

TKU SETS CRITERIA TO SAVE WATER, ELECTRICITY, AND REDUCE GARBAGE:

The Environmental Protection Committee (EPC) and the Health and Security Committee (HSC) held a joint discussion on Dec. 10, 2003, and set the target of implementing ISO14001 for the next school year as “saving water and electricity, reducing disposable garbage, and classifying recyclable garbage.”

Dean of Office of General Affairs and also Director of both EPC and HSC, Prof. Hong Chin-jen indicated in the opening address that the keys to the success of Environmental Management System lie in total participation and persistent improvement. The credit of acquiring ISO14001 certification is attributed to the cooperation all TKU faculty members and students. He also pointed out Nagasaki University, which just visited TKU last month, was the second Japanese national university, which got the ISO 14001 certification, and it was only for its College of Environmental Security. It is unique for TKU to pass the certification for all the colleges. Director Hong emphasized that in the next year, ISO14001 will be carried out on the Taipei Campus as well; and the construction and management of Lanyang Campus will be constructed based on ISO14001 standards.

In the joint meeting of EPC and HSC, both committees set up criteria and targets for fulfilling ISO14001 in the next school year. The school is to save 1% in water consumption. The amount of the consumption of electricity and of disposable garbage should remain at the present standard. To ascertain use, individual electricity meters and water meters will be installed in each building; in addition, water-saving apparatus will be installed in every toilet flusher.

Both committees agreed that classifying garbage should keep promoting and implementing the practice. In addition to separating the garbage into Paper, Plastic, Iron and Aluminum cans, the amount of the garbage should be monitored through numerating records. However, presently the practice will focus on managing the classified garbage; the school garbage will not be gathered all together because there are already many channels available to dispose of the garbage.

On top of the aforementioned considerations, it is encouraged to open more courses related to Management of Environmental Security. Presently there are ten related courses, including “Nature and Life Science,” and “Environment and the Future.” More related courses are to be opened in the Core-curriculum and general courses.

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