

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

The Marine Department (MD) launched the Green Incentive Scheme for the green transformation of Hong Kong-registered ships (the Scheme) last year to provide green incentive to Hong Kong-registered ships that have attained high ratings under the international standards on decarbonisation, with a view to encouraging the green transformation of the shipping industry. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) the current number of Hong Kong-registered ships of 5 000 gross tonnage or above in Hong Kong, as well as the number of Hong Kong-registered ships that have attained a rating of A or B in the annual operational Carbon Intensity Indicator;
- (2) the number of Hong Kong-registered ships subsidised under the Scheme in 2024, along with the amount involved; and
- (3) what other measures the Government will introduce in the future to promote the image of the Hong Kong Shipping Registry (HKSR) as a green fleet and reinforce the brand reputation of HKSR in the international maritime arena.

Asked by: Hon LAI Tung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 37)

Reply:

- (1) The Marine Department (MD) launched the Green Incentive Scheme (the Scheme) on 28 June 2024, the first of its kind in the world that is Carbon Intensity Indicator (CII) related, to encourage green transformation of the shipping industry. The Scheme provides green incentive to Hong Kong-registered ships that have attained high ratings under the international standards on decarbonisation formulated by the International Maritime Organization (IMO). Under the Scheme, all Hong Kong-registered ships of 5 000 gross tonnage or above in possession of a valid “Statement of Compliance - Fuel Oil Consumption Reporting and Operational Carbon Intensity Rating” showing that the ship has attained rating A or B in the CII are eligible to receive HK\$20,000 for each corresponding year from 2024 to 2026.

As at 2 March 2025, there are 2 113 Hong Kong-registered ships of 5 000 gross tonnage or above. According to the data uploaded by the IMO last year, 1 127 Hong Kong-registered ships attained a rating of A or B in the CII in 2023.

- (2) A total of 641 Hong Kong-registered ships applied for and were approved under the Scheme in 2024, receiving an incentive amount of HK\$12.82 million.
- (3) Through the Green Incentive Scheme, MD aims to reduce carbon emissions from Hong Kong-registered ships by at least 11% (compared to 2019) by 2026 and to achieve 7% of the Hong Kong-registered ships to use green maritime fuels by 2030. In addition, MD will also endeavour to identify at least one suitable port by 2026 for Hong Kong to establish a new green shipping corridor, so as to attract more companies in the maritime industry and Hong Kong-registered ships to utilise this corridor. These measures will help promote the green fleet image and reinforce the brand reputation of the Hong Kong Shipping Registry.

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