



Press Release
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HEC Volunteers take part in Clean Up the World in Hong Kong

More than 100 staff of Hongkong Electric Company (HEC) and their families became green volunteers this morning as they gathered to clean up the Aberdeen Country Park following yesterday's Moon Festival celebrations.

The volunteers, dressed in smart uniforms, took part in the "Clean up the World in Hong Kong" campaign organized by Green Power to promote environmental awareness.

With plastic bags and shovels in their hand, the volunteers searched through an area of 2,500 square meters, removing 38.6 kilograms of aluminum, plastic, paper and candle wastes within two hours.

HEC's General Manager (Management Services), Mr. Gary Chang, said that as a good corporate citizen, HEC has been sponsoring the event for the past seven years. "Apart from being the title sponsor, we have been encouraging staff participation in the event and I am particularly pleased with the overwhelming response this year."

"HEC staff are extending their care for the environment beyond their offices into the community," Mr. Chang noted, adding that HEC has all along integrated environmental considerations into its business operations.

HEC was the first power company in South East Asia to install Flue Gas Desulphurization (FGD) Plants at its Lamma Power Station back in 1993, removing over 90% of sulphur dioxide in the flue gas.

"The FGD plants, together with other installations, help remove over 99% of particulates in the flue gas," Mr. Chang noted.

It is expected that emissions from HEC's power plant will be further reduced with the commissioning of a new gas-fired generation unit and Hong Kong's first commercial scale wind turbine in 2006.

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Caption:



Hongkong Electric Company's General Manager (Management Services), Mr. Gary Chang, (second from left) tours around the country park area with other officiating guests: Permanent Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works (Environment), Mr. Keith Kwok (left) and Legislator-elect, Mrs Rita Fan.



HEC's General Manager (Management Services), Mr. Gary Chang cleans up candle waste from a barbecue site.



HEC staff and their families join hands to keep the country park clean.



HEC volunteers removed 38.6 kg of wastes from the Aberdeen Country Park.