



OVERVIEW

The Board is committed to incorporating sustainability considerations across its operations and functions, with the aim of fulfilling corporate social responsibility. In 2022-2023, the Board continued to put in place various measures relating to the environment, people and social responsibility, so as to contribute to a greener and more sustainable future.

Environment

Green Initiatives

The Board is committed to fulfilling corporate social responsibility by promoting a green working environment. With the introduction of the following green office initiatives, the Board aims to gradually lower paper and energy usage while cutting down on waste to protect the environment:

Reducing the Use of Paper and Printing



- using the Board’s official website to publish Annual Reports online. The Board prints minimal copies of Annual Reports for official distribution only, and reviews the printing quantity annually to prevent wastage;
- using online channels in communicating the publication of Annual Reports to stakeholders in order to replace the issuance of printed copies of the Annual Report and notifications;



- introduced electronic documents in 2020 as an alternative option to printed copies for use at Board meetings. With support from the Board’s members and staff, paper usage has lessened gradually over time.

- requested Scheme members to submit only soft copies of their annual IS Guideline self-declaration form and questionnaire to the Board since 2022;



- introduced an electronic version of the DPS leaflet in 2018 by incorporating a QR code on the hard copy of the DPS leaflets to encourage readers to view the information on the Board’s website. Scheme members can also provide the e-version of the leaflet to customers;

- adopting automation and electronic processes for internal matters, such as e-remittance advices in place of physical pay slips, conference room bookings and leave applications; and
- using recycled paper whenever possible.



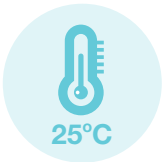


Sustainability

Energy Savings



- Installing energy-saving devices, including light-emitting diode (LED) lights, motion sensors and auto-timers to control indoor lighting; and



- Setting a default room temperature of 25°C.

People

The Board strives to introduce health and safety measures that foster staff well-being and improve work productivity.

Health and Safety During Pandemic

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board provided a number of support measures to safeguard the health and safety of all staff. Split-team and work-from-home arrangements were activated, while masks and alcohol wipes were distributed.

Waste Management



- Collecting different types of waste, including paper, cans, bottles, food waste and ink cartridges, for recycling; and



- Increasing the number of recycling bins in the office premises.

Wellness Office

The Board provides workstations that are equipped with height-adjustable desks to improve staff health and productivity. Staff members' liquid-crystal display (LCD) monitors include eye protection features to lessen eye strain.



A height-adjustable desk and an eye-protecting LCD monitor at a workstation



Social Responsibility

The Board supports the community through activities and measures that address the needs of Hong Kong people, and integrates sustainability considerations in its operations.

Support for the Community

One of the Board's social responsibilities is to educate the public about the value and importance of the DPS in safeguarding bank deposits and contributing to the stability of Hong Kong's banking system. This is achieved through a variety of publicity campaigns and educational outreach activities.

The Board made particular efforts to reach out to the elderly and ethnic minorities to increase their awareness of deposit protection provided by the DPS. These include working with NGOs to make home visits and distribute blessing bags with DPS messages to the elderly and organise DPS talks for ethnic minorities.



An elderly home visit by youth volunteers



Community outreach activities



Online DPS talks for ethnic minorities