

THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Social Responsibility and Sustainable Development Office

Sustainability Policy

1. Mission

The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) upholds the principle of sustainable development, and seeks to, via its education, research and knowledge transfer endeavours, continuously enhance the well-being of the citizens of Hong Kong, China as a whole, and the wider world community.

2. The Policy

As a socially responsible institution of higher education, CUHK is committed to adopting sustainable development¹ in education, research and knowledge transfer, to building a sustainable campus by integrating sustainability in its planning, decision-making and day-to-day operations, and to providing leadership in sustainability for the enhancement of the well-being of all peoples.

3. Goals

The goals of the sustainability policy are:

- (i) To raise awareness of sustainability within the university community;
- (ii) To create a sustainable campus with a reduced dependency on the earth's natural resources and a reduction in greenhouse gases emissions (per capita);
- (iii) To meet all legislations, standards and requirements relating to sustainability, whilst ensuring that the University's other objectives and responsibilities are fulfilled;
- (iv) To balance environmental, social and economic objectives and considerations in the University's operations, through the integration of sustainability values with its activities in teaching, research and knowledge transfer; and
- (v) To encourage sharing of best practices by communicating within and beyond the university community on the University's performance and achievements in sustainability via reporting, training and meetings.

¹ The most widely accepted definition of sustainable development is: development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. See United Nations, *Report of the World Commission on Environment and Development, General Assembly Resolution 42/187, 11 December 1987.*

4. Commitments

- (i) Education and research
 - To lead and advance education and research in sustainability to enhance the well-being of all peoples.
 - To support sustainability initiatives, raise awareness and provide training opportunities within CUHK to foster a culture of sustainability.
- (ii) Knowledge transfer and community outreach
 - To encourage and mobilize CUHK members' active participation in enhancing the local and global community well-being by sharing knowledge and best practices with the wider community.
 - To join hands with local and international strategic partners to share best practices and promote sustainability.
- (iii) Environmental impact reduction and climate protection
 - To reduce energy consumption (per capita) and greenhouse gases emissions (per capita) by at least 25% and 20% respectively by 2025, from the campus base figures of 2005.
 - To conduct regular carbon audits and fulfil other responsibilities as a signatory of the Carbon Reduction Charter.
 - To conserve natural resources and minimize all forms of emission and effluent, and to create a pedestrian-friendly campus with less reliance on motor vehicles, with cleaner air, and producing less waste.
 - To promote the use of renewable energy technology.
 - To aim to achieve, where resources permit, the highest green building certification under BEAM (Building Environmental Assessment Method) or BEAM Plus (or equivalent) for all new buildings.
- (iv) Biodiversity and cultural/heritage protection
 - To conserve, protect and enhance places of high ecological, landscape and cultural heritage value on campus.
- (v) Responsible procurement
 - To minimize environmental impact and contribute to social well-being by purchasing goods and services responsibly.

(vi) Caring for people

- To ensure equal opportunities and embrace diversity within the CUHK community.
- To safeguard the health and safety of students and staff.
- To provide training and lifelong career development opportunities for staff members.

(vii) Resources Management

- To exercise prudence in the use of University resources, including funding and land, to achieve cost effectiveness, value for money and a sustainable future.
- To implement sustainability objectives in the most resource-efficient manner, making wise use of available funding and land, and benchmarking against best practices, in the pursuit of the University's educational and research mission.

香港中文大學

社會責任及可持續發展處

可持續發展政策

1. 使命

香港中文大學(中大)堅守可持續發展的原則，透過教學、研究及知識轉移，竭力不斷為香港、中國，以至世界各地人民的福祉作出貢獻。

2. 政策

作為一所對社會有承擔的高等教育學府，中大承諾在教學、研究及知識轉移過程中秉持可持續發展²的理念；在規劃、決策與日常運作中以可持續發展原則為依歸，建設一個可持續發展的校園；及在可持續發展的領域中擔當領導角色，為人類謀求福祉。

3. 目標

可持續發展政策的目標如下：

- (i) 提高大學成員有關可持續發展的意識；
- (ii) 建設可持續發展的校園，減少對地球資源的依賴，並減低人均溫室氣體排放量；
- (iii) 遵從所有與可持續發展相關的法例、標準及要求，並確保大學能兼顧其他目標及責任；
- (iv) 將可持續發展的理念融入教學、研究及知識轉移活動，使大學能在其日常運作中平衡環保、社會及經濟各方面的目標和考慮；及
- (v) 透過發表報告、培訓及會議等途徑，讓大學成員及外界知悉大學在可持續發展範疇的表現及成就，藉此鼓勵分享最佳的範例。

4. 承諾

- (i) 教學及研究
 - 引領及促進與可持續發展相關的教學及研究項目，以增進全人類福祉。
 - 支持大學內與可持續發展相關的活動、提高中大成員對可持續發展的意識，提供培訓機會，從而培養可持續發展的文化。

¹ 「可持續發展」最廣為人接受的定義是「既滿足當代人的需求、又不損害後代人的需求的發展模式。」請參閱聯合國世界環境與發展委員會報告（1987年12月11日的聯合國大會第42/187號決議）。

(ii) 知識轉移及社區聯繫

- 鼓勵及動員中大成員積極走入社群，分享知識及最佳範例，務求促進本地及世界各地的人民福祉。
- 與本地及國際的策略性伙伴合作，分享最佳範例及推動可持續發展。

(iii) 減低對環境的影響及抗衡氣候變化

- 以二零零五年的數據為基礎，務求在二零二五年把中大人均能源消耗量減少百分之二十五，及將人均溫室氣體排放量減少百分之二十。
- 作為《減碳約章》的簽署者，大學會定期進行碳審計，並履行約章所訂的其他義務。
- 保護自然資源，盡量減低廢氣、廢料等各類污染物的排放量。為大學創建一個適宜步行、對汽車依賴性較低的校園，減少污染，令空氣更清新。
- 推廣再生能源科技的使用。
- 在資源容許的情況下，致力使所有新建樓宇達到BEAM或BEAM Plus綠色建築標籤的最高級別。

(iv) 生物多樣性及文化/文物保育

- 保育、保護及改善校園生態、景觀及文化價值高的地點。

(v) 負責任的採購

- 在採購及選用服務過程中，盡量減低對環境的影響，及以社會福祉為依歸。

(vi) 關心社群

- 捍衛校園社群的平等機會並尊重其多元性。
- 保障學生及職員的健康及安全。
- 為員工提供培訓及長遠的職業發展機會。

(vii) 資源管理

- 審慎使用大學的資金、土地等資源，確保合乎經濟效益、物有所值及達到長遠可持續發展的目的。
- 善用大學資源（包括資金及土地），並參照最佳範例，以最有效的方式實踐可持續發展的目標，以履行大學的教學及研究使命。