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HSBC LAUNCHES SUSTAINABLE TAXI FINANCE SCHEME TO SUPPORT TRANSITION TO LOW-CARBON TRANSPORTATION

** Cash rebate of up to HKD3,388 per loan for taxi operators taking up hybrid models **

HSBC rolled out today a green finance solution tailored for taxi operators looking to take up hybrid vehicles in Hong Kong. In support of the public transport sector's efforts to reduce LPG consumption and CO₂ emission, the initiative reinforces the Bank's commitment to bolster Hong Kong's transition to a low-carbon city through its green finance expertise and ongoing product innovation.

The HSBC 'Sustainable Taxi Finance Scheme' ('the Scheme') has obtained a Second Party Opinion from the Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency, which recognises its alignment with international principles in green financing.

The Scheme offers flexible loan options and repayment periods for new and incremental hire purchase loans for hybrid taxi models. In addition, from now till mid-August, eligible borrowers¹ will be entitled to a one-off cash rebate of up to HKD3,388 per loan upon successful application.

Frank Fang, General Manager, Head of Commercial Banking, Hong Kong and Macau, HSBC, said: "HSBC is taking every possible step to support the green transformation across a wide range of sectors, contributing to Hong Kong's low carbon economy and Government's Clean Air Plan for Hong Kong 2035. Reducing vehicular emission via green transport is a key step towards the community's long term goal of achieving carbon neutrality. Through the Scheme, we aim to offer dedicated support to the city's taxi industry players and encourage wider adoption of sustainable vehicles."

The transport sector is one of the largest emission sources of greenhouse gases in Hong Kong². With more than 10% of the city's taxis adopting hybrid models³, there is much room for this key public transport to operate on more sustainable models.

HSBC has already linked up with an extensive network of taxi dealers to accept loan applications directly from their points of sales, including Tai Wo Motors Limited, Chung Shing Taxi Limited, Shun On Motors Trading Limited and Hang

On Motors Company Limited, with dedicated support and enhanced convenience for taxi operators aspiring to drive into a low-carbon future.

As a leading green finance bank in Hong Kong, HSBC has been embedding sustainability into its products and services, including access to capital markets, lending, transaction banking, advisory services and investments, as well as a range of tailored solutions for companies of different sectors and sizes.

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Photo: HSBC launched the brand new ‘Sustainable Taxi Finance Scheme’ to support taxi operators’ transition to low-carbon transportation in Hong Kong. Photo includes Frank Fang, General Manager, Head of Commercial Banking, Hong Kong and Macau, HSBC (centre); Christina Ong, Head of Business Banking, Commercial Banking, Hong Kong, HSBC (right); and Paul Yeung, Managing Director of Sales and Client Coverage, Business Banking, Commercial Banking, Hong Kong, HSBC (left).



¹ Eligible borrowers refer to all new and existing customers applying for new or incremental hire purchase loan with sustainable taxi from now till 15 August 2022, and such loan is drawdown on or before 14 October 2022

² Source: <https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202107/14/P2021071400363.htm>

³ Source: https://www.td.gov.hk/mini_site/atd/2021/en/section8_1.html

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