

## **The Five Strategies and 10 Actions set out in the Action Plan on Green Maritime Fuel Bunkering**

### **Strategy 1: Green Fuel**

- **Action (1): To adopt a multi-fuel strategy for a zero carbon emission future**

The Government will adopt a multi-fuel strategy whereby different types of fuels could be provided to vessels flexibly. This includes encouraging the trade to provide and use bio-diesel and completing the drafting of the Code of Practice (CoP) on LNG bunkering within this year. The Government will also complete the drafting of the CoP on green methanol bunkering in 2025 and start setting the future development directions for hydrogen and green ammonia bunkering in Hong Kong.

- **Action (2): To catalyse the green maritime fuel supply chain and trades**

The Government will establish the Green Maritime Fuel Bunkering Incentive Scheme in 2025 and reach out to sign memoranda of understanding with stakeholders relevant to green maritime fuels, as well as provide a collaborative platform for their business development, among other facilitation measures. These measures will help to ensure that Hong Kong will have a stable supply of high quality green maritime fuels and allow the organic development of a trading market for green maritime fuels.

### **Strategy 2: Green Port**

- **Action (3): To develop a green maritime fuel bunkering ecosystem**

The Government will provide support to the industry in a proactive manner in order to meet the challenges in different parts of the supply

chain, including storage, bunkering, ancillary services and regulatory framework, such as inviting the industry to submit expressions of interest in 2025 in relation to developing methanol storage facilities on a land parcel in Tsing Yi South near the port, thereby promoting the establishment and development of an ecosystem for green maritime fuel bunkering business.

- **Action (4): To simplify the approval process for green maritime fuel bunkering**

The Marine Department will set up a dedicated team to provide one-stop services for companies interested in setting up green shipping-related businesses in Hong Kong, and enhance the efficiency and transparency of approval procedures in relation to green maritime fuel bunkering, hence facilitating the development of bunkering business.

- **Action (5): To reduce carbon emissions from port operations**

The Government will continue to maintain close communication with port operators and encourage them to deploy more measures to reduce carbon emissions from port operations, in order to prepare Hong Kong for participation in green shipping corridors.

- **Action (6): To holistically build a green Government fleet**

The Government will promote the green transformation of the Government fleet. The Marine Department will set up an inter-departmental working group within this year to explore the relevant technological developments with relevant departments regularly, explore in 2026 promoting the use of bio-diesel by suitable Government vessels and the switch to green maritime fuel-powered vessels when decommissioned, and order the first batch of green methanol-powered vessels in 2027.

### **Strategy 3: Green Incentives**

- **Action (7): To subsidise green transformation of vessels**

Apart from the New Energy Transport Fund and the measures for creating an ecosystem for commodity trading, the Government will also consider in 2025 reducing the port dues and registration fees for green maritime fuel-powered vessels to help lower the cost of transitioning to green maritime fuels, as well as explore exempting imported green methanol for bunkering purpose from tax.

- **Action (8): To develop green-friendly arrangements for usage of port facilities**

The Marine Department will announce in 2025 the arrangement for priority use of Hong Kong port facilities by green maritime fuel-powered vessels, as well as step up promotion on and encourage usage of green maritime fuels and Hong Kong's green-friendly port arrangements to companies of Hong Kong-registered ships.

### **Strategy 4: Green Collaboration**

- **Action (9): To foster regional cooperation in relation to green maritime fuel bunkering**

The Government will actively drive collaboration with the Mainland over matters including fuel supply and manpower training. At the same time, the Government targets to identify at least one suitable port for developing a green shipping corridor with Hong Kong and kick-start the relevant discussion within 2026, as well as actively consider joining green shipping corridors between other ports.

### **Strategy 5: Green Expertise**

- **Action (10): To nurture talents in relation to green maritime fuels**

The Government will support the nurturing of talents in relation to

green maritime fuels through such means as enhancing the existing subsidy schemes and launching new ones, to help Hong Kong develop into a training centre on green maritime fuels in the region. It is expected that 50 talents in relation to green maritime fuels will be trained by early 2026. At the same time, the Government will continue to provide facilitation for relevant talents to come to Hong Kong through different schemes.