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Greetings from CAN, we wish your April was healthy and happy and that you could breathe easy!

New Air Quality Objectives have come into effect this month, strengthening the statutory limits of five different air pollutants and adding three more substances to the objectives: Nitrogen Dioxide, Ozone and Carbon Monoxide. This represents progress to the goal of ensuring Hong Kong becomes a livable city. We recommend the government draft a clear roadmap and timetable to follow World Health Organisation guidelines on air quality to ensure the goal in the 'Clean Air Plan 2035' is reached on schedule.



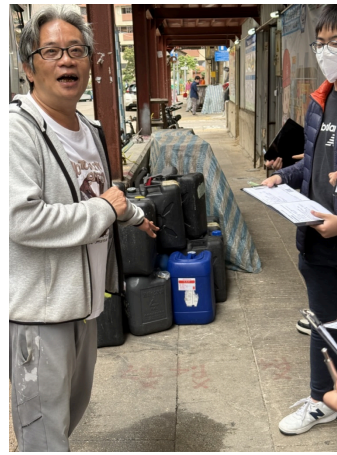
April High Pollution Episode

Starting on 13 April a sandstorm hit Hong Kong causing high levels of pollution, PM10 levels in particular. On April 14, the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) reached the worst level of 'serious'/10 or 10+, in 17 out of 18 monitoring stations across Hong Kong with the exception of Tap Mun Monitoring Station.

CAN has been monitoring air quality at four secondary schools on a continuous basis as part of our new Indoor Air Quality Research Project and our results show schools were affected by the event while students were mostly on Easter break.

CAN recommends monitoring indoor air quality continuously and taking improvement measures at schools, kindergartens and child care centres as well as extending government guidelines to child care centres.

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Two schools visit locations of interest in the Clean Air Neighborhood for Schools program

Students of Mu Kuang English School went to the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal Pier and the Kwun Tong Promenade on 10 April, while students of St. Francis Xavier's College visited the cleaners' rest area at Yau Ma Tei's Lokday Culture on 25 April to get hands-on experience with air pollution problems and the real world effects they have on the community.

Both groups measured the air quality in the area, interviewed residents and workers to understand the impact of pollution on them, made observations of the pollution sources and brainstormed solutions.

The Mu Kuang group saw a cruise liner at dock in person and learned about a real life example of eco-tourism in the form of a proposal for shore power at the pier, where cruise liners can use electricity from the local power grid instead of emitting waste from their own generators at the pier.

While the St. Francis Xavier's College group personally experienced the working environment and conditions of Joe, an active cleaner in that location to learn about their routines and how air quality affects the health of workers.

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Hong Kong Housing Society Workshop

Clean Air Network and Hong Kong Housing Society jointly hosted a workshop at Yau Ma Tei on 10 April, giving parents and children a first hand experience with pollutants through science.

Our participants examined a vaseline coated paper plate after a week outdoors to see first hand what pollutants are found nearby, they also took one plate to try this science experiment for themselves at home.



Creative Experiments and Demonstrations at HK SciFest 2025

CAN along with students from Polytechnic University and Diocesan Boys' School joined Scifest to hold workshops and demonstrations to explain air pollution concepts to the public, hosting two sessions on 25 and 27 April. The students led the planning and presentation process, coming up with original ideas to communicate the importance of air quality.

The workshop was hosted in partnership with the Science Museum of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Red Cross.

Editors Choice



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