





#### The Hong Kong & China Gas Co. Ltd. (3 HK)

incorporated

Towngas China Co. Ltd. (1083 HK)

#### **2019 Annual Results**

19 March 2020





# **Group Financial**





#### **Stable Business**



FY2019 Operating Profit After Tax



# OPAT HK\$7.0Bn -6% in constant Rmb

Hong Kong (HC)

**Mainland Utilities (MU)** 

**New Energy (NE)** 

HK\$3.0Bn

- 4%

Gas Volume -2.8% **Record temperature**  HK\$3.9Bn

+ 1%

Gas Volume +11% +5% in Rmb currency HK\$0.2Bn

68%

(Falling commodity prices)

#### 2019 Annual Results



The Hong Kong & China Gas (3 HK): Stable Operating Results

(HK\$ Mn)	2019	2018	Change
Revenue	40,628	39,073	+4%
Operating Profit	7,013	7,451	-6%
IFC Revaluation Gain	200	2,030	-90%
Profit Attributable to Shareholders	6,966	9,313	-25%
Earnings per Share^	HK 41 cents	HK 55 cents	-25%
Full Year Dividends per Share	HK 35 cents	HK 35 cents	-
Bonus Shares	1 for 20	1 for 10	

<sup>^2018</sup> figures were adjusted for the bonus shares issued in 2019

#### **2019 Annual Results**



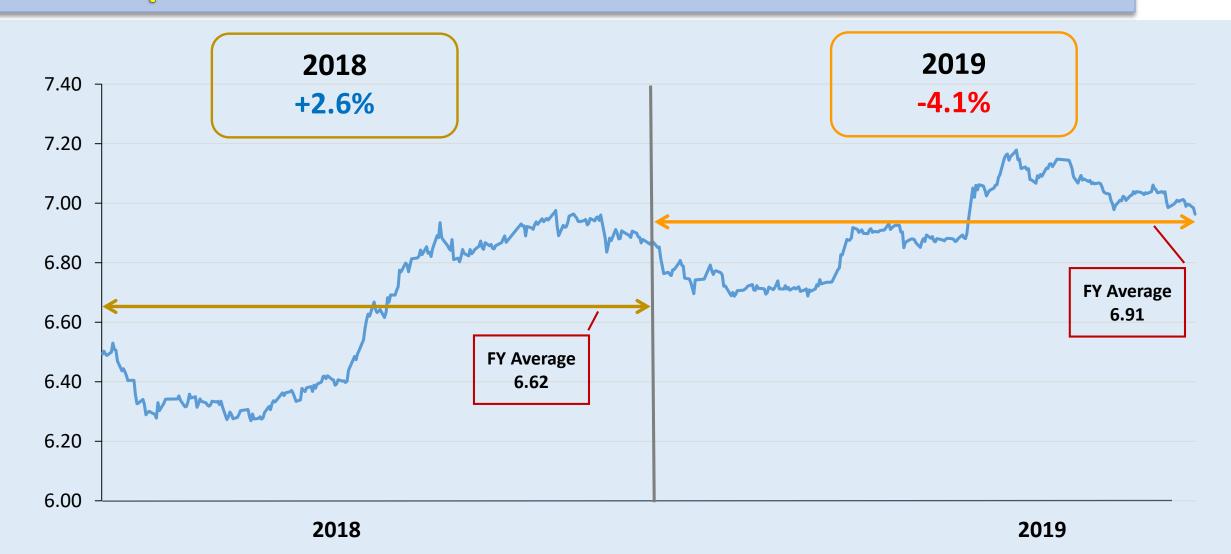
Towngas China (1083 HK): Strong Operating Results

(HK\$ Mn)	2019	2018	Change
Turnover Gas Sales & Others Connection Fees	10,835 2,089	9,755 2,032	+11% +3%
	12,924	11,787	+10%
Operating Profit	1,456	1,224	+19%
Profit Attributable to Shareholders	1,308	1,224	+7%
Earnings per Share	HK 46.06 cents	HK 43.89 cents	+5%
Dividends per Share	HK 15 cents	HK 15 cents	-

## RMB/USD Average Exchange Rate



Rmb Depreciation in 2019



## **HKCG Group**

#### Strong Financial Position

HKCG (3 HK)	31 Dec 2019	31 Dec 2018	Change		31 Dec 2019	31 Dec 2018	Change
	HK\$ Bn	HK\$ Bn					
Total assets	140.5	132.7	+6%	Share price (HK\$)^	15.22	14.73	+3.3%
Net asset value	75.4	70.2	+7%	Market cap. (HK\$ B	n) 257.6	249.3	+3.3%
Cash and Bank	8.0	8.8	-9%	P/E Ratio	37.0x	26.8x	
Total borrowings	37.9	35.7	+6%	P/B Ratio	4.0x	4.0x	
Interest Coverage	10.0x	10.7x			STANDARD	Α	
Gearing (Net)	31%	29%		Credit Ratings:	& POOR'S RATINGS SERVICES	A	
					Moody's	A1	

^2018 figures adjusted for the bonus shares issued in 2019

# TCCL Group

#### Healthy Financial Position

TCCL (1083 HK)	31 Dec 2019	31 Dec 2018	Change		31 Dec 2019	31 Dec 2018	Change
	HK\$ Bn	HK\$ Bn					
Total assets	38.2	34.0	+12%	Share price (HK\$)	5.40	5.81	-7%
Net asset value	20.3	17.8	+14%	Market cap. (HK\$ Bn	) 15.5	16.3	-5%
Cash and Bank	2.0	1.7	+20%	No. of Shares (Bn)	2.87	2.81	+2%
Total borrowings	10.2	9.5	+8%	P/E Ratio	11.7x	13.2x	
Interest Coverage	7.7x	8.6x		P/B Ratio	0.8x	1.0x	
Gearing (Net)	31%	33%		Credit Ratings:	STANDARD & POOR'S RATINGS SERVICES	BBB+	
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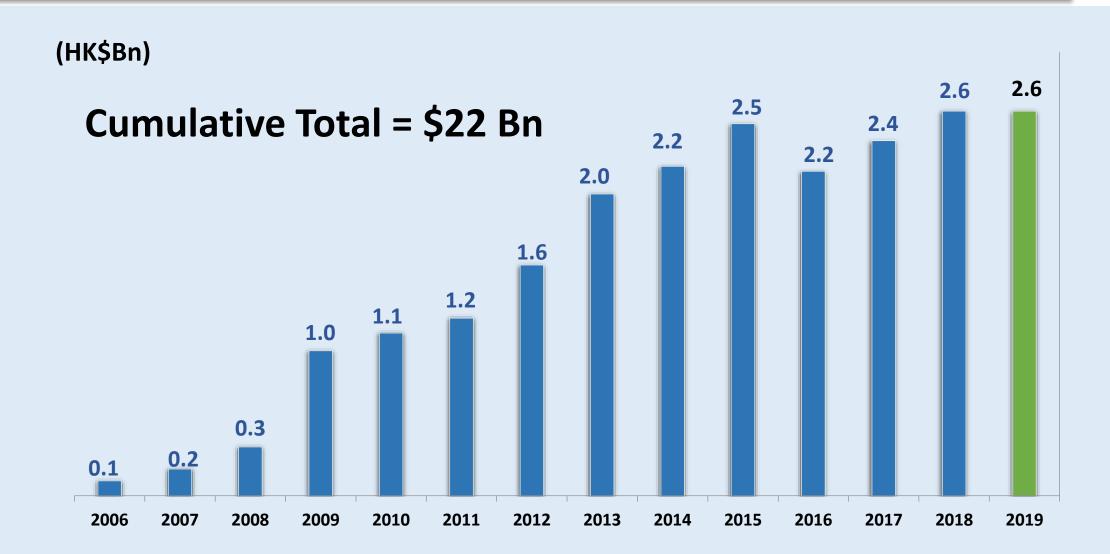


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#### **Strong Dividend from Joint Ventures**



## Rolling 3-Year Cashflow Projection



Healthy Position

t		(HK\$ Bn)
Inflow	HK Operations	14
	PRC Dividends Distribution	8
		22
	Cash on Hand	8
Outflow	Fund available	30
	Dividend	20
	HK Capex	2
	PRC Investments	8
	Dividend and Investment	30





### Hong Kong Business FY2019





Gas 28,712TJ Sales -2.8%

Stable & Resilient Business

Basic tariff increase 1.1¢/MJ (4.4%) effective 1 August 2019

 Additional income(after tax): HK\$260Mn p.a. Operating
Profit After Tax
HK\$2.97Bn
Strong & Stable

**Customers** 

1.93Mn + 25,216



Household Penetration

74%



Network Coverage

86%

FCVC fuel cost pass-through mechanism

#### Hong Kong Customers Growth & Gas Sales



**Resilient Business** 

#### **Number of Customers**

	Addition	Year-end 2019
Residential	+25,204	1,916,595
Commercial & Industrial	+12	17,132
Total	+25,216	1,933,727

#### **Town Gas Sales**

	Change	FY019 (TJ)
Residential (Average Temperature: +0.6°C)	-2.9%	15,021
Commercial & Industrial (Social event)	-2.8%	13,691
Total	-2.8%	28,712



## Business Opportunities

- More housing units
- New gas applications
- Kitchen cabinet: ~ 30% market share on private housing
- CAPEX will remain at a low level



# More Housing Units

	2020-21 HK Government Budget					
Supply in coming 5 years						
	Public	100,400				
	Private	98,000				
	198,400 units					



#### More Commercial & Industrial Gas Sales

		Target Customer	Additional Annual Gas Volume
ı	Gas Cooling and Heating Applications	Disneyland, Ocean Park, Data Centres, HK Airport	500 TJ
A MANUFACTURE	Diesel Conversion Projects	Hospitals, Food Factories, Laundries	610 TJ
	New Projects	Hotel development projects, Wo Hop Shek Crematorium expansion, Food Factories	260 TJ
	Potential Project	Waste Paper Recycle Plant (Tuen Mun)	1,000TJ





# Mainland Utilities

#### Mainland Utilities

#### Diversified Territorial Coverage



#### 14 projects added, total 187 projects

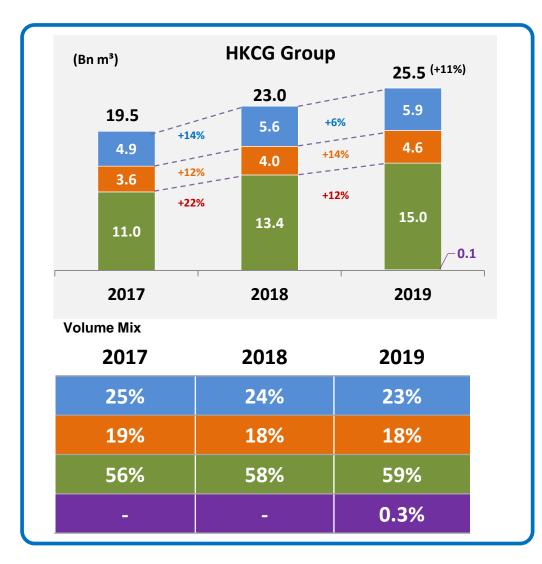
in **24** provincial regions

V			Total projects	New Projects
City	/-gas	0	132	1. Eastern coastal area of Laoshan district, Qingdao city, Shandong
Mic	dstream	$\triangle$	13	2. Taizhou
	tributed ergy Systen	1	19	<ol> <li>Maanshan Economic &amp; Technological Development Zone South District</li> <li>Xinmi Yinji International Tourism Resort</li> <li>Shenzhen</li> <li>Dangtu Economic Development Zone Northern District, Anhui</li> <li>Fengnan Lingang Economic Development Zone, Tangshan city, Hebei</li> <li>Wangcun Industrial Zone in Songyang county, Lishui city, Zhejiang</li> <li>Changzhou Photovoltaic Industrial Park, Jiangsu</li> <li>Electricity project in Anhui</li> <li>Eastern Park of Tongling Economic &amp; Technological Development Zone, Anhui</li> </ol>
Wa	ter		8	-
Oth	ers	$\Diamond$	15	<ul><li>12. U-Tech (Guangdong) Engineering Construction</li><li>13. Towngas Agriculture Investment (Nanjing)</li><li>14. Liaoning Clean Energy</li></ul>

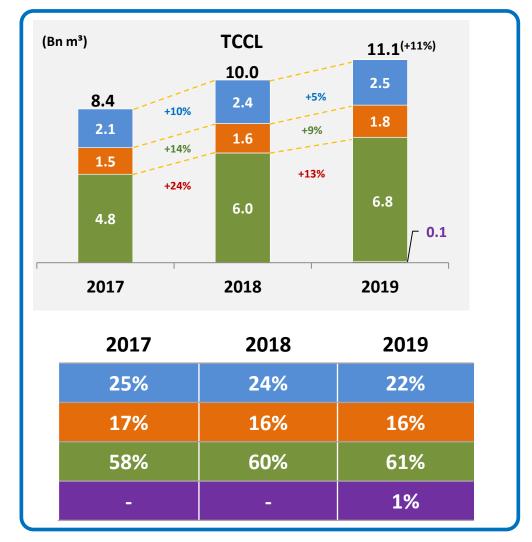
#### Mainland City-gas Volume(All JVs)

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#### Continuous Growth







# Mainland City-gas Steady Customers Gain



FY2019	HKCG Group	TCCL
New Customers	2.0Mn	<b>1.1Mn</b>
Total	29.8Mn	13.4Mn

#### COVID-19: A Pandemic



#### Business Environment & Measures

- Economic activities were mostly suspended in February 2020
- Resumption of work and production in an orderly manner. C&I gas consumptions gradually resume from March 2020
- Gas volume in 1Q2020 is expected to drop by 15%, expect a single digit volume growth for 2020FY
- Some provincial/municipal governments ask to reduce gas prices & extend credit period to relieve affected C&I customers' financial burden
- Lowered NG city gate price to help C&I customers
- Low activities in construction works and new connections to customers will be delayed
- Various government supportive measures: low interest financing, interest subsidies, waiver of social security levies & office rent may apply on utilities
- Measures to control JVs' operating expenses and postpone CAPEX
- Actively deploy virtual customer centre to serve customers online and promote extended business



# Mainland City-gas Supporting Business Environment (1)

#### 1. National Gas Volume Growth Continues

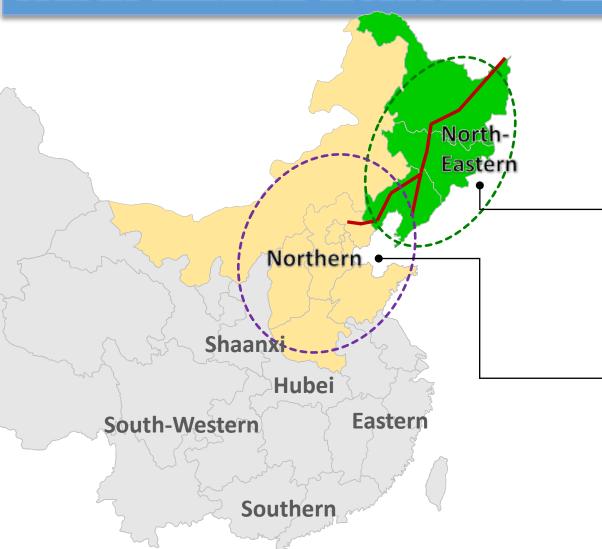
	2019	2020	2030
National Annual Consumption	307 Bn m³	330 Bn m³	480 Bn m³
Share of Primary Energy	8.3%	8-9%	15%

#### 2. Lift restriction on foreign ownership on city-gas JVs

- Restriction on majority foreign ownership for cities with population >500,000 was lifted
- Open up city-gas business investment for foreign investors
- Reduce the risk of taking away majority shareholding status when the city expands
- City-gas business will be more market oriented

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# Russian Gas Will Spark Volume Growth in North-Eastern & Northern Regions



Russian NG supply started in Dec 2019 with volume of 38 Bn m<sup>3</sup> p.a. by 2024

North-Eastern	2019	2024F
Number of projects	22	>25
Volume (Bn m³)	1.8	4.8
Volume Growth	CAGR: 22%	

Northern	2019	2024F
Number of projects	28	>30
Volume (Bn m³)	3.1	6.0
Volume Growth	CAGR: 14%	

#### Mainland City-gas



#### Supporting Business Environment (2)

#### 3. Setting up National Oil and Gas Pipeline Company

- Announced in December 2019
- Open access to pipelines and NG importation
- More extensive pipelines development
- Free flow of NG, LNG nationwide
- Lower procurement cost
- Gas shortage in certain regions will be reduced

#### 4. NDRC on Connection Fees Policy

- The guidelines issued in June 2019 is more liberal
- Provincial and municipal authorities discussing with city-gas operators and considering local situations
- In most cases, connection fee arrangements are allowed to continue
- Room for cost improvement

## Mainland City-gas



#### Supporting Business Environment (3)

#### 5. Coal-to-Gas Conversion Policy

- Chinese government continues to reduce carbon emission and improve air quality
- Step up boiler conversion: from 10 to 35 steam tons (eqv. 2,800 m³ NG/hour)

Benefits to HKCG Group	2015-18	2019	2020F
Cumulative Annualized Gas Consumption Capacity (Bn m³)	4.0	5.1	6.0

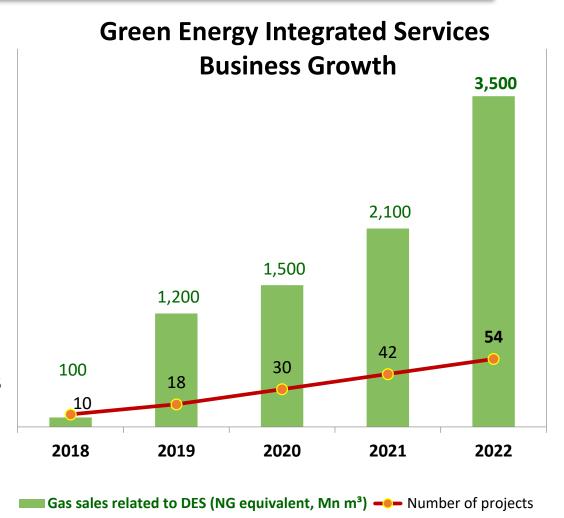
A key driver for gas sales volume growth

#### Distributed Energy System (DES) Strategies



Huge Growth Opportunities

- Green Energy Integrated Services
- Enhance energy efficiency with more gas sales
- Projects
  - Central space heating
  - Central steam supply for industrial parks
  - Air-conditioning
  - Electricity
  - Pipelines for steam supply from power plants
- Target: 54 projects by 2022



#### Underground Gas Storage

Presenting Business Opportunities



Jintan Underground NG Storage

Project Information	<u>Cumulative</u>
• Phase 1-1 capacity: (3 caverns)	140Mn m³
• Completion:	Jan 2018
<ul> <li>Phase 1-2 capacity: (+7 caverns)</li> </ul>	460Mn m³
Construction Commencement:	Mar 2018
Phase 2 capacity: (+12 caverns)	>1,000Mn m³

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#### Gas storage in Jintan, Jiangsu

- To meet winter peak demand
- Sharing investment cost among JVs
- National pipelines facilitate free flow of NG
- NG and LNG trading opportunities
- Shanghai Gas is a partner of Phase 1
   with 25% shareholding
- Total investment Rmb1.2Bn (22 caverns)





Diversifying Businesses with Increasing Income

2019 Full Year Revenue: HK\$1,460Mn

**Kitchen Solution** 



Revenue **HK\$80Mn** 

Towngas Lifestyle
O2O platform



**7Mn**Members



Revenue HK\$240Mn

Gas Appliances
Sales



Revenue

HK\$1,140Mn

#### Water Business

#### Stable Growth

1. Total 8 projects serving more than 2.4Mn customers

	Water Supply	Sewage	Food & Organic Waste	Heavy Metals Sewage Treatment
Mn ton p.a.	926	389	0.1	4.7





- 2. 27% shareholding in Foshan Water company signaling a new era for business expansion in the Greater Bay Area
- 3. FY2019 profit = HK\$446Mn





#### Food Waste Treatment Business

New Business Strategy with Expansion Opportunity

- First food waste project located in Suzhou Industrial Park
- Commissioned in 2019
- Investment: Rmb290Mn
- Capacity: 500 tons/day, with capacity for expansion
- By-products:
  - **❖** Natural Gas
  - Gutter oil
  - ❖ Biomass solid fuel
- Expect to add 6 projects in the coming 3 years
- Project IRR: 10-12%



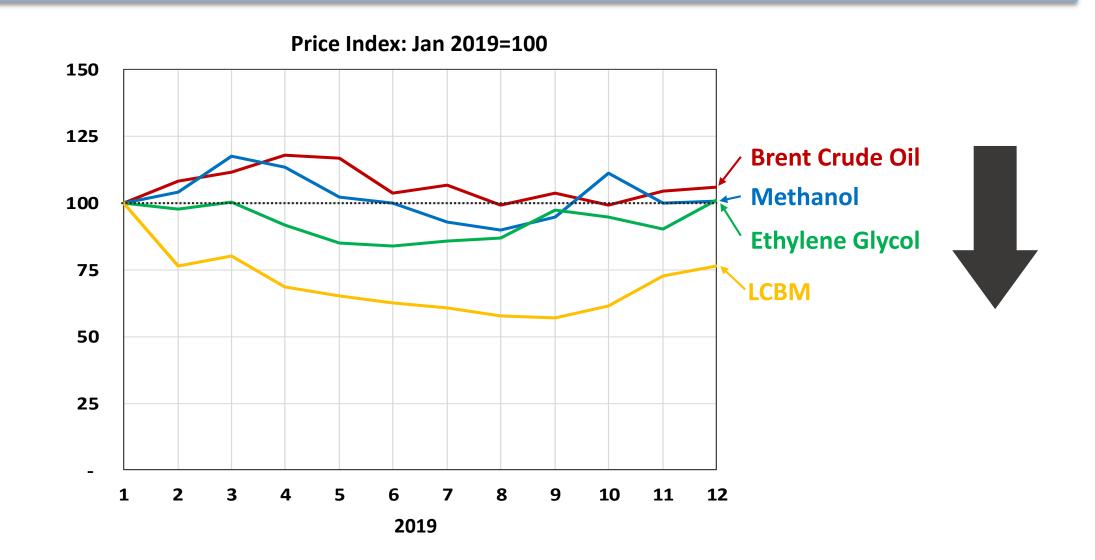




# New Energy & Outlook



## Commodity Price Slump





#### New Energy

#### • STRATEGY:

- SUSTAINABILITY

#### • FOCUSES:

- Reduce Carbon Emission
- Waste Utilization
- Advanced Bio-fuels
- Bio-material
- R&D, Proprietary Technologies

#### New Energy & Materials Projects (Technologies Developed by ECO's R&D)



Advanced Biofuel

-ZhangJiaGang, Jiangsu

Bio-grease → HVO

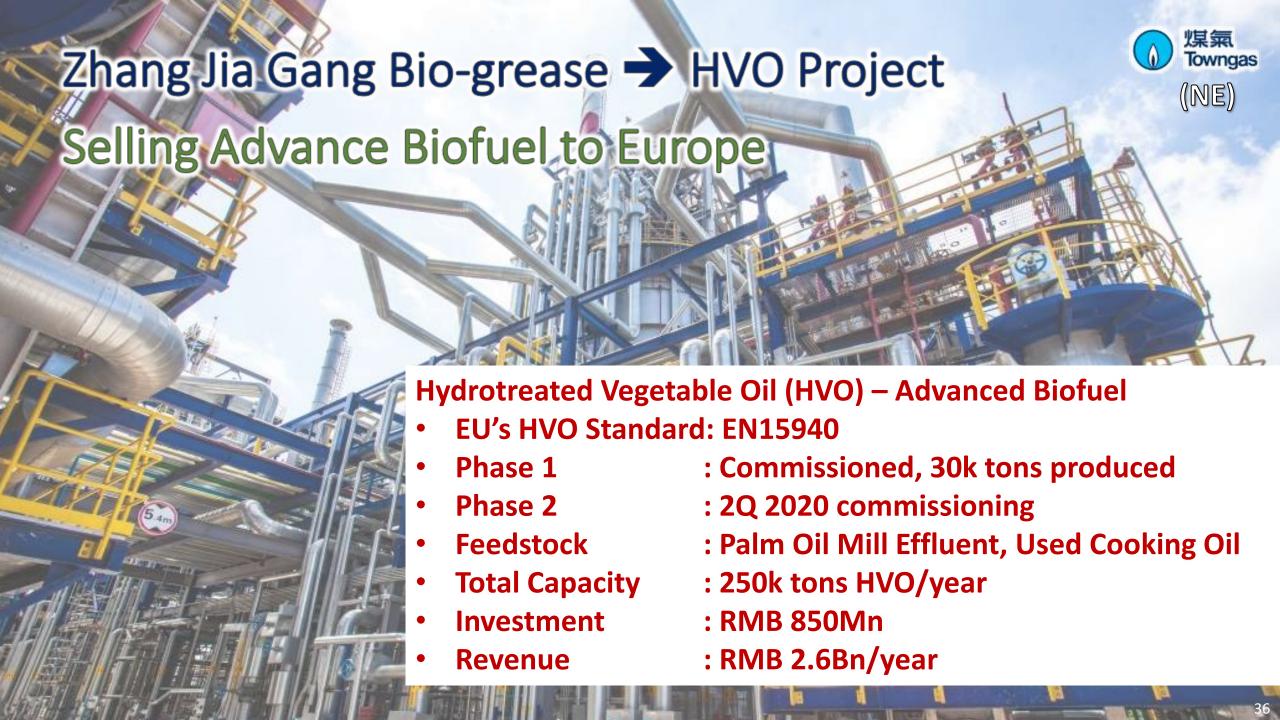
Agricultural Waste Utilization

-Luanzhou, Hebei

Corn Stalks -> Furfural, Paper Pulp

-Cangzhou, Hebei

Corn Cobs - Furfural, Bio-Ethanol







**Diversified Group Project Coverage** 

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Total 266 projects in PRC 26 provincial regions

City-gas	
Midstream	
Distributed Energy	
Water, Sewage & Waste Treatment	
Refilling Stations	
Gas-based	
Coal-based	<b>A 8</b>
Biomass	
Oil E&P	
Telecommunications	
Others	

Up to 16 Mar 2020









# Outlook



## 2019: A Challenging Year

## **Hong Kong**

- Warmest Year
- Sino/ US Trade Conflict
- Social Unrest
- Visitor Arrivals ↓

### **Mainland China**

- Economy & GDP ↓
- Sino/ US Trade Conflict
- Commodity Prices ↓
- Depreciating RMB
- Housing Market Suppressed
- Export Industries ↓



## 2020: Another Exceedingly Challenging Year

- Coronavirus Outbreak : HK + Mainland
- Coronavirus Pandemic: Global
- Oil Price ↑↓
- Sino-US Trade War (Ph2)
- Global Economy at Stake
- Return of Social Unrest
- Tourism Slump



## Resilient Against Economic Volatility

- Utility Business as Core
- 7 months Gas Tariff increase Effect
- Commercial gas demand loss partially compensated by Residential consumption increase
- Coal → Gas Continues
- Proactive Austerity Measures
- Strong Cash Flow
- Low Borrowing Cost

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## Conclusion

#### Steady Gas Business in HK

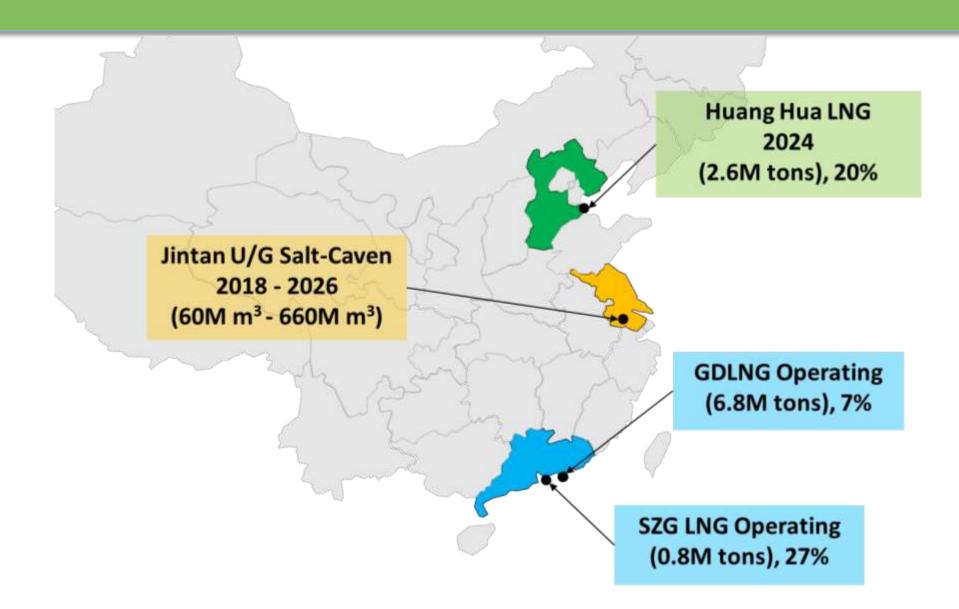
- Increasing housing supply
- Gas cooling/dehumidification
- Kitchen cabinets

#### Growing Gas Business in the Mainland

- Natural gas is the key energy driver
- Russian gas arrival
- Coal → Gas
- NDRC's regulation guidelines are manageable
- Capitalizing on 30 Mn customer-base



## LNG Importation and NG Storage Capacities





## Conclusion

- Expanding District Energy Centre Business
  - CHP + space heating/cooling
  - SMART energy (real time management)
  - Commercial laundry
- Extending City Water Business Scope
  - Municipal waste treatment/utilization
  - Bio-waste treatment/utilization
- Commercializing New Energy's R&D Achievements
  - Advanced bio-fuels
  - Agricultural waste utilization

## **Our Business**

Resilient to Economic Ups and Downs with

A Bright Long-Term Future



#### Q1) What will be the impacts of Coronavirus Outbreak?

- Commercial gas sales decreases while Residential gas sales increases due to more cooking & water heating at home
- Industrial customers resume most of their operation capacity by Q1 2020
- Temporary NG price concession for C&I customers in some provinces of Mainland, to be compensated by lower city-gate prices
- Extend credit period for affected C&I customers
- Overall gas sales growth in Mainland will be affected





### Q2) Will the unfavourable GDP growth affect Hong Kong's business?

- Stable utility business nature
- Commercial gas sales drop compensated by Residential gas sales growth
- Industrial gas sector is small and stable
- More housing supply
- Full year effect of 2019 tariff increase
- Proactive cost control





### Q3) Will 7% ROA adversely affect city gas profits?

- Apply to gas distribution only (excluding connection fee)
- Most JVs have not reached that level
- JVs will continue to invest in fixed assets to meet the high demand growth, hence expanding the asset base
- Implementation of 7% ROA across the board will be complicated & may vary amongst different provinces
- Several JVs have finalized the distribution pricing with no adverse impact





#### Q4) Will 10% margin on connection fee affect our profit?

- The latest general guideline issued by NDRC is quite liberal
- Provincial and municipal authorities will discuss with gas operators considering local market situations
- Exceptionally high Connection fee may have to scale back
- Overall effect is mild





#### Q5) How well will gas consumption growth continue?

- Government committed to Paris Agreement
- Environmental issues must be tackled
- NG's share of primary energy consumption

2015: 5% 2020: 10% (8-9%) 2030: 15%

Consumption forecast (BCM)

2015: 193 2020: 360 (330) 2030: 480





### Q6) What is HKCG's plan in securing more NG sources?

- New NG supplies from Myanmar & Russia
- National grid for 3rd party access
- Invest in LNG receiving & gasification terminals
- Invest in provincial networks
- Invest in NG storage facilities
- Link up the Jintan Salt Cavern Storage with other networks



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