

EcoSmart Series V: Roundtable Luncheon on

Promoting the Use of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles

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Drive SMART with Clean Vehicles!

Motor vehicles, especially diesel vehicles, are the main causes of high concentrations of respirable suspended particulates (RSPs) and nitrogen oxides (NOx) at street level in Hong Kong. Among a number of measures taken by the HKSAR Government to reduce roadside emissions, the promotion of using clean vehicles has become a highlight of policy direction in recent years. For examples, the Government has introduced first registration tax concession to hybrid and electric vehicles, which produce about 80% less of both RSPs and NOx. Hong Kong is the first place in Asia, after Japan, to sign a Memorandum of Understanding early this year to test the new-generation electric vehicle, symbolizing that Hong Kong has moved a major step forward in promoting the use of clean vehicles.

While improving roadside air quality, the use of hybrid and electric vehicles will also create business opportunities for industries in Hong Kong. Over the past years, the Hong Kong Automotive Parts and Accessory Systems R&D Centre had embarked on eight projects in relation to hybrid or electric vehicles with funding of over \$20 million. In this year's Budget, the Government

identified the promotion of electric vehicles as one of the key measures to promote green economy. While some businesses, such as CLP Power, has already made use of hybrid and electric vehicle fleets in their operations, the Government is also considering to introduce electric vehicles into its fleet when the related technology has matured.

Although considerable environmental and health benefits could be generated by hybrid and electric vehicles, the costs of these vehicles are much higher than conventional cars, and there is a need to encourage the business sector, particularly the property developers and private car park operators, to set up battery charging facilities for electric vehicles.

What are the latest technology breakthroughs of hybrid and electric cars? How would the government promote the use of these vehicles? Could they be widely used in Hong Kong? Members please join us to share your views.

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