## <u>NO Disposables Campus Award encourages</u> <u>all primary and secondary schools in</u> <u>Hong Kong to go plastic-and-</u> <u>disposable-free</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Environmental Campaign Committee:

The impact of excessive plastic waste has aroused grave concern worldwide in recent years. As plastic waste is hardly degradable, it has led to serious marine pollution after entering the ocean. In the light of this, the Environmental Campaign Committee (ECC), the Environmental Protection Department and the Education Bureau have jointly launched the NO Disposables Campus Award under the 17th Hong Kong Green School Award in the 2018/19 school year, with WWF-Hong Kong appointed as the technical consultant, to encourage primary and secondary schools to set their goals for avoiding the use of disposables and share good practices on waste reduction on school campuses.

The ECC calls on all local primary and secondary schools to raise awareness of the plastic pollution problem and participate actively in the NO Disposables Campus Award and go plastic-and-disposable-free with every sector in the community. Schools can complete the online application form at www.wwf.org.hk/en/no\_disposables\_campus.cfm, and a confirmation email will be sent to them within one week. The application deadline is December 3 (Monday). For details of the Award, please refer to the application guide at school.ecc.org.hk/eccschool/uploadfiles/english/File/NO%20Disposables%20Campu s%20Award Final%20(Eng).pdf.

In addition to award certificates, schools with outstanding performance in going plastic-and-disposable-free may also be invited to share their valuable experience in establishing a NO Disposables Campus with the education sector and the media at the Presentation Ceremony of the 17th Hong Kong Green School Award to be held next year.

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