Economy Updates on EE&C Policies & Programmes

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EE&C Related Policies

Policy Address

- Combating Climate Change and Global Warming through emission reduction strategy
 - Suggested emission reduction measures through wider use of cleaner energy
 - Enhancing energy efficiency
 - Energy efficiency for buildings
 - Energy-efficient products



- Mandatory implementation of Building Energy Code
 - Buildings account for about 90% electricity consumption in Hong Kong
 - Buildings Energy Efficiency Ordinance was enacted in November 2010
 - Full operation in September 2012
 - Minimum energy efficiency standards and requirements for 4 key types of building services installations, covering air-conditioning, electrical, lighting and lift & escalator
 - For new buildings and existing buildings undergoing major retrofitting works



- Mandatory implementation of Building Energy Code
 - For new buildings, expected energy saving of 2.8 billion kWh achievable in first decade (i.e. carbon dioxide emission reduction by 1.96 million tonnes)
 - Compliance registration every 10 years
 - Energy audit for common areas of commercial buildings and commercial portion of composite buildings once every 10 years



Government to lead by examples

- Target-based green performance framework for new and existing Government buildings
 - Compliance with Building Energy Codes
 - Demonstration of state-of-the-art energyefficient designs and technologies
 - Energy audits at Government venues



- Buildings Energy Efficiency Funding Schemes (BEEFS)- \$450 million
 - Subsidy for communal areas of residential, commercial and industrial buildings
 - Energy-cum-carbon audits
 - Energy efficiency improvement of building services installations
 - Introduced since April 2009
 - Subsidy up to 50% of expenditure
 - Up to September 2011, over 750 projects have been approved



Energy Conservation and Use of Energy Efficient Products

- Mandatory Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme (MEELS)
 - Energy Efficiency (Labelling of Products) Ordinance (EELPO)
 - Enacted in May 2008
 - 1st Phase fully operated in November 2009
 - Energy label for room air conditioners, refrigerating appliances and compact fluorescent lamps
 - Estimated electricity saving around 150 million kWh per year (i.e. reduce CO₂ by around 105,000 tonnes a year)



Energy Conservation and Use of Energy Efficient Products

- Mandatory Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme (MEELS)
 - 2nd Phase MEELS to cover 2 more appliances by amendment to EELPO
 - 1) Dehumidifiers and 2) washing machines
 - Fully operated in September 2011
 - Estimated additional electricity saving of around 25 million kWh per year (i.e. CO₂ reduction by around 17,500 tonnes)



Other Ongoing EE&C Programmes

- Energy Efficiency Registration Scheme for Buildings (voluntary BECs)
- Scheme for Wider Use of Fresh Water in Cooling Tower of Air Conditioning Systems
- District Cooling System (DCS) in progress
- Voluntary Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme
- Publicity and Public Education





