

Environmental Stewardship Statement

At HKEX, we recognise our responsibility to promote sustainable and environmentally friendly business practices by integrating sustainability considerations into our strategy and operations. As a corporate, we are committed to leading by example and demonstrating responsible practices that reflect our commitment to the environment.

Climate Change is a pressing issue that demands urgent action from every sector of the community. To support the global net-zero transition, we commit to becoming carbon neutral in our operation by 2024 and reaching net zero by 2040. We work towards these targets pragmatically and responsibly through continual improvement in our operations and engagement with our business partners.

Our Commitments

In addition to complying with applicable laws and regulations, we are dedicated to upholding environmental stewardship in our business practices, wherever reasonably practicable, by:

- reducing greenhouse gas emissions with a science-based approach, such as aligning with Science Based Targets Initiative's 1.5°C cross-sector pathway
- encouraging the use of electricity from renewable sources
- incorporating energy-efficient designs, products and strategies
- minimising waste and encouraging recycling
- procuring environmentally friendly products and services
- engaging our business partners and supporting them in pursuing environmental targets, such as science-based greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets
- raising environmental awareness among our employees and other stakeholders
- providing support to climate and environmental projects in the community

Carbon Neutrality and Net Zero

We are committed to operating carbon-neutrally from 2024 onwards, representing a significant milestone in our climate action efforts and contributing to the global net-zero goal. We are committed to achieving net zero by 2040 by continuing the abatement of our Scope 1, 2 and 3 greenhouse gas emissions and removing or neutralising our unabated or residual emissions through recognised high-quality carbon credits.

Renewable energy

We are committed to promoting renewable energy whenever feasible. We will endeavour to install renewable energy facilities, such as solar panels, at our own premises as far as reasonably practicable. To demonstrate our commitment, our operating premises are powered by locally sourced renewable energy whenever practicable, either through local electricity suppliers or by acquiring recognised Energy Attribute Certificates within the same market.

Energy Efficiency

Electricity consumption is one of the major contributors to our carbon footprint. We have a comprehensive energy management plan in place for our premises that focuses on both efficient energy design and operations. We also incorporate advanced technologies and materials that minimise energy consumption across our offices.

Waste Reduction and Resources Circularity

We are committed to minimising our waste and optimising the use of resources throughout their lifecycle. Our offices are equipped with waste recycling facilities, and we seek to incorporate upcycled materials for new renovations whenever feasible. We also encourage our employees to use digital tools to reduce paper consumption and business travel.

Education and Awareness

Education is key to fostering a culture of sustainability. We provide resources, training and recycling facilities to our employees, empowering them to make environmentally conscious decisions both at work and in their personal lives.

Supply Chain Engagement

To transit towards a greener economy, it is essential to actively engage our supply chain and support them in their decarbonisation journey. We are committed to working with our suppliers to understand their environmental impact and provide guidance to reduce their carbon footprint.

Environmental factors will be taken into consideration during the procurement process and we encourage our suppliers to adopt sustainability and environmental practices in line with this Statement and the code of conduct for suppliers.

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