



Environmental Education @ Community Award (2026/27 School Year)



Student-led



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Application Guidebook

1. Background

Funded by the Environment and Conservation Fund, the Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence (School Sector) has been led by the Environmental Campaign Committee (ECC), together with the Environment and Ecology Bureau with support from the Education Bureau, aiming to recognise the efforts of participating schools in environmental management and environmental education.

2. Objectives

To encourage schools to initiate student-planned and student-led community environmental education activities to promote relevant messages of carbon neutrality to the public.

3. Content

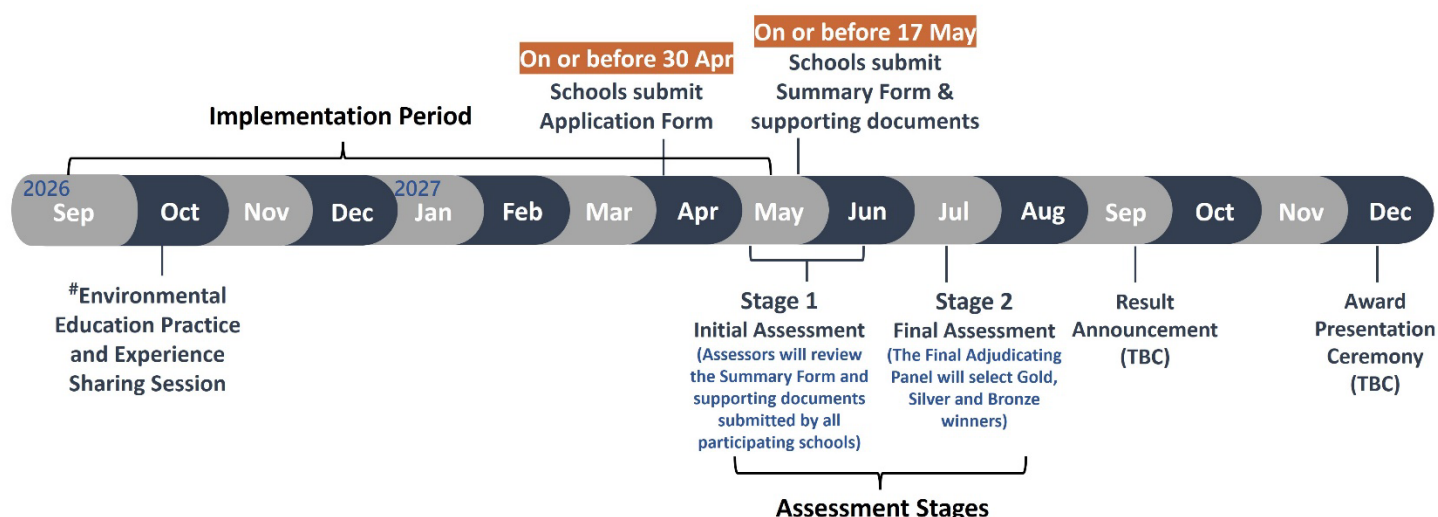
Community environmental education activities themed around “carbon neutrality”, covering the areas including but not limited to: low-carbon living, food waste reduction and recycling, zero carbon energy, energy saving and carbon reduction, ecology and nature conservation, and biodiversity, etc.

Implementation Period	1 September 2026 to 16 May 2027
Requirements	Organise a single or a series of community environmental education activity under the theme of “carbon neutrality”
No. of Participants	The total number of community participants must reach 300 or above
Mode of Activity	Physical or blended mode (combination of physical and online mode)

4. Eligibility

- All registered secondary schools under the Education Bureau.
- Schools are also welcome to participate in “2026 HKAEE (Schools Sector)” and/ or “2026 Best Green Education Initiative Award”.
- Schools interested in joining both the “Environmental Education @ Community Award (2026/27 School Year)” and “2026 Best Green Education Initiative Award” are required to **submit different environmental education initiatives for the two awards**.
- The Organisers reserve the right of final decision to determine the eligibility of any applicant school.

5. Timeline Overview



6. Application Deadline

Schools interested in participating in the "Environmental Education @ Community Award (2026/27 School Year)", please submit the duly completed [Application Form](#) on or before **30 April 2027 (Friday)** by email to schools@eeb.gov.hk.

7. Support and Activities

7.1 Building a Green School – Environmental Education Practice and Experience Sharing Session

- ECC will hold an online sharing session to introduce the awards under the 2026 Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence (School Sector) (including this award). Experts and schools will share practical experience in environmental education. Through experience sharing and case studies, the session aims to help schools grasp the key elements of promoting community environmental education. Details are as follow:

Date: 15 October 2026 (Thursday)

Time: 15:30 – 17:30

Course Code: CDI020270531

- The sharing session is open to all secondary school teachers. Attendees are eligible to **Continuing Professional Development (CPD)** hours under the EDB. For details, please visit the ECC's [Schools Go Green website](#) or EDB's [Training Calendar System](#).
- Schools wishing to participate in the Webinar, please register online via the EDB's [Training Calendar System](#) on or before the registration deadline.

7.2 “ECC Education for Sustainable Development Series” Training Activities

- The ECC will organise a series of Teacher Professional Development trainings between **October to December 2026** to provide teachers with knowledge on sustainable development and carbon neutrality educational projects, and to strengthen their capacity to promote school-based environmental education.
- All secondary school teaching and non-teaching staff are welcome to join. All attendees are eligible to **Continuing Professional Development (CPD)** hours under the EDB.

EDB Training Calendar System Course Code & Title	Date & Time	Mode / Venue	Brief Introduction
CDI020270548 Visiting Exemplary Green Campuses (Secondary) – Practical Approaches to Environmental Management and Education <i>(Online registration will open in early Oct)</i>	The visit will be held in mid-Nov 2026. Exact dates and times will be announced in due course.	On-site Visit	Visit award-winning schools of the “Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence (HKAEE)” to observe green campus facilities and gain insights from their experience in formulating school environmental management measures and implementing environmental education.
CDI020270551 Sha Tau Kok Farm-to-Campus Learning – Exploring Campus Planting Practices <i>(Online registration will open in late Sep)</i>	21 Nov 2026 (Sat) 9:00 - 13:00	Organic Farm in Sha Tau Kok	Through hands-on activities such as organic farming, vermicomposting and aquaponics, teachers will learn greening strategies that can be applied on campus, as well as acquire teaching resources and pedagogical methods to enhance students' understanding and practice of ecological conservation and sustainable living.
CDI020270527 STEAM x Artificial Intelligence Applications – Climate Change and Innovative Teaching <i>(Online registration will open in early Nov)</i>	19 Dec 2026 (Sat) 14:00 - 18:00	Hong Kong Institute of Education for Sustainable Development	Through expert sharing, AI classroom teaching and analysis platform, as well as lesson design workshop, teachers will learn to make use of innovative tools to integrate climate change into cross-disciplinary STEAM activities, and conduct evaluation.

- Participation in the above training will be on a first-come, first-served basis and will close once quotas are filled. If your school wishes to nominate staff members to join the training, please submit the **online application** through the EDB’s [Training Calendar System](#) on or before the Application Deadline of that session.

8. Submission of Summary Form

Participating schools are required to submit the Summary Form to the Secretariat upon completion of the all activities, outlining the community education activity(ies) on “Carbon Neutrality” organised between 1 September 2026 and 16 May 2027. **The deadline for submission of the [Summary Form](#) is 17 May 2027 (Monday).** The form is also available for download from the ECC’s [Schools Go Green website](#).

9. Application and Assessment

Schedule	Details
Application	
Sep 2026 – Apr 2027	- Schools interested in participating in the “Environmental Education @ Community Award (2026/27 School Year)” are required to submit the duly completed Application Form on or before 30 April 2027 (Friday) by email to schools@eeb.gov.hk, or download the Application Form from the ECC’s Schools Go Green website.  Remarks - Schools must complete and submit the application form by the application deadline to be considered eligible for this year’s award. - Upon submission of the online application form, schools will receive a confirmation email. Please contact the Secretariat via email (schools@eeb.gov.hk) or phone (Tel: 2835 2396) if no acknowledgement of application is received within 7 working days from the date of the application submission.
Submit Summary Form	
Sep 2026 – 17 May 2027 (Monday)	Participating schools are required to submit the Summary Form to the Secretariat on or before 17 May 2027 (Monday) for the community education activity(ies) conducted between 1 September 2026 and 17 May 2027). The form can also be downloaded from the ECC’s Schools Go Green website. 
Stage 1 – Initial Assessment	
May – early-Jun 2027	Assessors will review the Summary Form and supporting documents submitted by participating schools, and may contact schools via phone and/or email to verify the content and request to provide supplementary documents.
Stage 2 – Final Assessment	
Early-Jul 2027	- The Final Adjudicating Panel (the Panel) will comprise representatives from schools, government departments and professional bodies. - Each finalist school will be invited to attend the final adjudication meeting to further introduce its community education activity(ies) and achievements. The Panel will conduct final assessment on the environmental performance of each finalist school to select Gold, Silver and Bronze winners.
Award Presentation Ceremony	
Dec 2027 (TBC)	Award-winning schools will be invited to attend the Awards Presentation Ceremony

10. Assessment Criteria

Scopes	Components	Weighting
(1) Content 	- Activity design and implementation approach - Accuracy and clarity of information on carbon neutrality and Hong Kong's current carbon reduction policies/ strategies - Originality and creativity of activity concepts and related teaching materials	35%
(2) Student involvement 	- The level of autonomy and involvement demonstrated by students in activity planning, resource allocation, and execution - Teamwork and understanding of carbon reduction issues demonstrated by students during the process	25%
(3) Community engagement 	- Number of community members reached and diversity of target groups (e.g. elderly, parents, domestic helpers, district organisations) - Level of public engagement - Community collaboration (e.g. co-organizing activity with district organisations or other groups)	20%
(4) Outcome and impact 	- The effectiveness of the evaluation methods used - Outreach impact and the continuity of the initiative - Ability to drive long-term community carbon reduction or follow-up actions	20%
Total:		100%

11. Awards and Benefits of Participation



Award	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Certificate of Merit
Quota	One	One	One	Ten
Assessment Process				
Stage 1 Initial Assessment	✓	✓	✓	✓
Stage 2 Final Assessment	✓	✓	✓	
Eligibility	Scored a total point of 80 or above and selected by the Final Adjudicating Panel			Scored a total point of 60 or above and ranked 4th to 13th
Prize	HK\$8,000	HK\$6,000	HK\$4,000	HK\$8,000

(Note: Combination and number of awards granted will be decided by the Final Adjudicating Panel.)

Benefits of Participation

- ✓ Participating schools that have successfully fulfilled the award requirements but do not receive an award will receive an electronic “**Participation Certificate**”.

12. Enquiry

For any enquiries about the details of the “Environmental Education @ Community Award”, please contact the ECC Secretariat via the following channels:



Tel : 2835 2396



Email : schools@eeb.gov.hk

Schools may also visit the ECC’s Schools Go Green website and complete the online subscription form to receive details about the ECC’s programmes and activities (including latest news related to this award scheme). School staff who subscribe to “Schools Go Green” will receive a welcome gift as a token of appreciation for their support (gifts are limited and available while supplies last).



Award Webpage: <http://school.ecc.org.hk/en/programmes/hkaee.html#EECA>



Subscription Form: <https://school.ecc.org.hk/en/contactus/subscribe.php>

13. Acknowledgements

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