

# **CLP's First Off-grid Commercial RE Supply Project for Dawn Island**





### Agenda

- Background
- Supply options & System Design
- Site Implementation & Safety Management
- Demand Side Management & Energy Efficiency
- Beyond Electricity Supply
- Looking Forward





### **Background**

#### Where is Dawn Island?

- Also known as Town Island or Fo Tau Fan Chau
- Located at the southeast of Sai Kung High Island Reservoir
- Operation Dawn, a drug rehabilitation centre established there in 1976; they planned to carry out redevelopment to improve living conditions and facilities
- CLP to provide electricity supply to the island which has a known redevelopment plan







### **Background**

- The drug rehabilitation centre provides treatment to 50-70 rehabilitants of different nationalities
- The island was powered by three diesel generators with fuel transported by sea
- When Operation Dawn applied for power supply in 1999, both options of supplying through submarine cable or overhead line could not be pursued due to respective disadvantages



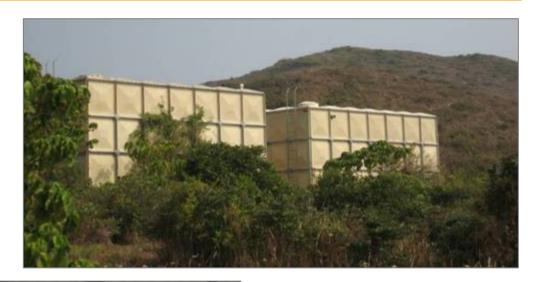




## **Life without Proper Electricity**













### **Project Objectives**

- To uphold CLP's commitment to providing a reliable supply of electricity for every customer who needs it
- To realize CLP's core value of "Cares for the Community"
- To align with CLP's Energy Vision and the core value of "Cares for the Environment" by promoting the use of local RE



### CLP's "Energy Vision"

- CLP outlines its vision for clean energy in "Energy Vision" for the next decade
- Major initiatives include
  - Using more natural gas for local power generation
  - Importing more nuclear energy to meet base load requirements
  - Reducing reliance on coal to further cut emissions
  - Promoting local renewable energy sources
  - Promoting energy efficiency
- Helping CLP Group achieve the following targets
  - To increase non-emitting energy sources to 20% of the Group's total capacity by 2010
  - To reduce CLP's CO2 intensity by 75% by 2050



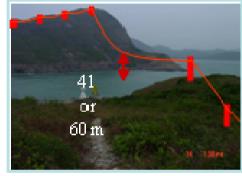
As early as in 2004, CLP set a voluntary target to have 5% of its total generating capacity come from renewable energy sources by 2010 and we have exceeded substantially with RE accounting for over 15% of our generation portfolio as of Jun 30 2010.

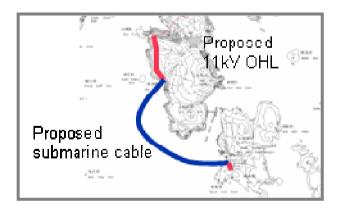


### **Supply Options**

- Overhead line
- Submarine cable
- Bio-diesel generator
- Photovoltaic system
- Wind system
- Ocean



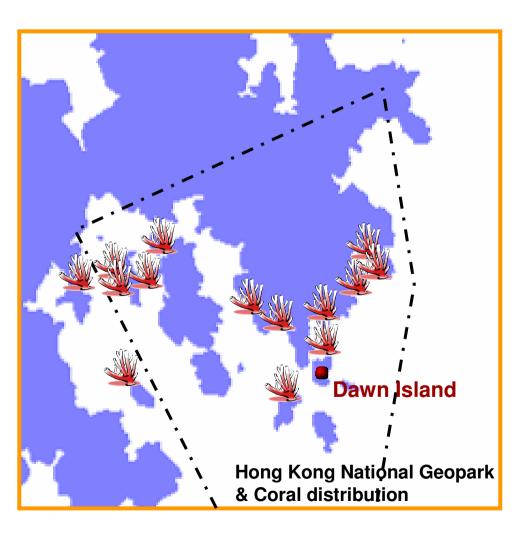








### Why Renewable?



#### Submarine Cable Option

Impact on undersea corals

#### Overhead Line Option

- Visual intrusion
- Marine navigation safety

#### Bio-diesel Generator Option

- Diesel transportation & storage
- Monthly maintenance
- Noise & Air pollution



### **Renewable Energy System Selection**

### Ocean Option

- Limited knowledge on ocean resources
- Uncertainties with the ocean technology development

### Wind Power Option

- No on-site wind resources data
- Complex landscape (wind turbine sitting and wind turbulence)
- Uncertain aviation and environmental impacts
- Higher maintenance requirement



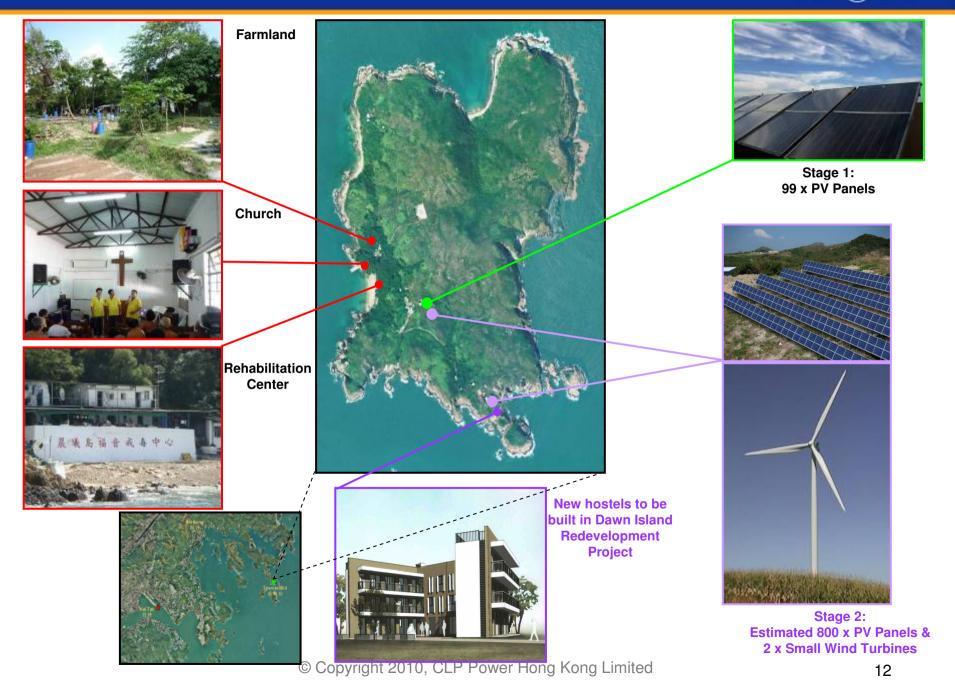
### Why Solar Energy?

- Clean and green energy
- Technology has become more mature
- Ample space on the island favors the installation of solar panels
- No obstruction to sunlight
- Hybrid sources of solar and wind energies could enhance the effectiveness of system and meet the ultimate electricity demand of the island
- More cost effective than submarine cable
- Align with CLP's move towards renewable energy development

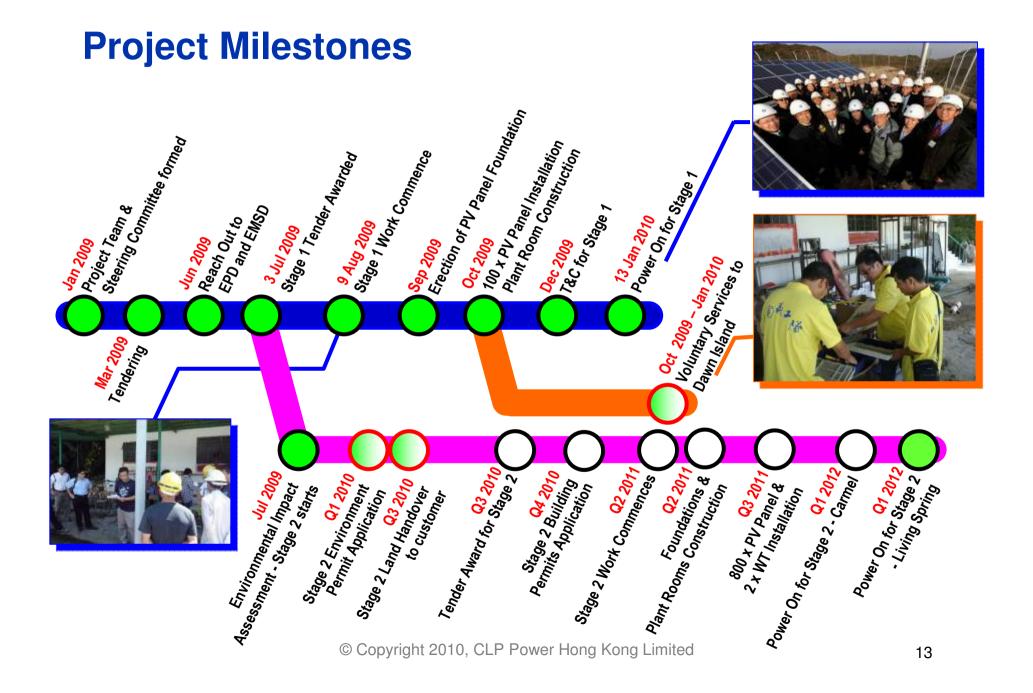






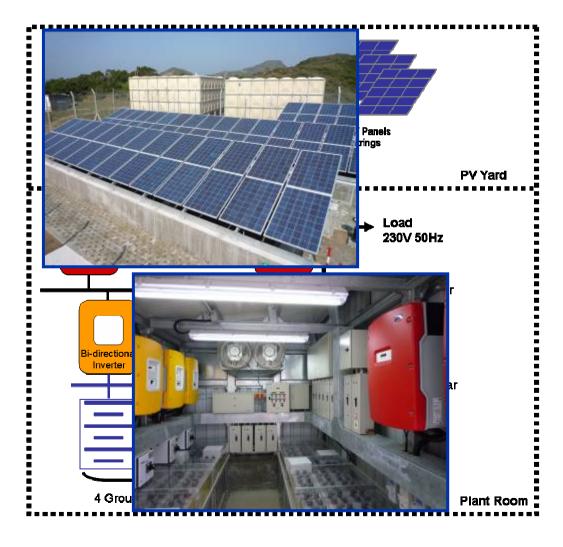








### Stage 1



#### PV Panels

- 99 units in 6 Strings
- 200W(peak)
- System Output (utility standard)
  - 19.8kW(peak)
  - 220V +/- 6%
  - 50Hz +/- 2%
- Nominal Battery Capacity
  - 184kWh



### Stage 1

CO2 Reduction since Jan 2010: 7,550 kg

#### System Performance

Accumulated System Output: 13,480 kWh

System Efficiency: 9.09%

Aligned with plan!



#### Challenges

- First installation of this kind in HK
- Needs system enhancement by finetuning the charging cycle
- Intermittence and unpredictability of solar/wind resources to meet utility reliability standard



### Stage 2

#### **Carmel Hostel**

- PV Panels
  - Total 120kW(peak)
- Wind Turbine
  - Total 6kW(peak)

#### **Living Spring Hostel**

- PV Panels
  - Total 60kW(peak)
- Wind Turbine
  - Total 6kW(peak)

Total Output: 192kW(peak)
Expected Annual CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction: 70,000kg p.a.



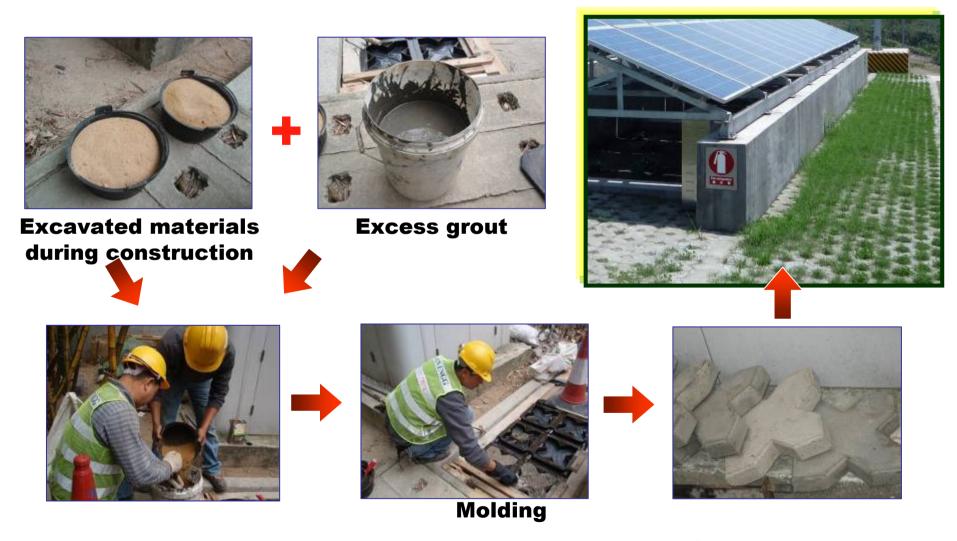
### **Civil Design Considerations**

- Strong wind loading
- Salty environment
- Site orientation and topography
- Minimum excavation and disposal
- Reduce on site machining and welding
- Use of solar bollard lighting
- Vegetation management
- Recycle and Reuse





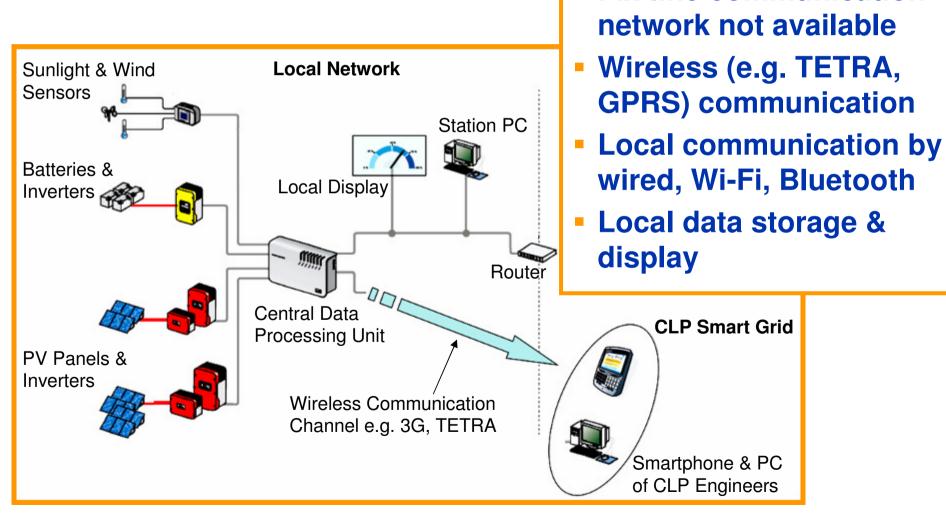
### Recycle & Reuse – Grass Paving Blocks





**Fix-line communication** 

### **Telemetry, Remote Monitoring & Control**





### **Site Implementation**



Site Survey & Material Delivery

Stage 1 completed in 5 Months





PV Supporting Frame & Plant Room Construction





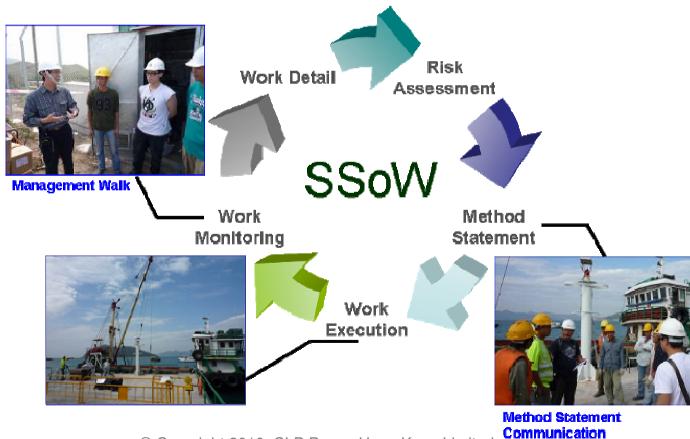


RE Equipment Installation & Site Testing



### **Safety Management**

- Safety is always our No. 1 Priority
- Implemented the Safe System of Work (SSoW)
- Achieved Zero Incident in Stage 1





Demand Side Management & Energy Efficiency

### Customer Background

- Controlled environment
- High mobility
- Self-maintained electric system

#### Difficulties

- Electricity using habit change
- Aged and defective appliances
- Load growth due to redevelopment







## Demand Side Management & Energy Efficiency

#### Objectives

- Improve energy efficiency
- Optimize system performance
- Improve residents' habit on using electricity

#### Actions

- Replacing defective and aged electric appliances
- Reducing power consumption at night by using timer switches and sensor switches
- Educating the residents with safety and power-wise tips on using electricity
- Sending out alert alarms at low battery capacity
- Providing advices on electric appliances selection for future development



### **Beyond Electricity Supply**

### - Corporate Citizenship

- Care for the Environment Promote the use of RE
  - Reduces 70,000kg of CO<sub>2</sub> emission each year
  - Being Hong Kong's first commercial standalone RE project using solar energy as the main power source, the project demonstrates the applicability of RE in the territory
  - Provided a platform whereby experience and data can be collected to support further research into the potential of wider applications of RE in the market
  - Offered a real-life example of renewable energy in practice, which serves as a platform for RE education outside the classroom
  - Promoted demand side management and energy efficiency
  - Full compliance with EIAO

#### Care for the Community

- Supported an NGO on drug rehabilitation by providing a low cost, reliable electricity supply
- Volunteer services on Dawn Island
- Financed research projects for development of RE system



### **Research Projects**

- Currently supporting three research projects proposed from two local universities
- Research scope cover smart grid modeling, statistical analysis on RE system performances and RE supply option for remote island
- CLP provides funding, data and engineering inputs to these three research projects
- All research projects have started in Sep/Oct 2010 and would last for one to two years
- Research findings would be shared with the public to enhance HK's knowledge on these subjects and facilitate further development of RE in HK









### **Looking Forward**

- Ride on Stage 1's experience, Stage 2 has commenced and will be completed by Q1 2012
- Develop Smart Grid to optimize the system performance
- Explore the opportunity to optimize the energy consumption (Community-based supply system)
- Utilize the RE system for education on CLP's website
- Collect data from the wind turbines installed to look for opportunity for the development of an optimal scale of wind / hybrid energy system









### **Supplementary Slides**



#### **Selection of PV Panels**

#### **Selection Criteria**

- Cost
- Level of technology sophistication
- Robustness
- Supply availability





Poly Crystalline Silicon solar panels selected

PV Panels installed at Dawn Island



#### **Volunteer Services**

#### Scope of service

- > Inspect customer installations on the island
- ➤ Plan and design customer installations to support the operation of the RE system
- ➤ Work with rehabilitants to improve supply installations
- ➤ Provide training to the rehabilitants on power safety & basic principles of electricity so that they could apply when they work in society

#### Volunteer background

➤ 120 volunteers are involved, including CLP staff and their families working on weekends









### Stage 1 – Challenges of PV design

- Output voltage balancing among PV panels within a PV array
- Output voltage matching between PV arrays and inverter system

#### **Only MPP Voltage matched**

**Configuration (Module x String)** 

= 12 pcs x 8 strings

Total No. of Modules: 96 pcs

PV Peak Power: 19.20 kW

Est. Daily Energy Yield: 49.77 kWh

MPP Voltage, Temp. Coefficients matched

**Configuration (Module x String)** 

= 16 pcs x 6 strings

Total No. of Modules: 96 pcs

PV Peak Power: 19.20 kW

Est. Daily Energy Yield: 66.90 kWh

**34.4% Higher!**