



Radio Television Hong Kong Environmental Report 2024

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 2024, 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” , “Y.O.L.O – You Only Live Once” and “Blue Planet”;
 - Radio 2: “Morning Suite” and “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”, “Teens For Green”, “Young and Old Alike” and “Cultural Express”;

- Community Involvement Broadcasting Service: “The Healing Power of Nature in Hong Kong”, “The Tales of Parks”, “ Hong Kong Conservation Team” and “Buzzing Around: Bees and Humans”;
- Presentation Unit: Ad-lib messages after daily traffic news announcement to deliver the message of “Switching off engines of idling vehicles”; and
- RTHK TV31: “Hong Kong’s Greenery & Biodiversity”, “Climate Insight”, “Government and You – Environment matters, your action matters more”, “Dialogue with masters – Architecture and environmental protection”, “All about Paris Olympics – Environmental Olympics”, “What science does the Observatory do?”, 2 episodes of “HK Connection” covering related topics, including “Extreme weather” and “Path to Waste Reduction”, 6 segments of “Hong Kong Info Express” covering related topics, including “Electric transportation”, “Eco-friendly habits”, “Look For Green – Mobile recycling programme”, “Waste Reduction and Recycling Charter”, “Eco-friendly fashion workshop” and “Plastic-Free Takeaway, Use Reusable Tableware Campaign”, “Enchanting China”, 6 episodes of “31 See the World” covering related topics, including “Lethal leaks”, “Super storage”, “Metamorphoses – The return of the wilderness”, “Good news from planet earth“, “Zero waste kitchen” and “Green future”, “Future from above” and “Agricultural Paradise”.

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;
- promoting the use of the blank side of used paper and the reuse of envelopes;

- installing additional hand dryers in the washrooms of Broadcasting House (BH) and Television House (TVH) to replace paper towels, which have been ceased to supply; and
- rolling out Electronic Record-keeping System (ERKS) since July 2024 with a view to reducing the print-out of document hardcopies for record keeping and filing.

Recycling

- placing recycling bins at suitable locations. In 2024, RTHK collected 2 902 kg of waste paper, 2 746 plastic bottles and 2 311 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 energy consumption by re-circulating a circular to remind staff to switch off lightings when they leave office and turn off electrical products not in use;
- adjusting the air-conditioning system to keep the room temperature at a reasonable level;
- affixing “Save Energy” stickers to air-conditioning and lighting switches;
- 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 1 333.03 and 1 603.51 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.

Staff Canteen

- banning the use of plastic straw, cutlery and tableware, 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 on customers who request for disposable tableware.

Transport Management

- introducing electric vehicles to the departmental vehicle fleet; and
- complying with the requirement to switch off idling engines by drivers.

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;
- promoting a green procurement policy in support of all programme production efforts;
- continuing its efforts in arousing public concern over environmental issues;

- exploring wider use of electronic measures to minimise usage of paper and energy;
- partnering with other government departments in implementing more energy-saving projects to reduce energy consumption and identifying possibilities of utilising renewable / alternative energy when situation permits; and
- ensuring that the working environment for staff remains safe and healthy.

Information and Suggestions

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