

# Hong Kong Offshore LNG Terminal Project

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

### Meeting Notes

**Date:** 27 September 2021 (Mon) 13:00

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

- Prof Nora TAM, Chairperson (Emeritus Professor, Department of Chemistry, City University of Hong Kong)
- Dr CHENG Luk-ki (Director, Green Power)
- Dr CHEUNG Siu-gin (Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, City University of Hong Kong)
- Mr Edwin LAU (Founder and Executive Director, The Green Earth)
- Prof Joe SY LEE (Professor, School of Life Sciences and Earth System Science, Chinese University of Hong Kong)
- Dr Helen CHIU (Senior Environmental Manager, 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 (Environmental Manager, CLP)
- Ms Natalie NG (Environmental Regulatory Advisor, CLP)
- Ms Sheila CHOW (Assistant Environmental Officer, CLP)
- Mr Johnny KWONG (Chief Mechanical Engineer, Projects Division, HK Electric)
- Mr Eric KWAN (Project Engineer, Projects Division, HK Electric)
- Mr Percy KWOK (Mechanical Engineer, Projects Division, HK Electric)
- Dr Jasmine NG (ERM-Hong Kong, Limited (ERM))
- Mr Raymond CHOW (ERM)
- Ms Rebecca CHONG (ERM)

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

- 1.1. Representative of the Secretariat reported the meeting minutes of the Second Meeting held on 15 March 2021 had been circulated and agreed by the Members. There was no outstanding item or matter arising from the last meeting.

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

- 2.1 Representative of the Secretariat provided a brief progress on Year 2020/21 Round 1 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 2020/21 Round 2 Marine Conservation Enhancement Fund (MCEF) Application.
- 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 discussing 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 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 6 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 October 2021 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 October 2021.
- 4.2 Representative of the Secretariat mentioned Year 2021-22 Round 1 MCEF application will be open between mid-October and mid-December.
- 4.3 The Chairperson asked whether a specific funding theme should be determined for Year 2021-22 Round 1 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 5 – AOB**

- 5.1 The Chairperson concluded that the budget for Year 2020/21 MCEF was HK\$15M-20M. The MCEF budget for Year 2021-22 would be HK\$15M-20M.
- 5.2 Members suggested that the Secretariat could invite more NGOs and university departments (e.g. geography departments) for fund applications. The Secretariat would issue invitation emails to the NGOs and university departments for the upcoming round of MCEF application.
- 5.3 The next meeting would be scheduled in March 2022 to review fund operation and discuss Year 2021-22 Round 1 MCEF Application for funding recommendation.

The meeting was adjourned at 17:00.