

Towngas Launches “Gas Appliances for the Community Programme”

*Donating 10,000 Gas Appliances to Elderly and Needy Families
In Celebration of Towngas District Council Focus Teams’ 15th Anniversary*

(14 April 2015) The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited (Towngas) is always dedicated to contributing to society by committing to a variety of community activities. Towngas proudly kicks off and launches the “Gas Appliances for the Community Programme” to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the “Towngas District Council Focus Teams”. Through the Programme, Towngas partners with Hong Kong’s 18 District Councils to distribute free Towngas cookers to 10,000 single or couple elderly aged 60 or over and families receiving CSSA to further help improve their quality of life. Towngas technicians will also provide free on-site installation and household gas safety tips to the recipients.

An opening ceremony of the “Gas Appliances for the Community Programme” was held today, officiated by Secretary for Labour and Welfare Matthew Cheung, GBS, JP, and representatives from the 18 District Councils.

Managing Director of Towngas Alfred Chan said, “In order to bring better understanding of Towngas’ services to the public and establish closer links with communities, Towngas established ‘District Council Focus Teams’ in 2000. Towngas specially launches “Gas Appliances for the Community Programme” to donate gas cookers to 10,000 elderly and needy families receiving CSSA in Hong Kong’s 18 districts to mark its 15th anniversary. The programme is successfully promoted and implemented through direct assistance from district councillors, especially on the selection of the beneficiaries, and we would like to send our heartfelt thanks to all our district councillors for their help.”

During the ceremony, Secretary for Labour and Welfare Matthew Cheung expressed, “The Programme truly reflects Towngas’ ongoing commitment in carrying out corporate social responsibilities, plus forging links and creating partnerships among business sector, local districts and volunteers to care for those in need.” He was glad to see support from the 18 District Councils on this meaningful programme and said, “I am confident that when different groups and sectors in society join forces to care and serve the underprivileged families, Hong Kong will become a more cozy and comfortable place.”

After the opening ceremony, Managing Director of Towngas Alfred Chan and Secretary for Labour and Welfare Matthew Cheung visited a single elderly Ms Lai to understand her daily needs. They also took the opportunity to show their love and care by giving hot soup and cooking eggs with BBQ pork using the new town gas stove, creating a pleasant afternoon for Ms Lai.

Ms Lai said, "I have used my old stove for over 10 years and never planned on changing it as I only cook simple dishes, so I was very excited to hear about Towngas' Programme and very grateful receiving the Company's care."

Since its establishment, Towngas District Council Focus Teams has been working closely with Hong Kong's 18 District Councils in providing support and care to communities through various joint activities, including household gas safety education and distribution of hot soup, rice dumplings and mooncakes to elderly and those in need while bringing them warmth and care.

About "Gas Appliances for the Community Programme"

In celebration of Towngas District Council Focus Teams' 15th anniversary, Towngas launches "Gas Appliances for the Community Programme", giving away free single or double Towngas cookers to 10,000 single or couple elderly aged 60 or over and families receiving CSSA. The new gas stoves for the qualified beneficiaries will be arranged for delivery and installation by Towngas technicians. During the installation, technicians will also provide information to the applicants on household gas safety.

About "Towngas District Council Focus Teams"

Forging ever-stronger links with the communities, Towngas formed the District Council Focus Teams in 2000. Consisting of more than 50 Towngas managers, the Teams liaise directly and regularly with the district councillors and local representatives of the 18 districts to work together for the betterment of the community throughout Hong Kong. Through these teams, Towngas are highly active within the local districts, participating in a variety of charity functions and community activities, including household safety and environmental protection campaigns and the provision of diversified services for the elderly. The close involvement with the general public in the community activities has enabled Towngas to have a better understanding and greater insight into customers' needs, plus ways to strengthen gas safety education and contribution to the society.

Press Photos



Photo1: Managing Director of Towngas Alfred Chan kicked off the “Gas Appliance for the Community Programme” to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the “Towngas District Council Focus Teams”. 10,000 free Towngas cookers would be distributed to single or couple elderly aged 60 or over and families receiving CSSA in the 18 districts to further help improve their quality of life.



Photo 2: Secretary for Labour and Welfare Matthew Cheung attended the opening ceremony as an officiating guest. He praised the programme truly reflected Towngas ongoing commitment in carrying out corporate social responsibilities, plus forging links and creating partnerships among business sector, local districts and volunteers to care for those in need.



Photo 3: Secretary for Labour and Welfare Matthew Cheung (sixth from left), Towngas Managing Director Alfred Chan (sixth from right), Towngas Head of Commercial – Hong Kong Utilities Peter Wong (fifth from right), Towngas Head of District Council Focus Programme Catherine Wong (fifth from left) and representatives from the 18 District Councils attended the “Gas Appliances for the Community Programme” opening ceremony.



Photo 4: The “Gas Appliances for the Community Programme” recipient Mr. Yuen (centre) felt grateful to receive the new cooker from Towngas, helping him create a more safe and convenient cooking environment.



Photo 5: Secretary for Labour and Welfare Matthew Cheung, (eleventh from left), Towngas Managing Director Alfred Chan (tenth from left), Towngas Head of Commercial – Hong Kong Utilities Peter Wong, (ninth from left), Towngas Head of District Council Focus Programme Catherine Wong (eighth from left) and representatives from the 18 District Councils and Towngas took photo with 200 elderly to celebrate the launch of programme.



Photo 6: After the opening ceremony, Secretary for Labour and Welfare Matthew Cheung visited the programme recipient Ms. Lai and cooked a dish with the new Towngas stove.



Photo 7: Secretary for Labour and Welfare Matthew Cheung, GBS, JP (third from left), Towngas Managing Director Alfred Chan (second from left), the programme recipient Ms Lai (third from right), Towngas Head of District Council Focus Programme Catherine Wong (first from right), Chairman of Yau Tsim Mong District Council Chung Kong Mo, JP, (second from right) and Elected Member of Yau Tsim Mong District Council Benjamin Choi (first from left) tasted hot soup and stir-fried eggs with BBQ pork cooked by Matthew Cheung.

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