



**Opening Ceremony of the CLP Power Engineering Laboratory
1 April 2021 (Thursday)**

**Welcome Speech by
Mr Tony TAI
Chairman of VTC**

Secretary Sit (Mr Alfred Sit, JP, Secretary for Innovation and Technology, HKSAR Government), Director Pang (Mr Eric Pang, Director, Electrical and Mechanical Services Department), William (Mr William Mocatta, Chairman, CLP Power Hong Kong Limited), Richard (Mr Richard Lancaster, Chief Executive Officer, CLP Group), distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

Good afternoon! It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to the Opening Ceremony of the CLP Power Engineering Laboratory. Together, we will witness another milestone of our collaboration with CLP. May I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Matthew Cheung, and the Secretary for Innovation and Technology, Mr Alfred Sit for their support to the inception of this Laboratory. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to our close partner, CLP Power Hong Kong Limited, for their invaluable support all along.

Electrical technology fuels smart city's development and skyrockets the productivity in many of today's evolving industries. Smart electrical engineering with technologies such as smart grid will set a new trend to power a greener future for Hong Kong. In response to the industry trends, VTC sets sight on nurturing high-calibre, innovative and tech-savvy talent for Hong Kong and beyond.

VTC and CLP share the same vision of leading young talents to seize the infinite opportunities ahead through vocational and professional education and training. CLP not only is a staunch supporter of the VTC apprenticeship and Earn and Learn Scheme, but also provides internships and financial support for our students to pursue their chosen professional pathways. Together, we also offer joint programmes to upskill in-service personnel for their advancement in energy-related sectors.

With CLP's generous contributions, the CLP Power Engineering Laboratory was built and equipped with advanced smart grid and high voltage training facilities to



benefit some 500 students studying electrical engineering programmes every year. The new Lab will serve as a multi-purpose teaching and learning platform for both VPET students and in-service practitioners. Through multi-disciplinary learning and industry-academia applied research, students could appreciate the latest technologies in power engineering and acquire new relevant knowledge and skills to support the development of the industry in the digital era.

Earlier on, we signed a tripartite MoU with CLP, and the University of Strathclyde, the UK, which marks another joint effort in providing and enriching practical smart-grid training through collaborative projects and knowledge exchange. We will keep pushing boundaries on our journey in smart talent development. Echoing the recommendation of the Task Force on Promotion of VPET, we will partner with the industry to develop a professional pathway for power engineering veterans, leading to the skills master title with a specially designed Professional Diploma Meister programme in the near future. All these new initiatives will benefit the industry as well as our society as a whole in terms of manpower and smart technological development.

Taking this opportunity, I would also like to express my gratitude to the Government and industry partners for their unwavering support. Working hand in hand, I am sure that we can bring in more energetic talent to invigorate the city for a smarter and greener future.

Thank you.