



# Radio Television Hong Kong Environmental Report 2023

## **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 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 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 2023, 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: “Knowledge Company”;
  - Radio 3: “Backchat”, “In the Common Room”, “Brunch with Noreen” and “The Brew” ;
  - Radio 5: “MagaSenior” and “Green Fighting”;
  - Putonghua Channel: “Hundred Ways to Go Green”;
  - Culture & Education Unit: “Sound of Nature”, “Green Road” , “Young and Old Alike” and “Cultural Express”;
  - Community Involvement Broadcasting Service: “Stories under the Stars

- A Tour of World Heritage”, “Sustainable Carbon Reduction”, “ A Probe into Ancient Maps”, “Teas of Hong Kong” and “The Ancients, Artifacts, and Antiquities”;
- 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 of Hong Kong - The Forces of Nature”, “Biodiversity of Hong Kong 3”, “Hong Kong Ecologists 3”, “Hong Kong's Greenery & Biodiversity”, “Biodiversity in Magazine 2”, “Putonghua Theatre 31-Biodiversity in Hong Kong”, 10 episodes of “HK Connection” covering related topics, including “*Green Goodbye*”, “*Urban Greening*”, “*Stop the Emission*”, “*Water: A Precious Resource*”, “*A Greener Way to Eat*”, “*Meat the Future*”, “*From Trash to Treasure*”, “*Marine Refuse*”, “*Beyond Plastic*” and “*What does the Food Waste go*”, “ Global Ideas”, “Green Heroes”, “Winds of Change”, “Carbon Offsetting: Emissions as Commodity”, “The Energy – Saving Illusion”, “Masters Of Bees”, “Quest for the Uncharted World”, “Agricultural Paradise 2023”, and “Time Travel Climate Mission”.

### ***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](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;
- promoting the use of the blank side of used paper and the reuse of envelopes; and
- installing additional hand dryers in the washrooms of Broadcasting House (BH) and Television House (TVH) to replace paper towels.

### ***Recycling***

- placing recycling bins at suitable locations. In 2023-2024, RTHK collected 3 759 kg of waste paper, 2 090 plastic bottles and 1 711 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 BH and TVH. In 2023-24, the amounts of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for BH and TVH were 1 386.66 and 1 642.30 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> 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.

### ***Staff Canteen***

- banning the use of plastic straw, and ceasing to provide disposable tableware for dine-in customers. Takeaway customers are encouraged to bring their own takeaway boxes and cutlery, and charges are imposed to customers who request for disposable tableware.

### **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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