



Radio Television Hong Kong Environmental Report 2022

Introduction

Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) Environmental Report sets out RTHK's commitments to protect the environment.

As the sole public service broadcaster in Hong Kong, RTHK aims to inform, educate and entertain the general public and specific target audience through a balanced mix of high quality programming. RTHK is also committed to enhancing the public's environmental awareness.

Environmental Goal

Apart from adopting green housekeeping measures and fostering among staff an environmentally-friendly culture, RTHK spares no effort in promoting public awareness on environmental issues by:

- guiding the public to appreciate that environmental protection is everybody's business – RTHK produces trailers, radio announcements on public interest (Radio APIs) and programmes to nurture public awareness of environmental protection;
- encouraging community discussions on environmental issues and policies – RTHK provides a platform for government officials and experts from non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to share information and experience on environmental protection with members of the public who may also express their views on the subject; and
- providing opportunities for the government officials to explain its current policies and environmental protection initiatives through RTHK's programmes and projects.

Environmental Policy

In pursuance of its environmental commitments, RTHK will continue to:

- enhance public awareness on environmental protection and conservation of natural resources;
- comply with, and where appropriate exceed, legal regulations and voluntary standards in relevant operations;
- practise the principle of “Reduce, Reuse and Recycle” in the consumption of materials;
- foster personal responsibility among all RTHK staff to care for the environment and encourage them to render support through action; and
- seek continual improvement of its environmental performance on all fronts.

Environmental Highlights

In 2022, RTHK made the following major efforts in enhancing its environmental performance:

Programmes

Radio and TV Programmes

- Produced and acquired radio and TV programmes and programme segments which widely covered various green topics, such as green living, environmental protection, sustainable development, recycling and energy saving. These programmes include:
 - Radio 1: “Climate Watcher” and “Blue Planet”;
 - Radio 2: “Morning Suite” and “Knowledge Society”;
 - Radio 3: “Backchat”, “Morning Brew”, “1 2 3 Show” and “In the Common Room”, “Brunch with Noreen” and “The Brew” ;
 - Radio 5: “MagaSenior” and “Green Fighting”;
 - Culture & Education Unit: “Sound of Nature”, “Green Road” , “Children’s Sunday” and “Cultural Express”;
 - Community Involvement Broadcasting Service: “Love All Living Things” and “Office of Nature”;

- Presentation Unit: Ad-lib messages after daily traffic news announcement to deliver the message of “Switching off engines of idling vehicles” ;and
- RTHK TV31: “Biodiversity in Magazine 2”, “Hong Kong Ecologists 3”, “Biodiversity in Hong Kong 3”, “Biodiversity in Hong Kong Natural Force” (8K Production), “Arctic Drift: A Year in the Ice”, “Jimmy's Big Bee Rescue”, “Trimates”, “Attenborough's Global Adventure”, “Wild Cuba - A Caribbean Journey with Colin Stafford-Johnson”, “A Life in the Forest”, “Entangled”, “Naïs in the Land of Wolves”, “Darwin in the Times Square: the Science of Urban ”, “Wild Heart of Europe”, “Wild Relations”, “Under Thin Ice”, “Global Ideas”, “Forces of Nature” and “The Journey of Chinese Plants”.

New Media

- RTHK website has updated the "Green Life" section of "Podcast One" platform (https://podcast.rthk.hk/podcast/topic_playlist.php?id=86&lang=en-US) which offers a playlist of podcasts focusing on various environmental themes such as biodiversity, conservation, climate change, waste reduction and sustainable living style. This section aims to promote, educate and inspire audiences and listeners to support environmental protection.

In-house Green Practices

Minimising Paper Consumption

- using e-mails for communication widely;
- promoting double-sided photocopying to reduce paper consumption; and
- promoting the use of the blank side of used paper and the reuse of envelopes.

Recycling

- placing recycling bins at suitable locations. In 2022, RTHK collected 2 806 kg of waste paper, 2 523 plastic bottles and 2 276 aluminium cans for recycling; and
- collecting used printer toner cartridges for recycling.

Green Products

- using photocopiers with double-sided photocopying and automatic energy saving functions;
- using plain paper fax machines instead of thermal paper ones;
- procuring environmentally-friendly products, such as refillable ball pens and recyclable printer toner cartridges;
- procuring appliances, such as refrigerators, air-conditioners and dehumidifiers with Grade 1 Energy Efficiency Label;
- adopting green procurement specifications promulgated by the Environmental Protection Department when procuring office equipment, such as water dispensers and microwave ovens; and
- ceasing to procure and provide disposable plastic umbrella bags, and setting up umbrella dryers instead.

Energy Saving

- promoting and encouraging staff to reduce lighting;
- adjusting the air-conditioning system to keep the room temperature at a reasonable level;
- affixing “Save Energy” stickers to air-conditioning and lighting switches;
- re-circulating a circular to remind staff to switch off lightings when they leave office and turn off electrical products not in use;
- carrying out energy audits for departmental buildings to identify energy saving opportunities; and
- replacing existing lighting and air-conditioning systems with energy-saving models.

Carbon Audit

- conducting carbon audit exercise for Broadcasting House (BH) and Television House (TVH). In 2022-23, the amounts of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for BH and TVH were 1 390.78 and 1 688.62 tonnes of CO₂ equivalent respectively.

Indoor Environmental Quality

- achieving the “Good Class” of the Indoor Air Quality Objectives for departmental buildings.

E-communication

- uploading useful information to the intranet for internal reference (e.g. departmental telephone directory, circulars and important notices); and
- uploading general forms to the intranet instead of keeping the paper forms in stock.
- banning the use of plastic straw, and ceasing to provide disposable tableware for dine-in customers; and

Staff Canteen

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Measures to Further Enhance Environmental Performance

RTHK will continue to meet its environmental objectives by means of:

- producing and broadcasting programmes on environmental issues in a variety of formats;
- continuing its efforts in arousing public concern over environmental issues;
- promoting a green procurement policy in support of its production efforts; and
- ensuring that the working environment for its staff remains safe and healthy.

Information and Suggestions

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