

Environmental Responsibilities

Aiming for a better quality of life for the community represents an underlying principle of the day-to-day operation of EMSD. We are aware that our operations can impact the environment in the course of rendering services to customers and the public. To conserve the environment, our first priority is to avoid creating environmental pollution, or reduce the impact if pollution is inevitable. We reduce impact where it is created, enhance the environment where we operate and conserve resources over the long term. Our efforts include reducing the energy, water and other resources and materials consumed in the course of rendering our services, while minimising pollutants such as emissions, effluents and wastes.

To support the Government's commitment to the Clean Air Charter and improve air quality, we have also implemented various measures, details of which are found on p.25

Environmental Management System

Our performance in environmental aspect is mainly governed by the Environmental Management System (EMS) which has evolved over the years. First implemented in the mid-1990s, EMS featured a decentralised management framework with each division ensuring that its operations comply with internationally recognised standards and the legislative requirements in Hong Kong. In 2000, we took a step forward and became the first government agency to attain the ISO14001 Corporate Certificate. In 2002, we streamlined our various management systems in quality, environment and occupational health and safety, and combined them into an Integrated Management System (IMS) which is the system in current use.

Environmental Policy

Our Goal

The management and staff of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department are committed to building a better environment through an ongoing environment conservation, protection and improvement programme.

Our Policy

- To take pride in ourselves as a responsible organisation that is helping to build a better environment.
- To take every reasonable and practicable measure to conserve resources, minimise the generation of waste and prevent pollution in each and every one of our business operation processes.
- To comply with green legislation as the baseline of our operations and to ensure that all staff behave accordingly.
- To encourage our contractors and their staff to be equally friendly to the environment.

To ensure that our environment management system conforms to internationally recognised ISO 14001 standards.