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Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government  
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Dear Secretary Tse,

**Statement of Support to the Updated Version of the Hong Kong Roadmap on  
Popularisation of Electric Vehicles 《香港電動車普及化路線圖更新版》  
from Business Environment Council Limited  
商界環保協會有限公司**

Over the last 34 years, Business Environment Council Limited 商界環保協會有限公司 (“BEC”) has played a leading role in advocating the business case for environmental excellence, given the importance of sustainable development to Hong Kong. Our members are committed to actively engaging with the HKSAR Government (“the Government”) to help develop a supporting policy framework as well as impactful implementation in respect of environmental protection and sustainability.

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## Background

Accounting for 18.3% of Hong Kong’s total carbon emissions in 2024, the transport sector remains the city’s second-largest emitter, with road transport being the biggest contributor<sup>1</sup> amongst all transport modes. Electrification is widely acknowledged as one of the most effective and pragmatic approaches to decarbonising road transport.

It is encouraging to witness the Government’s robust commitment to this transition. Through comprehensive strategies such as the [Hong Kong Roadmap on Popularisation of Electric Vehicles](#) released in 2021 and the [Green Transformation Roadmap of Public Buses and Taxis](#) published in 2024, coupled with financial incentives and infrastructure development via various schemes, Hong Kong is making significant strides toward green mobility.

BEC fully supports the [Updated Version of the Hong Kong Roadmap on Popularisation of Electric Vehicles](#) (“the Updated Roadmap”) released on 12 February 2026, and commends the Government for a comprehensive review of electric vehicle (“EV”) technology, a summary of the progress made since the 2021 roadmap, and new strategies in the pipeline to further promote EV transition. In the Updated Roadmap, we are pleased to see that the Government has outlined a holistic series of measures covering financial incentives, EV promotion and trials, supporting infrastructure, and both private and public charging networks. This provides

<sup>1</sup> [https://cnsd.gov.hk/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Data-Tables\\_2024\\_AR5\\_Sector-r4.pdf](https://cnsd.gov.hk/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Data-Tables_2024_AR5_Sector-r4.pdf)

stakeholders with a comprehensive overview of the policy landscape. Additionally, we appreciate the Government's pragmatic approach to tailoring strategies based on the varying market readiness of different vehicle types.

### Promotion of Electric Private Cars

It is encouraging to witness the remarkable progress made in transitioning to electric private cars ("e-PCs"), which account for 70% of all newly registered private vehicles in Hong Kong. By the end of 2025, the total number of e-PCs in Hong Kong exceeded 140,000, with over seven out of every ten first-registered private cars being EVs. This represents a significant milestone in the city's journey toward electrification.

While it is understandable that financial support for e-PCs may be phased out given the rapid growth of e-PCs adoption and the city's economic conditions, it is worth noting that, as of November 2025, e-PCs still accounted for less than 30% of the total private vehicle fleet<sup>2</sup>. We recommend that the Government conduct periodic review to evaluate whether additional supportive measures might be needed to encourage further adoption.

### Promotion of Specific Commercial Vehicle Types

We welcome the Government's nuanced approach to distinguishing between commercial vehicle categories that have achieved large-scale application and those still in earlier stages of adoption.

For categories such as franchised buses, taxis, van-type light goods vehicles, and motorcycles, we are encouraged by the significant investment allocated to franchised buses and taxis. We also appreciate the Government's decision to extend the full First Registration Tax ("FRT") waiver for commercial electric vehicles until 2028. However, as the New Energy Transport Fund stopped accepting applications for trials of all electric vehicles in April 2025, the high upfront costs may weaken stakeholders' willingness to transition to electric commercial vehicles. Therefore, we recommend that the Government consider introducing additional support measures for van-type light goods vehicles, as they receive comparatively less financial support than franchised buses and taxis.

For vehicle types that have not yet reached large-scale application, we are pleased to see the Government proposing a four-pronged approach, which includes establishing working groups, exploring the relaxation of gross vehicle weight limits, developing a public charging network with fast chargers as the backbone, and optimising the overall charging network in Hong Kong. Looking ahead, the industry would welcome the introduction of a more detailed roadmap with specific, tangible measures to accelerate progress for these vehicle categories in the near future.

### Charging Facilities

We commend the Government's strong commitment to optimising charging infrastructure. The plan to increase charging-enabled parking spaces to approximately 200,000 by mid-2027 and up to 300,000 by 2035, reflects a clear vision for expanding the charging network. Likewise, the target of deploying 10,000 fast chargers by 2035 to serve around 500,000 EVs demonstrates a proactive and forward-thinking strategy to ensure the city is well-prepared for the growing adoption of EVs.

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<sup>2</sup> [https://www.td.gov.hk/en/transport\\_in\\_hong\\_kong/transport\\_figures/monthly\\_traffic\\_and\\_transport\\_digest/2025/202511/index.html](https://www.td.gov.hk/en/transport_in_hong_kong/transport_figures/monthly_traffic_and_transport_digest/2025/202511/index.html)

Looking ahead, the Government is recommended to establish dedicated policies or allocate specific amount of funding in the current supporting schemes to facilitate the introduction of more advanced charging facilities, such as superchargers and charging facilities utilising the innovative technology ChaoJi, to further optimise charging performance. For instance, as of June 2025, Shenzhen had deployed over 420,000 charging points, including units with a capacity of 480 kW or above, providing a valuable reference for Hong Kong's future development.

## Conclusion

BEC has long fostered a strong relationship with the road transport sector and remains deeply committed to advancing policies and research that support decarbonisation efforts in this area. In the past, BEC contributed to the development of the Hong Kong Roadmap on Popularisation of Electric Vehicles and, more recently, supported the Government in conducting the Consultancy Service for Business Impact Assessment on a New Producer Responsibility Scheme for Retired Batteries from Electric Vehicles. At present, BEC is actively working with key stakeholders to advance the electrification of commercial vehicles in Hong Kong through engagement events and discussions with the Government and other relevant parties. Looking ahead, BEC is prepared to collaborate further with the Government to promote the widespread adoption of electric vehicles in the city.

We fully support the Updated Version of the Hong Kong Roadmap on Popularisation of Electric Vehicles and remain committed to facilitating the business sector and other stakeholders in transitioning to electrified transportation solutions.

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