

# **THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.**

## **AVOID & REDUCE FOOD WASTE THROUGH MULTI-PRONGED APPROACH**

### **Background**

The Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd. has always been caring for the environment. Our Environmental Policy was in place since 1999, and we do our best to integrate the 4R Policy – Reduce, Reuse, Recover and Recycle into our daily operations. We take active participation in the “Program on Source Separation of Commercial and Industrial Waste” driven by EPD, and other material recycling projects initiated by non-governmental organizations.

### **Implementation**

We have long been aware of food waste problems in Hong Kong. Our first food waste decomposer started operation on Lamma Power Station in 2008, followed by the second one in 2009. With the machines, food waste is converted to liquidized fertilizer for irrigation within the power plant.

We later introduced two more food waste decomposers in other office buildings, and carry out daily audit to review the amount of food waste generated from the canteen operations. The results are discussed in our Canteen Focus Group meetings for possible solutions.

We fully support the launch of the Food Wise Hong Kong Campaign by signing the Food Wise Charter and have taken different measures to engage key stakeholders. We have thoroughly reviewed the canteen operations to avoid food waste as far as possible through proper stock control, menu selection and food processing. We organize seminars for our colleagues to raise their awareness and encourage them to avoid food waste in their daily lives. Campaign posters are put up in various office locations, and we also place posters in canteens to remind colleagues not to waste food, and order less if not necessary.

### **Looking Forward**

To achieve food waste reduction, the unfailing support from the Management, the canteen operator and our colleagues is very important. We will regularly review our performance and step up necessary measures for improvements.



Food Wise Seminars for colleagues



Posters at various locations in offices



Food-waste decomposers on Lamma Power Station



Food waste converted to fertilizer for irrigation purpose

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