

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University Sustainability Policy and Preamble

Preamble

Over the years, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) has endeavoured to integrate sustainability principles into campus operations, developments and programme curricula, in particular, to promote sustainability through knowledge transfer to the community.

To further mark PolyU's outstanding commitment to campus sustainability, which has been conveyed openly through various communication channels, including President's speeches, strategic plans. This Sustainability Policy sets out the guiding principles for achieving sustainable excellence and nurturing environmental awareness in future generations.

General Statement

PolyU pledges to cherish sustainability values, abide by sustainability practices, advance knowledge of sustainability and achieve excellence in sustainability.

Goals

The goals of the sustainability policy are:

1. To establish on PolyU campus a teaching, learning, and research environment conducive to sustainability;
2. To implement sustainable initiatives within the campus environment;
3. To include sustainability-related topics, where appropriate, in PolyU academic programmes and research;
4. To transfer knowledge of sustainability to the wider community; and
5. To encourage the University community to embrace sustainability principles and practices and to engage that community in the University's drive towards sustainable excellence.

Implementation

1. Academic and Research

PolyU will strive for excellence in education and research by integrating sustainability concepts into programme curricula, research activities and increasing awareness of sustainability among staff and students through promotional activities, campaigns and cultural development.

2. Campus Operations

PolyU will comply with all relevant environmental laws and regulations and remain vigilant against the possibility of negative environmental consequences in all its operations and

procurements, with a view to minimising negative environmental effects and conserving resources.

3. Campus Development

PolyU will assess the environmental, socio-economic impact of all campus development initiatives, incorporate sustainable design and construction features, and implement stringent monitoring and evaluation mechanism for all related works.

4. Knowledge Transfer and Outreach

With a view to building a sustainable global community, PolyU will encourage all members of the University to participate in sharing knowledge and achievements derived from research efforts and good practices with local and global communities, and enable these communities to develop their own educational and research programmes.

5. Continuous Improvement

PolyU will apply a mechanism of continuous review with a view both to improving sustainability performance in terms of policy and practice. PolyU will also seek to develop new policies and practices in the light of ongoing global developments and stakeholders' expectations.