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# To drive the change towards greener services through Cluster Green Management Committee

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#### Introduction

Kowloon West Cluster (KWC), as the pioneer in promoting green in Hospital Authority, believes that hospitals shall endeavor in fostering an environmental-friendly culture alongside the provision of high quality medical services. Through various programs, green practices could penetrate into daily life of both staff and patients. With the initiation by KWC Green Management Committee, green activities have been successfully organized in hospitals. Good green practices have been shared and awareness of sustainability issues has also been raised.

## **Objectives**

(1)To develop greener hospitals through formation of Cluster Green Management Committee (2)To closely collaborate among hospitals' stakeholders and green partners to roll out green practices for healthy lifestyle to foster caring culture of staff and patients in a win-win situation.

## **Methodology**

Action research is made through Cluster Green Management Committee which consists of members from all KWC hospitals' key persons. Committee meetings act as a platform to exchange ideas in deriving cluster-based strategic direction on green management. The involvement of top management in the Committee ensured full support from different teams in planning and implementation of green programs.

#### Result

Since the formation of the committee in 2011, green activities such as seminars, second hand green sales day and green tours, etc. have been held. Apart from that, KWC hospitals also support green programs organized by external green organizations like "Earth Hour" organized by WWF, "Take a Brake Low Carbon Action" organized by Friends of the Earth and so on. Under the leadership of the committee, effort in promoting green has been widely recognized and numerous awards in the name of KWC and hospitals have been acquired, such as Certificate of Merit in

Sectoral Award 2012 from Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence (HKAEE), Carbon"Less" Certificates and various awards from Take-a-"brake" Low Carbon Action - Corporation Green Driving Award Scheme. Recently, Bronze Award in the public sector with 2013 HKAEE has just been won which is a highly recognized award by the committee's leadership and excellent performance. In conclusion, the committee launches different green activities for the benefit of staff, patients, the community and above all, the environment as a whole.