

**Opening Ceremony for The Brand New “Towngas Green Kitchen”  
Presenting the award-winning product series— “Cool-kitchen” appliances  
which effectively saves gas usage by 30%**

(March 8, 2012) Officially launched on 14 February, the brand new “Towngas Green Kitchen” was honored to have James Kwan, Towngas Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer attending this special occasion as the officiating guest to introduce the award-winning product series, the “Cool-kitchen” appliances. With the help of these industry-leading designs, Towngas would like to join force with the industry delegates to achieve a highly efficient and better working environment in the food and beverage (F&B) industry.

**Award-Winning Design for a Highly Efficient Performance**

“Cool-kitchen 4 treasures” appliances include various brand new designs solely developed by Towngas engineers. These innovative products satisfy all needs from professionals. They are highly efficient for it can effectively recycle waste heat from cooking to enhance energy benefit, a secure and profit-raising way for professionals to improve performance of their business, where at the same time achieving a low carbon emission rate. The “Cool-Kitchen 4-Treasure” appliances can bring in professional open fire cooking experience to create a cool and comfortable working environment and further enhance productivity.

The four new cooking appliances, namely high-efficient Chinese cooking range, high-efficient stock pot, high-efficient food steamer and high-efficient steam cabinet, were awarded with “2011 Hong Kong Awards for Industries: Machinery and Machine Tools Design Award” presented by the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong. The concept was to recycle the heat energy from the waste gas or steam to further enhance the efficiency of cookers. All four designs applied different heat energy recycling technology to satisfy different needs from the industry.

James Kwan, Towngas Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer said: “Towngas has always valued the good relationship with our business partners. We treasured all opinions from the industry and put great effort in the development of new product designs to enhance industrial performance. The “Cool-Kitchen 4-Treasure” appliances were developed from a concept to design and production solely by Towngas engineers. They aimed to save energy, control cost and improve working environment. Today, the opening ceremony for the “Towngas Green Kitchen” will become an important communication channel between Towngas and the F&B industry. Business partners are welcome to contact us anytime to experience the impressive functions of Towngas business cookers and share with us your thoughts on the topic of cost saving and environmental ideas.”

### **Efficiency Enhancement and Cost Saving**

To make the best use of energy and to protect the environment, Towngas “Cool-Kitchen 4-Treasure” appliances are equipped with the waste energy recycle system. Comparing to traditional cookers, the “Cool-Kitchen 4-Treasure” appliances can save gas usage up to 30%, which is widely adopted by large restaurant groups. By shifting from traditional cooking devices to “Cool-kitchen” appliances, users were able to reduce annual energy cost up to HKD150,000 to HKD200,000. At the same time, it was also recorded that temperature dropped significantly in users’ commercial kitchen. This impressive result demonstrated Towngas’ determination in promoting the best open fire cooking experience, while maximizing energy efficiency. By providing users with a more comfortable working environment, Towngas has turned the concept of “Cool Kitchen” into reality.

### **“F&B Environment Protection Group” to advocate one-stop service**

Towngas has shown enormous support to the long term development of the F&B industry all along and has dedicated itself to provide one-stop services. The “F&B Environment Protection Group” was established with an aim to provide professional advice for business partners in choosing business cookers best suited their needs and maximized energy saving so as to put energy saving, emission reduction and cost saving into practice. Last year, the group has provided professional advices to more than 800 middle and small size restaurants on energy saving, emission reduction and cost saving. The group also planned to provide regular security check on business cookers in the near future and to strengthen their safety awareness.

### **On a Green Mission to Low Carbon and Emission Reduction**

It was always a corporate mission for Towngas to protect and improve the environment, and to enforce environment protection management in all aspects. From 2006, Towngas imported natural gas and naphtha as the raw material for gas production to further lower the emission of greenhouse gas. To take a middle size Chinese restaurant as an example, it is estimated that a reduction of carbon emission by 63 tons can be achieved by using gas as cooking fuel which is equivalent to the cultivation of 2733 trees in Hong Kong each year. By doing so, we allowed our next generation to enjoy a low carbon and refreshing environment.

Towngas has supported the industry to promote open fire cooking with all its heart with effort in promoting environmental protection at the same time. Hand in hand, Towngas aimed to create an environmental friendly and ideal commercial environment with our valuable business partners.

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Pic 1: The brand new “Towngas Green Kitchen” was honored to have James Kwan, Towngas Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer (from the left) and Duncan Wong, Towngas General Manager - Marketing as the officiating guests to unveil the curtain and release the award-winning product, the “Cool-kitchen 4-Treasure” appliances. The four new cooking appliances solely developed by Towngas engineers include the high-efficient Chinese cooking range, high-efficient stock pot, high-efficient food steamer and high-efficient steam cabinet. The four impressive designs have also won the “2011 Hong Kong Awards for Industries: Machinery and Machine Tools Design Award” presented by the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong.



Pic 2: At the “Towngas Green Kitchen” opening ceremony, James Kwan, Towngas Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer gave an inaugural address and introduced the “Cool-kitchen 4-Treasure” appliances. The concept was to recycle the heat energy from the waste gas or steam to further enhance the efficiency of cookers. The four cookers applied different heat energy recycling technologies to satisfy needs from the industry, which effectively saved gas usage by 30%. Furthermore, to answer the predictive reports that Towngas would raise gas tariff, Mr. Kwan had also made an official announcement that considered the existence of unstable factors to the Hong Kong economy, it was decided that Towngas would not raise standard gas charge within this year. Instead, Towngas would pay more attention to cost control and productivity enhancement. The statement had won big applause from attendees of the F&B industry.



Pic 3: At the “Towngas Green Kitchen” opening ceremony, Peter Wong, Towngas General Manager - Customer Service (from the left), James Kwan, Towngas Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Duncan Wong, Towngas General Manager-Marketing and Sham Man Fai, Towngas General Manager – Production and Technology, preformed the roasted pig cutting ceremony, wishing Towngas and the industrial professionals ever success in the future and encouraging them to make effort in environmental protection for a environmental friendly and ideal business environment.



Pic 4: Towngas’ engineer introduced the characteristics and new heat energy recycle technologies of the “Cool-kitchen 4-Treasure” appliances in detail to the industrial professionals. The launch of the “Towngas Green Kitchen” demonstrates the latest environmentally friendly energy-saving cookers, and provides consultancy service that tailor-made for customers with the best applications so as to enhance efficiency and save energy.

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