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Towngas Celebrates Mid-Autumn Festival with Ethnic Minorities By Promoting Diversity & Inclusion through Hong Kong's first "Hand-in-Hand Mooncakes-of-Love" Workshop

(29 August, 2016 – Hong Kong) The Mid-Autumn Festival is a very special time for families to gather together and celebrate. The Hong Kong China Gas Company Limited (Towngas) joined with the Hong Kong Community Network - LINK Centre (Sponsored by the Home Affairs Department) to organise the first "Hand-in-Hand Mooncakes-of-Love" Workshop in Hong Kong, held at Flame at Towngas Avenue today. Kicking off the 16th annual "Towngas Mooncakes for the Community" campaign, the Workshop celebrated the Mid-Autumn Festival with ethnic minorities and promoted diversity and inclusion.

The highlight of the event was an extraordinary mooncake-making workshop that brought together local ethnic celebrities, more than 20 Ethnic Minority (EM) kids and Towngas volunteers. Also joining in the fun were Peter Wong, Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of Towngas, celebrities Gill Mohinderpaul Singh, Kitty and Jennie, the two child actors from the smash-hit movie "Little Big Master", Arif Abbas, a registered social worker from the LINK Centre, and Singh Taranvir, one of Hong Kong's top students who scored 7 A's in the HKDSE. Everyone was organised into teams to join hands in making the mooncakes. The theme of "diversity and inclusion" was accentuated by adding different colours to the pastry of the mooncakes. All of the colourful mooncakes had the same delicious lotus paste inside.

Peter Wong said, "Towngas is always devoted to promoting the message of integration. This year, we are also promoting diversity and inclusion during the Mid-Autumn Festival by inviting various ethnic minorities organisations and charity groups to support our 'Towngas Mooncakes for the Community' campaign and to help deliver mooncakes to them with love and care. Towngas will also organise a cultural tour to enable the Hong Kong public to visit places where ethnic minorities live. Through online promotion, we hope the public can learn more about the culture of ethnic minorities and enhance social integration in Hong Kong."



The EM children participating in the workshop were delighted to make mooncakes for the first time. They said how challenging and fun it was to make mooncakes while their hands were tied together with the Towngas volunteers, showing real teamwork. An added attraction was a traditional lantern-making session, and the kids were also introduced to some of the legends of the Mid-Autumn Festival.

This marks the 16th year of the “Mooncakes for the Community” campaign. Towngas hopes to spread the spirit of integration, diversity, inclusion and love during the Mid-Autumn Festival by sharing mooncakes with the needy. More than 1.8 million mooncakes-of-love will be distributed across Hong Kong. Following a long tradition, Towngas will invite more than 124 charity groups and local organisations to help distribute about 100,000 mooncakes-of-love to the needy.

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Photo 1: The Hong Kong China Gas Company Limited (Towngas) joined with the Hong Kong Community Network- LINK Centre (Sponsored by the Home Affairs Department) to organise the first “Hand-in-Hand Mooncakes-of-Love” Workshop to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival with ethnic minorities and promote diversity and inclusion, as well as kick off the 16th annual “Mooncakes for the Community” campaign. This year, Towngas will invite more than 124 charity groups and local organisations to help distribute about 100,000 mooncakes-of-love to the needy.



Photo 2: Peter Wong Wai Yee, Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of Towngas (3rd from left), Gill Mohindepaul Singh (2nd from left), Kitty (3rd from right) and Jennie (middle), the two kids actors from “Little Big Master”, Singh Taranvir (2nd from right), the Indian HKDSE 7As scorer, led over 20 ethnic minority kids and local volunteers to join hands with an armband and make the “colourful Mooncakes of Love” together.



Photo 3: Towngas had prepared colourful mooncakes for the event.





Photo 4: The EM children participating in the workshop were delighted to make mooncakes for the first time. They said it was challenging and fun to make mooncakes while their hands were tied together with the Towngas volunteers, showing real teamwork.



Photo 5: Apart from the mooncake workshop, Towngas also arranged a lantern making session workshop for EM children to make their own animal lanterns. The kids were excited to showcase their uniquely made lanterns.



Photo 6: Gill Mohindepaul Singh, who felt proud as a Hong Konger, stated that he used to celebrate every Chinese festival just as local people as he was influenced by local customs since his childhood. He loves Mid-Autumn Festival very much as it is very similar to the Indian festival, Diwali.



Photo 7: Kitty and Jennie, the two kids actors from “Little Big Master” stated that this event allowed them to have a new festive experience by making mooncake and lantern on their own. They love the joyful atmosphere of Mid-Autumn Festival very much and will share their mooncakes and lanterns with families to celebrate the festival this year.



Photo 8: Singh Taranvir, the Indian HKDSE 7As scorer joined the workshop and cheered for the participants with the Pakistani drinks.