



**Gas Supply For Lok Ma Chau Loop Makeshift Hospital  
Made Possible By Towngas In Efforts To Combat COVID**

(4 March 2022) The number of COVID-19 infections has grown exponentially as the fifth wave of epidemic hit Hong Kong, causing an increasing need for hospital beds for those tested positive or preliminarily positive. Leveraging the staunch support from the Central Government, the HKSAR Government is ramping up the efforts to construct several community isolation and treatment facilities, also known as “mobile cabin hospitals”. The largest of which is situated at the Lok Ma Chau Loop area. Upon receiving the request for gas supply at the Lok Ma Chau Loop hospital, The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited (Towngas) swiftly redeployed its manpower and assembled a team of 200 to help with the construction of new gas pipelines around-the-clock. After just four days, the new gas pipes are now completed and ready to supply town gas to the makeshift facility.

With a total length of 1.5 kilometres, the new pipelines will be able to provide a stable and safe gas supply to around 10,000 patients and 4,000 persons working at the Lok Ma Chau hospital. This is yet another action from Towngas to help combat the epidemic, following the reintroduction of the “Towngas Credit Period Extension Scheme” for catering operators on 1 March.

Mr Alfred Chan Wing-kin, Towngas Managing Director, visited the pipeline construction site on 3 March afternoon and sent his heartfelt gratitude, along with some anti-epidemic care packs, to the colleagues involved in this remarkable feat. Mr Chan noted, “Joining hands together to fight the epidemic is now the first and foremost priority for Hong Kong. Towngas is honoured to play a role in this fight with the new pipeline construction, and we will make sure we live up to the expectations. The Towngas team had to take on this “mission impossible” with a tight schedule, and was still be able to finish the task with such high standards and quality. This demonstrates our unity and the ‘can-do’ spirit of all the Towngas colleagues, as well as our resolution to defeat COVID and our accountability to the public.”

Towngas sincerely hopes that the pandemic can be over as soon as possible, and the economy and the livelihood of Hong Kong be returned to normal.

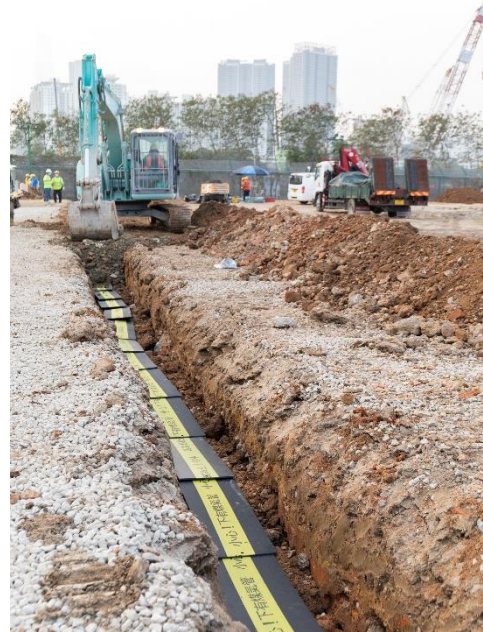
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Mr Alfred Chan Wing-kin (1st from right), Towngas Managing Director, visited the new gas pipeline construction site at the Lok Ma Chau Loop area, where the makeshift hospital is being built.

Photo 2 & 3:



Towngas staff worked around-the-clock at the site to build the 1.5-kilometre-long pipes, ensuring gas supply for the hospital.