

Low-Carbon Living Online Quiz prize presentation ceremony held today

The following is issued on behalf of the Council for Sustainable Development:

The prize presentation ceremony of the Low-Carbon Living Online Quiz (Quiz) was held today (December 22) in order to recognise students' active participation and promotion of the messages of sustainable development and low-carbon living in the community.

To encourage students to enhance the use of information technology for self-directed learning, and to promote a low-carbon lifestyle to students, the Council for Sustainable Development (SDC), the Environment Bureau and the Education Bureau jointly developed an E-Learning Platform on Decarbonisation in April 2021 which has attracted over 31 000 online visitors to date. The Quiz was launched on the Platform in July 2021 with three awards comprising: "Highest Participation Rate School Award", "Best Performance School Award" and "Highest Community Engagement Rate School Award". A total of 138 secondary schools had participated, involving more than 10 000 students and members of the public. The list of the winning schools is at the Annex.

The Chairman of SDC, Dr Lam Ching-choi, said, "Climate change has induced extreme weather which is imminent. The whole community must work together to put low-carbon living into practice, actively participate in energy saving and waste reduction, and embark on a new era of carbon neutrality. To ride on the digital trend, students are encouraged to nurture self-directed learning capacities through the use of information technology. In this Quiz, the participating students not only performed very well, but also successfully promoted low-carbon living to the general public, which is surely commendable." A participating student also noted that she realised that the importance of practising a low-carbon lifestyle through the Quiz, with everyone pitching in more, could help mitigate extreme weather changes and achieve the goal of carbon neutrality.

In today's ceremony, an online quiz with the SDC Chairman, members of the SDC and students, as well as an interactive drama performance, were arranged to spread the messages of reducing the use of single-use plastics, supporting carbon neutrality and practising a low-carbon lifestyle.

Moreover, the SDC launched the public interaction phase of the public engagement on control of single-use plastics on September 30, 2021. The public engagement aims to provide members of the public with information on the subject of single-use plastics and initiate discussions on relevant issues with a view to exploring ways to gradually control non-essential and hard-to-recycle single-use plastic items so that the SDC can make recommendations to the Government.

The public interaction phase of the public engagement will run until December 29, 2021. The public engagement document can be downloaded from the SDC's dedicated website (www.susdev.org.hk). Members of the public are invited to submit the views collection forms in the document to the SDC Secretariat via email (comments@susdev.org.hk), mail (21/F, High Block, Queensway Government Offices, 66 Queensway, Admiralty, Hong Kong) or fax (3150 8168).