

EV-charging at Home Subsidy Scheme open for application

A spokesman for the Environment Bureau announced that the EV-charging at Home Subsidy Scheme (EHSS), which assists car parks of private residential buildings to install electric vehicle (EV) charging-enabling infrastructure, is open for application from today (October 21).

"The Chief Executive announced in the 2019 Policy Address the preparation of a \$2 billion pilot subsidy scheme to promote the installation of EV charging-enabling infrastructure in car parks of existing private residential buildings, enabling EV owners to install chargers at car parks of their residences according to their own needs in the future," the spokesman said.

"The EHSS helps resolve the technical and financial problems often encountered in installing EV charging-enabling infrastructure in car parks of existing private residential buildings. It is expected that about 60 000 parking spaces will be provided with EV charging-enabling infrastructure in about three years under the EHSS so as to encourage people with driving needs to switch to EVs. Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis," the spokesman added.

Representatives from private residential buildings interested in applying for the subsidy can submit applications through the website of the EHSS (www.EVhomecharging.gov.hk), by mail or in person to the Electric Vehicle Section, Air Policy Division, Environmental Protection Department (Room 1403-05, Chinachem Exchange Square, 1 Hoi Wan Street, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong). For more details, please refer to the EHSS website or call 3741 1347.

The Government has implemented various measures in recent years to promote the use of EVs and expand the EV-charging network. Apart from launching the EHSS, other measures include extending the current first registration tax concession arrangement for EVs to March 31, 2024, granting gross floor area concessions for the installation of EV charging-enabling infrastructure in car parks of new buildings, and installing more than 1 000 public chargers in government car parks in three years starting from 2019. Furthermore, the Government is formulating Hong Kong's first road map on the popularisation of EVs. The relevant work is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2021.