

Powering a Carbon Neutral Hong Kong

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Our Decarbonisation Journey to Date

Net Zero Electricity Generation by 2050

Electrification and Energy Efficiency



Our Decarbonisation Journey to Date





CLP is serving 80% of Hong Kong's population across Kowloon, New Territories, and Lantau Island



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[^] Castle Peak Power Station Unit A1 with 350MW capacity entered into reserve since 31st May 2022, and only operated as emergency backup. If not counted towards generation capacity, total generation capacity would be 9,298MW * 2022 data

With highly electrified residential and commercial sectors, electricity plays a crucial role in Hong Kong



Electricity Use Non-Electricity Electrification Rate

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Source: Hong Kong Energy End Use Report 2024, EMSD

Electricity made up 60% of total energy consumption in Hong Kong in 2022.

Reliable electricity supply drives economic development and quality of life.



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CLP started its journey to reduce carbon emissions 30 years ago

Evolution of CLP electricity fuel mix and average carbon intensity (in kgCO2/kWh)





Delivering decarbonisation with high reliability and reasonable tariff

Carbon 50.000 Emission Peak **Emissions** 24% 40.000 reduction 16% Other 30,000 kt CO₂e 19% Transport 20,000 70% Electricity Generation 10.000 63% & Other Energy Industries 2014 2022

HK's Greenhouse Gas Emissions have been reducing...

SOURCE: Greenhouse Gas Emissions in HK (by Sector) up to 2022, EPD, Nov 2023

...with high reliability and reasonable tariff



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Net Zero Electricity Generation by 2050





Clear decarbonisation pathway for electricity supply has been set out under the Climate Action Plan 2050



No Coal for Electricity Generation

2035

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



2035

Electricity

consumption

(Compared

with 2015)





(Reduce by 30-40% subsequently)

(Reduce by 20-30% subsequently)

RE Potential (Until 2035)





SOURCE: Hong Kong's Climate Action Plan 2050, Oct 2021



2035: Orderly transition to low carbon electricity



Hong Kong has limited RE potential for fully decarbonising power generation, particularly land resource needed for solar



Li Po Chun College Rooftop PV

Case studies | CLP Sustainability Report 2020

Solar PV cost have been decreasing at rate faster than many previous predictions

But large amounts of land is required for large contribution, and HK's land supply is limited



Wind energy also has potential to contribute but low wind speed requires large turbines and spatial requirement



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Nuclear power will play a key role in our decarbonization journey, regional cooperation and interconnection enhancements are key



Existing power interconnection between HK and Guangdong being upgraded to enable more zero-carbon energy (RE and nuclear) for HK.

"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"

International Energy Agency, Nuclear Power and Secure Energy Transitions, Jun 2022

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



As zero-carbon energy sources increase, our local generation assets will evolve to maintain supply reliability and security



Black Point Power Station – gas fired combined cycle gas turbines



Castle Peak Power Station – coal fired steam turbines



Penny's Bay Power Station – oil fired open cycle gas turbines

Highly flexible gas power generation to complement increasing share of inflexible nuclear and intermittent RE

Maintaining some fossil fuel units as reserve will help safeguard system security at lowest possible cost

Additional measures could be developed to further enhance system flexibility

Pumped Storage Hydropower

Battery Energy Storage System

Demand Side Management



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2050: Early planning for net zero electricity





Zero-carbon hydrogen could potentially enable deep decarbonization

Zero Carbon

"Green Hydrogen"

Low Carbon (intensity)

"Blue Hydrogen"

High Carbon (intensity)

"Grey Hydrogen"

Produced with water and zero carbon electricity, through electrolysis.



Produced with fossil fuels, through chemical reformation, **requires carbon capture and <u>storage</u>**.

Produced with fossil fuels, through chemical reformation, does not include carbon capture and storage. <u>High carbon intensity</u>.

Hydrogen power generation technology may be ready in 2030s but zero-carbon hydrogen supply and cost would improve towards 2050

Liquified Hydrogen



Hydrogen Pipeline



CLP Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) Unit D1



Siemens H-Class Turbine



Source: Siemens



Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage may be an alternative to hydrogen if Guangdong develops carbon utilization and permanent carbon storage sites



- Continuation of using fossil fuel is possible with CCUS
- Carbon capture removes ~90-95% of emission. Carbon offset would be required for residual emission
- HK does not have industries that would use substantial amount of carbon dioxide. GD couldn't utilize all captured CO₂
- Pipeline may be built to transmit CO₂ to GD offshore for permanent storage

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

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Energy Efficiency and Electrification





28% of total energy consumed in HK is for transport, 96% of which is being met by carbon intensive fuels

But this is changing, as road transport electrification gathers pace





Electrification to decarbonise the transport sector: most direct, cost-effective, and mature approach

Adoption of electric vehicles is gathering pace because they are ~3x more efficient than petrol cars



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

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SOURCE: Transport Department
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EV is the most mature form of low or zero carbon transport that is widely available in the market now

EV technologies have been improving rapidly, and new innovations will make transition even smoother

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Models for private passenger cars and motorcycles models type approved by Transport Department

87

Models for public transport and commercial vehicles types approved by TD

3,000

e-taxis targeted by 2027

700

e-buses targeted by 2027



Battery-cell energy densities have almost tripled since 2010 Cell energy density (Whika) Cathode chemistry 1.00 500 +LMO 250 LMOLNO 200 NCA NCA. 150 NMC (111) 100 NMC (622) NMC (811) 2006 Source: BNEF, company repor BloombergNEF

Charging speed has increased 7-folds

Maximum charge rate in kW



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Multipronged approach for decarbonization



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