

THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG  
UNIVERSITY STEERING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT

Minutes of the 8th Meeting of the University Steering Committee on Environment (USCE)  
held on **Tuesday, January 14, 2003 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 622, Mong Man Wai Building.**

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Present :            Professor Chan King-ming (Chairman)  
                      Mr. Chaddy Wong, representing the Bursar  
                      Mr. Norman Yip, representing Director of Campus Development Office  
  
                      Mr. Samuel Wong, representing the Director of Administrative Services  
                      Ms. Amanda Chan (by invitation)

Apologies:        Professor Ho wing-shing John  
                      Professor Lim Wan-fung Bernard  
                      Professor Wong Po-keung  
                      Mr. Benny Tam, Director of Estates Management Office  
                      Mrs. Clara Lee, Director of Student Affairs Office  
                      Ms. Lee Wai See (Student Representative)  
                      Mr. Leung Cheuk Yee (Student Representative)

In Attendance:    Mr. Jack Yung (Secretary)

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1. Minutes

USCE confirmed the minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 8 Oct, 2002.

2. Matters Arising

(a) Environmental Report

Mr. Jack Yung has drafted the Environmental Report 2002 in English and Chinese and submitted the copies to the Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Vice-Chancellor for comment. It is anticipated that the report will be published in mid-March and distributed to the guests during the Opening Ceremony of Environmental Protection Week 2003.

(action by University Safety & Environmental Office)

(b) Tree Cutting Plan

The Chairman had a site visit with Mr. Michael Ma of CDO and Mr. Yau Chung Kee of EMO Landscape Section with USEC members including Mr. Louis Heung

and Mr. Jack Yung, and Dr. Hu Shiu Ying in November 2002 to identify and conserve the rare plant species for the proposed campus development projects:

- \* An Extension to the University Administration Building (UABX)
- \* A Composite Teaching Building Complex at Western Campus across Central displacing existing Li Dak Sum Building (CTB)
- \* Extension for Faculty of Education, Phase I & II (EDUX)

The student representatives and green student groups such as Green World & Green Post were invited but they did not participate the visit.

(c) Environmental Audit

Mr. Jack Yung has consulted with Prof. K.C. Lam who conducted the first Environmental Audit for the University three years ago. It was found that about \$500k was budgeted for the last audit and some costs were hidden as the Centre of Environmental Studies took up some duties such as measurement and analysis. An environmental consultant invited by the USEO estimated about \$1million will be spent if the University is eager to conduct an audit with similar scope. The Chairman asked Mr. Chaddy Wong to forward the message to Bursar and ask for his advice.

3. Environmental Guideline for Contractors

Mr. Jack Yung has got the comment from the EMO and CDO on the guidelines. He will simplify the guideline and he will breakdown the guideline for the large projects and small projects and he will arrange a meeting with the relevant person to explain the guideline and ask for their further comment.

4. Noise Permit Application of the Engineering Building Phase II

Mr. Jack Yung reported that the contractor of the Engineering Building Phase II has submitted the application of noise permit to conduct work after 7:00pm and on Sunday/holiday. He has informed the Chung Chi College Environmental Committee but no comment is received.

5. Progress Reports of Sub-committee

(a) *Task Force to Improve on Environmental Black Spots*

Mr. Jack Yung reported the soil was exposed during the installation of water pipe in Residence Road and some construction materials were placed on the roadside. He urged the responsible person to request the contractor(s) to take corrective actions.

(b) *Canteen Hygiene Action Team*

- (i) Miss Amanda Chan reported that the canteen operators have separated the canteen wastes, which are collected by the contractors. Therefore, the hygiene of refuse collection point was improved. She has asked the BMSB Canteen not to put the trolley and goods at the door.
- (ii) She also reported the new refuse collection point (RCP) suggested by EMO for Chung Chi College was rejected.

(c) *Air Pollution Action Team*

- (i) The Chairman tried to invite some specialists in air pollution to replace Prof. Jimmy Yu as the convener of the action team but he cannot get any right person now.
- (ii) Mr. Jack Yung has received the indoor quality complaint concerning passive in the Chen Kou Bun Building. He has consulted Mr. S.S. Tam of AAC to clarify the existing University Smoking Policy and the EMO staff has posted the Non-smoking Label to stop the people smoking in the indoor area.

6. Appointment of Departmental Co-coordinator of Safety & Environmental Issues

Mr. Jack Yung reported that the nomination letters have been sent to about 30 department/unit heads and about 20 co-ordinators were nominated.

7. Progress of the Environmental Protection Week 2003

The Chairman briefed that Dr. Sarah Liao, the Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works, Environment, Transport and Works Bureau will be not available on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2003 as she will attend the Legislative Council Meeting. But both Vice-Chancellor and Dr. Sarah Liao, will be available on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2003. Therefore, all members agreed to change the date of Environmental Protection Week to 14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2003. The Organising Committee decided the theme of Environmental Protection Week 2003 will be “循環再造 – 生生不息” in Chinese.

(action by Organising Committee of Environmental Protection Week 2003)

8. Any Other Business

There is no AOB.

9. Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in mid June 2003.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.