Green Journey of Hospitals in Hong Kong

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Abstract: Like any development in other sectors of the society, health care facilities are of no exception to going “Green”. Sustainable development is a means of meeting present needs in ways that do not impair future generations from meeting their needs. Since the environment is so essential to satisfy the needs and maintain the health of the present and future generations, environmental protection is a key to success.

The Green Journey of three hospitals in Kowloon East Cluster of the Hospital Authority of Hong Kong is shared. Our green approach is centered on people, structure, system, facilities and environment. Steered by the commitment of the top management, hard facilities have continuously been modernized and every opportunity is taken to inject environmental protection elements into the planning stage of new development. People side is an area we focus upon, for this is the foundation of every success in green movement. Green awareness are aroused through promotional programs, talks and sharing sessions, events, tree planting and gardening, recycle programs, etc. Success sharing and staff engagement is enhanced by getting recognition awards.

The Green Journey is rewarding but not without challenges. The stringent standards in health care industry of using disposable consumables, personal protective equipment, disinfectant, coupled with the stringent environmental conditions to store drugs and medical consumables as well as the current demand for cooler indoor environment for personal comfort …. All these pose challenges to the Green Journey of hospitals.