

## **Measures to Promote the Use of Electric Vehicles**

### Financial Incentives

- (i) The First Registration Tax for electric vehicles (EVs) has been waived since 1994 and will continue till the end of March 2014.
- (ii) Enterprises procuring environment-friendly vehicles, including EVs, can enjoy a 100% profits tax deduction for the capital expenditure in the first year of procurement.
- (iii) A \$300 million Pilot Green Transport Fund was set up in March 2011 to support trials of green and innovative transport technologies by transport operators. It has since approved the trials of 59 EVs including electric vans, taxis, buses and light buses.
- (iv) \$180 million are allocated for the franchised bus companies to purchase 36 electric buses for trial.

### Government Procurement

- (v) The Government will continue to take the lead in using EVs, taking into account the operational needs of government departments. As at end October 2013, there were 147 EVs in the Government fleet. Another 74 EVs will be delivered to various departments later.

### Liaison with Vehicle Suppliers

- (vi) On the supply of EVs, the Government has been liaising closely with EV manufacturers to encourage them to introduce EVs into Hong Kong. At present, 24 EV models from seven countries are running in Hong Kong.

## Provision of Charging Facilities and Technical Support

- (vii) The Government has been working with the private sector to expand the charging network. There are some 1 000 public charging facilities in Hong Kong to serve the EVs. They include 500 standard charging facilities installed by the Government in 18 public car parks managed by the Transport Department and the Government Property Agency, and some 500 charging facilities installed by the private sector. Besides the standard charging facilities, 10 quick chargers are installed in different districts in Hong Kong. On average, one quick charger can be found within around 20 kilometres.
- (viii) In respect of new buildings, through granting concessions on gross floor areas of car parks, the Government has been encouraging developers to put in place at the building construction stage the basic infrastructure (including switch boards, electrical wiring and ducts) of EV chargers to facilitate the future installation of EV charging facilities having regard to the needs of car park users.
- (ix) In respect of existing buildings, the Government has written to more than 7 400 owners' corporations and owners' committees in Hong Kong to appeal for their support in installing EV chargers upon EV users' requests at premises under their management.
- (x) The Environment Bureau and the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) have issued a set of guidelines on the arrangements and technical requirements in setting up EV chargers. EMSD has also set up a hotline to provide information and technical support to parties interested in setting up EV chargers.