

THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Social Responsibility and Sustainable Development Office

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Important Dates

No.	Stage	Deadline	What to submit?
1	Application	21 July (Sunday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Online Application Form
2	Design	Before placement of order (for reusable items being sponsored) by 4 August (Sunday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Design draft of the selected item / for SRSDO's approval
3	Sustainable student orientation actions	8 September (Sunday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ‘Sustainable Student Orientation Action List’ e-survey with proof of completion; and a group photo featuring students holding / wearing the sponsored item or students taking part in the sponsored activity
4	Reimbursement	To be stated in the sponsorship confirmation letter for successful applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Original receipts for the production or purchase of sponsored items or expenditures related to sponsored activities (*Invoices will not be accepted); and• Filled Payment Voucher
5	Experience Sharing	Exact date to be announced	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• List of names of appointed representatives

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Aim

1. To encourage organizing committees (OCs) to incorporate green elements in their orientation events in order to:
 - Reduce the environmental impact of these events; and
 - Introduce green resources on campus and encourage freshmen to adopt a greener lifestyle.

Sponsorship and Eligibility

2. Sponsorship may be provided to each eligible orientation event for either:
 - Reusable items (e.g., BPA-free water bottles or cutlery, T-shirts, towels or other items proposed by the applicants); or
 - A green and/or sustainability-related activity held in the orientation event.
3. Sponsorship conditions:
 - (a) The maximum sponsorship available will be: (i) for reusable items, either HK\$25 per item or the actual production cost, whichever is lower; or (ii) for activities, either HK\$50 per person involved (quota) or the actual expenditure, whichever is lower.
 - (b) If the number of items / quotas requested for OCs and group facilitators exceeds that for freshmen, items / quotas for OCs and group facilitators will receive partial sponsorship only.
 - (c) The total sponsorship for each orientation event may be capped at a maximum level to be determined by the Social Responsibility and Sustainable Development Office (SRSDO).
 - (d) In order to allocate sponsorship effectively, preference will be given to applications from orientation event OCs at College and Faculty levels.
 - (e) Sponsorship will be given to the successful applicants in the form of reimbursement after submission of all the original receipts, completion of the e-survey with the required proof of completion before the specified deadline.
4. To be eligible for reimbursement, the orientation event must:

Reusable Item	Activity
(a) Incorporate one of the listed green messages and the 'SRSDO and CUHK Carbon Neutral 2038' logo into the design of the sponsored items, in accordance with the design guidelines (see Appendix AI).	(a) Submit a detailed activity plan, in accordance with the activity guidelines (see Appendix AII) together with the application form for approval.

<p>(b) Submit the item design to srsdo@cuhk.edu.hk for approval prior to production, by 4 August 2024 (Sunday). Designs should be submitted for review by SRSDO as soon as possible to ensure timely procurement of the sponsored items with the production companies.</p> <p>(c) Fulfil the actions* listed in the 'Sustainable Student Orientation Action List' (see Appendix B).</p> <p>(d) Submit the proof of completed actions and a screenshot showing a group of students holding/wearing the sponsored item, via the 'Sustainable Student Orientation Action List' e-survey after the event, by 22 September 2024 (Sunday). Late submissions will not be considered.</p>	<p>(b) Fulfil the actions* listed in the 'Sustainable Student Orientation Action List' (see Appendix B).</p> <p>(c) Submit the proof of completed actions and at least two screenshots featuring students taking part in the sponsored activity, via the 'Sustainable Student Orientation Action List' e-survey after the orientation event, by 22 September 2024 (Sunday). Late submissions will not be considered.</p>
<p><i>*OCs are required to select the actions that apply in their orientation event when they submit the online application form.</i></p>	

- The arrangement of the orientation event and the associated activity, if any, must make reference to the ['Guidelines for Sustainable Event Planning and Management'](#) and guidance by the Joint Committee on New Student Orientation.
- OCs will be informed by email whether their application has been successful, within one month after the submission deadline. Successful applicants will need to submit the original receipts for the production or purchase of sponsored items or expenditures related to sponsored activities, to SRSDO (Suite 909, Yasumoto International Academic Park) by a specified deadline. Invoices will not be accepted. The reimbursement process normally takes 4 to 6 weeks.

Application

- Applicants must complete and submit the [online application form](#) by 21 July 2024 (Sunday). Late submissions will not be considered.

Experience Sharing

- All orientation events receiving sponsorship may be invited to appoint one or more representatives to attend the university's event in 2024/25 (exact date to be announced in due course) to share their experience in organizing a sustainable student orientation event.

Enquiries

9. Social Responsibility and Sustainable Development Office

- Email: srsdo@cuhk.edu.hk
- Telephone: 3943 3972

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Sustainable Student Orientation Sponsorship 2024: Design Guidelines

General

1. The design must include one of the green messages and display the 'SRSDO and CUHK Carbon Neutral 2038' logo (see 7 below).
2. The words must be sharp, legible and clearly visible. Specific display requirements for the message and logo are stated below.
3. Any reusable water bottles and cutlery produced or purchased must be BPA-free. A statement to this effect must be printed either on the item itself or on the invoice or receipt issued by the supplier.
4. The final design of the sponsored item (together with the documentation that it is BPA-free, if applicable) must be submitted to SRSDO (srsdo@cuhk.edu.hk) for approval before any order is placed or confirmed by OCs. The approval process will normally take 1 to 2 weeks after submission.

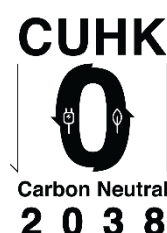
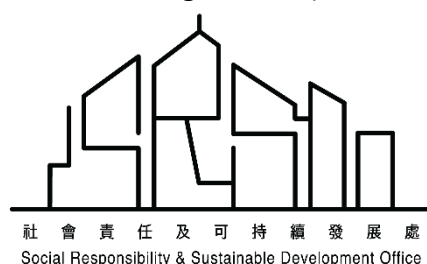
Green Messages

5. The design must include one of the green messages in Chinese and/or English. The message can be proposed by applicants or take reference as below.
6. There are no specific requirements on the colour, font type and graphic design for the green message.

Message (Chinese)	Message (English)	Minimum Height of Each Letter/Character
減碳從慳電着手	Save Energy for a Greener Future	Chinese texts: 15 mm English texts: 15 mm
分類回收 減廢無難度	Sort and Recycle Your Trash	
大步行走齊減碳	Walk for Green	
惜食在中大	Love Food Hate Waste	
自攜水樽 免「廢」暢飲	Bring Your Own!	
自備餐具 向膠說「不」	Ditch disposables!	

'SRSDO and CUHK Carbon Neutral 2038' Logo

7. The design must include the logo below (available here: [JPG](#) or [PNG](#)).








8. The logo must be at least 120mm wide and 50mm tall, and should be smaller than the green message.
9. The logo should not be amended or distorted in any way. The logo must be shown against a background of uniform colour, but may itself be in any colour.






Sustainable Student Orientation Sponsorship 2024: Activity Guidelines








1. The activity must promote a message related to at least one of following topics:
 - (a) [‘Plastic-free campus’](#) campaign
 - (b) [Love Food, Hate Waste @CUHK](#)
 - (c) Carbon footprint reduction
 - (d) Waste reduction
 - (e) Ecological conservation
2. An acknowledgement of sponsorship received should be made to the participants during the activity.
3. The ‘SRSDO and CUHK Carbon Neutral 2038’ logo must be displayed on all materials related to the orientation event.
4. The activity plan must be submitted with the application form.
5. The plan should include following components:
 - Details of the activity (e.g., objectives, detailed content, date and time)
 - Budget (e.g., estimated expenditure and items)




Sustainable Student Orientation Action List

- To be eligible for the Sustainable Student Orientation Sponsorship 2024, the orientation event (hereafter referred to as the 'event') must complete the sustainable student orientation actions listed below, except Action 16 which is an optional item.
- Please retain proof of completion of the actions before and during the orientation event. Screenshots, photos, email correspondence, WhatsApp conversations, social media and receipts will be accepted as proof. We encourage OCs to be creative and demonstrate that they have completed the actions by other means. If you are not sure whether your proof is valid, please contact SRSDO by email (srsdo@cuhk.edu.hk) or by telephone (3943 3972).

	<u>Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)</u>	Sustainable Student Orientation Action	Suggested Proof
Introduction of Green Resources on Campus			
1		We presented participants with the Sustainable Student Orientation Sponsorship and the sponsored reusable items.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Screenshots of the OCs presenting the sponsorship programme and the sponsored materials; Group photos with the sponsored materials; or Written announcement released through official communication channels
2	 	We offered a virtual guide tour to the 'Walk for Green' Programme and advised participants that they could obtain points by tapping their CU Link cards at the card readers installed at both the start and end points of each route.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Screenshots of the OCs presenting the route; or Written messages released through official communication channels
3	 	We gave the participants tips on how to obtain second-hand textbooks.	Written messages released through official

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			communication channels
4		We introduced the ' CU Green Buddies ' scheme and encouraged participants to register and follow SRSDO's Facebook and Instagram for sustainability news and activities.	Written messages released through official communication channels
5		We offered a virtual guide tour to encourage participants to familiarise themselves with the green facilities and features on campus, such as the Jockey Club Museum of Climate Change and the location of Recycling Facilities on CUHK Campus .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screenshots of the OC offering a guided tour of CUHK's green facilities or features; or • Written messages released through official communication channels
6		We introduced the ' Lunchbox Lending Programme ' and encouraged participants to use reusable tableware for takeaway meals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screenshots of the OCs presenting the Reusable Meal Container Lending System; or • Written messages released through official communication channels
Carbon Footprint Reduction			
7		We introduced participants to the ' Love Food, Hate Waste @CUHK ' campaign. We also encouraged them to request 'less rice' if they were not feeling very hungry when they ordered food.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written messages released through official communication channels; or • Screenshots of the OC presenting the message
8		We introduced participants to the energy saving measures e.g., switch off electrical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written messages released through official

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		equipment before leaving classroom.	communication channels; or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screenshots of OC presenting the message
9		We encouraged participants to take stairs instead of lifts whenever we could.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written messages released through official communication channels; or • Screenshots of OC presenting the message
Waste Reduction			
10	  	We encouraged participants to follow the 'Bring Your Own' (BYO) principle, by bringing their own bottles. We also showed them where ' Go Green Water Stations ' (water dispensers) were located on the CUHK campus.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written announcement released through official communication channels; or • Screenshots of OC presenting the message
11		We encouraged participants to separate their recyclable wastes (i.e., paper, plastic, metal and glass) and to dispose of them properly in recycling bins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written messages released through official communication channels; or • Screenshots of OC presenting the message
12		We encouraged participants to recycle the plastic beverage containers by putting into the recycling bins on campus.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written messages released through official communication channels; or • Screenshots of OC presenting the message
13		We produced and distributed no more than two T-shirts per participant and reused the T-	Written messages released through official

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		shirts as much as possible by washing them.	communication channels
14		We avoided the use of single-serving bottled water of 1L or below, disposable plastic tableware (such as plastic forks, spoons and chopsticks) and polyfoam meal containers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written messages released through official communication channels; or • Screenshots of OC presenting the message
SDG Initiatives			
15		We presented relevant SDGs when we introduce each green actions.	Screenshots of the relevant part during the event
16 (optional)	 [depend on the activity]	We held an activity which actively responded to at least one of the SDGs adopted by the United Nations, and introduced SDGs to the participants.	Screenshots of the activity taken during the event