

# **Carbon Neutrality**

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### Climate Targets of Hong Kong

#### Background

- In September 2020, President Xi Jinping announced that China would endeavor to achieve the peak of carbon emissions before 2030 and carbon neutrality before 2060
- The Chief Executive of HKSAR announced in the 2020 Policy Address that Hong Kong would strive to achieve carbon neutrality before 2050



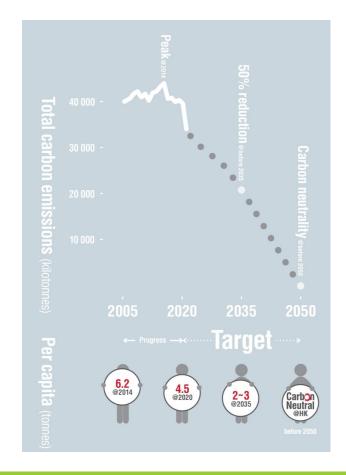
### Climate Targets of Hong Kong

#### **Interim target**

 Reduce Hong Kong's carbon emissions by 50% before 2035 compared to 2005 level

#### **Carbon Neutrality target**

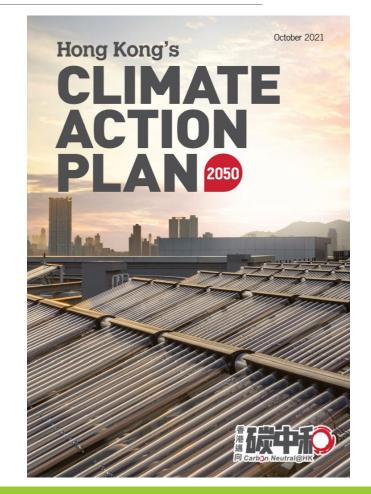
Achieve carbon neutral by 2050





#### Strategies

- Allocate HK\$240 billion to combat climate change in the next 15 to 20 years
- Work with different sectors to promote low-carbon life style
- Develop Hong Kong into a green financial hub in the region
- Facilitate the development of green industry
- Facilitate the application of decarbonization technologies and green R&D
- Incorporate climate change-related content into the curricula of tertiary institutions





#### Net-zero Electricity Generation, Energy Saving and Green Buildings

- By 2050, reduce electricity consumption of
  - new and existing commercial buildings by 30% to 40%
  - new and existing residential buildings by 20% to 30%
- Cease using coal for daily electricity generation in 2035
- Trial of new energy and cooperation with neighbouring areas to increase the supply of zero carbon electricity
- Strengthen the promotion of green buildings in private sectors
- Use smart technologies to enhance energy saving management





#### **Green Transportation**

- Promote adoption of new energy transportation
- Take forward measures to set forth in the EV roadmap
- Test out hydrogen fuel cell electric buses and heavy vehicles
- Cease new registration of fuel-propelled and hybrid private cars in 2035 or earlier
- Progressively adopt new energy ferries





#### Waste Reduction

- Implement waste charging in 2023 (postponed)
- Encourage waste reduction and recycling by strengthen community recycling facilities
- Regulate disposable plastic tableware in phases
- Develop adequate waste-to-energy facilities to move away the reliance on landfills





### Carbon Neutrality Targets

Target Year for Carbon Neutrality 2050

Interim Target Reduce 50% by 2035



#### Waste reduction

- Improve recycle facilities on campus to encourage waste recovery
- Conduct waste audit to identify waste reduction opportunities
- Promote ditching single-use disposables (e.g. lunchbox lending program)
- Organize various green events to promote waste reduction (e.g. recycle day, clothing swaps)









#### Energy saving & green buildings

- Current KPIs:
  - To reduce 15% of carbon emissions per capita by 2025/2026 based on 2018/2019 level
  - To reduce 5% of electricity consumption per capita by 2025/2026 based on 2018/2019 level
- Replace major building services systems with energy efficient equipment to reduce energy consumption.(e.g.high efficient air conditioning system/VSD fans&pumps/lifts with power regeneration)
- Convert to LED lighting progressively
- Integrate smart building control for energy management
- Explore the feasibility of installation of energy saving devices with latest technology (e.g. energy optimizers)
- Achieve green building certification for new buildings (e.g. BEAM Plus)
- Use sustainable/eco-friendly building materials





#### Renewable energy on campus

- Expand PV panel system on campus to maximize renewable energy generation
- Explore the application of other renewable energy equipment on campus (e.g. solar-wind hybrid lamps)







#### Green transportation

 Improve electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure on campus to prepare for the transition to EVs





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