**Climate Change Corner**

**Carbon Reduction at Theme Park**

Being Hong Kong People’s Park and a responsible corporation with a vision of “connecting people with nature”, Ocean Park is committed to combating global climate change by reducing the Park’s carbon emissions and providing our guests with memorable ‘low carbon’ experiences that combine entertainment with education.

Due to rapid business growth, it is a great challenge for Ocean Park to set a meaningful carbon reduction targets. In order to make the targets more realistic and applicable, several renowned green groups and like-minded corporations were invited to share their valuable views, experience and challenges with us, for helping us set carbon management programmes and carbon reduction targets.

In order to show a very clear commitment in response to the global call to achieve Hong Kong’s carbon reduction targets under the consideration of the Park’s business growth, both absolute carbon emission and carbon intensity for the next 10 years were set. With 2011/2012 chosen as the base year, the Park is targeting to reduce its absolute carbon emissions by 10% and its carbon intensity by 25% by 2021/2022.

We will invest over the next 10 years on carbon reduction programmes which include replacement of high energy-efficient equipment, enhancement of life support system for animals, installation of solar-panels on electric carts, water conservation programme, waste management and education. Electricity consumption is a major source of the Park’s carbon emission in 2011/2012. Therefore, reducing the use of electricity will be a very direct and effective means of carbon reduction. In 2012, solar panels were installed on the top of electric carts to reduce the use of electricity. The overall benefit of the carbon reduction programmes is not only to reduce the Park’s emissions, but also to generate savings in utility costs.

Besides using less electricity, Ocean Park believes that raising the staff and public environmental awareness through education is a fundamental way to reduce carbon emissions. We provide training programmes to staff. For our guests, we deliver the “low-carbon living” message at our display boards and narration. We are proud to be the first theme park in the world to introduce low carbon menu items to raise awareness of the importance of a low-carbon lifestyle, which can let our guest more understand and help slow global climate change and conserve wildlife and habitats.

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