

28th batch of applications approved under Pilot Green Transport Fund

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) today (May 29) announced its approval of the 28th batch of applications for the trials of green innovative transport technologies under the Pilot Green Transport Fund.

The six newly approved applications are for the trials of seven electric light goods vehicles and involve a total subsidy of about \$1.5 million. The applications were from:

Cheuk Wing Electronics Technology Co Limited
Crown Asia Engineering Limited
Fat Kee Noodle Factory Limited
ITE Smartcard Solutions Limited
Shanghai Construction Overseas Engineering Limited
The Net-A-Porter Group Asia Pacific Limited

The latest approval brings the total number of trials being pursued under the Fund to 186 for testing 131 electric light goods vehicles, 21 single-deck electric buses, three electric light buses, three electric taxis, one electric medium goods vehicle (tractor), 48 hybrid light goods vehicles, 27 hybrid medium goods vehicles, 20 hybrid public light buses, two single-deck hybrid buses, one solar air-conditioning system for a bus, four electric inverter air-conditioning systems for buses, three diesel-electric propulsion systems for ferries and one seawater scrubber for a ferry, amounting to a total subsidy of about \$155 million.

At present, 125 approvals under the Fund are already on trial. Ninety-three of them have completed the trials, involving 51 electric light goods vehicles, nine single-deck electric buses, three electric taxis, three electric light buses, 37 hybrid light goods vehicles, 21 hybrid medium goods vehicles, eight hybrid public light buses, one solar air-conditioning system for a bus, four electric inverter air-conditioning systems for buses, one diesel-electric propulsion system for a ferry and one seawater scrubber for a ferry have completed their trials. The EPD will continue to upload the reports once completed to the Fund's website for public information.

The Government put in place the \$300 million Fund in March 2011 to subsidise the testing of green innovative transport technologies. The Fund is open for applications from public transport operators, charitable and non-profit making organisations providing services to clients, and goods vehicle operators. The technologies for trial include alternative-fuelled vehicles, conversion of in-use conventional vehicles to alternative-fuelled vehicles, and after-treatment emission reduction devices or fuel saving devices related to transport activities. Transport operators may apply for the Fund to try out different green innovative products subject to a maximum subsidy of \$9 million for each application and \$12 million in total.

For more information on the Fund and the approved applications, please visit the EPD website (www.epd.gov.hk) or call the enquiry hotline on 2824 0022.