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RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



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University of Chittagong (CU) has a diverse subjects including Sociology, Economics, Public Administration, Development Studies, Applied Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Geography and Environmental Sciences, Forestry and Environmental Sciences under different faculties. Faculty members from those Departments (also from other Department as well) published their research findings based on sustainability issues.

Operational measures:

CU has its own printing press section where an administrator is in the charge of that section. Usually, they produce sheets (paper) for examination purposes. The workers over there are using mask, gloves and apron as well during their work to produce paper and even binding papers to save their own health.

CU maintain waste disposal policy from hazardous materials to disposable items. For instance, the hazardous items (Chemicals and biological) used by each Department maintain different storage tanks for inorganic, organic items (e.g. solvent). Moreover, The Department has also a separate boxes for disposable items. For instance, each Department placed different boxes for paper, glass and plastic as well. Later, the central authority collected all the containers and boxes for disposal accordingly. For example, authority usually follow landfill policy for hazardous and biological samples. In some cases, incineration has been carried out.

To minimize plastic use all throughout the campus such as in cafeteria, canteen, residential halls, staffs are not using plastic materials. For buying and taking raw materials for cooking, staffs are encouraged to use jute made bag from the authority. For taking meal and water, peoples are bound to use sustainable melamine or glass made plate and glass respectively etc. instead of using disposable items. In this way, authority is moving forward to save environment in a sustainable way.

In case of disposable items (Papers produced from printing press section and used once by students/teachers), those are stored in a central unit for a settled period according to University policy. Afterwards, those are prepared to go for auction and that will be recycled by the third party.

Waste tracking:

As per the accounts maintained by the University Central Store (2021-2022), CU has 5,600.00 Kilogram (Kg) (5.6 metric ton) (Paper wastes) and all wastes handed over to the third party by means of auction and/or by selling those. It is worthwhile to mention that the third party will recycled of those wastes. However, central store could not able to confirm measurement regarding e-wastes as those (e-wastes) were usually sell by them to the third party per piece wise manner.

Publication of sustainability report:

University published their sustainable action plan and action in the University website.