

Letterhead of Young Children School Mini - Buses Operators Association (Ltd.)

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To: Environmental Affairs Committee and Transport Committee

On behalf of the members of the Young Children School Mini Buses Operators Association, I hereby give below our views on the incentive scheme to encourage diesel light buses owners of existing diesel public light buses to replace their vehicles early with one that are run on liquefied petroleum gas or electricity proposed by the Environment and Food Bureau.

1. The members of the Young Children School Mini Buses Operators Association are school buses services providers; they own various types of vehicles such as coach, mini bus and van etc.

2. The members of the Young Children School Mini Buses Operators Association support the government to implement any plans or remedial actions to rectify or improve the environmental condition of Hong Kong.

3. The members of the Young Children School Mini Buses Operators Association reckon that Public Light Buses, Maxi Cab and Private Light Buses using diesel fuel belong to the same type of vehicle. They are running on the same road and emitting the same particulate and nitrogen dioxide into the atmosphere. It is likely that the Environment and Food Bureau only encourages owners of the Public Light Buses and Maxi Cab to replace their diesel vehicles as soon as possible, leaving behind the Private Light Buses to emit poisonous exhaust gas as long as they wish.

4. The members of the Young Children School Mini Buses Operators Association are in doubt of the Environment and Food Bureau's proposed one-off grant bears a double-standard towards the Private Light Buses category and has shown no enthusiasm in rectifying the polluted air over Hong Kong.

5. The members of the Young Children School Mini Buses Operators Association are looking forward that the Environment and Food Bureau to consider the Private Light Buses owners will be treated equally under the one-off grant.

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