

# **Powering a Carbon Neutral Hong Kong**

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Energy for Brighter Tomorrows

### CLP serves more than 80% of HK's population



## CLP's diversified power generation fuel mix for HK





## **Electricity fuel types**











Note: Others include oil, energy from waste and electricity generated under FiT Scheme

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## **CLP significantly improved environmental performance in HK**



1994 Nuclear Power from Daya Bay



<u>1996</u> Natural Gas at Black Point Power Station



2010-2011 Castle Peak Power Station Emissions Control Enhancement



2013 West-East Pipeline Gas for Black Point Power Station



2020 - 2024 New gas-fired generation units at Black Point Power Station commissioned Hong Kong offshore liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal went into operation

#### **Environmental Improvement of CLP**





Transition from coal to nuclear and natural gas reduces carbon emission

### **CLP Electricity Fuel Mix Evolution**





### HK reducing carbon emission with high reliability and reasonable tariff



#### HK's Greenhouse Gas Emissions are reducing...

#### ...with high reliability and reasonable tariff



(1) \*2021-2023 average for CLP Power was 6.0 minutes; Taking out the impact due to cable bridge fire incident in Yuen Long, the three-year average was 1.3 minute
(2) 2020-2022 average for all other cities
(3) There are no overhead lines in Singapore



## Carbon emission is increasingly a global concern due to worsening climate change

### China

- CO<sub>2</sub> emissions peak before **2030**
- Achieve carbon neutrality before 2060

Hong Kong

- Reduce carbon emissions by 50% before 2035 (from 2005 level)
- Achieve carbon neutrality before **2050**



### Power sector plays a key role in HK's decarbonisation targets



#### No Coal for Electricity Generation



Cease using coal for daily electricity generation, to be replaced by low to zero-carbon energy

#### Renewable Energy (RE)



#### (Increase to 15% subsequently)

Public and private sectors to develop RE proactively to increase its share in the fuel mix for electricity generation



#### Zero-carbon Energy



Trial of new energy and closer cooperation with neighbouring areas to increase the supply of zero-carbon electricity

#### Cooperation and Innovation

Seek investment and development opportunities, participate in and operate zero-carbon energy projects near Hong Kong



#### **Electricity Saving in Buildings**

Wind

3.5-4%

2035

Electricity

consumption

(Compared

with 2015)





(Reduce by 30-40% subsequently)

(Reduce by 20-30% subsequently)

RE Potential (Until 2035)							
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SOURCE: Hong Kong's Climate Action Plan 2050, Oct 2021



### HK requires extra high level of electricity supply reliability



#### **Electricity in Final Energy Consumption**

# 6 million

passenger trips every day on electrically powered transport



#### **Emporis Skyline Ranking**



50% or more of the population live or work above the 15<sup>th</sup> floor





## Migration from fossil fuels to new energy hasn't come easy

Windfarm settings triggered South Australia blackout on 28 Sep 2016



Source: Guardian News & Media



Death Valley recorded 54°C on 16 Aug 2020 Source: CNN Prolonged heatwave resulted in rolling blackout in California in Aug 2020, despite heavy investment in renewable energy



## Fossil fuel phase-out and RE phase-in increase volatility to supplies and prices

- In 2018, Australia's energy prices were among the highest in the world, despite the country's substantial energy resources
- Rocky transition from coal to renewable energy was often blamed



Closure of the Hazelwood coal power station in Victoria prompted a price surge of 85% compared to 2016 prices



South Australia is Australia's leading wind power-producing state

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## International Energy Agency appealed for stabilizing power supply



IEA Executive Director Fatih Birol

'Avalanche' of renewables threatens power grid

- In Dec 2018, IEA opined Australia needed to ensure an "avalanche" of clean energy supply is backed up by firm generation to keep the lights on
- **Power systems without back-up have accidents in terms of security of supply**. It's definitely not good news for citizens

SOURCE: The Australian, 5 Dec 2018

### Achieving net zero globally will be harder without nuclear

- As an established large-scale low emissions energy source, nuclear is well placed to help decarbonise electricity supply
- Extending nuclear plants' lifetimes is an indispensable part of a cost-effective path to net zero by 2050
- Nuclear power plays a significant role in a secure global pathway to net zero
- Less nuclear power would make net zero ambitions harder and more expensive

SOURCE: Nuclear Power and Secure Energy Transitions, IEA, June 2022



## Nuclear power has been developing in China safely, reliably and cost effectively



- China approved 10 new nuclear power units in 2023
- Expect to approve 6-8 new units per year
- Advanced nuclear power plants could be built in China at much lower cost than those in US and Europe, due to well developed and low cost manpower resources and supply chains
  - Target to reach 120 GW\* by 2035(~10% of electricity generation)
    - \* HK's electricity demand ~10GW

### HK has 25 years to phase out fossil fuel with zero-carbon energy

### Typical Power Generation Carbon Emission (kg CO<sub>2</sub>/kWh)



CLP Electricity Fuel Mix Projection and Average Carbon Intensity (kg CO<sub>2</sub>/kWh)



## HK has limited RE potential for fully decarbonising power generation



Total land area = 1,114 km<sup>2</sup>(including about 4 km<sup>2</sup> of Mangrove and Swamp below the High Water Mark). Country Parks, Special Areas and Mai Po Ramsar Site cover about 41.6% of the land area of Hong Kong.

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- 42% land reserved for country parks and special areas
- 25% developed area, strong demand on housing and commercial development

#### **Local RE Developments**



### Strengthening regional cooperation for reliable decarbonisation



- Power interconnection between HK and GD being upgraded to enable more zerocarbon energy for HK
- Nuclear power would have an important role in HK's longterm power generation mix

SOURCE: Guangdong Offshore Wind Development Plan (2017-2030) 广东省海上风电发展规划 (2017-2030年) World Nuclear Association, updated October 2022



## Balancing demand and supply would become challenging





## Leveraging distributed energy resources could enhance system flexibility

**Demand Response** 



Reduce electricity consumption during peak demand hours Load Shifting



Shift load to off peak hours when supply is abundant at lower cost and lower carbon

### **Distributed Energy Resources**



Potential future option on leveraging customers' energy storages such as EV batteries



### Deploying energy storages could stabilize power system

### **Pumped Storage**

### Lithium Ion Battery

- Large storage capacity
- Relatively low cost
- Accessible through regional cooperation



- Quick response
- High round-trip efficiency
- Local installation of different scales feasible



Flow Battery Source: Sumitomo Electric



Liquid Air Energy Storage Source: Highview Power

Potential future options on local installation if scale and cost approaching parity with pumped storage

**Emerging Long-duration Storages** 



## Flexible natural gas power generation balances system and maintains security

#### Black Point Power Station

- Primary fuel natural gas Secondary fuel – ultra low sulphur diesel
- 2 pipeline gas supplies from Mainland China
- Liquefied natural gas supply through offshore terminal





### Hydrogen can be used for producing energy

- Hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>) can be produced as a gas or liquid, or made part of other materials (e.g. water H<sub>2</sub>O, methane CH<sub>4</sub>, methanol CH<sub>3</sub>OH, ammonia NH<sub>3</sub>, etc.)
- H<sub>2</sub> is a raw material in industrial and chemical processes. H<sub>2</sub> can also be used as energy storage, or as fuel for transport, heating and power generation through combustion turbine or fuel cell

### **Hydrogen Combustion**



$$2 H_2 + O_2 \longrightarrow 2 H_2 O$$

- Produce heat and water
- Without CO<sub>2</sub> emission
- Emit NO<sub>x</sub> due to thermal process



### Hydrogen could potentially enable deep decarbonisation

Color	<b>GREY</b> HYDROGEN	BLUE HYDROGEN	<b>GREEN</b> F Hydrogen	PINK / PURPLE / RED HYDROGEN
Process	SMR or gasification	SMR or gasification with carbon capture (85-95%)	Electrolysis	Electrolysis
Source	Methane or coal	Methane or coal	Renewable electricity	Nuclear electricity

SMR – Steam Methane Reforming

SOURCE: Green Hydrogen: A Guide to Policy Making, IRENA (2020)

### For decarbonisation, $H_2$ must be produced from low / zero carbon processes



### Zero-carbon hydrogen supply and cost would improve towards 2050



**Technology** - "In the power sector, gas turbine manufacturers are confident they can provide gas turbines that run on pure hydrogen by 2030."

SOURCE: Global Hydrogen Review 2021, International Energy Agency, Oct 2021



Global Hydrogen Production and Trade (million tonne)



#### Delivered Cost of Green Hydrogen to Northeast Asia (US\$/kg)

SOURCE: The blue-green planet: How hydrogen can transform the global energy trade, Wood Mackenzie, Oct 2021

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### Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage may be an alternative to hydrogen



- Continuation of fossil fuel power generation and industrial applications is possible with CCUS
- Carbon capture removes ~90-95% of emission. Carbon offset would be required for residual emission
- HK does not have large industries that use carbon dioxide
- New pipeline may be built to transmit carbon dioxide to GD offshore for permanent storage
- Pearl River Mouth Basin (~100km from HK) is a potential carbon dioxide storage site

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SOURCE: 广东省二氧化碳捕集利用运输与封存规划 研究报告 Guangdong CCUS Study Report, Sep 2022

### CLP's programmes to help customers save energy



SOURCE: Long-term Decarbonisation Strategy Public Engagement, Council for Sustainable Development, June 2019 (Sector GHG emission ratios updated with 2022 data)

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## Information and tools to engage and empower the community



Progressively roll-out smart meters to all customers

Customers enjoy instant access to consumption data anytime, anywhere, and use app to budget for next bill





### Low-carbon electricity and electrification reduce fossil fuels consumption

### **Electric Mobility**



SOURCE: Hong Kong Roadmap on Popularisation of Electric Vehicles, Mar 2021

### **Electric Home**



#### **Electric C&I**



## Electric vehicles have the highest energy chain efficiency for transportation





SOURCE: Hydrogen in a Low-carbon Economy, UK Committee on Climate Change, Nov 2018

### Electric heat pump can efficiently decarbonise water heating



SOURCE: Hydrogen in a Low-carbon Economy, UK Committee on Climate Change, Nov 2018



## Multipronged approach in decarbonisation



