

# THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

## Campus Planning and Sustainability 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 development<sup>1</sup> 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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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

## 校園規劃及可持續發展處

### 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<sup>2</sup>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。

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<sup>1</sup> 「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。