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**Hans Group and Citybus Host First Hydrogen Transportation  
Symposium  
Fostering Consensus on Hong Kong's Hydrogen Industry  
Development**

(20 February 2025, Hong Kong) - **Hans Group Holdings Limited** (“**Hans Group**” or the “**Company**”) and its subsidiaries (the “**Group**”) (stock code: 554.HK), the leading operator in the energy industry, hosted the first Hydrogen Symposium yesterday with its subsidiary Citybus Limited (“Citybus”), bringing together senior government officials, representatives from national energy groups, and industry leaders from mainland China, Hong Kong, and overseas. The symposium focused on discussing the development and application of hydrogen energy in Hong Kong's transportation sector and exploring the overall direction of hydrogen energy development in Hong Kong.

The inaugural symposium was successfully held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center, with **Mr. Poon Kwok Ying, JP, Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services**, serving as officiating guest. Over 200 experts from various fields of the hydrogen energy industry chain attended, including Dr. Guangli HE, Chief Expert of Hydrogen Technology at China Energy Group; Mr. Lee Hok Yin, Commissioner for Climate Change Environment and Ecology Bureau; Prof Leung Kwok Hi, School of Energy and Environment at the City University of Hong Kong; and Ir Fan Kai To, Chairman of the Energy and Gas Division of The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers.

The symposium theme was "The Development and Application of Hydrogen as a Fuel in Transportation – From Gaseous to Liquid, an Evolving Journey". Multiple panel discussions explored topics including climate change, the latest domestic and international hydrogen energy technologies and development prospects, and operational experiences with hydrogen buses. The symposium successfully showcased new achievements in global hydrogen energy technology and applications, discussed suitable technical solutions for Hong Kong's hydrogen transportation development, explored appropriate hydrogen buses and supporting facilities for Hong Kong, and established more partnerships to help overcome challenges in Hong Kong's hydrogen energy development.

**Mr. Poon Kwok Ying, JP**, stated in his speech that the government has been actively promoting new energy development. The Inter-departmental Working Group on Using Hydrogen as Fuel, led by the Environment and Ecology Bureau, has given agreement in principle in stages to a total of 18 applications of hydrogen energy trial projects, including hydrogen-powered double-decker buses, hydrogen street cleaning vehicles, Hong Kong's first public hydrogen refueling station. The hydrogen street cleaning vehicles are expected to operate in conjunction with the hydrogen refueling station. Additionally, Electrical and Mechanical Services Department is currently promoting amendments to the Gas Safety Ordinance, developing safety guidelines to incorporate hydrogen fuel safety regulations into the ordinance to support hydrogen energy development.

**Mr. Yang Dong, CEO of Hans Group**, stated, " Hans Group is transitioning from traditional energy to new energy sectors, actively exploring partnerships with major technology suppliers in the hydrogen industry, vertically integrating energy suppliers and key end-users, and leading innovative clean energy transition solutions. In recent years, the Group has actively promoted Citybus's green development, accelerating the environmental upgrade of its operating fleet by replacing some traditional diesel buses with hydrogen-powered buses to achieve its zero-emission transformation plan #MissionZero, aligning with the group's hydrogen energy industry development strategy."

**Mr. Yang Dong** added, "This symposium provides a platform for in-depth exchange among hydrogen energy industry stakeholders, helping to promote the development of hydrogen buses and other hydrogen vehicles in Hong Kong and further integrate the local hydrogen industry chain. We believe that by bringing together various forces

in the hydrogen energy industry and combining independent innovative R&D results, Hong Kong can forge a unique path in hydrogen energy development, developing local hydrogen applications and infrastructure with Hong Kong characteristics."

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Photo Description



Photo 1: Mr. Poon Kwok Ying, JP (second from right), Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services, served as the officiating guest at the Hydrogen Symposium.



Photo 2: Mr. Yang Dong, CEO of Hans Group, delivered the opening speech at the Hydrogen Symposium.

**About Hans Group Holdings Limited (Stock code: 554.HK)**

Hans Group Holdings Limited is a leading operator in providing integrated facilities of jetties, storage tanks, warehousing and logistic services in south China for petroleum and liquid chemicals products and offering value-added services in its ports and storage tank farms, trading of oil and petrochemical products, and operating and leasing of a filling station related business. Hans Group currently holds 70% of all issued shares of BTHL and operates public transport services in Hong Kong through Citybus. At the same time, the Group is actively exploring new energy opportunities, transitioning from traditional energy to new energy businesses. This includes investing in the construction of Hong Kong's first hydrogen station and collaboratively introducing the first hydrogen-powered bus in Hong Kong, actively arranging the hydrogen energy industry chain in Hong Kong, and striving to secure a leading position in the emerging wave of new energy alternatives crucial for achieving the 'carbon neutrality' target in Hong Kong.

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