



HKU Sustainability Community Engagement



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THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

HKU & the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals



“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.”

Sustainability
Report 2017
The University of Hong Kong



**THE UNIVERSITY
IMPACT
RANKINGS**
INAUGURAL PARTICIPANT

Initiatives



Disposable Plastic Free Campus



Edible Spaces Initiative



Online SDGs Exhibition

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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12-13 MARCH 2019 | 12-3PM

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BRING YOUR OWN

12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



14 LIFE BELOW WATER

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DITCH DISPOSABLE PICNIC

Enjoy the sun in a lovely afternoon with delicious food. Take environmentally conscious refreshments, speeches from green digital, and much more by a local and hand-crafted, but disposable water bottle, alongside an eco product. BRING YOUR OWN REUSABLE CONTAINERS AND UTENSILS!

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12 OCTOBER 2017
THURSDAY | 12:00PM - 2:00PM
HAKING WONG PODIUM
REGISTER <http://bit.do/DD-Picnic>
www.ditchdisposable.hku.hk/when

FOOD & DRINKS | LIVE MUSIC

12:30PM-1:30PM | 12:45PM-1:45PM

港愛 cafe330 | MANA Bijas | STRANGED WHALE

DITCH DISPOSABLE BAZAAR AND MORE...
12:00PM-4:00PM

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DITCH DISPOSABLE MARKET

Free drinks, yummy food, cool products and all without disposables!

FREE DRINKS!!!

VEGAN SNACKS

ZERO-WASTE GEAR

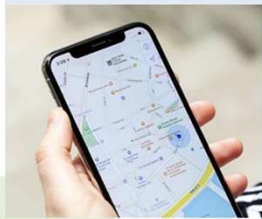
12-13 MAR 2018 | 11:30 - 15:30
HAKING WONG PODIUM
Register http://bit.do/DD_Market2018



Serving Water



Acquire reusable pitchers and cups to serve water or remind participants to bring their own reusable bottle!
#DitchDisposable at Events



Electronic Maps

#DitchDisposable at Events



Use Less Packaging!

#DitchDisposable at Events



Green Events Checklist

Download our interactive Green Event Checklist to help you organise sustainable and disposable plastic free events.



Click the buttons below to see tips and a step-by-step guide on how to ditch disposable for your specific event:

Orientation Camp

Orientation Day/Night

Inauguration Ceremony

Superpass Dinner

Welfare Week

Information and Registration Days

Field Trip

Large Conference and Performance

Small Seminar and Career Talk

Seminars & Talks

#DitchDisposable at Events

Send notes electronically to avoid distribution of papers!
Conduct online instead of paper surveys after events!



Superpass Dinner Fai Chun Writing

Reuse Chinese writing brushes and ink! Refrain from using plastic table covers. Instead, recyclable newspapers or magazines are suggested to cover the tables!
#DitchDisposable at Events

Souvenirs

Consider environmentally friendly, ethical and fair trade products if souvenirs are unavoidable!
#DitchDisposable at Events



Activities & Resources



Food & Beverage



Publicity & Signage



Marketing



Waste Disposal

SUSTAINABLE SUNDAY COUTURE

DOMESTIC WORKERS UPCYCLING FASHION

4-10 MARCH 2018
 Philippine Consulate General
 Sunday-Thursday, 9am-4pm
 Admiralty, 95 Queenway,
 United Centre 14th Floor (MTR Admiralty)

18 MARCH-APRIL 2018
 Main Library, The University of Hong Kong Libraries, The University of Hong Kong (HKU)
 Monday-Saturday, 8:30am-11pm; Sunday, 10am-7pm
 Pokfulam Road (MTR HKU A2)
 Map: <http://lib.hku.hk/general/location/index.html>

fb.me/SustainableSundayCouture



SUSTAINABLE SUNDAY COUTURE

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SUPPOSED BY:

A PLASTIC OCEAN
 WE NEED A WAVE OF CHANGE

25/10 English
WEDNESDAY 18:30

SCREENING & DISCUSSION
 DITCH DISPOSABLE HKU

SPEAKERS

- MS. JO RUKTON**
 Producer, A Plastic Ocean
- MR. PATRICK YEUNG**
 Project Manager, Ocean Conservation, Yee-hong Kong
- DR. CHRISTELLE NOT**
 Assistant Professor, Department of Earth Sciences, HKU

REGISTRATION

<http://bit.ly/APlasticOcean>

PRESENTED BY:

Deia Schlosberg on
COVID-19 and Plastic

The Need to Redefine Growth

Environmental Injustice

The Story of Plastic Screening and Discussion



11/4/2018
 WEDNESDAY | 18:30-21:30

香港大學中央圖書館講座
 Wang Chingso, Lecture Hall
 Graduate House, HKU

粵語 | 英語即時傳譯
 Mandarin with English
 Simultaneous Interpretation

映後談話嘉賓
GUEST SPEAKERS

- 王久良** **JU-LIANG WANG**
 《塑料王國》導演
 Director of Environmental
 Advocacy, The Green Earth
- 朱漢強** **HAHN CHU**
 綠地環境發展組織總監
 Director of Environmental
 Advocacy, The Green Earth
- 高寶主持** **BRUCE LAI**
 香港浸會大學傳訊及公共關係
 Senior Lecturer, School of Communication,
 Hong Kong Baptist University

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SKIP THE STRAW

8 UNIVERSITIES UNITED
TO REDUCE DISPOSABLE PLASTIC WASTE



"The Most Plastic Addiction" in 2019





 2020



 2018

Policy on
Disposable
Plastic
Straws



 2017

Policy on
Disposable
Plastic Water
Bottles
of 1L or less



**DISPOSABLE
PLASTIC FREE
CAMPUS** Policy &
Campaign
THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

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**DISPOSABLE
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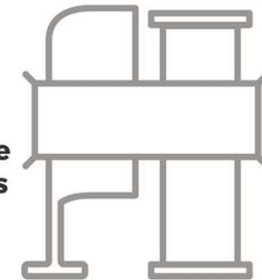
By September 2020, the following items will no longer be permitted for sale or distribution at the campus or at events held by any university affiliated units.

✘ Single-use plastic food service ware and bottles of 1 litre or less in

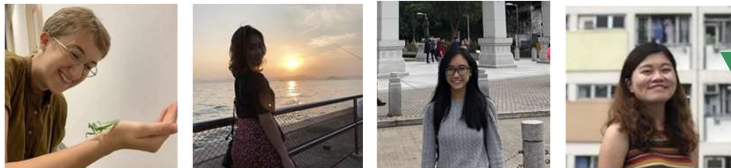


✘ Single-use plastic banners

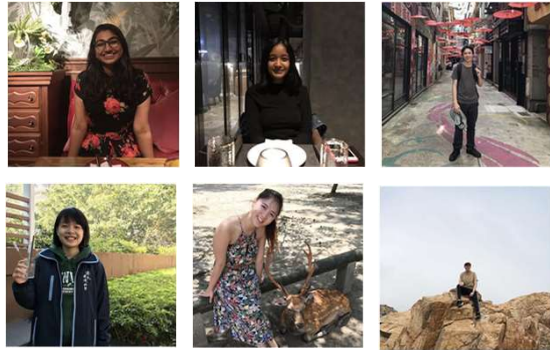
Plastic banners, including hanging banners, pop up banners and wind flags that are used for promotion of and as decoration during events of campaigns lasting less than 5 days are banned. If the event or campaign lasts for more than 5 days, plastic banners are permitted, but the banner must be donated or recycled after use.



Support by switching to environmentally responsible alternatives! Find tips and more about the policy in the website



Being an advocate for sustainability on campus allowed me to grapple with real issues, pick up research and community skills, and get connected with other like-minded Green Ambassadors. The campus is a great setting for students to explore what it's like to make the change they want to see in a community.



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HIRING INTERNS

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11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

2 ZERO HUNGER

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

SUSTAINABLE PERMACULTURE

ALL ARE WELCOME

FREE FOOD & DRINKS

Share & have fun!

Herb Garden

Edible Spaces

由陳博利編寫
A GUIDE TO PRODUCTIVE ROOFTOP GARDENING

THE 天台 EDIBLE 耕作 ROOF

MATHEW PRYOR

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Edible Spaces HKU

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GROW OUR OWN FOOD

EDIBLE SPACES

ORGANIC FARMING

WELLBEING

SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE

Herb Garden

Sweet Peas

Learn more

HKU Edible Spaces is an initiative to bring the community closer to the nature, promote wellbeing and foster a sense of responsibility to our environment through organic and sustainable farming on campus.



#HKUGROWFOODATHOME

CHALLENGE

No matter how little space you've got, you can still

START GROWING YOUR OWN FOOD



HKU Libraries and SDGs

Sustainable Development Goals

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Click on each to learn more

In collaboration with



1. NO POVERTY

END POVERTY IN ALL ITS FORMS EVERYWHERE

55% of the world's population have no access to social protection

736 MILLION PEOPLE LIVED IN EXTREME POVERTY IN 2015, **413 MILLION** IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

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Tailored policy interventions are required to eradicate poverty

INTERSECTING FACTORS MAKE PARTICULAR GROUPS MORE VULNERABLE TO POVERTY

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In Hong Kong, **AROUND 1.47 MILLION PEOPLE** LIVED IN POVERTY in 2018

CHILD POVERTY RATE AMONG SINGLE-PARENT HOUSEHOLDS in 2011 was **49.6%**, **NEARLY DOUBLE** the average rate of child poverty (26.4%) in the general population.

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Ethnicity and race impact incidence of poverty with significant differences across ethnic groups.

Poverty levels by ethnicity in 2016:

- 1 in 2 PAKISTANIS
- 1 in 3 NEPALIS
- 1 in 5 GENERAL POPULATION

1/3 ETHNIC MINORITY CHILDREN LIVE IN POVERTY

The poverty situation of ethnic minorities is exacerbated by the gaps in the education system. (SDGs are interlinked)

6.1% **POOR PAKISTANIS** aged 5-17 do not speak, write or read Chinese or English

ACTIONS AT HKU

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB CENTRE FOR SUICIDE RESEARCH AND PREVENTION

In 2018, The Hong Kong Jockey Club Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention completed a three-year study on determinants of poverty and potential intervention to alleviate poverty. The project looked at long-term poverty trends in Hong Kong, psycho-socio-demographic determinants of poverty, and the challenges facing individuals in leaving poverty nets. The project discovered the significant difference in the severity of the poverty problem in different districts in Hong Kong, and explored the impact of poverty through generations.

HKU Wu Zhi Qiao 燕止橋 (Bridge to China)

HKU WU ZHI QIAO PROGRAMME

The Horizons Office has teamed up with the Wu Zhi Qiao Foundation to offer the HKU Wu Zhi Qiao (Bridge to China) Programme, which is a project-based construction / human service learning opportunity on the Mainland designed specifically to improve the lives of underprivileged villagers in remote areas of Mainland China and promulgate the concept of sustainability.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Educate yourself about the causes of poverty at home and abroad
- Call for decent wages and opportunities for all
- Support fair trade products to enable producers and workers to maintain a sustainable livelihood
- Become a regular donor and contribute to NGOs and projects aimed at eliminating root causes of poverty

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ACTIONS AT HKU

THE LKS FACULTY OF MEDICINE

The LKS Faculty of Medicine plays a leading role in medical education, training and research, and is one of Asia's highest ranked medical schools in Clinical, Pre-clinical and Health Subjects according to the Times Higher Education (THE) University Rankings. Throughout the years, leading researchers at HKUMed have greatly contributed to the public health and well-being of the regional community and beyond by developing methods to detect, monitor and prevent the spread of infectious diseases such as SARS, MERS and the COVID-19, amongst many other innovative and impactful discoveries.



THE FACULTY OF DENTISTRY

The Faculty of Dentistry is the premier dental school in Asia and the world. The Population Oral Health research group promotes oral health by studying the relationship of oral health and well-being, developing methods and interventions to measure and improve oral health and function.

Exercise is Medicine® Gold Campus

EXERCISE IS MEDICINE

HKU advocates for Exercise is Medicine, a worldwide initiative that promotes physical activity as a vital sign of health. This initiative encourages students and staff to adopt a regular active lifestyle to obtain health benefits.



3. GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

ENSURE HEALTHY LIVES AND PROMOTE WELL-BEING FOR ALL AT ALL AGES

UNDER-5 DEATHS DROPPED FROM 9.8 MILLION IN 2000 TO 5.4 MILLION IN 2017

1 in 3 SUFFER FROM CHRONIC ILLNESS / LONG-TERM MEDICAL CONDITIONS (e.g. hypertension and asthma)

30% OF THE WHOLE POPULATION IS OBESE (22% OF THEM ARE FEMALE)

80% OF SOUTH ASIANS ARE OBESE AND 72% OF THEM ARE FEMALE

45% DOCTORS TAKE CARE OF **90% PATIENTS** IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR creating a critical shortage of healthcare professionals, especially in light of HK's ageing population

1 in 6 SUFFER FROM A DIAGNOSABLE MENTAL HEALTH ILLNESS

ELDERLY AGED 65+ ARE AT A CRITICAL RISK WITH THE HIGHEST SUICIDE RATE OF 19.7%

MALE SUICIDE RATES ARE MORE THAN DOUBLE BETWEEN 2013 AND 2016

SUICIDE RATES FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS ↑76%

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WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Value mental health and well-being
- Don't judge. Break the stigma associated with discussing mental health issues
- Volunteer in projects to promote good health and well-being
- Call for medical care and vaccinations for all

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Thank you!



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