



General Manager (Public Affairs)
The Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Butterfly Wintering Site in Lamma

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for commitment of The Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd. (HEC) in protecting the ecological resources on Lamma Island.

In November 2021, Green Power and our fellow group discovered a wintering site of butterflies in Lamma, at where 3,000 danaiids aggregated in a particular location for the first official record. According to past findings, we believed the butterflies were taking this site as a stop-over. They may leave the site in a few weeks to continue their migration.

Shortly later it was observed that construction work was being carried out in close proximity to the wintering site by HEC. Excavation and traffic due to construction may stress the butterflies, thereby disrupting their long-haul migration. Appealing for the protection of wintering butterflies, we discussed with your team to devise adequate measures. We are glad that HEC promptly decided to suspend the construction work for four weeks, so that disturbances to the overwintering butterflies would be kept minimal.

In order to further enhance the protection of the wintering butterflies, we would be grateful if your team could remind your colleagues and contractors to follow some basic conduct in protecting the butterflies:

- Do not disturb the butterflies by shaking the vegetation, or approach them in a close distance,
- Do not share/expose the location of the overwintering site,
- Do not use flash light when photographing the butterflies,
- Report to Green Power if other butterfly aggregations were discovered.

Thank you again for HEC's prompt and decisive action to protect the wintering butterflies. Your proactive support and positive response are crucial to protect the biodiversity and sustainable development of Hong Kong.

Yours sincerely,

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Director