

## **Hong Kong Offshore LNG Terminal Project**

### **The Sixth Meeting for the Management Committee of the Marine Conservation Enhancement Fund (MCEF-MC)**

#### **Meeting Notes**

**Date and Time:** 14 March 2023 (Tue) 14:30

#### **Present (MCEF-MC Members):**

- Prof. Nora TAM, Chairperson (Emeritus Professor, Department of Chemistry, City University of Hong Kong)
- Dr. CHEUNG Siu-gin (Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, City University of Hong Kong)
- Prof. Joe SY LEE (Professor, School of Life Sciences and Earth System Science, Chinese University of Hong Kong)
- Dr. CHENG Luk-ki (Director, Green Power)
- Mr. Edwin LAU (Founder and Executive Director, The Green Earth)
- Ms. Karen LUI (Senior Manager - Environment, CLP Power Hong Kong Limited (CLP))
- Mr. Norman CHAN (Head of Mechanical Engineering, Projects Division, The Hongkong Electric Company, Limited (HK Electric))

#### **Absent with Apologies:**

- Prof. HO Kin-chung (Founding Chairman, Polar Research Institute of Hong Kong)
- Ms. Linda HO (Chief Executive Officer, Green Council)

#### **Secretariat:**

- Mr. James MA (Senior Manager - Environment, CLP)
- Ms. Sheila CHOW (Senior Specialist - Environment, CLP)
- Mr. Johnny KWONG (Chief Mechanical Engineer, Projects Division, HK Electric)
- Ms. Michelle LIN (Mechanical Engineer, Projects Division, HK Electric)
- Mr. Rocky SIU (Mechanical Engineer, Projects Division, HK Electric)
- Ms. Ivy Leung (Manager, Public Affairs (External Affairs), HK Electric)
- Dr. Jasmine NG (ERM-Hong Kong, Limited (ERM))
- Mr. Raymond CHOW (ERM)
- Ms. Rebecca CHONG (ERM)
- Ms. Carina CHENG (ERM)

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**1. Agenda Item 1 – Matters arising from Last Meeting**

- 1.1. The Chairperson welcomed all Members to attend the Sixth Meeting and presented the agenda of the Meeting.
- 1.2. Representative of the Secretariat provided a brief overview on the Sharing Session of the Environmental Enhancement Funds held on 2 March 2023. More than 50 participants from the fisheries sectors, academia and NGOs attended the event. Four groups of project team members were invited to share the outcomes of the funded projects during the sharing session.

**2. Agenda Item 2 – Progress of Funded Projects**

- 2.1 Representative of the Secretariat provided a brief overview on the funded projects and the anticipated timeline for submission of progress reports. The Chairperson acknowledged the anticipated timeline and reminded the Members to review progress reports after initial checking by the Secretariat.

**3. Agenda Item 3 – Application Assessment**

- 3.1 Representative of the Secretariat provided a brief summary to the Members on the timeline and number of applications received, as well as funding duplication check for the Year 2022/23 Round 1 Marine Conservation Enhancement Fund (MCEF) Applications.
- 3.2 Representative of the Secretariat presented key items to facilitate Members' discussion of applications for funding recommendation and the payment terms and conditions, including year-round budget, potential funding duplication, partial funding agreeable to applicants, and COVID-19 outbreak implications.
- 3.3 The Members discussed the approach for considering each application.
- 3.4 The Chairperson reminded the Members to refrain from discussion on applications with conflict of interest. When discussing each of the applications, assessors were encouraged to voice out particular comments they might have on the applications, including content of the applications, experience of the applicant's team, merits or demerits, etc. for Members' discussion and consideration.
- 3.5 Representative of the Secretariat briefed Members on the applications and the Members without conflict of interest discussed the applications and recommended applications for funding based on the assessment results and other key considerations. The Members agreed that all the recommended applications would receive partial funding support as indicated in the application forms. The Members discussed and agreed that assessors' comments would be provided to the unsuccessful applicants for reference.

*Post-meeting note: After clarification by the applicants, the Members agreed to recommend total of 8 applications for funding.*

**4. Agenda Item 4 – Anticipated Timeline of Upcoming Activities and Tentative Schedule of Next meeting**

- 4.1 Representative of the Secretariat briefed Members on the timeline of upcoming activities for funding award, funding theme and the next funding cycle. Steering Committee meeting would be held in April 2023 for approval of MCEF-MC's recommended applications. The Secretariat would prepare funding agreement including payment schedule and terms and conditions for agreement with successful applicants in April 2023.
- 4.2 Representative of the Secretariat mentioned Year 2022/23 Round 2 MCEF application would be open between April and June 2023.
- 4.3 The Chairperson asked whether a specific funding theme should be determined for Year 2022-23 Round 2 MCEF Application. The Chairperson suggested and the Members agreed that the three funding themes could be kept for the next funding cycle.

**5. Agenda Item 6 – AOB**

- 5.1 The Chairperson and Members suggested applicants should be reminded with the importance of avoiding duplicate submission of applications. Representative of the Secretariat mentioned that the Guidance Note and Application Form would be updated with relevant clauses prior to the commencement of Year 2022/23 Round 2 MCEF Application.
- 5.2 Representative of the Secretariat suggested the Members to deliberate on the publicity of funded projects and promotion for discussion in the next meeting.
- 5.3 The next meeting would be scheduled in September 2023 to review fund operation and discuss Year 2022/23 Round 2 MCEF Application for funding recommendation.

The meeting was adjourned at 18:20.