

# **Sustainability Events and Awards**

2019-2020



## **Energy Saving**

#### **Energy Saving Charter**

Earlier in May 2019, the University signed up for the "Energy-Saving Charter 2019" colaunched by the Environment Bureau (ENB) and Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD). By signing the Charter, the University was committed to maintain an average indoor temperature between 24-26°C during the summer months between June to September in 2019. FMO issued energy saving tips for control of indoor temperature to the University community that included:

- Keep all the windows and doors closed when an air-conditioner is running.
- Keep doors closed between air-conditioned and non-air-conditioned areas such as those connecting outside buildings, lift lobbies, toilets and stores so as to minimise air infiltration for the optimization of air-conditioning.
- Keep doors of fridges closed.
- Avoid setting the thermostat at a colder setting than normal when turning on an airconditioner. It would not cool the room any faster but could result in excessive power consumption.
- Turn on the ceiling fans if installed in classrooms as fans cool people by creating a wind chill effect; turn them off when you leave the room.



#### **Charter on External Lighting**

CityU signed the Charter on External Lighting and received the Platinum Award 2019. The Charter was launched by ENB in 2016. Owners of and responsible persons for external lighting installations were invited to switch off lighting installations of decorative, promotional or advertising purposes which affect the outdoor environment during the preset time (i.e. 11 p.m. or midnight to 7 a.m. on the following day).



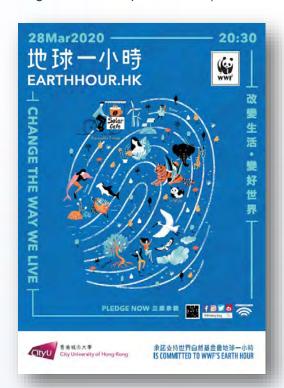


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#### Hong Kong No Air Con Night 2019

Hong Kong No Air Con Night 2019 was organised by Green Sense. It was held on 5 October 2019 and was a 12-hour-long air-conditioning out action starting from 7:00 pm on 5 October 2019 to 7:00 am on 6 October 2019 to encourage the entire society to save energy.

CityU actively supported the event by raising the indoor temperature in some communal areas on CityU campus (lecture theatres, Library, Hu Fa Kuang Sports Centre, canteens, Wei Hing Theatre and public areas) to 25°C to lower power consumption.



#### WWF Earth Hour 2020

CityU has always supported the WWF Earth Hour campaign held and so as this reporting period. On 28 March 2020, the University turned off nonessential lights in corridors, open / roof gardens, carparks and / or external public areas at YEUNG, Administration Buildings, BOC, LI, LAU and CMC for one hour from 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

Moreover, CityU Announcement Portal (CAP) was used to inform all staff and students to encourage them and their families to support this meaningful event by turning off lights in office and at home with the aim to arouse awareness on global warming, energy saving, and reducing emission of pollutants and greenhouse gases.





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<u>Hong Kong Green Organisation Certification - Energywi\$e</u> Certificate



<u>2019 - Hong Kong Green Organisation Certification – Wastewi\$e Certificate</u>



Commendation Scheme on Source Separation of Commercial and Industrial Waste – Bronze Award





#### IoT Reverse Vending Machines (RVMs)



Further to the launch of the two RVMs for recycling PET bottles on campus in the end of 2018, FMO announced a new feature of the two RVMs on campus – Drink cartons can be recycled! The locations of the two RVMs are:

- Outside City Express, 5/F, Bank of China (Hong Kong) Complex;
- · Common area near Security Room, G/F, LI.

To encourage users for recycling, virtual coins will be awarded for each transaction and they can be used for discounts, donations, etc. Special offers had been made to CityU members, which included:

- · Get a free drink from Vitasoy at the Smart Vending Machine; or
- Give a donation of HK\$7.5 via Vitasoy to St James' Settlement

3,411 pieces of PET bottles and 252 pieces of drink cartons (collection started in May 2020) have been collected for recycling.



#### **Books Give and Take**

The "Books Give and Take 書香世代 - 延續生命、世代相傳" campaign received overwhelming positive responses since its first launch in 2017-2018, and to ride on the success from previous years, this campaign continued in 2019. Unfortunately with the impact of COVID-19, the event was postponed to be held in Semester A of 2020-2021 Academic Year. Details will be presented in the 2020-2021 Environmental Report.

Two carts were placed at the Yellow Zone on U-concourse, YEUNG. CityU community members and public were welcomed to leave or pick up books from the carts with no loan period.





In addition to the books taken away by interested people, three carton boxes of 247 surplus books that weighed 101 kg had been donated to Sham Shui Po Community Green Community to continue their lives for the contribution to the local community.

#### Lai See Packets Recycling

CityU continued to support the "Lai See Reuse and Recycle Program 2020" organized by Greeners Action to collect used Lai See packets from CMC, LAU, LI, YEUNG, Student Residence, TCY, NSY and AEB during the period from 5 to 19 February 2020. 35 kg of Lai See packets were collected for reuse.

#### **Mooncakes Collection and Donation**

CityU joined the "Eat Wise Charter" of the Green Mid-Autumn Festival Campaign organised by Food Grace (食德好) to collect mooncakes for the contribution to reduce food waste. The collected mooncakes were distributed to those in need on the day of Mid-autumn Festival.











Further to the success of "Green Living @ CityU 2018", "Green Living @ CityU 2019" was organised and carried out starting from September 2019 to December 2019, which aimed to foster sustainability awareness of staff and students in CityU and to promote living style in a sustainable way.

The theme of the event was "Innovation in Carbon Reduction". It was organised by the Sustainability Committee of the University and Facilities Management Office and co-organised by multi-disciplines of the University including academic departments, administrative units and the Environmental Protection Society of the Students Union. External green organisations including Green Monday and AuLaw Organic Farm also supported the event. A total of 15 activities under 7 areas were held. They included:

- Kick-off Ceremony
- Campaigns (Printing Quota Exchange Campaign)
- Workshops (Recycle paper workshop, Chia seeds pudding and DIY Eco Enzyme)
- Activities (Smoothie ride, Organic food tasting and GROW)
- Shows (Campus Sustainability Tour Video 2019 and Plastic band show)
- Talks (Solar car sharing and Get Healthy with a Plant-based Diet)
- Exhibitions (Previous sustainability achievements and GCSO funded projects)





#### Kick-off Ceremony:

Conducted on 20 September 2019. VP(AD), Mr Sunny Lee and Prof Li Wen Jung, Associate Provost (II) and the Chairman of Sustainability Committee were the officiating guests of the Ceremony.

#### Shows:

- Campus Sustainability Tour Video 2019 A video tour to campus sustainability
- Plastic band show A performance using innovative upcycled and acoustic instruments.









#### Solar car sharing:

An introduction on the solar car developed by our School of Energy and Environment for the Sasol Solar Challenge in South Africa.



#### **Exhibitions:**

- · Achievements in Sustainability
- Global Consortium for Sustainability Outcomes (GCSO) funded projects



Smoothie ride:

Make a smoothie on a joy ride

Organic food tasting:

Taste of organic food

**GROW:** 

Organic farming on rooftop of LI









Recycle paper workshop:

Make paper with recycled materials

Chia seeds pudding:

Make pudding with chia seeds which contain various essential nutrients

DIY Eco Enzyme:

Make detergent using organic materials like fruit peels and sugar



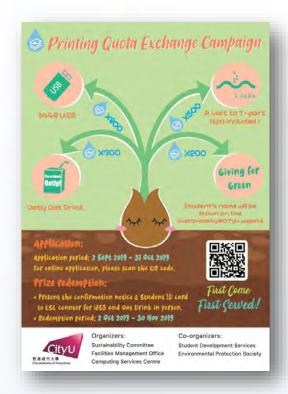






#### Printing Quota Exchange Campaign:

The Campaign aimed to encourage students to reduce paper consumption. All full-time / combined mode students of CityU were eligible in the printing quota to be exchanged for prizes. In addition to the 64GB USB, T-Park visit was also very attractive to our students. There were over 580 students participated in the campaign and CityU successfully reduced 435,900 printing quotas which was equivalent to saving 37 trees.







#### Talk: Get Healthy with a Plant-based Diet

The talk was delivered by Ms Tiffany Cheung Nutritionist from Green Monday (The D. H. Chen Foundation). The talk shared how to plan a balanced plant-based diet and debunk some common myths about vegetarianism. Participants also got a chance to taste the water melon home-grown at rooftop of LI.



# Joint-U Campaign 2020 – UNIfy: Sustainable Living #StayAtHome Edition

Following the success of the Joint-U campaigns in previous years, the eight member universities of Hong Kong Sustainability Consortium for Campus (HKSCC) decided to continue this meaningful collective campaign to once again actualise the beauty and power of synergy.

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Every week in April 2020, we shared tips on four themes as shown below:

- 1) Wellness (3 tips to keep your mind and body healthy);
- 2) Energy Saving (3 tips to make your home more energy efficient);
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- 4) Zero-waste (3 tips to be green at home).











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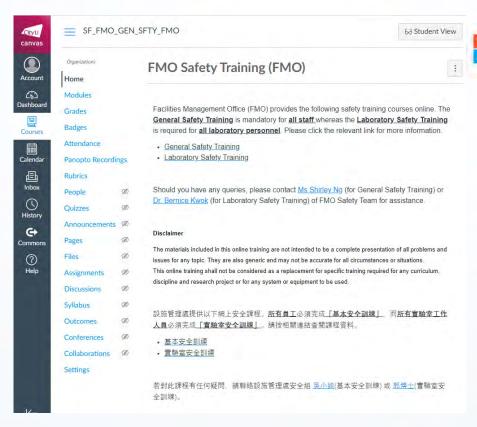






The first University organising online teaching so that minimised use of resources, waste generation on campus and minimised overseas and local travelling and hence significantly reduced carbon foot print. In the meantime, our meetings and events were also organized online which also helped reduce carbon foot print.

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Online teaching
Online meeting
Online training
Online staff party
Online survey, sharing
Work From Home

Teams ZOOM

Instead of affixing stickers, which could be easily worn out, we produced hundreds of signs for reminding "Social distancing" to our users. These signs were laminated with durable surface so that they can be reused in classrooms and lecture theatres.







Reuse of foam boards after events to set up "partitions" between colleagues at workplaces so that to create barriers and maintain social distancing among colleagues.







- Reuse of banner after events for Triage Station of clinic as a shelter for rainy days.
- Out door clinic to reduce energy consumption and reduce risk of cross-contamination

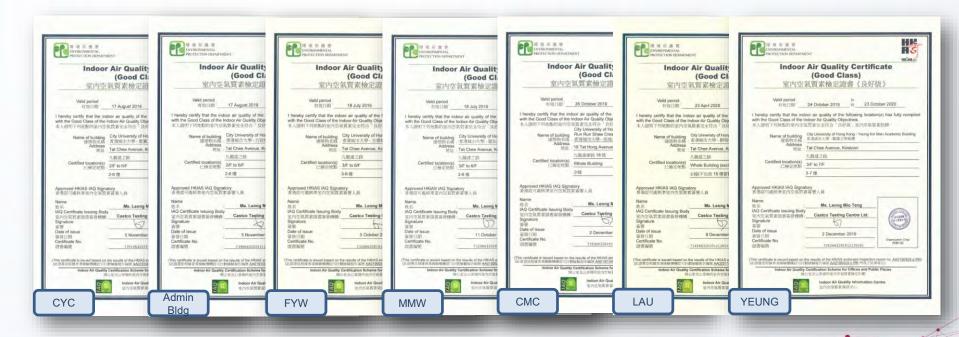


Triage Station of clinic



#### Indoor Air Quality (IAQ)

Further to the "Good Class" IAQ certificates obtained for seven buildings in 2018-2019, the University continued to appoint a consultant to do IAQ measurements for Li Dak Sum Yip Yio Chin Academic Building (LI) with the aim to obtain a certification under the new IAQ certification scheme 2019. For the seven buildings that have already obtained the "Good Class" certification, a consultant was also appointed to do IAQ measurement to continue the certificates. The seven buildings are: Cheng Yick-chi Building (CYC), Administration Building (Admin Bldg), Fong Yun-wah Building (FYW), Mong Man-wai Building (MMW), Run Run Shaw Creative Media Centre (CMC), Yeung Kin Man Academic Building (YEUNG), Lau Ming Wai Academic Building (LAU).





Indoor Air Quality (IAQ)



Hong Kong Awards for Enironmental Excellence 2019 (HKAEE) – Certificate of Merit



**Hong Kong Green Organisation** 





#### Hong Kong Smoke Free Leading Company Awards 2019 and Hong Kong Green Day 2020

As supporting organisation of Hong Kong Green Day that organised by Green Council and Hong Kong Smoke Free Leading Company Awards that organised by Hong Kong Council on Smoking and Health.





