



Sustainability Policy

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Commitment

The Egyptian Chinese University recognizes that its activities and operations have an environmental, social, and economic impact.

This Sustainability Policy commits the University to being a responsible educational institution which sets an example in terms of sustainability. It provides a framework for establishing and reviewing sustainability goals and targets.

Scope

This policy applies to:

- a) ECU staff, students, affiliates and visitors, and
- b) ECU facilities, resources and operations.

Policy Statement

The Egyptian Chinese University will continue as a leader in promoting and practicing sustainability. The University defines sustainability as balancing the needs and aspirations of the present with the preservation of choices for the future.

The University is committed to integrating sustainable development into everyday practice by minimizing negative environmental impact wherever possible, maximizing positive impact economic performance and supporting beneficial social and community opportunities.

The Egyptian Chinese University as part of its commitment to climate change and sustainable development, engages in periodic energy, environmental and green audits as a continuous process to review and monitor its infrastructure. As a leading educational institution, ECU acknowledges its responsibility to promote sustainability and reduce our carbon footprint.

Aims:

The University is committed to supporting and implementing the following sustainability goals:

Environment:

- Create programs and policies that reduce resource consumption and material demands for University activities.
- Improve energy efficiency through responsible energy management.
- Ensure optimized water use.
- Implement waste management strategies to reduce landfill waste.
- Use eco-friendly alternatives instead of plastics whenever possible.
- Encourage sustainable travel options to and from university sites, as well as for university business.
- Create systems to monitor and measure environmental performance.
- Focus on enhancing environmental performance through research, teaching, and development.
- Ensure recycling where possible.

Business, legal and economic:

- Integrate sustainability into the university's core strategies and business processes.
- Encourage ethical procurement by sourcing products and services from suppliers with similar sustainability policies to the university.
- Manage resources to implement policy commitments aligned with the university's sustainability plan.
- Ensure the university's financial viability by considering the long-term costs and benefits of development.
- Add sustainable features to new and existing building designs and applications.
- Prioritize energy efficiency and sustainability when building and renovating facilities.
- Respect of copyrights.

Culture and Education:

- Collaborate with students, staff, faculty, and community members to promote eco-literacy and encourage green living practices.

- Pursue opportunities to integrate sustainability and environmental literacy into course curriculum.
- Create a team program to foster a network of sustainability-minded individuals across the University.
- Ensure University representation and active participation on relevant steering committees and associations to raise awareness of sustainability issues and develop solutions.
- Collaborate with the local community and government organizations to achieve environmental goals.
- Engage with the community about the university's environmental performance and activities.

Policy Administration:

- ECU will develop and update a sustainability plan with clear goals and objectives.
- ECU is committed to develop and monitor projects that promote sustainable development.
- ECU will assess its activities and their impact on the environment and society.
- ECU will establish sustainability indicators to promote accountability, communicate goals, and track progress.
- ECU will document the annual progress and share it with its stockholders.