

125 Years of Development

1889

The Hongkong Electric Company, Limited ("HK Electric") is incorporated with shares offered to the public.

1898

Hong Kong's first electric lifts are installed at the Queen's Building powered by a DC supply from HK Electric's first substation.

1919

A new power station at North Point is commissioned with the Wanchai Power Station put on standby. HK Electric conducts its first light show to celebrate the signing of the Treaty of Versailles.



1905

Adopts a policy of putting all cables underground.

1945

Resumes operations at the North Point Power Plant after over three years of Japanese occupation.

1890

Lights up Hong Kong's first electric street lamps with two steam-driven 50 kW generators imported from the UK and installed at the newly-constructed Wanchai Power Station.

1979

The first Scheme of Control Agreement signed by HK Electric and the Hong Kong Government, which regulates the operation of the electricity market for fifteen years, comes into effect. In the same year, the company starts supplying electricity to the MTR Corporation.

1981

With Interconnection Agreement signed between HK Electric and CLP, the transmission networks of both companies have been interconnected by a cross-harbour link allowing electricity transfer of up to 720 MVA.

1976

Parent company, Hongkong Electric Holdings Limited, is established and listed on the Main Board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

1968

A 60 MW unit is commissioned at the new Ap Lei Chau Power Station to meet surging demand.

1972

HK Electric's first 125 MW generator is installed at Ap Lei Chau, upgrading the transmission network voltage to 132 kV.

1974

Introduces a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system for remote monitoring of equipment.

1982

Commissions the first two 250 MW units at the new Lamma Power Station in less than 40 months – a world record – increasing the transmission network voltage to 275 kV.

1985

Hutchison Whampoa Limited acquires a substantial interest in HK Electric from Hongkong Land for HK\$ 2.9 billion.

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1988

Commissions its first cable tunnel – connecting Wah Fu and Bowen – greatly enhancing security and reliability of the transmission system.



1992

Commissions the first oil-free 132 kV zone substation at Shaukeiwan, and forms the Customer Liaison Group as a platform to exchange views with customers, providing valuable input to further improve service.



1989

With maximum demand topping 1,000 MW every month of the year for the first time, all generation operations are moved to Lamma.

1990

Celebrates HK Electric's centenary with a special stamp issue entitled *100 Years of Electricity*, and establishes HK Electric Centenary Trust and Lamma Trust for charitable and community service. Celebrations also include a permanent streetlight display in Edinburgh Place and a glittering electric light show, which lit up Central.

2010

Builds Hong Kong's biggest solar power system at Lamma Power Station, since expanded to 1 MW.



2006

Commissions Hong Kong's first commercial-scale wind turbine at Tai Ling, Lamma Island with a generating capacity of 800 kW. Also introduces the use of liquefied natural gas as a cleaner fuel for electricity generation by commissioning a new gas-fired unit.

1995

Becomes the first in Hong Kong's electricity supply industry to obtain ISO qualification for its operations and services from the Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency.

1997

Achieves a power supply reliability rating of over 99.999% for the first time, which has been maintained every year since.

1993

Installs flue gas desulphurisation equipment on a 350 MW generation unit at Lamma Power Station to remove over 90% of sulphur dioxide, the first power company in Southeast Asia to do so.

2002

Introduces the 22 kV system to its distribution network to enhance stability of power supply.

2011

Receives Total Caring Company Award from the Hong Kong Council of Social Service in recognition of its efforts and achievements in promoting corporate social responsibility.

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Awarded by The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
香港社會服務聯會頒發



2013

2014-2018 Development Plan approved by the HKSAR Government. At the same time, HK Electric announces tariff freeze for 2014.

2014

Listed on the Main Board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange following a spin-off of the Hong Kong electricity business by parent company Power Assets Holdings Limited (formerly known as Hongkong Electric Holdings Limited).