

# THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

## Social Responsibility and Sustainable Development Office

### Sustainable Procurement Policy

#### **The Policy**

As a publicly-funded tertiary education institution, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) is resolved to adopt sustainable procurement as a way of ensuring that the products and services we buy are as sustainable as possible. CUHK seeks to couple positive economic and social results with the lowest possible environmental impact, thereby maximizing net benefits for ourselves and the wider world.

#### **Implementation**

##### 1. Scope and Application

- 1.1 By buying products that are more sustainable and environmentally-friendly, the University helps contribute to the improvement of human wellbeing and the planet's environment. Such action also helps to foster a climate-friendly culture on campus.
- 1.2 The Sustainable Procurement Policy applies to the operations of all academic, research, and professional and administrative service units of the University.
- 1.3 CUHK also requires its hired consultants and contractors to comply with these sustainable procurement requirements in the projects in which they are engaged.

##### 2. Values and Strategies

- 2.1 The Policy reflects CUHK's mission to continuously protect the environment and support social progress and economic development.
- 2.2 A set of Sustainable Procurement Guidelines developed, in consultation with the relevant professional and administrative service units, and maintained by the Social Responsibility and Sustainable Development Office is provided to inform all staff members of the University's sustainable procurement requirements.

### 3. Management Responsibilities

- 3.1 The CUHK Administrative and Planning Committee through the Vice-Chancellor has the ultimate responsibility for the interpretation and implementation of the Policy.
- 3.2 The Committee on Social Responsibility and Sustainable Development is responsible for steering the implementation and monitoring the relevance, efficiency and effectiveness of the Policy.
- 3.3 The Social Responsibility and Sustainable Development Office, serving as the executive arm of the Committee on Social Responsibility and Sustainable Development, is responsible for:
  - Communicating and implementing the Policy;
  - Developing and promulgating relevant guidelines or procedures;
  - Coordinating activities with relevant academic, research, and professional and administrative service units to ensure the successful implementation of the Policy; and
  - Reviewing the Policy, assessing its impact and recommending improvement as appropriate.

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