towngas) has collaborated with the Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS), CookEasy by the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals (TWGHs) and the Salvation Army to launch Hong Kong's first "Towngas Warmth and Care Fresh Food Aid Programme". A total of \$1.5 million has been contributed by Towngas to this programme, which will be used to provide fresh nutritious food packs to single-parent CSSA households. The programme has begun in Tung Chung and Kwai Chung where 150 single-parent families have received fresh, nutritious food packs twice a week.

Towngas Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer James Kwan Yuk-choi, JP said "Towngas has just celebrated its 150th anniversary of the company's establishment in Hong Kong and has committed to serve the needy through the gift of fresh, nutritious food packs under a new food assistance programme. We hope to help alleviate financial burden, improve nutrition and growth of children in the single-parent families, plus to promote family harmony through cooking."

Tung Wah Group of Hospitals 5th Vice-Chairman Katherine Ma said "Tung Wah has worked with Towngas in launching CookEasy since 2007. CookEasy is a food pack delivery social enterprise employing people with disabilities or low income. This time we are collaborating with Towngas in preparing fresh food packs for single-parent families under the new food assistance programme. We have recruited three more staff with disabilities and two trainees for the programme, and thus created more meaningful work opportunities for the less fortunate."

The Salvation Army Officer Commanding Lieut-Colonel Samuel Pho said, "We are very happy to cooperate with Towngas in helping the less fortunate. Our colleagues had come into contact with a lot of families in financial crisis, particularly single-parent families. Having much difficulty in raising a child and doing house chores alone, many single parents cannot afford to go out to work, so food expenditure constituted a major source of economic pressure. Through this programme, apart from food assistance, Salvation Army has helped provide emotional and home life support or service referrals to benefiting single-parent families."



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The Hong Kong Council of Social Service Vice-chairperson Kennedy Liu said, “HKCSS has been a close partner with Towngas since the early 1990s where we have worked together to help the less fortunate through various Towngas concession schemes. This time we have collaborated with Towngas in a meaningful and creative programme, which provides employment opportunities for the disabled, and food for benefiting families to cook at home. The programme not only helped build cohesion within benefiting families, it also helped promote family health and happiness through eating together at home.”

The new “Towngas Warmth and Care Fresh Food Aid Programme” is just one of the many examples of Towngas’ work for the community. Throughout the years, Towngas has always been committed towards its corporate social responsibilities, particularly in serving the less fortunate in the community.

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Press Photos



Photo 1: The five officiating guests at the launching ceremony of “Towngas Warmth and Care Fresh Food Aid Programme” where the programme delivers fresh, nutritious food packs to 150 single-parent families receiving CSSA. The officiating guests include (from left to right) The Hong Kong Council of Social Service Vice-chairperson Kennedy Liu; Towngas Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer James Kwan Yuk-choi, JP; Secretary for Labour and Welfare Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, GBS, JP; The Salvation Army Officer Commanding Lieut-Colonel Samuel Pho; and Tung Wah Group of Hospitals 5th Vice-Chairman Katherine Ma.



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Photo 2: Two benefiting families from the “Towngas Warmth and Care Fresh Food Aid Programme” were invited to the officiating ceremony where officiating guests presented a gift of encouragement, a basket of kitchenware for enjoying cooking fun with the family. The officiating guests who presented the gift include (from left to right) The Hong Kong Council of Social Service Vice-chairperson Kennedy Liu; Towngas Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer James Kwan Yuk-choi, JP; Secretary for Labour and Welfare Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, GBS, JP; The Salvation Army Officer Commanding Lieut-Colonel Samuel Pho; and Tung Wah Group of Hospitals 5th Vice-Chairman Katherine Ma.



Photo 3: Employees from CookEasy introduced the fresh, nutritious food packs of “Towngas Warmth and Care Fresh Food Aid Programme” to the officiating guests during the launching ceremony. The officiating guests include (from left to right) The Hong Kong Council of Social Service Vice-chairperson Kennedy Liu; Tung Wah Group of Hospitals 5th Vice-Chairman Katherine Ma; Towngas Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer James Kwan Yuk-choi, JP; The Salvation Army Officer Commanding Lieut-Colonel Samuel Pho and Secretary for Labour and Welfare Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, GBS, JP.



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Photo 4: Towngas donated \$1.5 million to launch the first “Towngas Warmth and Care Fresh Food Aid Programme”, a food assistance programme that has begun in Tung Chung and Kwai Chung where 150 single-parent families receiving CSSA have received fresh, nutritious food packs twice a week. The new “Towngas Warmth and Care Fresh Food Aid Programme” is aimed to help alleviate financial burden, improve nutrition and growth of children in single-parent families.

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