

Lingnan University SDG Report



Introduction

Lingnan University recognizes the importance of addressing Goal 2: Zero Hunger as part of its commitment to sustainable development. In this report, we will explore Lingnan University's initiatives and efforts in support of SDG 2, focusing on its collaborative partnerships, research endeavors, and community engagement. The university's multifaceted approach to tackling hunger and ensuring food security will be highlighted.

Research Profile

Lingnan University has a strong research profile related to sustainable development. It has conducted extensive research in various areas, contributing to the understanding and advancement of SDG 2. With 17 research projects, 43 research outputs, and 9 research grants, the university has made significant contributions to addressing hunger and promoting food security.

Initiative 1: Student Social Service on Food Rescue (local community)

Lingnan University offers a course called CLD9001 Technology and Cultural Change, which includes a Service-Learning component. Through a partnership with the Tin Shui Wai Development Network, students participate in a food-sharing initiative. They visit local wet markets to rescue excess food that would otherwise be wasted or discarded in landfills. This rescued food is then shared with community members in need. Over the past two semesters, 70 students have been involved, serving 50 community members.

“The seriousness of the leftover food problem could be seen in each of the recycling activities. Fortunately, the stallholders were very generous in donating the leftover food to the needy residents instead of throwing it away, so that not only was the leftover food not wasted, but it could also continue to be consumed.”(student feedback, 2nd term 2022/23)



Initiative 2: Bug Wars against Food Waste Project (campus)

The "Bug Wars against Food Waste" Project is a collaborative effort between the Science Unit, Office of the Comptroller, Office of Service-Learning, and Office of Student Affairs. This project aims to reduce food waste on campus by using Black Soldier Flies to convert food waste into fertilizers. The fertilizers produced are then distributed to local farmers for organic food production. The project involves more than 40 staff and students who act as Low Carbon Ambassadors, collecting food waste and feeding the black soldier flies on campus.

Initiative 3: Community Economy Initiative (local and global community)

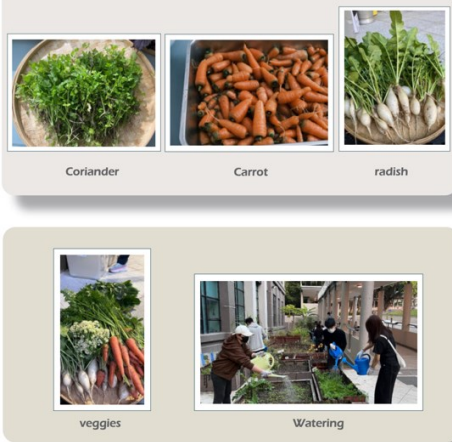
Lingnan University's Centre for Cultural Research and Development has collaborated with local NGOs to establish and operate i-Common HK. This platform promotes the concept of Commons and fosters community economy and mutual help. i-Common HK connects producers and consumers by narrating and selling fair trade products from local producers and those in developing countries. The initiative aims to advocate for the construction of an equal and inclusive society.

(<https://icommonhk.org.hk/>)

Initiative 4: Lingnan Garden as Food Cultivation (campus)

The Lingnan Garden, initiated by the Department of Cultural Studies, plays a significant role in Lingnan University's transition towards environmental sustainability and climate action. The garden, maintained by staff and students, cultivates various crops, vegetables, herbs, and fruit trees on open, public sites between academic buildings. Students actively participate in gardening work and gain practical knowledge about food cultivation. Additionally, they visit organic farms in Hong Kong to further their understanding of sustainable agriculture. Over the past two semesters, 80 students have been involved.

(https://commons.ln.edu.hk/ln_gardeners/)



Initiative 5: Conference on Sustainable Agriculture and Peasant Livelihood (international)

The Centre for Cultural Research and Development successfully organized the 10th South South Forum on Sustainability, with a focus on "Thinking New Horizons." The conference brought together speakers and participants from 25 countries to discuss sustainable agriculture and peasant livelihood in the developing world. Special efforts were made to overcome language barriers with the help of interpreters. The conference proceedings are accessible for free on the Lingnan University and Global University websites: <https://commons.ln.edu.hk/southsouthforum/> <https://our-global-u.org/oguorg/en/tenth-south-south-forum-on-sustainability-thinking-new-horizons-7-30-july-2023/>

Conclusion

Lingnan University has demonstrated its commitment to SDG 2: Zero Hunger through various initiatives, research projects, and community engagement activities. By engaging students, faculty, and the wider community, the university is actively contributing to the efforts to eradicate hunger and ensure food security for all. Lingnan's multifaceted approach reflects its dedication to sustainable development and making a positive impact on society.