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AQO REVIEW WORKING GROUP PROGRESS REPORT

PURPOSE

This paper updates Members on the progress of the review of the Air Quality Objectives (AQO).

PROGRESS

2. Since the formation of the Working Group in May 2016, all its four sub-groups, particularly the three sub-groups have been exploring new air quality improvement measures in respect of marine transportation, road transportation, as well as energy and power generation, with a view to completing their work by the end of March 2017. Members have been participating in the deliberation in earnest and with keen interest. All sub-groups will have to consider holding extra or longer meetings to complete their work on schedule. However, the extra effort may not suffice for the Road Transportation Sub-group, which still have 28 new measures to deliberate. It might run into a delay of two months. To make it up, the Air and Health Sub-group, which has been working on the groundwork for their evaluation work, might have to start working on those measures that have been deliberated instead of waiting until the completion of the deliberation for all the measures. The deliberation of the sub-groups is summarized in the ensuing paragraphs.

Marine Transportation Sub-group

3. The sub-group has identified 18 air quality improvement measures under four categories namely "Use of clean fuel", "Technical measures" and "Fuel economy, energy efficiency and port management" and "Other suggestions". Details of the measures are in **Annex A**.

4. The sub-group has now completed its deliberation for the seven measures under the first category, which include liquefied natural gas (LNG), low sulphur fuel with sulphur content not exceeding 0.1%, alternative fuels such as biofuel, fuel cell and methanol, hybrid, diesel electric and electric drives, on-shore power supply (OPS) for local, river trade and ocean going vessels (OGVs). Most of them have been found to be impracticable within the time horizon agreed for the AQO Review. The remaining measures will be discussed in future meetings of the sub-group.

Use of LNG in marine vessels

5. While there is an increasing trend worldwide in ordering new LNG vessels for complying with the stringent emission requirements (including the carbon emissions), the downturn of the marine business does not make it likely that the number of LNG vessels calling Hong Kong will increase in the near future. Although the lack of LNG bunkering facilities here might not be a major hurdle for the visit of LNG vessels, the sub-group sees it advisable for Hong Kong to watch closely the relevant development for taking timely actions to get Hong Kong prepared to serve LNG vessels, particularly the use of LNG by river trade vessels plying the Pearl River Delta (PRD) waters and turning Hong Kong as a regional LNG bunkering hub.

OGVs at berth to use marine diesel with lower fuel sulphur content, e.g. not exceeding 0.1%

6. In the interests of port competitiveness and emission benefits, the subgroup prefers this measure, if practicable, to be pursued on a regional basis (i.e. at least in the whole PRD region). The practicability of this measure is contingent upon the availability of the compliant fuel not only here but also in other ports. In this connection, the sub-group noted that Hong Kong is working jointly with the Mainland on establishing a marine domestic emission control area (DECA) in PRD waters and the Ministry of Transport (MoT) will complete a review of the DECA requirements by 2019. Given that the International Maritime Organization (IMO) has already announced in October 2016 to cap the sulphur content of marine fuel at 0.5% by 2020, there is a fair chance that the fuel sulphur limit for the PRD DECA will be further tightened to 0.1% in 2020. As such, the sub-group consider it necessary for the Government to watch closely the relevant development for the benefit of the AQO Review.

OGVs to use On-shore Power Supply (OPS) while at berth

7. The sub-group considers the lack of space for installing On-shore Power Supply (OPS) facilities and a unified OPS standard at container terminals major obstacles to the adoption of OPS. Noting that the Kai Tai Cruise Terminal has reserved space for the installation of OPS, it was of the view that the Government should continue watching closely the international and regional development in the use of OPS for cruise ships so that the provision of OPS can be revisited timely.

River trade vessels to use OPS while at berth at terminals

8. Unlike OGVs, the installation of OPS at the river trade terminals is considered impracticable for river trade vessels (RTVs) because of their quick turnaround time and the lack of space at terminals for installing OPS.

Local Vessels to use electricity from the power grid while at berth

9. The sub-group noted that some of the local vessel operators have been getting electricity from the dockside to power the on-board electrical appliance. The proposed measure indeed is not a new measure.

Road Transportation Sub-group

10. The Road Transportation sub-group has identified 35 air quality improvement measures, which are broadly classified into eight categories. Details of the Measures are in **Annex B**.

11. The sub-group has completed its deliberations for seven measures under two categories "Tunnel toll policy and toll collection method" and

"Maintenance and repair of vehicle exhaust system". The measure "Review the tunnel toll policy and level" has been found to be a long term measure, whereas "Raise awareness on the importance of vehicle maintenance and repair" has already been undertaken by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD). The initiative "Establish a maintenance information database of vehicle tailpipe emission system" is considered to be practicable. The other four measures discussed have been found to be unjustified for implementation or not practicable within the time horizon agreed for the AQO review. The remaining 28 measures will be discussed in future meetings of the sub-group.

Review the tunnel toll policy and level

12. Noting that the Government has a plan to engage a consultancy study on the overall strategy and feasible options for the rationalization of traffic distribution among the three road harbour crossings (RHCs), and to submit toll adjustment proposals covering the three RHCs to the Legislative Council Panel on Transport for discussion within the 2017-18 legislative year, the sub-group has suggested that the Government should take into account it views in the formulation of the proposals. The sub-group opined that this measure is a long term initiative.

Replacing the existing system with complete automatic toll collection system

13. The sub-group noted that tunnel traffic congestion is often caused by traffic volume exceeding the design capacity of some tunnels, and has no direct correlation with how tunnel tolls are collected. The sub-group has agreed not to further pursue this measure.

Maintenance and repair of vehicle exhaust system

14. Noting that the current vehicle emission control programmes (e.g. the Smoky Vehicle Control Programme for Diesel Commercial Vehicles and the Remote Sensing Scheme for LPG and Petrol Vehicles) have reduced smoky diesel vehicles and excessively emitting petrol and LPG vehicles to a minority in their own vehicle fleets, the sub-group considers that requiring all vehicles to undergo mandatory dynamometer tests during vehicle roadworthiness examination and lowering the age for private cars to undertake annual vehicle roadworthiness examination would unlikely bring along significant benefits to roadside air quality. It has thus recommended against the two measures and opined that the Government should consider actions targeting direct gross emitters if additional actions are warranted. As for the measure "Providing rental service of vehicle tailpipe emission testing equipment to small and medium sized repair workshops", the sub-group noted that vehicle tailpipe emission testing equipment affordable by the trade, such as portable five-gas analyzer and smoke meters, is already common tools in vehicle repair workshop. As for more advanced diagnostic equipment, the sub-group has noted that specialist diagnostic services for vehicles of advanced engine design, particularly diesel ones, are now available on the market. Furthermore, the proposed measure is also uncommon elsewhere. As such, the sub-group has thus recommended against it.

Establish a maintenance information database of vehicle tailpipe emission system

15. Noting that vehicle manufacturers will have to provide access to maintenance information for new vehicle models at reasonable costs and that the EPD has been organizing vehicle maintenance seminars in collaboration with the Vocational Training Council (VTC), vehicle manufacturers and vehicle maintenance trade associations, which the vehicle maintenance trade considers useful, the sub-group recommends the EPD continuing the effort.

Raising awareness on the importance of vehicle maintenance and repair

16. The sub-group has noted that the vehicle maintenance trade is suffering from aging technician and the trade had difficulty in dealing with the advancement of technologies in repairing the latest model of vehicles. Therefore, the sub-group advised the EPD to continue its on-going collaborative efforts with VTC, repair trade and vehicle manufacturers in organizing seminars and workshops to help the vehicle repair trade to meet the advancement of vehicle technologies and to cope with the aging workforce and shortage of skilled technicians. In addition, EPD will continue to promote proper vehicle maintenance to the user groups such as owners and fleet managers through ECO-Driving seminars.

Energy & Power Generation Sub-group

17. This sub-group has drawn up 15 air quality improvement measures (details in **Annex C**), which cover both demand side energy management (e.g. energy saving and building energy efficiency) and the supply side management (e.g. use of renewable energy and revamping fuel mix for electricity generation). The sub-group has now completed its deliberation for the seven measures under "Building energy efficiency measures", "Fuel mix for electricity generation" and "Power generation". These seven measures, in fact, have already been progressively implemented by the Government under its prevailing energy policy with a view to attaining the relevant targets for carbon reduction, energy saving and energy mix for electricity generation. The remaining measures will be discussed in future meetings of the sub-group.

Fuel mix for electricity generation

18. The sub-group also noted that the Government is studying the long term carbon emission reduction target in Hong Kong. One of the important factors it will consider is the long term fuel mix of Hong Kong, including phasing down of coal-fired generating units with cleaner energy source such as natural gas-fired generating units as the former reach their normal retirement life. There was a consensus in the sub-group that in considering the fuel mix plan, the Government shall take into account the four energy policy objectives, i.e. safety, reliability, affordability and environmental protection.

Power generation

19. The sub-group noted that the power companies would, as part of their on-going care and upkeep of their generating units, identify potential of enhancing fuel efficiency and emission performance of their generating units in their upgrading projects. The Government would consider power companies'

proposals of upgrading burners of gas-fired generating units on a case-by-case basis, taking into account all relevant factors, including cost implication, the service life, operating conditions and maintenance schedule of existing gas-fired generating units as well as technology advancement in fuel efficiency and emission performance, etc.

20. As for the measure "Review operations of gas-fired power generating units with a view to identifying further emission reduction potential", the subgroup has noted the technical and operational constraints in the operation of existing gas-fired generating units and that there is limited scope to increase their operations with a view to further reducing emissions from power plants.

Building energy efficiency measures

21. The sub-group concurred with Government's "Energy Saving Plan" which sets a target of reducing Hong Kong energy intensity by 40% by 2025 and the various policy measures to engage the community, including the commercial and non-government sectors to work together for energy saving.

Air Science and Health Sub-group

22. The sub-group has agreed that the AQOs should be benchmarked against the World Health Organization's (WHO) Air Quality Guidelines (AQGs) and the Global Update 2005, and the air quality at year 2025 will be evaluated with the implementation of the air quality improvement measures proposed by the other three sub-groups. The general approach and tools of the assessment of air quality, health and economic impacts have also been discussed among the air experts.

23. In order to have more in-depth discussions on the air quality assessment and health impact evaluation, two task forces would be formed under the subgroup, namely "Emission Reduction Estimation and Air Quality Modelling Task Force" and "Health & Economic Impact Assessments Task Force" to focus on the technical issues such as the tools, approach and assessment methods for evaluating the scope of tightening the AQOs. Interested members of the subgroup are welcome to participate in these two task forces.

New Air Quality Improvement Measures on Other Sources

24. During the deliberation of the sub-groups, some Members have put forward their views on the control of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) containing products. EPD will explore further on VOC emission control measures and other sources with a view of practicability of implementation.

WAY FORWARD

25. As reported above, the progress of the AQO Review is largely on track though extra meetings will have to be held for those three sub-groups working on measures and the air science and health sub-group will have to start on measures that have already been deliberated to expedite the process. A tentative meeting schedule of the sub-groups in 2017 is at **Annex D**. We aim at consolidating the review findings and assessment results of the Working Group by end of 2017.

ADVICE SOUGHT

26. Members are invited to take note of the contents in this paper.

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Annex A

<u>Proposed new air quality improvement measures in</u> <u>Marine Transportation Sub-group</u>

	Proposed new air quality improvement	Assessment
	measures	
A.	Use of clean fuel	
1.	Explore the use of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) for marine vessels	No imminent need for bunkering facilities in Hong Kong. The development will be kept in view to get Hong Kong prepared to serve LNG vessels.
2.	Explore the use of biofuel (e.g. B5), fuel cell,	The measure is not practicable as
	hybrid power, Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG),	these alternative fuels are unlikely to
	compressed natural gas (CNG), methanol,	be developed as the mainstream
	nuclear and renewable energy, e.g. wind and	fuels for vessels in the time frame of
	solar energy, etc. for marine vessels	this AQO review.
3.	Explore the use of hybrid, diesel electric and	Because of high investment cost and
	electric vessels	a number of operational constraints,
		it is unlikely that these technologies
		will be widely adopted in local
		vessel operations in the near future.
		The Government will watch for the
		technology development and
		practicability for adoption in local
		marine applications.
4.	Ocean-going vessels (OGVs) at berth to use	It could be practicable if the
	marine diesel with lower fuel sulphur content,	compliant fuel becomes widely
	e.g. not exceeding 0.1%.	available in the PRD region. In
		terms of port competitiveness and
		emission benefits, it would be
		advantageous if the initiative is
		pursued on a regional approach.
5.	Local vessels to use electricity from the power	This is not a new measure and
	grid while at berth.	operators of local vessel companies
		can approach the power companies
		for setting up the power supply
		installations at piers, provided that

Proposed new air quality improvement		Assessment
	measures	
		the space and safety requirements
		could be satisfied.
6.	River trade vessels to use OPS while at berth at	The measure is not practicable given
	terminals	the quick turnaround time of river
		trade vessels and the lack of space at
		terminals for the installation of the
		OPS.
7.	OGVs to use OPS while at berth	The measure is not practicable at
		container terminals given the lack of
		space for the installation of the OPS
		and a unified standard for OPS. The
		Government will watch for the
		international and regional
		development in the use of OPS for
		cruise ships.
B .	Technical measures	
1.	Impose emission standards on outboard engines	#
	of pleasure crafts.	
2.	Install emission reduction device (e.g.	#
	particulate filters) to reduce particulate matters	
	(PM) emitted from local vessels.	
3.	Impose control on nitrogen oxides (NOx)	#
	emissions from engines of local vessels.	
С.	Fuel economy, energy efficiency, and port	
	management	
1.	Explore financial incentive and disincentive	#
	schemes to encourage liners to use less	
	polluting OGVs calling Hong Kong ports	
2.	Optimize port efficiency to shorten waiting and	#
	turnaround time of OGVs, river trade vessels	
	and mid-stream operators at container	
	terminals, river trade terminals and public	
	cargo working areas (PCWA)	
3.	Slow-steaming of OGVs in Hong Kong waters.	#
4.	Encourage academia to carry out studies on	#
	fuel and energy efficient measures in terms of	

Proposed new air quality improvement		Assessment
	measures	
	operation and maintenance for local vessels,	
	e.g. use of light-weight materials such as	
	carbon fibre, adjustment of propeller pitch	
	angle, regular servicing of propeller and ship	
	hull, use of variable frequency drives (VFD) on	
	motors for pumps and fan systems on board,	
	develop devices to monitor engine performance	
	of local vessels, etc.	
5.	Use energy efficient electrical devices on board	#
	local vessels, e.g. LED lightings.	
6.	Encourage the marine trade to develop best	#
	practice guidelines on fuel and energy saving	
	measures, facilitate their adoption through	
	establishment of award system with the marine	
	trade.	
D.	Other suggestions	
1.	Remove floating rubbish for smooth operation	#
	of small local vessels.	
2.	Government to expedite the approval process	#
	of new local vessels.	

Note:

Measures to be deliberated in the coming meetings.

Annex B

<u>Proposed new air quality improvement measures in</u> <u>Road Transportation Sub-group</u>

	Proposed new air quality improvement	Assessment	
	measures		
А.	A. Tunnel payment policy and toll collection method		
1.	Review the tunnel toll policy and level (e.g.	The Government has been adopting	
	the Government to buy back the tunnels,	a multi-pronged approach in	
	tunnel toll-subsidy pilot scheme).	tackling road traffic congestion.	
		Rationalization of traffic flow	
		through adjusting toll level is one of	
		the measures to alleviate	
		congestion. The Transport	
		Department has started preparatory	
		work for conducting a consultancy	
		study on the overall strategy and	
		feasible options for the	
		rationalization of traffic distribution	
		among the three road harbour	
		crossings (RHCs), and will submit	
		toll adjustment proposals covering	
		the three RHCs to the Legislative	
		Council Panel on Transport for	
		discussion within the 2017-18	
		legislative year	
2.	Consider replacing the existing system with	Tunnel traffic congestion is often	
	complete automatic toll collection system.	caused by traffic volume exceeding	
		the design capacity of some tunnels,	
		and has no direct correlation with	
		how tunnel tolls are collected.	
B .	Maintenance and repair of vehicle exhaust s	system	
1.	Propose to use chassis dynamometer for	No strong justifications for taking	
	testing vehicle tailpipe emissions.	the measures forward as the current	
2.	Tighten the annual vehicle examination for	arrangements on vehicle emission	
	private cars from over six years old to over	inspection and testing are effective	
	three years old (or consider adopting vehicle	and sufficient, and that the vehicle	

	Proposed new air quality improvement	Assessment
	measures	
	kilometres travelled as the vehicle	tailpipe emission testing equipment
	examination criterion).	affordable by the trade is already
3.	Provide vehicle tailpipe emission testing	available in the market.
	equipment for rent by small and medium-	
	sized vehicle repair workshops.	
4.	Establish a maintenance information	Noting that vehicle manufacturers
	database of vehicle tailpipe emission system.	will have to provide access to
		maintenance information for new
		vehicle models at reasonable costs
		and that the EPD has been
		organizing vehicle maintenance
		seminars in collaboration with the
		VTC, vehicle manufacturers and
		vehicle maintenance trade
		associations, which the vehicle
		maintenance trade considers useful,
		the sub-group recommends the EPD
		continuing the effort.
5.	Raise awareness on the importance of vehicle	This is an on-going measure and
	maintenance and repair.	EPD will continue to organize
		publicity activities to raise the
C		awareness of venicle owners.
C.	Fostering a "pedestrian-friendly" and "bicy	cle-friendly" environment
1.	Foster pedestrian-friendly environment	#
	(such as widening of footpaths, construction	
	of covered walkways and enhancing the	
	to walk	
2	to walk.	
Ζ.	study into the provision of ancillary facilities	#
	for evaling (such as provision of evaling	
	treak network and biavala parking spaces	
	nack network and bicycle parking spaces,	
	interchanges and hike-friendly policies to	
	facilitate carriage of bioveles on public	
	transport)	
C. 1. 2.	Fostering a ''pedestrian-friendly'' and ''bicy Foster "pedestrian-friendly" environment (such as widening of footpaths, construction of covered walkways and enhancing the pedestrian connections) to encourage people to walk. Foster "bicycle-friendly" environment and study into the provision of ancillary facilities for cycling (such as provision of cycling track network and bicycle parking spaces, park-and-ride facilities at public transport interchanges and bike-friendly policies to facilitate carriage of bicycles on public transport).	publicity activities to raise the awareness of vehicle owners. vcle-friendly'' environment # #

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	measures	
3.	Set up cycling and walking shared space at	#
	harbourfront areas.	
4.	Establish lower vehicle speed limits zones	#
	(e.g. 30km/h) in community roads, school	
	zone and areas with elderly centres, to foster	
	pedestrian environment.	
D.	Promotion of low-emission transport mode	
1.	Tram or electric bus interchange schemes at	#
	busy road sections (e.g. Nathan Road) or new	
	development areas to replace the franchised	
	bus services so as to reduce the number of	
	buses and boarding/alighting passengers on	
	the road section.	
	- Consider using electric buses with	
	ultra-fast charge or super-capacitor	
	models for the interchange schemes.	
	- Set up priority lanes for trams/electric	
	vehicles within the pilot areas.	
2.	Electric vehicles pilot schemes - switching	#
	vehicle fleet of selected routes to electric	
	vehicles.	
-	Targeting green minibus or franchised bus	
	routes.	
-	With the support of vehicle supplier, work	
	out the best configurations for electric	
	vehicles of the selected routes for the trial.	
-	The scale of the pilot scheme must be large	
	enough (15 vehicles or more) to attract	
	vehicle suppliers to provide comprehensive	
	technical and maintenance support.	
3.	Promotion of hybrid private cars.	#
4.	Exploring the use of new-energy vehicles	#
E.	Utilization of intelligent transport systems	
1.	Launch one-stop mobile app for the public to	#
	choose the most time-saving, economical and	
	low-emission transportation mode.	

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	measures	
2.	Launch one-stop mobile app for the public to	#
	access real-time information on car parking	
	vacancies which helps them choose the best	
	parking location and shortening the driving	
	distance.	
3.	Implement electronic road pricing scheme to	#
	tackle road traffic congestion at busy roads.	
4.	Introduce intelligent transport systems (e.g.	#
	manage traffic flow by traffic signal control,	
	install smart sensors and surveillance	
	cameras for illegal parking enforcement).	
F.	Land use and transport infrastructure plan	ning
1.	Through proper land use planning to redress	#
	the current imbalance in home-job	
	distribution and bring jobs closer to home so	
	as to reduce commuting time and private car	
	usage.	
2.	Use urban planning and design solutions	#
	together with transport management to	
	improve air ventilation in high density	
	development.	
3.	Conduct comprehensive review on the	#
	development of road transportation	
	infrastructure and networks (such as	
	construction of new tunnels and roads) to	
	cope with population growth and to tackle	
	road traffic congestion.	
4.	Provide low-emission transport mode to the	#
	residents of new development areas.	
5.	Enhance district-based publicity on bus route	#
	rationalization.	
G.	Managing road space	
1.	Raise the first registration tax of highly	#
	polluting vehicles as well as private cars and	
	impose emission limits on vehicle licences to	
	manage the growth of vehicles.	

	Proposed new air quality improvement	Assessment
	measures	
2.	Enhance enforcement against illegal parking.	#
3.	Review on-street metered parking fees.	#
H.	Other suggestions	
1.	Provide information on the energy	#
	efficiency, emission performance and noise	
	level of vehicles, etc. to facilitate the public	
	to make a more environmentally-friendly	
	choice.	
2.	Set out objectives/policies to support the use	#
	of cleaner vehicle fuels.	
3.	Extend the coverage areas of the existing low	#
	emission zones and its restriction to other	
	vehicle types.	
4.	Address the personal and operational needs	#
	of heavy vehicle drivers, such as provision of	
	parking space and arrangement of meal and	
	rest breaks at the Kwai Chung Container	
	Terminals area, so as to reduce air pollution	
	arising from idling engines.	
5.	Set up priority lanes for public vehicles.	#
6.	Review the policy on replacement of	#
	franchised buses.	
7.	Provide funding support to innovative	#
	projects initiated by the public that can	
	alleviate traffic congestion and improve air	
	quality.	
8.	Raise public awareness on environmental	#
	protection, promote green living and	
	encourage the public to use public transport	
	systems as well as low emission	
	transportation options.	

Note:

Measures to be deliberated or concluded in the coming meetings.

Annex C

<u>Proposed new air quality improvement measures in</u> <u>Energy and Power Generation Sub-group</u>

Proposed new air quality improvement		Assessment
	measures	
<i>A</i> .	Building energy efficiency measures	
1.	Encourage stakeholders in the commercial	The Government has promulgated
	sector and the non-government sector, e.g.	the "Energy Saving Plan" which
	universities and hospital to adopt demand-side	sets a target of reducing Hong Kong
	management (DSM) measures.	energy intensity by 40% by 2025
2.	Explore building energy efficiency measures	and various policy measures to
	for old existing buildings which are not	engage the community, including
	covered by the Building Energy Efficiency	the commercial and non-
	Ordinance.	government sectors to work
3.	Encourage major electricity users to reduce	together for energy saving.
	peak load demand so as to reduce the operation	
	and emissions from coal-fired generating units	
	for coping with peak load demand.	
B .	Use of renewable energy	
1.	Encourage or provide incentives for the	#
	private sector to develop distributed power	
	generation by renewable energy (RE).	
2.	Facilitate distributed RE systems to connect to	#
	the power grid.	
3.	Encourage the development of more	#
	distributed waste-to-energy facilities, such as	
	waste incinerators, organic waste treatment	
	plants, etc. for waste disposal as well as	
	recovering energy for local use.	
4.	Increase the use of wind and solar energy in	#
	electricity generation.	
С.	Fuel mix for electricity generation	
1.	Replacement of coal-fired generating units by	The Government is studying the
	gas-fired units.	long term carbon emission reduction
2.	Consider importing more nuclear electricity	target for Hong Kong. One of the
	from the Mainland.	important factors it will consider is

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measures	
	the long term fuel mix of Hong Kong, including phasing down of coal-fired generating units with cleaner energy source such as natural gas-fired generating units as the former reach their normal retirement life.
D. Power generation plant	
 Upgrade burners of gas-fired generating units to improve fuel efficiency and emission performance. 	Noted that the Government has been working with the power companies to explore potential upgrading of existing gas-fired generating units with a view to enhancing fuel efficiency and emission performance.
2. Review operations of gas-fired generating units with a view to identifying further emission reduction potential.	The Technical Memorandum issued under the Air Pollution Control Ordinance caps the emissions of power plants. To meet the emission caps, the power companies have to adopt the best practicable means to reduce emissions, including maximizing the use of their gas-fired generating units. Given the technical and operational constraints, there is limited scope to increase the operation of gas-fired generating units to further reduce emissions from power plants.
E. New solar energy technology	
1. Explore the idea of "SolarRoad" for	#
promoting the use of solar energy.	
F. Use of biomass as fuel	
 Explore the use of waste materials such as corncobs, waste wooden pallets as fuel. 	#

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measures	
G. Energy Storage	
1. Explore the feasibility of using electric	#
vehicles (EV) as electrical energy storage for	
power grid.	
2. Explore the use of old EV batteries as an	#
electrical energy storage system for the power	
grid.	

Note:

Measures to be deliberated in the coming meetings.

Annex D

TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE IN 2017

Meeting	Tentative Date/Time	Venue
2 nd	22 Dec 2016 (Thur)	EDB Kowloon Tong
	2:00pm	Centre
3 rd	Jun 2017	(To be confirmed)
4 th	Oct 2017	(10 be confirmed)

1. AQO Review Working Group

2. Marine transportation sub-group

Meeting	Tentative Date/Time	Venue
5 th	10 Jan 2017 (Tue)	Conference room, 33/F,
	2:30pm	Revenue Tower
6 th	16 Feb 2017 (Thur)	To be confirmed
	2:30pm	
7 th	7 Mar 2017 (Tue)	Conference room, 33/F,
	2:30pm	Revenue Tower
8 th	16 May 2017 (Tue)	Conference room, 33/F,
(if needed)	2:30pm	Revenue Tower

3. Road transportation sub-group

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Meeting	Tentative Date/Time	Venue
5 th	24 Jan 2017 (Tue)	Conference room, 33/F,
	(4:00pm)	Revenue Tower
6 th	21 Feb 2017 (Tue)	Conference room, 33/F,
	2:30pm	Revenue Tower
7^{th}	14 Mar 2017 (Tue)	Conference room, 33/F,
	2:30pm	Revenue Tower
8^{th}	12 May 2017 (Fri)	Conference room, 33/F,
(if needed)	2:30pm	Revenue Tower

Meeting	Tentative Date/Time	Venue
4 th	17 Jan 2017 (Tue)	Room 1523, Tamar
	2:30pm	
5 th	2 Mar 2017 (Thur)	Room 1523, Tamar
	2:30pm	
6 th	6 Apr 2017 (Thur)	Room 1523, Tamar
	2:30pm	

4. Energy and Power Generation sub-group

5. Air Science & Health sub-group

Meeting	Tentative Dates	Venue
4 th	20 Feb 2017 (Mon)	Room 1523, Tamar
	2:30pm	
5 th	April 2017	To be confirmed
	(to be confirmed)	
6 th	20 Jun 2017 (Tue)	Conference room, 33/F,
	2:30pm	Revenue Tower

Note: The two task forces formed under the Air Science & Health sub-group will have regular meetings to discuss technical issues for the air quality emissions and modelling, health and economic assessments.