

HONG KONG - GUANGDONG BUSINESS COALITION ON THE ENVIRONMENT CLEAN AIR CHARTER

We recognise that improving air quality will require emissions reductions in the business community, and many of these reductions will result in additional business capital and/or operating costs. We support the development of fair, practical and cost-effective air quality management policy, and in addition:

Statement of commitment	Implementation
We will voluntarily:	Signatories to this Charter undertake to implement appropriate measures to put their commitment into effect.
① Operate by a recognised world class standard, or the standards established by the Hong Kong/Guangdong governments on emissions of air pollutants, even if it is not a requirement to do so here.	Each participant can identify the relevant standard, and if not meeting it today, make plans to meet it. Participants with significant emissions should state which standard they are operating by, and how they are performing relative to that standard. Participants that are working towards a better standard can also disclose the difference between their performance today and the better standard, as well as their plans and schedule for meeting it.
② Use continuous emissions monitors (CEMs) at significant sources, e.g. large and medium plants.	Each participant can identify its own significant sources, and if not monitoring today, make plans to do so. These participants should state their intentions.
③ Publish information on energy and fuel use, as well as total emissions of air pollutants annually and timely, if emissions are significant.	Each participant can determine whether it has significant emissions, and if so, determine how to quantify them. They should publish information on their energy and fuel use, as well as air pollution emissions, as part of their regular environmental reporting, or as a special environmental report on air quality.
④ Undertake to adopt energy-efficient measures in their operations.	Each participant can identify energy-efficient measures and formulate a plan to effect these measures in their business operations.
⑤ Identify and encourage business-relevant measures to be taken on days when air pollution is high.	Each participant can determine how it can contribute emissions reductions on high pollution day, such as by promoting public transportation for commuting workers, by working with their customers or vendors to reduce emissions elsewhere in the value chain, by substituting a different process, material or equipment at their own facilities, or by re-scheduling things that could be done at another time.
⑥ Share air quality expertise of business with others.	Participants that have expertise, particularly on any of the above items, can host visits or make other arrangements for their staff to share what is relevant to others.

In support of the implementation of this Charter, the Hong Kong – Guangdong Business Coalition on the Environment will help identify general measures for item 5 above, and facilitate or coordinate sharing of relevant expertise for item 6 above. The Coalition would also collect information that participants wish to make public under items 1, 2, 3 and 4 above, and share it in an organised way with the community. In helping private enterprises comply with this Charter, the Coalition recognises the specific needs of small and medium enterprises for support in technology and capacity building.

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