

**THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG**  
**UNIVERSITY STEERING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT**

Minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the University Steering Committee on Environment (USCE)  
held on **Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> Dec, 2007 at 8:45a.m. in 2/F Conf. Rm. 233, Wong Foo Yuan Building**

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Present : Professor K.C. Lam (Chairman)  
Professor Michael Hui, Associate Pro-Vice-Chancellor  
Professor L.M. Chu, Teacher Representative  
Mr. Benny Tam, Director of Estates Management Office  
Mr. Andy Cheung, representing Estates Management Office  
Mr. Tom Fong, representing Director of Office of Student Affairs  
Mr. Arthur Ma, representing Director of Campus Development Office  
Mr. W.T. Yu, Student Representative  
Mr. C.P. Wong, Student Representative  
Mr. S.K. Lam (Secretary)  
Mr. Jack Yung (Under-Secretary)  
Ms. Amanda Chan (by Invitation)

Apologies: Professor K.C. Chau, Teacher Representative  
Dr. M.Y. Leung, College Representative  
Mr. Terence Chan, Bursar

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**Action**

1. Minutes

Subject to the amendments proposed by the Chairman and Prof. L.M. Chu, the minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> meeting was confirmed.

2. Matters Arising

*Comment on Preliminary Campus Master Plan Proposals (M2)*

The Under-Secretary reported the comment on Preliminary Campus Master Plan [Under-](#)

Proposals was sent to the Chairman of Campus Landscape Enhancement Secretary Committee and Mr. Patrick Chan of CDO on 31 October 07. The Chairman requested him to send the comment to the Secretary of Campus Planning Committee formally.

*Evaluation of Environmental Protection Week 2007 (M4)*

The Chairman thanked the members and various units in organizing the Environmental Protection Week 2007. The members evaluated the Week and suggested some points for improvement:

- The Secretary opined that the invitation cards were printed and issued too late, just two weeks before the ceremony.
- The Under-Secretary reported that VC Office had requested the speech and the ceremony should be kept not too long if possible.
- Mr. Benny Tam opined the ceremony was too complicated as two venues, Cho Yiu Hall and UC Adam Schall Hall were used.
- The Chairman received some feedback that the posters were printed and distributed too late.

The Under-Secretary thanked EMO for organizing the Community Planting and Prof. Alex English and Prof. David Chen for conducting the Movie Show & Discussion.

3. Comment on the Draft Sustainability Report 2006

The Chairman opined that the preparation of 1<sup>st</sup> Sustainability Report of CUHK was difficult and time-consuming. More than one year was used for HKPC to establish the indicator set, BEC to gather the data and USEO to draft the report. He hoped the report would be published very soon. To let more people get access to the report, he suggested uploading the report to the CUHK main webpage and promoting it by mass email and web banner.

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Then the Chairman went through the draft report page by page. The members gave their comment on the report and highlighted the points with mistake. The Under-Secretary would amend the report accordingly and sent to AAC for further comment and endorsement. Then he would hire external parties to proof-read and edit the content and design the layout.

The members suggested new indicators should be developed in the future reports to help reporting our performance and benchmarking if necessary.

4. Comment on the proposal of Using the Campus Circuit East by CEDD

The Chairman thanked Ms. Amanda Chan of Business Office to representing Quartering Unit to discuss the proposal of using the Campus Circuit East by Civil Engineering & Development Department (CEDD) for the site formation of Area 39.

Prof. Michael Hui briefed the background information of the site and proposal to the members and explained the buildings in Area 39 would be the future University Laboratory Complex catering for the new 3 + 3 + 4 curriculum. He suggested that the university would allow access for CEDD construction vehicles with following criteria:

- Restricted hours :
  - 9:30am to 6:30pm
  - Monday to Friday, except Public Holidays and University's special event dates
- Volume of construction traffic :
  - not exceed 21 round trip per hour at peak
  - about 14 round trip per hour in average
- Commence on 15 January 2008 tentatively
- Last for about 1.5 years (1/2008 – 7/2009)

After the briefing, Prof. L.M. Chu questioned how to count 21 round trips per hour and how to stop the vehicles not complying the rules.

Prof. Michael Hui opined that the controlling measures should be in three aspects: preventive, monitoring and communication. Then Mr. Benny Tam supplemented that the traffic flow would be monitored and controlled by Security & Transport Office by hourly sheet and speed limit. Besides, Mr. Arthur Ma reported that the site vehicles would travel on the designated track and not be allowed to anywhere of the campus. Vehicles and road would be washed to suppress the dust emission. The Secretary suggested that USEO would take all necessary measurements to monitor the noise and air quality.

After the discussion, the Chairman summarized that:

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- no work would be conducted on Sunday and Saturday,
- log sheet on security post, identifiable signage on vehicle, and restricted route should be maintained to control the traffic,
- preventive measures should be taken such as covering the stock pile, dust suppression, speed control, etc.,
- task group should be set up to communicate with the stakeholders and CEDD appointed contact person,
- hotline should be maintained to handle the complaint,
- all black smoke vehicles should be forbidden by security post,
- air, TSP 24 hours and noise monitoring should be conducted by both CEDD and CUHK, and
- baseline study would be conducted by setting another monitoring point on campus, for comparison.

5. Any Other Business

The Chairman suggested USCE would arrange a visit to the Hong Kong International Airport in January. In this visit, Ms. Alice Kwan, Environmental Under-Secretary Manager of Airport Authority would escort CUHK staff and student to visit the restricted area and the environmental measures in the airport. He asked the Under-Secretary to invite the members, Green Post, Green World and 4 College Environmental Committee, etc. to join.

6. Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting would be in mid January of 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.