

Council for Sustainable Development
Sustainable Development School Award

Objectives

- To introduce the concepts of sustainable development (SD) to students;
- To raise students' awareness of the importance of SD;
- To encourage students to apply the SD concepts in their daily lives and to spread the message to their families and their communities; and
- To create a SD network at the community level and build capacity for interested parties to participate in the public engagement process and other SD-related events in future.

Target Group

All secondary schools in Hong Kong

Supporting Organisation

Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education

Duration

The first phase of the programme will cover the entire 2007/08 school year until December 2008. Upon completion of the first phase, the Council will review the programme and decide on the way forward.

Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards will be presented to qualified schools to recognize their efforts in promoting and practising the SD concepts. The criteria are set out below.

Bronze Award:

A school will qualify for a Bronze Award if it has, during the programme

period, participated in three or more events/activities sponsored by the Council or the Sustainable Development Fund, or relevant activities organised by the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education, with a total attendance of 400 student counts or more. An updated list of activities is available at the Council's online resource centre (<http://www.susdev.gov.hk/resourcecentre/index.htm>).

Silver Award:

A school will qualify for a Silver Award if it has, during the programme period, **initiated** a campaign which promotes the concepts of SD and encourages such practices **among students in the school**, in addition to meeting the qualifications for a Bronze Award.

Gold Award:

A school will qualify for a Gold Award if it has, during the programme period, **initiated** a campaign to involve parents, local residents, institutions and/or organisations with a view to promoting SD awareness and practices **at the local community level**, in addition to meeting the qualifications for a Silver Award.

Evaluation criteria:

Participating schools are required to submit a report to the Council for evaluation by 31 December 2008.

- ◆ For the Bronze Award level, participating schools have to provide in the report details of the activities in which they participated during the period, including the number of teachers and students involved, and give a brief account of the benefits and experience gained from such participation.
- ◆ For the Silver Award level, in addition to those required of a Bronze Award entrant, participating schools should also provide in their reports details of the activities organised in the schools, such as the theme, content, time and attendance, and give an account of the effectiveness of the activities in promoting the SD concepts and practices in schools.
- ◆ For the Gold Award level, in addition to those required of a Silver Award entrant, participating schools should also provide details of the

events or activities organised at the local community level, including the theme, content, location, time, collaborating partners, participants, frequency and attendance, and give a brief account of the effectiveness of the activities in promoting the SD concepts and practices in the community.