



Sustainability The University of Hong Kong

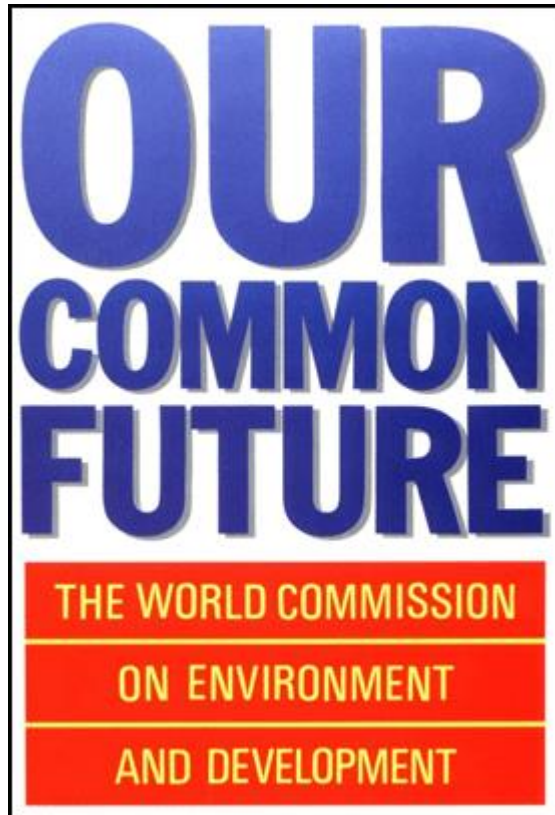
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Overview

- **Definitions:** Sustainability & Sustainability in Higher Education
- **Challenges:** Global, Local, and Sectoral
- **International Best Practices**
- **Tools:** Compulsory and Voluntary
- **Sustainability at HKU:** early actions, recent progress, next steps
- **Group Discussion Activity**

Sustainable Development



"development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs"

The Brundtland Report, 1987

Challenges: Global

Challenges



US & Canada

Paris climate deal: Trump pulls US out of 2015 accord

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Trump: The world won't laugh any more at US

President Donald Trump has announced that the US is withdrawing from the 2015 Paris climate agreement.

Challenges: Local

Challenges

Figure 12 Energy consumption by sector, 1990-2012

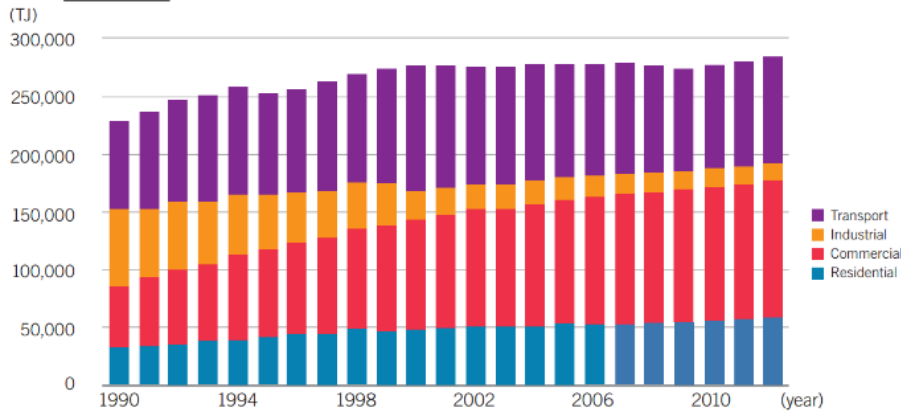


Figure 2 GHG emission trends for Hong Kong 1990-2012

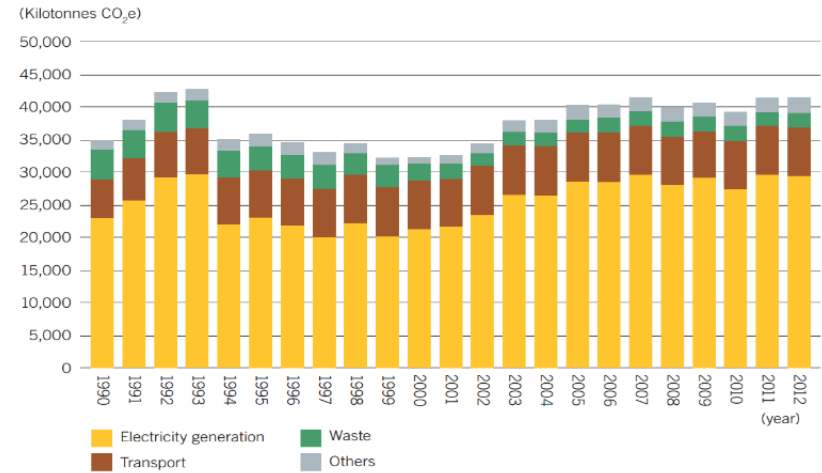
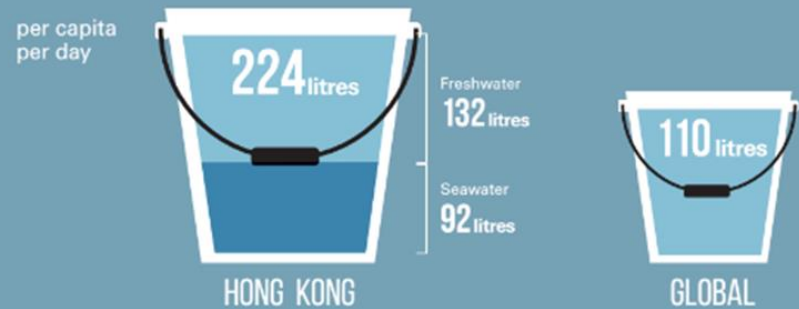


FIGURE 2 Daily domestic waste generation rates per capita compared



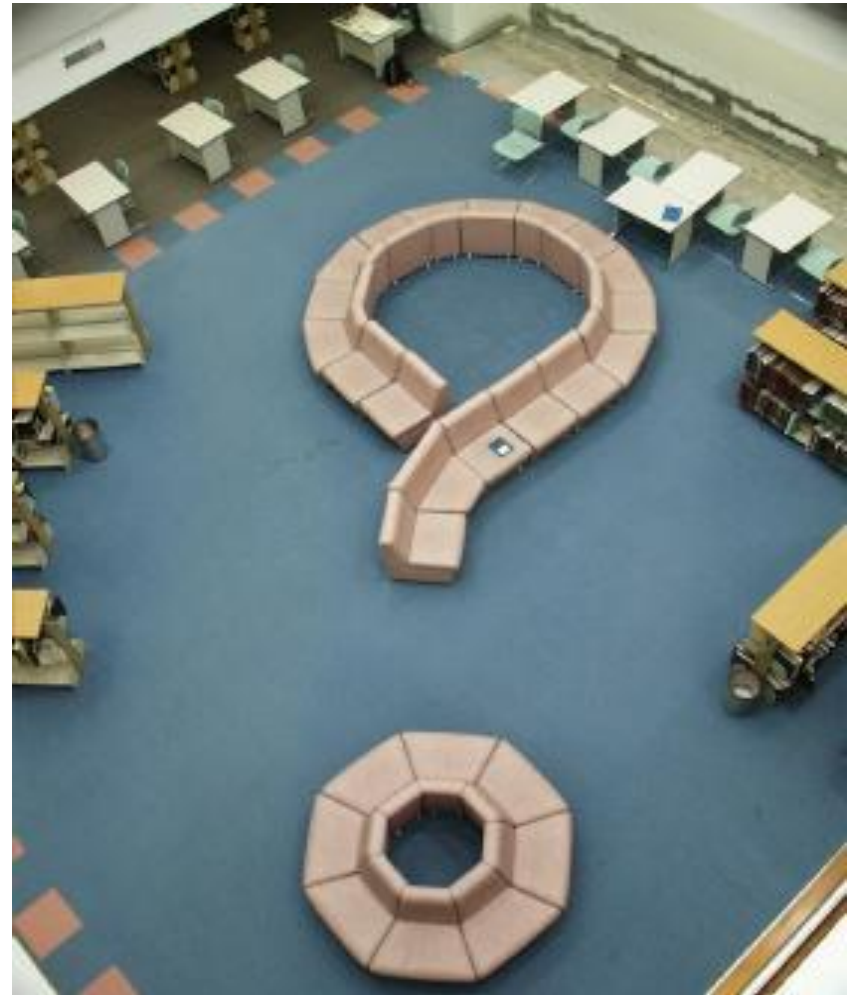
HONG KONG'S TOTAL WATER CONSUMPTION (2015)
compared with the global average



Challenges: Sectoral

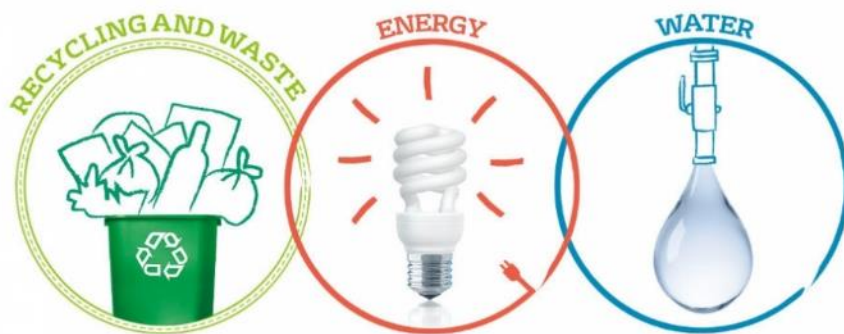
Why the University?

- Centers for Research & Teaching
- Campus Environmental Impact
- Models for the Community
- Students



Sectoral Challenges: Campus environmental, social, and economic impact

- Energy & Greenhouse gas emissions
- Water conservation & management
- Waste minimization & recycling
- Student & staff awareness
- Community engagement
- Investment & procurement practices
- Labour Practices
- Diversity and equal opportunities



International Best Practices

A campus that uses sustainable practices in all aspects of its planning, operations, and maintenance

Sustainability at Princeton

Find Your Path | Explore Campus as Lab | View Progress

Sustainability Plan

The Plan

All Goals and Key Progress

Campus Systems

Energy

Buildings

Transportation

Food

Landscape

Purchasing

Waste Reduction

Water

Research, Education & Engagement

Campus & Civic Engagement

Research & Education

View Progress

In February 2008, Princeton adopted the University's first comprehensive [Sustainability Plan \(.pdf\)](#). Students, faculty and staff partners across campus have applied their ingenuity and creativity toward reaching the goals outlined in the Plan, and continue to plan for transformative innovation across all systems. These pages contain progress to date in this ongoing effort.

[View All Goals and Progress »](#)

Campus Systems

Buildings

Energy

Food

landscape

Purchasing

Transportation

Berkeley Sustainability & Energy

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Initiatives

Campus Initiatives

Each year, UC Berkeley tallies our progress toward our Campus Sustainability Goals. We have seen significant success this year, especially on greenhouse gas reductions. We have met many of our goals and are on track to achieve others. In our [2015-16 Sustainability Report](#), we present key highlights and updated metrics.

But this report isn't just about numbers. Its intent is also to share some of the interesting stories of the daily work we all do to improve our campus operations, to engage our students and staff, and to accelerate our progress.

Below is a summary of goals for each sustainability area we have identified. Click on any topic for more in-depth analysis and stories about that area of sustainability.

Campus Initiatives

- Energy
- Climate
- Water
- Built Environment
- Waste
- Procurement
- Food
- Transportation
- Land Use
- Academics & Learning
- Research
- Metrics

Energy

Goal: By 2014, reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels.

Achieved

Climate

Goal: Achieve climate neutrality from building and fleet use by 2025.


On track

CO₂

Goal: By 2014, reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels.

Achieved

A community that is involved
and invested in making our
university a sustainable
environment

NYUGREEN
Sustainability

Task Force
A university advisory body charged with improving NYU's environmental performance & fostering a campus culture of sustainability.

ECO

Reps
The ECO Reps cultivate environmental literacy & sustainable behavior through peer-to-peer education in residence halls.

Green

Grants
NYU students, faculty & staff can propose campus sustainability or entrepreneurial initiatives & receive up to \$20,000 in project funding.

Bike

Share
The NYU Bike Share offers free daily bike rentals to NYU students, faculty, and staff.

Sustainability

Advocates
Advocates are employees in offices & departments engaged in creating more sustainable workplaces through operational & behavioral changes.



UBC Seeds Program



Hokkaido University Sustainability Weeks

*Please Click [Here](#) for the Japanese Website.

Sustainability Weeks 2017
- 15th July (Sat) - 25th August (Fri), 2017
Click here for the details!

An **economic** structure that uses sustainability as a guiding principle

Stanford Sustainability & Energy Management
Land, Buildings & Real Estate

Energy Conservation Incentive Program (ECIP)

For many years all utility expenses for Stanford's core academic buildings have been the responsibility of the University's Budget Office. With the Energy Conservation Incentive Program, responsibility for academic electricity expenses has been shifted "down" in the organization to twenty-one Budget Units. Under this program, your School or administrative unit has an opportunity to benefit directly by reducing electricity use.

Every person on campus, from undergraduate to professor emeritus, can make some simple changes in everyday habits and common purchasing decisions that reduce electricity use, usually with no detriment to comfort or performance.

If you have questions or comments about promoting the Energy Conservation Incentive Program in your department, please contact the office of your Dean, Vice Provost, or Vice President.

Procurement

Procurement Goals

Percentage of Recycled Copy Paper Purchases

GOAL: Comply with the University of California environmentally-preferable purchasing policies and procedures.

STATUS: On track

Overview

DATA CHALLENGES CONTINUE

UC Berkeley operates under a decentralized procurement model, with purchases made via multiple avenues. The Supply Chain Management team has worked to offer efficient procurement services through programs like BearBuy and Strategic Sourcing, delivering savings and providing better overall service. They also strive to comply with UC Sustainability Practices policy by incorporating environmentally friendly products and services. The University of California also provides resources for suppliers on the University code of conduct for licensees and sustainable and ethical supply chain practices.

However, collecting complete and accurate data on the purchases of sustainable products remains problematic. Often, purchasing data must be compiled by vendor or product type, and sometimes the spend on identified green products has to be calculated manually.

Other initiatives of Supply Chain Management:

- Continued the printer exchange program, replacing 54 older inefficient ones with only 50 Energy Star rated alternative
- Participation in MiliporeSigma's styrofoam and packaging reuse program
- Implementation of Sigma's "Sustainability Opportunity Dashboard," which provides green sustainability statistics on solvent usage and packaging waste
- Feasibility research on a water-saving autoclave that can reduce water consumption by 90%

MAKING SUSTAINABLE PURCHASING EASIER

Campus Recycling and Refuse Services' Zero Waste Research Center partnered with UC Berkeley Procurement and OfficeMax to create a simplified list of **environmentally-preferred products**

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Purchasing Highlights

Procurement Services now substitutes **100% recycled copy paper** for virgin paper using the search function in BearBuy. Recycled copy paper purchases increased to 88% in 2015.

Physical Plant-Campus Services developed a **Green Cleaning Policy** for cleaning products, supplies, tools, equipment, and practices at UC Berkeley.

Procurement Services' annual printer exchange program removed over **60 printers** from campus in exchange for **Energy Star certified models**.

THE WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS

PROFESSIONAL JOBS SUMMITS RANKINGS STUD

'Over a quarter' of UK universities divest from fossil fuels

Sixteen more universities commit to divestment, according to People & Planet

November 22, 2016

By [Hilary Lamb](#)

A governance system that allows for action

Statement | Goals | Strategy and Action Plan

Sustainability Steering Committee

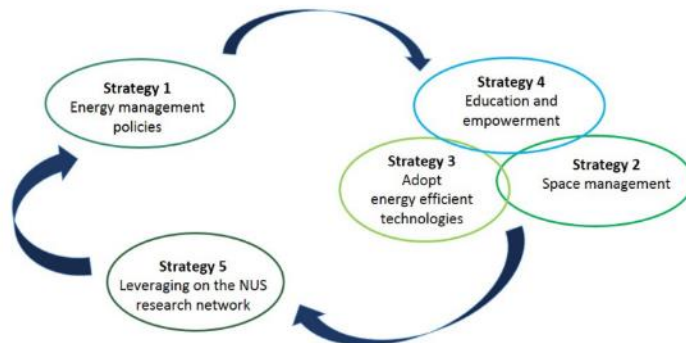
The Sustainability Steering Committee (SSC) is a university-wide committee that has been established to promote sustainability in the planning, development, and operation of NUS' campus environment and facilities.

The SSC reports to the President of NUS directly and is made up of representatives from the Office of Environmental Sustainability, Office of Vice President (Campus Infrastructure), Office of Safety, Health & Environment, Office of Estate Development, Office of Facilities Management, Office of Campus Amenities and Office of Housing Services. Five subcommittees/ task forces have been formed under the SSC:

Energy Task Force

- Looks into ways to reduce energy wastage and enhance the efficient use of electricity on campus.

To apply sustainability principles to building retrofitting, and ensure energy efficiency and conservation in our operations, NUS has set up an Energy Task Force (ETF) comprising representatives from several campus infrastructure, student residential and sustainability-related offices. Strategies adopted by the ETF include:



Department-Level Plans

Yale University is an institution with a strong, cohesive culture, but also consists of diverse sub-communities, divisions, and departments. The **Yale Sustainability Plan 2025** is a critical tool for unifying and focusing sustainability efforts on the Yale campus. To make the plan more accessible to various communities across the university, the Yale Office of Sustainability has assisted in the creation of a set of sustainability action plans tailored to specific schools and departments.

Division Plans

Each of Yale's operational divisions has a specific set of opportunities in relation to the use and the operation of the campus. Action Plans for various divisions are currently in development.

[Yale Finance and Business Operations Sustainability Action Plan](#)

[Yale Athletics](#)

Professional School Plans

Yale is home to 11 professional schools, each of which has a distinct culture and physical construct. Sustainability Action Plans that reflect these distinctions and the academic disciplines of the schools are in various stages of development. In several cases, these initiatives have also led to websites and broader programming.

[Yale Divinity School](#)

[Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies](#)

[Yale Law School](#)

[Yale School of Management](#)

[Yale School of Medicine Laboratory Sustainability Plan](#)

[Yale School of Music](#)

[Yale School of Nursing](#)

[Yale School of Public Health](#)

Cultural Spaces

Yale's museums and cultural spaces influence thought and action with their reach to the Yale community and beyond. Capitalizing on this important position in society and moving operations to reflect sustainability principles offers impacts that extend far beyond campus and demonstrate great leadership.

[Institute for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage](#)

[Yale University Library](#)

[Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History](#)

[Yale University Art Gallery](#)

Tools

Compulsory:

- Government/ University legislation



Voluntary:

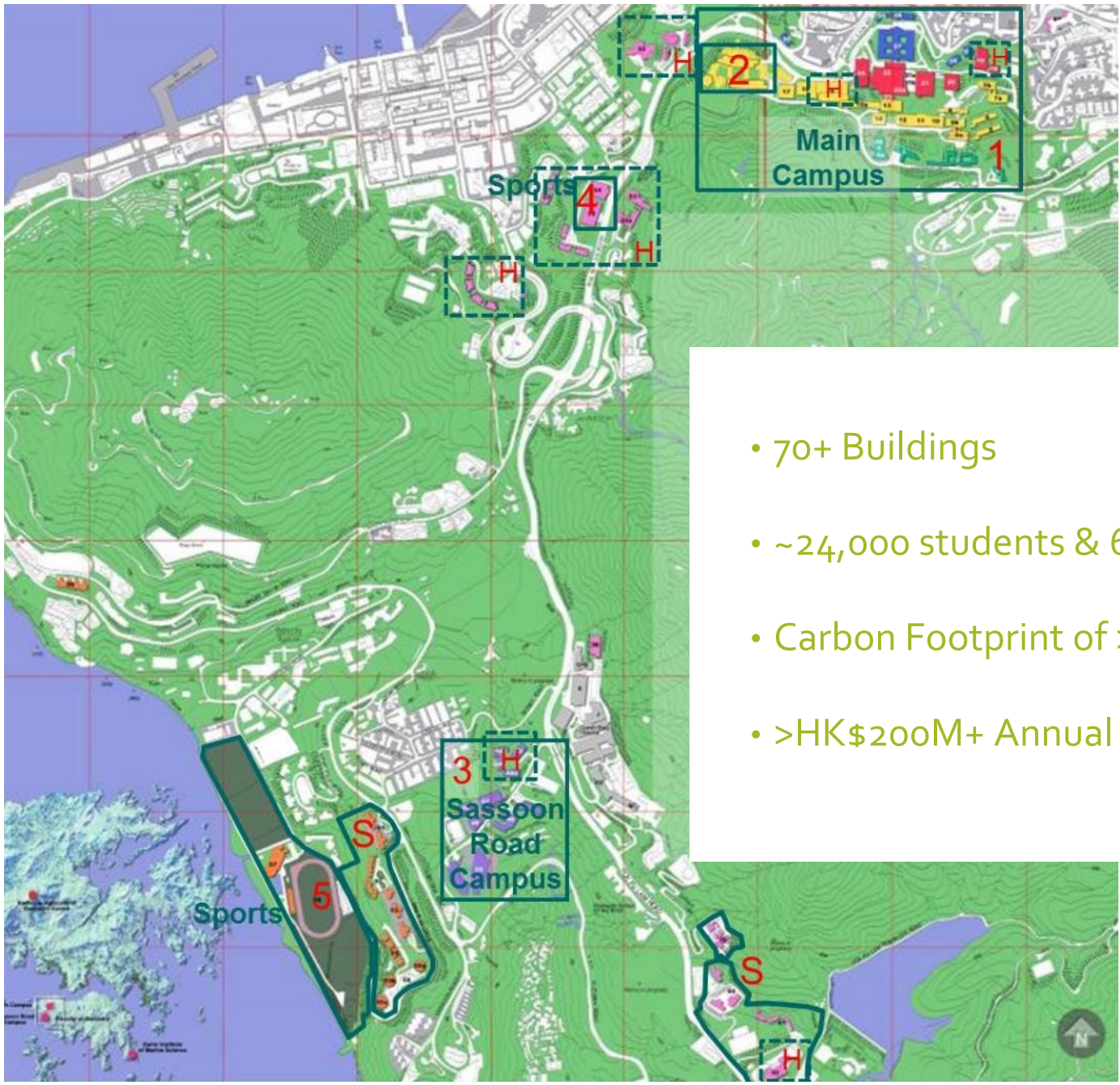
- Commitments/Declarations
- Networks/Consortia
- Green Ratings/Rankings
- Assessments



Hong Kong Sustainable Campus Consortium



Sustainability at HKU



- 70+ Buildings
- ~24,000 students & 6,800 staff (FTE)
- Carbon Footprint of >115,000 tCO₂e
- >HK\$200M+ Annual Energy Bill

Sustainability at HKU – Timeline

1989: MSc in Environmental Management

1991: Launch of energy management efforts

2008: Sustainability Committee & Sustainability Office established

2008: Campus carbon footprint ('02-'07) published

2010: “Green Connections” (lecture & film series) established

2013: Centennial Campus received HK-BEAM Platinum and LEED Platinum ratings



Sustainability Report 2017

The University of Hong Kong

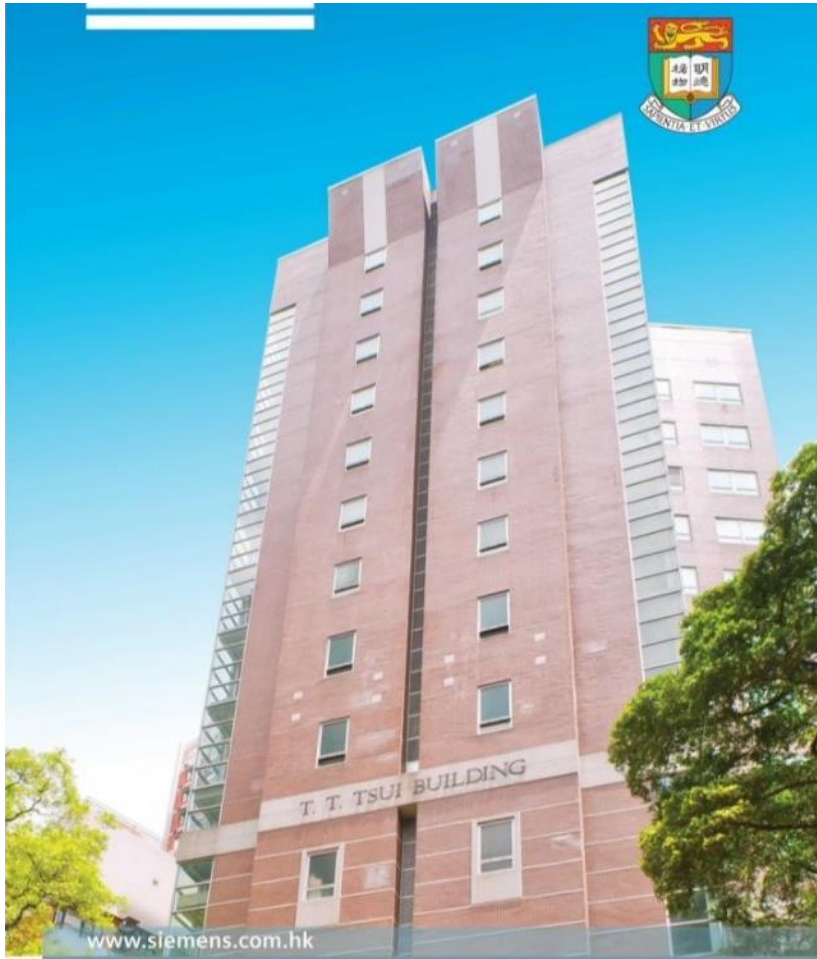




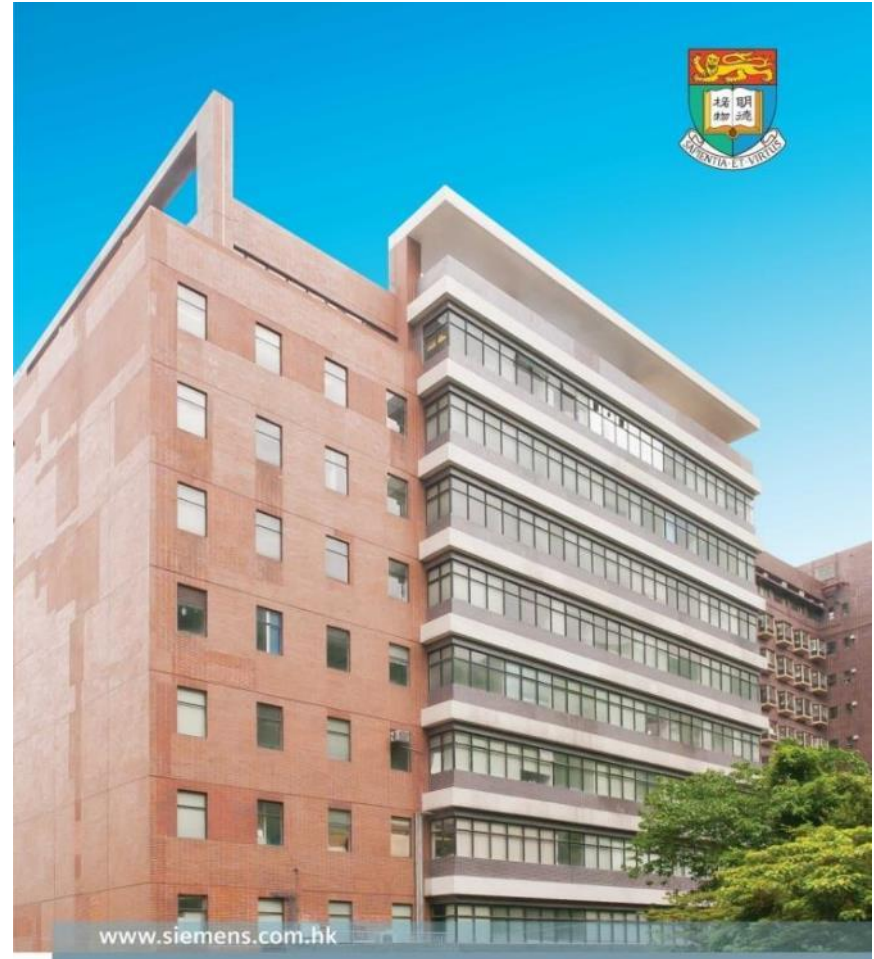
“The principles of sustainability will guide our planning and development at every level”



Whole-building retrofitting: Energy performance contract



T.T. Tsui Building



Chow Yei Ching building



Scientific and
Technological Literacy



Humanities



Global Issues

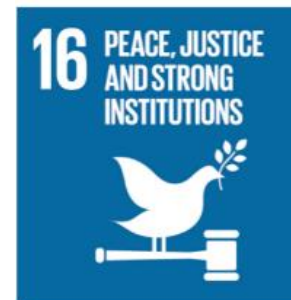


China: Culture,
State and Society



CCGL9020 Global Issues

Environment, Globalization, and Institutions



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SUSTAINABLE FASHION

- 1** | Talk: Confessions of a Fashion Designer
Design Tomorrow's World Today

After 10 years of chasing trends and flogging collections in the international fashion scene, Kay Wong would like to share her journey of transforming from a fashion designer to a Green Activist. Toby Crispy, founder of LostbutnotLeast, also believes that upcycling plays an important role in the sustainable development of the fashion industry.

Speakers: Kay Wong Daydream Nation, Toby Crispy Upcycling Fashion Designer, LostbutnotLeast

📅 26/2/2018 MON 📍 KK101, K.K. Leung Building
🕒 18:45-20:45 🌐 <http://bit.ly/2DWEVSt>
- 2** | Workshop:
Simplify your life, Edit and Restyle your Wardrobe!

This workshop will be based on different schools of Japanese minimalist thoughts. Through a series of exercises, we will go through your wardrobe together, discuss ways you can declutter, organise, and create a numerous looks with just a few items in your wardrobe by mixing and matching, in the aim of living more with less.

📅 12/3/2018 MON 🕒 18:45-20:45
- 3** | Workshop:
Old Shirt New Life

Upcycling guru Kay will teach you a few simple tricks to stitch, mend and change your favourite old shirt into something you will fall in love with again. Please bring along an old shirt you liked a lot before, but don't wear now.

📅 19/3/2018 MON 🕒 18:45-20:45

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Register at GE Office (2/F Pao Siu Loong Building)



HKU EDIBLE SPACES

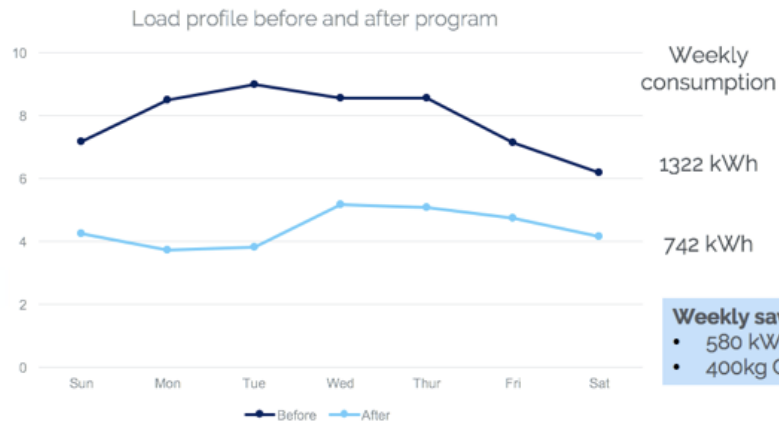


龍虎山環境教育中心
Lung Fu Shan
Environmental Education Centre



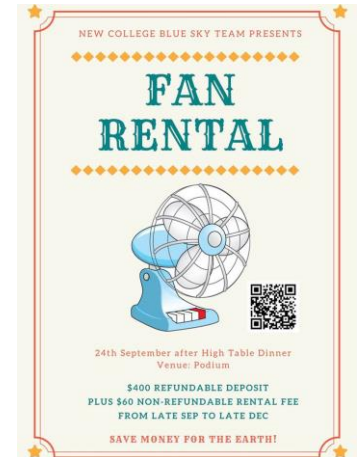
Smart Energy, Smart Living

“I believe in the power of data to create powerful change.” - Rachael Ip (Student Organiser)



Weekly savings


- 580 kWh
- 400kg CO2



THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG SUSTAINABILITY | *Be Part of It*

DITCH DISPOSABLE

— CHOOSE REUSABLE —



2017

A CAMPUS-WIDE INITIATIVE TO REDUCE DISPOSABLE PLASTIC WASTE

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BRING YOUR OWN

MARKET

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2020

DISPOSABLE PLASTIC FREE CAMPUS

2. Policy

With effect from July 1, 2017:

- The sale of water in disposable plastic bottles of one litre or less in volume is not permitted in catering outlets, retail locations, or vending machines owned by or located on university premises;
- The distribution and use of water in disposable plastic bottles of one litre or less at events and activities arranged on university premises by faculties, departments, societies, or other university-affiliated units is not permitted.

We estimate that we have saved almost 200,000 water bottles per month in campus vending machines since the implementation of the policy.

2. Policy

With effect from September 3, 2018:

- Disposable plastic straws will not be distributed at campus catering outlets;
- Disposable straws of other materials outlined in Appendix I may be distributed with or without a charge;
- Catering outlets are also encouraged to use and/or sell reusable straws (Appendix I).

We estimate that we have saved almost 600,000 straws since the implementation of the policy.



Goal | Disposable plastic free campus by September 2020

Target | Food service ware, bottles, banners



ISCN
International Sustainable Campus Network



Facebook post from HKU Sustainability. The post is titled "HKU Sustainability is with Taktak Dung and 2 others." and was published by Yuki Chan on April 12. The main text reads: "A big thank you to Director Wang, Mr. Hahn Chu and Mr. Bruce Lui for hosting a genuine and thought-provoking discussion on Plastic China 塑料王國 and the greater plastic situation worldwide. May the film continue to touch our hearts and remind us of the unsustainability of our consumerist lifestyles. Special thanks: CNEX HK Department of Comparative Literature, HKU and the amazing SI Team! Hong Kong Documentary Initiative 綠借地球 The Green Earth Graduate House HKU". The post includes a large group photo of people sitting in an auditorium and a smaller photo of a table with food. The post has 1,703 likes and 1,735 followers. The page also features a navigation menu on the left with options like Home, About, Photos, Videos, Events, Posts, Services, Shop, Notes, Offers, and Community. There are also buttons for "Promote" and "Manage Promotions".

Header of the HKU Sustainability website. It features the HKU logo and the text "sustainability THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG". Navigation links include "ABOUT US", "PROGRAMMES", "GET INVOLVED", "TOOLS", and "EVENTS". A search bar is also present. The main content area features a large banner for "THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG IMPACT RANKINGS" and "HKU RANKED 10th". A secondary box states "HKU ranked 10th in THE University Impact Rankings 2019". Below this is a section titled "Our Commitments" with three columns: "Waste" (Goal: Achieve a disposable plastic free campus by September 2020; Progress: On track), "Carbon" (Goal: Contribute to HKSCC target of reducing aggregate greenhouse gas...; Progress: On track), and "Sustainability Strategy 2030" (Goal: To develop and implement a holistic sustainability strategy and action pl...; Progress: On track).

HKU Sustainability - Be Part of It!

YouTube video player for "HKU Sustainability - Be Part of It!". The video title is "HKU Sustainability - Be Part of It!". The main text in the video is "Be Part of It". Below the text is a row of icons representing various sustainability goals: a water bottle, a lightning bolt, a t-shirt, a recycling symbol, a leaf, a gear, a person, a tree, and a hand holding a leaf. The video player shows a progress bar at 2:40 / 2:48 and includes standard YouTube controls like play, volume, and settings.

Cover page of the "Sustainability Report 2017" by The University of Hong Kong. The title "Sustainability Report 2017" is prominently displayed in a large, green, serif font. Below it, the text "The University of Hong Kong" is written in a smaller, green, sans-serif font. A short introductory paragraph states: "In a rapidly changing world with diminishing natural resources, persisting poverty and enduring inequalities, institutions must step up to ensure a future that is sustainable, resilient and inclusive. As a university with global reach and influence, the University of Hong Kong (HKU) is determined to bolster its commitment to sustainability, HKU is committed to upholding". A quote from the report reads: "The core values of academic freedom and our respect for academic success. As an institution of higher learning and compass for morality and integrity in the community, we will embrace equality, ethics, inclusivity, diversity and transparency in all that we do, and will aspire to the highest standards of corporate and academic governance. The principles of sustainability will guide our planning and development at every level. We will respond purposefully to the challenges identified by the United Nations through the Sustainable Development Goals, and play our part in addressing the issues of inequality, health, education, disaster prevention, poverty, environment and well-being identified therein. We are superbly placed to lead a cross-cultural and civilisational dialogue." The quote is attributed to "Asia's Global University - The Next Decade - Our vision for 2016-2025". At the bottom, a paragraph states: "In this latest version of the sustainability report, we have adopted a new approach and format by aligning the University's consolidated efforts to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). With this new format, we hope to more holistically showcase HKU's efforts to tackle all aspects of sustainability."





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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

