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**Towngas Organises ‘Rice Dumplings for the Community’
Legislators Show Support by Wrapping 100,000 Rice Dumplings**

(5 June 2005) - The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited (“Towngas”) today organised a large-scale show for the annual Towngas ‘Rice Dumplings for the Community’ charitable programme at Times Square in Causeway Bay, Legislative Council(LegCo) President, Rita Fan Hsu Lai-tai, LegCo member Fred Li Wah-ming, Frederick Fung Kin-kee, and Tam Heung-man joined James Kwan Yuk Choi, Towngas Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, David Ho, the Head of Teen Power of RTHK, Nina Lam, the Campaign Committee Member of the Community Chest of Hong Kong in a creative rice dumpling-wrapping contest at the show, driving the atmosphere to a climax.

This year, the dumpling-wrapping activities receive enthusiastic participation from District Councilors; with number of participants reaching the highest in recent years. 116 District Council members from the 18 districts signed up for the programme, recruiting about 2,000 volunteers to wrap more than 100,000 rice dumplings. The dumplings will be delivered to the elderly and the needy during Dragon Boat Festival.

Towngas volunteer team members, Teen Power Web Js and young singers helped charity sales of rice dumpling boxes at Times Square in Causeway bay, Telford Plaza in Kowloon Bay, and Metroplaza in Kwai Fong today. The public actively participated and purchased the rice dumpling boxes to raise money for the Community Chest. The rice dumpling boxes are now available at \$29.9 each at Towngas customer centres, iCare Hotspots, and Wellcome supermarkets until 10 June. Proceeds after deducting production cost will be donated to the Community Chest.

Towngas Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer James Kwan Yuk Choi said, “It is our honour to receive great support from various organisations and schools this year. The two healthy flavours, Red Bean Dumpling and Pumpkin Dumpling, are very popular among the community. We are also glad to have active participation from District Council members, volunteers, and young singers to make the programme interesting, which helps promote the rice dumpling-wrapping culture to the community.”

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Towngas also promoted 'Rice Dumplings for the Community' in schools by sponsoring rice dumpling materials to 100 secondary schools. Students not only learned rice dumpling-wrapping, but raised fund for the Community Chest. Tutors from Towngas Cooking Centre demonstrated rice dumpling-wrapping at more than 20 schools.

The 'Rice Dumplings for the Community' charitable programme is organized by Towngas and the Community Chest of Hong Kong, co-organized by RTHK Teen Power, and supported by Wellcome supermarkets.

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